



November 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Our chapter lost two members in the month of October. They were Brother William Fred LePera and Brother Marshall Parker. Also, in the month of November the Blue Knights lost another member and that was Brother Randy Gracy who was the publisher for the Blue Knights Sword and Shield. These men will be missed.

Election for chapter officers were held at the November meeting. The following are the new officers.

2026/2027 CHAPTER OFFICERS:

President:

Brother Ray Ed Martin.

Vice President:

Brother James Enoch.

Secretary:

Brother Lewis Stevens.

Treasurer:

Brother Martin McNulty.

Three (3) directors:

Brother Andy Kolb.

Brother Bill Bradley.

Brother Terry Queen.

Report on the 2026 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally. The 31st WWK we will be charging the standard rate of about \$100.00 per person and that should cover everything. Room rates are \$130.00 per night plus taxes. Requesting our road captains to work on at least 3 different rides for Saturday to lead the others to travel for the day.

Have a wonderful THANKSGIVING this year.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 8th, 2026 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. Thank you for voting for me to stay as your Vice-President for 2026/2027.

It is now time for you to send in your 2026 membership dues. The international has increased the membership dues to \$25.00 a year now. President Martin received this from Brother Stevens and a second from Brother Hamlin.

I'd like to make the motion for the WV BK II to pay 2026 dues for all of our members, Brother Lewis Stevens. President Martin emailed this to the committee for their approval before sending it out for a vote. The committee approved it. The results is out of 45 chapter members 2 voted against the chapter paying the dues and 26 voted for the chapter paying the dues for the membership for 2026. A total of 17 members did not vote. The percentage was 4.40% not to pay and 57.77% to have chapter pay and 37.77% did not vote. So that means that the individual member does not have to pay for their 2026 international dues, West Virginia II will pay them for you.

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. I have recruited at least one new member for 2026 and hopefully another one before the new year.

Remember about the Chapter Christmas Party. Information listed below.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Greetings brother Knights. Please be careful out there on your bikes.

2025 West Virginia II, Saturday, December 13th, 2025.

Our next meeting will be January 8th, 2026 at 7 PM at the clubhouse on Emily Drive.

I want to thank everyone that voted for me to remain your chapter secretary for the next two years. I am honored that you have the faith in me to help lead this chapter. If you need me feel free to call or contact me anytime. If I don't know the answer I will contact someone to get the answer.

Hope to see you there. Be safe out there.

Respectfully,

Lewis "Lou" Stevens

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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

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Marty McNulty

Chapter Safety Officer

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Autumn

Just because summer is over doesn't mean you have to stop riding your motorcycle. But if you're going to ride in autumn, make sure you're doing so safely.

Here are tips to prepare for riding your motorcycle in autumn:

Dress appropriately

In many U.S. regions, autumn temperatures can fluctuate greatly over the course of a single day. Morning might start out in the 30s but by mid-afternoon, it could be over 70. Counter these weather changes by dressing in layers.

Leather jackets are perfect for autumn bike riding. In summer, it's often too hot, but in the fall, a leather jacket is a great piece of protection from the wind and dropping temperature. If you buy one that has a removable lining, then you can even wear it if the weather gets warm again.

Also bring multiple pairs of gloves with you if you use your bike to commute. A thick pair could be ideal on a cold morning, but on your ride home, if the temperature has picked up, you might want something lighter or fingerless.

Look out for riding hazards

Leaves, twigs and other debris from trees often fall into streets during this time of year. While your bike can withstand running over a single leaf, road debris should generally be avoided. Hidden under some leaves could be something sharp that could give your bike a flat tire or potentially cause a road accident.

Have rain gear

Keep rain gear stashed on your bike if possible. The rain paired with chilly weather could cause hypothermia, or at the very least impair your riding ability. According to a 10-year study by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, [11 percent of all vehicle accidents](#) are caused by rain. Make sure you're prepared in every way you can be for it.

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR BIKE

It's easy to prepare your motorcycle's physical body for storage during the winter months, but ensuring its fluids are ready, too, are often overlooked. Follow the quick guide below to help your motorcycle look and function as it should once it comes out of storage for the winter, so your first ride of the spring can be just as great as when you first purchased it.

Stabilize fuel and prep the battery.

Unleaded fuel begins to deteriorate after about three to four weeks. To help keep fuel from becoming sludgy and oxidizing or turning into varnish, run the engine for at least 15 minutes after adding a quality fuel stabilizer. Keep the tank full, to prevent moisture from building up and rusting the gas tank. Hooking the battery up to a battery tender or trickle charger (for under a half hour each day), can save your battery throughout the winter to be used again in the spring.

Change oil and inspect tires.

After stabilizing fuel, perform an oil change to prevent oxidization from prolonged lack of activity.

Use the same quality of oil that you would typically use in your car. A synthetic oil will ensure a good ride and quality lubrication when you re-open your bike to ride again in the spring.

Deflating tires and re-inflating them for storage during winter months will help eliminate any moisture build-up and ensure proper inflation. If you can, elevate your bike during storage to keep tires in good shape and uncracked as the air compresses in the cold. Using a good tire cleaner will keep tires looking fresh.

Clean and lubricate.

Make sure your motorcycle is completely clean of dirt, bugs, salt and sand before storing. Traces of these items can cause corrosion and rust when sitting for long periods of time. Once you've cleaned it with a soft sponge or cloth, polish your bike with a quality polish. Include the bike body, any chrome parts and the saddlebag. Be sure to lubricate the chain, so that it is not rusted when you take your bike out in the springtime.

If you think of it, lubrication again mid-winter will ensure rust stays away.

Keeping your motorcycle's fluids at their best during the cold months of winter will help it run best once it's out of storage. These can be quick and easy ways to keep your motorcycle looking and functioning great.

Rene Noe, Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today. Remember if there is an item that you think the chapter should purchase and have on sale, please bring it up at a meeting so we can vote on it.

The shirt order has been given to Special Tee's.

**Rene Noe
Quartermaster**

Committee Report

The 31st Annual Wild Wonderful Knights Rally, June 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2026. Registration will be \$100.00. Host hotel will be Holiday Inn Express in Elkins; rooms will be \$130.00 plus taxes. You can make room reservations at any time.

Joke for the Day

What has a spine but no bones? A book.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2025 EVENTS

November

2025 Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run; Sunday, November 30, 2025, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

December

2025 West Virginia II, Saturday, December 13th, 2025, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Westover VFW, Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave, Westover, WV 26501. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: We lost Brothers LePera and Parker in the month of October so please keep their families in your prayers. Brother Wikert still getting chemo treatment on a 28-day regiment. Brother Randy Gracy the publisher of Sword and Shield passed away with cancer last week.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be January 8th, 2026 at the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: November drawing was \$15.00. Brother Mike Neely's name was drawn and he was present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. January 2026 drawing will be \$5.00.

Members in Attendance: Mike Neely, Don Wikert, Bill Bradley, Lewis Stevens, Ronnie Watson Jr, Ron Watson, Chuck Luzader, Jim Dnoch, Andy Kolb, Del Parris, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Marty McNulty, John McCloud, and Terry R. Queen.

Guest: None

Facebook: Ruth Stone, Fed Mason, Frank Fallow, Doug, Casteel, Steven Smith, Kelli-anne Robinson, Zach Kesling, Larry Bailey, Russ Harper, and Jenn-Jenn.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER YET?

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards. It would be great to get as many chapter members as possible to join up.

