



30 Years as a Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

It still appears that we have about 5 members as "not in good standing" with the chapter since they have not paid their 2017 dues. They will also be dropped from our membership list in December 2017 if they have not paid their 2017 and 2018 dues. The members are Mike Baughman, Robert Fisher, Roger Foster, Dixon Pruitt, and Herman Reid. If you know these members or see them please let them know of the situation.

We have sent another \$2,500.00 to help our Blue Knight brothers and sisters in Florida and Puerto Rico that were affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

We had a good turnout for the Trunk and Treat last night. I want to thank the following for helping out. Ron Watson, Gene Botting, Wm F LePera & Gladi, Del Parris, Donald Wikert, Ethel Saunders Tyler, Rexann Martin, Robert G. Matheny, Dixon Pruitt, Leslie Q. Pruitt, Rebecca Scott Green, Becca Martin, Sarah Albright, Chuck Martin, Maria LaDawn Watson-Bourgeois, Mike Neely, and my grandchildren, Jada, Julia and Clark. We went through \$250.00 worth of candy and was just about out. The NALES gave us some extra candy to make sure we didn't run out. I have no idea how many people came by us but I would say close to 5,000 last night.

We have been invited to the Clarksburg VFW Veterans Parade again this year and also to the City of Salem Christmas Parade. Please look at the bottom of the newsletter for the information.

Ride With Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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It is now time for you to send in your 2018 membership dues. The international has increased the membership dues to \$30.00 a year now, 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. If paying by credit card there is a same fee of 89 cents.

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

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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Just to let everyone know we had nomination of officers for 2018/2019. The following are the members nominated:

President- Ed Martin

Vice-President - Jim Enoch

Secretary- George "Robby" Robinson

Treasurer- Marty 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

October Meeting: Del Parris, Robby Robinson, John McCloud, Chuck Luzader, Jim Enoch, Rene Noe, Ron Watson, Fred LePera, Lewis Stevens, Randy Biggins, Don Wikert, Rex Talkington, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Guest: Mike Neely

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 **Autumn Riding.**

Now that the leaves have started falling and we have some morning with due or frost on the ground please watch out for the leaves on the roadway. The leaves can be just as slick as snow and ice, so please slow down and use caution when riding where the leaves are on the roadway. Also hunting season is here and the wildlife are on the move.

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

Chaplain's Corner

October, 2017

Halloween, like some other holidays, has a mixed history of secular and religious influences. Many traditional Halloween customs come from ancient Celtic celebrations which were part of the pagan practices common in the Celtic lands before Christianity arrived. During the Middle Ages the practice of celebrating the dead, particularly saints, martyrs, and the apostles, became known as All Saints or All Souls Day which today is celebrated on November 1. “Halloween” is a form of “holy evening” and is celebrated in many churches the night before All Saints Day. In some traditions people place flowers or other symbols or respect on loved ones’ graves.

For me this has always been a time for remembering and reflecting on those people in my life who were a great influence on me. Family members, teachers, neighbors, friends, and spiritual mentors have been significant shapers and molders of my life. Remembering these people and thanking God for them connects me to my history and affirms my personal identity. I am also reminded that no matter how self-sufficient I may try to be I am dependent on others in ways that I sometimes forget.

Remembering those who have influenced me helps me reflect on how I influence others. While I may never be a saint, I can improve my attitude and behavior in a way that will encourage someone who is struggling or facing a particular challenge in their lives. So join me this All Saints Day in remembering those who have touched your life, and make an effort to be someone else’s “saint.”

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

From Membership

After you scoop out and carve your pumpkin, dip it in a large container of ...bleach and water (use 1 tsp bleach:1 gal water). Let sit submerged for 10-15 min.

The bleach will kill bacteria and help your pumpkin stay fresh longer. Once completely dry, (drain upside down), add 2 tablespoons of vinegar and 1 teaspoon of lemon juice to a quart of water.

Brush this solution onto your pumpkin to keep it looking fresh for weeks.

Eugene D Botting
US Customs and Border Protection
Afghan Customs Academy
Kandahar Border Management Task Force
Retired

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.

Drawing

Drawing at October meeting was for \$30.00. Brother Russ Swiger's name was drawn and he was not present, so the November drawing will be worth \$35.00.

Next Meeting Location

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Clarksburg VFW Post 573 to Host Annual Veteran's Day Parade



The Parade will take place Friday, November 10th 2017 at Noon. A ceremony at Jackson Square will precede at 11 am.

For more information e-mail VeteransDayParadeClarksburg@gmail.com or vfw573@msn.com



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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