



30 Years as a Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to take this time to thank the membership for allowing me to be your chapter president for the next two years. I hope I can lead us to being a more active chapter and start seeing new faces at the meetings and more of the members out on rides. Please feel free to contact me anytime. I will do my best to uphold the position and bylaws of the Blue Knights and the chapter. I will do my best to make it to all the Blue Knight Conventions and Mason Dixon Conferences to represent our wonderful chapter.

I do ask that all members try and read their monthly newsletters and also send in articles to the newsletters of rides, runs or things of interest you may have had while out riding. Brother Botting has sent in a few articles in the past to allow others to enjoy. Please feel free to do the same.

We have been invited to the City of Salem Christmas Parade. Please look at the bottom of the newsletter for the information.

Due to the Chapter Christmas Party being Friday, December 15, 2017, we will not be having a regular meeting in December. Our next meeting will be in January 2018.

Please make your RSVP for the Christmas Party ASAP, the banquet people need to know how many are going to attend.

Rexann and I would like to welcome our new member Steve Hamling to our Chapter.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2018 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.

If you have not sent in your 2018 membership dues do it now. The international has increased the membership dues to \$30.00 a year now, so please send in your dues 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. If paying by credit card there is a same fee of 89 cents.

If you **do not contact us** letting us know that you are not going to retain your membership by December 15, 2017 then you will still be responsible for the 2018 dues. It is very important that you send in your dues or notify us that you are dropping your membership.

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.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Greg & Tiffany Hoskins

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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Just to let everyone know here are the officers for 2018/2019.

President- Ed Martin

Vice-President - James Enoch

Secretary- George "Robby" Robinson

Treasurer- Martin McNulty

Directors- Lou Stevens, Bobby Ryan, & Rex Talkington.

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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

November Meeting: Rene Noe, Daniel Loughrie, Doug Baker, Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Don Wikert, Del Parris, William Longwell, Marty McNulty, Ethel Tyler, Steve Hamling, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Guest: Mike Neely, Donna Loughrie

Chapter Safety Officer **Wear the Proper Protection**

If you're ever in a serious motorcycle crash, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet meeting the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. That is the manufacturer's way of certifying the helmet meets the DOT standard. A certified helmet also will have a permanent inside label identifying the manufacturer and providing information about the care and use of the helmet. Helmets meeting FMVSS 218 weigh around three pounds; have a thick polystyrene-foam lining; and sturdy chinstraps. ANSI or Snell labels are voluntary indicators of helmet quality. Don't leave your helmet behind on short trips because it could be a deadly mistake. Some motorcycle helmets, in addition to offering protection to your head in a crash, include plastic face shields that offer protection from wind, rain, insects, dust, and stones thrown up from cars. If your helmet doesn't have a face shield, be sure you wear goggles because eyeglasses won't keep your eyes from watering, and can easily fall off.

Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

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, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

UP COMING EVENTS

2017 Southern Harrison County Annual Toy Run: Sunday, November 26, 2017, Bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot and ride to the Harrison County Courthouse with new toys for children in need during the Holiday Season. Kickstands up at 1:00 pm sharply. South Harrison High School band will be selling baked goods and hot drinks as well before the ride, everyone is welcome. Contact Cara Hall 304-641-1238.

2017 West Virginia II, Friday, December 15th, 2017, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

2018 Winter MDC Conference, Newark, Delaware, February 16 - 18, 2018. Hosted by DE I, the host hotel is the Ramada Inn, 260 Chapman Road, Newark, Delaware, 19702, which is ¼ mile off of I-95 at Exit 3A. A great price of \$72.00 plus 8% tax has been obtained which includes a hot buffet breakfast for two persons in a room (additional persons in a room will be charged a nominal fee). This great rate, including the hot buffet breakfast, is good for 2 days prior and after the conference. Early registrations received "prior to December 31, 2017" will be \$70 per person. Registrations received after that date and up to the date of conference will increase \$5 per person to \$75.00 per person.

2018 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, May 25 - 28, 2018. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$85.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Registration for event is \$85.00 per person. Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531 va13@bluenights.org.

2018 Blue Knights International Convention, July 15 - 20, 2018, Stone Mountain, Ga., 30083. Hosted by GA XVI, host hotel is the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott, 4021 Lakeview Dr. Stone Mountain, Ga 30083, (770) 879-9900. Room Rate: \$139.00/ single, \$156.00/ double occupancy, \$193.00/ triple occupancy, \$230.00/ quad occupancy plus taxes and hotel fees. Registration: \$120.00 / person full week basic, can be done with paper or on line! Visit their website for full details. Convention Website: <https://bkic2018.com/>

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother Bobby Ryan had knee surgery. Brother Rex Talkington to have surgery again at end of month. Brother Jim Enoch had surgery. Brother Stevens down with flu. Brother Robinson has a gout flareup.

Drawing

Drawing at November meeting was for \$35.00. Brother Dave Harris' name was drawn and he was not present, so the January 2018 drawing will be worth \$40.00.

Next Meeting Location

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City of Salem Christmas Parade

October 16, 2017

The City of Salem extends to you this invitation to participate in their Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 beginning at 6:00 pm.

All vehicle and float entries, except antique cars, are to be decorated using a Christmas theme or any other appropriate decorations. Riders on trucks are prohibited from hanging over the sides of the trucks. Parade line-up will be between 5:00 and 5:45 pm. Any unit

not present by 5:45 pm will be placed at the end of the parade, regardless of where it was supposed to be in the line-up. All units will line up at the First-Class Auto Glass parking lot at 156 East Main Street.

PLEASE NOTE: Traffic will be shut down from East Main Street to K.D. Hurley Boulevard. Please enter Salem from Rt. 50 at the Downtown Salem exit. No traffic will be allowed to enter from the West Main Street exits.

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