



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to see members come forth and be on some of the committees that we have in the chapter. We need your support to make things happen.

I want to advise all the members that our Bingo games are not doing as well as we would like. On Thursday's afternoons we are down to an average of 25 people and on Sunday evenings we are down to an average of 45 people playing. I am asking to you please tell everyone you know about our bingo games and try to get some of them to attend our games. Please put out the information about our bingo to all of the people you can, send out emails, text or just phone calls will help.

The annual Board meeting will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 14:00 hours at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse. Rexann and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

There will be no meeting in February.

Rexann and I want to welcome our new member Carmen Hamling. She was voted into the chapter at the January 2019 meeting. She just retired from DOJ/BOP, so congratulations to her for her long-time work with BOP.

I am working on trying to get our meetings to live stream on Facebook. We did it for January and it went OK, but not the best that it could be. I need to get a tripod and a way to put the iPad on it to make sure the video and audio are stable. Also, I will need to either have someone move the iPad around to see who is talking. Also, there is a long delay in transmission. I know there is nothing I can do about that except maybe wait a little longer to see your comments, which means I will need someone at the meeting watching the live stream. Good news is we did have 8-chapter members attend the meeting this way and several other Blue Knights of other chapters also watched the meeting. I am working on this project to help our members to be informed about our business. So please have patience with me and help me if you have knowledge about how to do this better.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

My main job is recruitment and retention. So, my first official thing to start with is our renewals. So here we go, if you have not sent in your 2019 dues, you are now late and since the international has increased the membership dues to \$30.00 a year now, plus your \$5.00 late fee you owe \$35.00. So please send in your due now. Send them to Blue Knights West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174 or you can pay them by credit card. It appears we have members that failed to make their 2019 dues payment date and will need to pay the late fee.

Also, I would encourage everyone to help me learn this new position and help me grow this chapter. If you talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership and that meet the requirements for membership, please 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.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 14th, 2019 it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 14th, 2019 it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Our chapter was able to donate or sponsor several things in 2018 out of our bingo and raffle accounts. We were able to give away about \$10,000.00 to help the people in our communities.

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

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Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

January Roll Call: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Rene Noe, Ethel Tyler, Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Lou Stevens, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, and Marty McNulty present at the meeting.

Joining meeting online: Russ Swiger, Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Dan Loughrie, (Donna), Wes Talbott III, Bobby Ryan, Bill Kacinec and Bill Rowe.

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

You don't have to be the Road Captain to Plan a Ride.

Here are a few tips.

Planning the Ride

A road captain is a fundamental part of any ride planning. Especially where riders may number in the dozens or even hundreds, he/she has to be well versed in the route. He/she must know about potential hazards, road conditions and any special events that are happening at the time of the ride. A road captain will ride the route a few days in advance to make sure that nothing has changed, will keep an eye on the weather, and will also be present at ride planning meetings.

Educating and Informing Riders

The road captain is expected to brief the group before the ride. He/she will inform riders about the pace of the ride, tell them about staggered formation, and will explain what the rules are. Some rides require the participants to ride together in tight formation, while others have a more loose, "at your own pace" style. The road captain will also answer questions and educate new riders in hand signals and other riding etiquette. Finally, the road captain will let riders know what to do should they break down or have a mishap, and might have a tactful word in the ear of a rider whose behavior is causing problems.

Leading the Ride

The road captain leads the ride. Riders are expected to keep an eye on him/her for cues as to where to go next. Working in conjunction with blockers or sweepers, the captain will also help to block off intersections to allow riders to pass without worrying about traffic. He/she will then pass back to the front. Sometimes the road captain stays in front and only the blockers do the intersection work, and sometimes he/she works with the blockers. When a lane change is performed, the leader signals the change and the rear guard initiates it. This prevents lane-changing bikes from crashing into one another and also provides a safer block to traffic. Indicators are seen from the rear and a large column of bikes changing is less likely to be cut off.

Stop Coordination

At gas and fuel stops, the road captain will set up in a staging area he has previously chosen so that the line of bikes can assemble. After leaving, the road captain will wait until the rear-guard signals that everyone is ready to go before accelerating to highway speed.

