

BLUE KNIGHTSWest Virginia II



August 2016 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

This year's Halloween Party has been cancelled. We are hopeful to have one in 2017. Ride With Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2016 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at the Meagher's Irish Pub 26 Betten Court #101, Bridgeport, West Virginia 26330.

Also I would encourage you to talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership that meet the requirements and plant a seed with them about becoming a BLUE KNIGHT.

If you need a poster or other information about the Blue Knights let us know and we will get it to you. You can put it up at work or another agency.

<u>Catch the fever</u>. Ride With Pride

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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We need all of our members to let others know when you go for a ride. We should be riding as much as possible. All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

August Meeting: Marty McNulty, Marshall Parker, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Russ Swiger, Lou Stevens, Robby Robinson, Walter Knight, Greg Hoskins, D.W. Conners, Rene Noe, Rex Talkington, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

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Road Captains When is it time to hangup the saddle? Some thoughts

By: James R. Davis

Before you give up riding it's clear that you had some time in the past decided to ride. It's not up to me to argue that decision just as it's not up to me to argue that you should now change your mind.

On the other hand, situations change.

What made sense to you before you had a family may not make sense to you after that family came into the picture.

What made sense to you when having an accident was only theoretical may not make sense to you after you have had one or more accidents.

What made sense to you before you became proficient in terms of riding skills might make even more sense to you after you mastered those skills (and your attitudes and mental discipline).

What made sense to you before your heart attack may not make sense to you afterwards.

What made sense to you before you lost your income may not make sense to you when you are trying to figure out whether to pay for your prescriptions and food or to maintain your bike.

Lot's of things change with time. Some things do not.

You give up riding if it becomes true that you are a clear and present danger to yourself and/or others.

You give up riding if it is no longer worth it to you to continue.

Or you don't.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

It is really easy to separate our lives into compartments. In fact it may be a natural tendency to help us organize and manage our complex lives. However, when it comes to our spiritual lives separating them from the rest of our lives is not really optional. To attend church, to read the scriptures and to pray without their having an impact on our thoughts, our words, and our actions during the day is, to quote William Law, an eighteenth century English priest, "They would be like prayers for wings though we never intended to fly.

Law points out that Jesus said nothing about attending church, but he said a lot about being compassionate, forgiving others and not being judgmental. In his epistle, James proposes that faith without works is empty. In chapter 1 he challenges his readers (the early Christians) to "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." A contemporary saying puts it this way, "The only sermon some people ever hear is the one you live."

This lack of connection between one's faith and one's daily life is a major source of criticism of religion and of the church. People don't see in us the differences that should characterize someone who claims to follow Christ. Someone wrote: "If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?" I ponder this frequently, knowing that I do not always live up to the behavior which Jesus challenged us to immolate.

Think about it. How is your faith, your worship, your prayers reflected in what you think, say and do everyday?

Del Parris Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINA STATE REP.

Committee Reports

Ed Martin, 2017 WWK Committee Chairman: Walter and I talking with all parties in Elkins involved with our event and everything is looking good for another event next year. Since this was the first year working with all these people everyone now knows what to expect and we are keeping our fingers crossed that all of them will be on board with help again next year.

At the July meeting it was the consciences of the members that we have the 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend back at the same hotel in Elkins. Brother Knight and Brother Martin will be working with the Elkins people to try and make it happen.

From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

2016 Harrison County Child Advocacy Center, August 27th, 2016. Starts at Triple S Harley Davidson in Morgantown and ends at Lambert's Vintage Winery, Weston, WV. More info to come.

2016 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 2 - 5, 2016. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. The 40th Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is "New Orleans". Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

2016 West Virginia II, Friday, December 16th, 2016, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 5:30 PM and Party right after the meeting. Ballroom A.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing

Drawing at August 2016 meeting was for \$55.00. Brother Biggins won the money, so at the next meeting which will be September 8, 2016 the prize will be \$5.00.

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