Other Duties of the Road Captain

Other duties of the road captain including dealing with the police and other unexpected surprises, and making sure everybody has a fun, safe ride. The road captain is part of a team that includes the sweepers and rear guard, and is, by definition, an experienced rider.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Allegedly most people have already thrown in the towel on their New Year's resolutions by now. I would imagine that this happens because we make unrealistic goals or were just not committed to them. I read an article recently that suggested we do away with "to do" lists based on the idea that the things we think are important we are going to do anyhow, and what we put on a list are just tasks and projects we will get to one day when the mood strikes us or when they become important enough.

This is typical of such projects as reading a book we have always wanted to read or fixing a leaky faucet.

I believe it is also true of our spiritual goals and intentions. We often pledge to ourselves that we will be a better person, but at the end of the day we cannot demonstrate one way we have improved. In my evening prayer I always ask God to help me be more Christ-like, knowing that I will fail miserably. However, this year I believe I have noticed some improvement because I focus on one

activity or attitude: show extra kindness to someone, think about what another person is experiencing before judging them or yelling at them for not giving a turn signal.

Instead of setting broad goals for an entire year it may be more realistic to set a specific goal each day. Instead of pledging to read five books this year just decide to read two chapters in one book today. If you can develop a habit of reading a chapter or two a day or of thinking about how another person is feeling it will catch on; good habits are as hard to break as are bad ones. Don't give up on being a better person this year. Just set realistic goals and commit to them.

Del Parris, Chaplain

Blue Knights WVII

Committee Reports

Clubhouse committee made recommendation to a Clubhouse staff raise for 2019. After listening to the recommendation, it was voted on and passed that the staff will get a raise.

UP COMING EVENTS

2019 Winter MDC Conference, Virginia Beach, VA, February 15 - 17, 2019. Hosted by VA V, the host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton, Oceanfront, 1211 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA. Room rate \$79.00 per night plus tax; 747-428-1183. Registration for the event is \$85.00 per person/\$160.00 per couple (before February 1, 2019, after that add \$10.00. Contact Spike Johnson @ 757-418-1935 or spike102@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 Chapter Elimination Dinner, Hosted by West Virginia II. Village Square Conference Center, 1489 Milford St, Clarksburg, WV, Saturday night, March 9th, 2019. Tickets on sell at the clubhouse. Tickets are \$20.00 each and you do not need to be present to win. See message below.

2019 Spring MDC Conference, College Park, MD, May 24 - 26, 2019. Hosted by MD I, Holiday Inn, 1000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD; 240-542-1226. Room rate \$109.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights group). Registration for event is \$80.00 per person; after March 1, 2019 price is \$90.00 per person. Contact Fred Allen 703-494-4792 or sundrake@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 7, 8, & 9, 2019. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, call 304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE **BLUE KNIGHTS GROUP** and the Code is **BLU**, Rooms \$115.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$65.00 per person before May 1st, 2018, and \$80.00 after May 1st.

2019 International Convention August 4 - 9, 2019; Hosted by Bronx NY II, The Hilton Westchester Hotel, 699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, New York, 10575. 914-939-6300 or 914-939-4760. **Convention Registration Information;** Full Week Registration Prior to 3/31/19 \$150/Person (\$75 child). Full Week Registration After 4/1/19 \$180/Person (\$90 child). Convention Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bkny2convention/home>

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Brother Chuck Luzader has the flu, and Brother Jim Enoch having problems with kidney stones.

Drawing: The January 10, 2019 was worth \$5.00. Sister Martin was drawn and she was present and received the money. March 2019 drawing will be \$5.00.

Just to let everyone know that Brother Rene Noe won the Christmas drawing.

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Saturday March 9th, 2019
BLUE KNIGHTS WV-II will Host an...
\$1000 ELIMINATION DRAWING
PROFITS GO TO "BLUE KNIGHTS COPS RUN"
Held at Village Square Event Center

FREE DRAFT KEG BEER (6 pm - Until Gone)
FREE WINE (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
Social Hour 6 pm / Dinner 7 pm / Drawing 8 pm

• \$20.00 Per Ticket •

- 1st Number Out - \$50.00**
- 50th Number Out - \$50.00**
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- 150th Number Out - \$50.00**
- 200th Number Out - \$50.00**

Last Number Out - \$1,000.00

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