



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



May 2026 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I want to apologize for me not getting the April newsletter out. Been having some issues at the home front and that comes first. Once again please forgive me.

Reminder that you should have made your room reservation for the 2026 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally by now. Also please send in your registration for as soon as you can. The price for weekend reservation is only \$50.00 per person for chapter members and their significant other that is working the event. I am hoping we will have a few members show up on Thursday evening to help unload the trailer and get stuff put into the conference room and help set up that room for the hospitality. Also, about 10 am Friday morning we will start getting the food arranged for the hospitality. Setting up room.

Congratulations to Brother McNulty on his appointment as our West Virginia State Rep.

It appears that the membership has voted to change the price of the members registration for this year's WWK. The price for members attending and helping will be \$50.00 per person and not \$100.00. Those people that have paid the \$100.00 will be reimbursed their money after the event.

As of May 21, 2026 we have 41 registrations sent in with 74 people attending the 31st WWK.

Full page ad was in two of the Sword and Shield which you should have just received.

Registration \$5,550.00, collected \$5,450.00; T-shirts 24 shirts collected \$600.00 for total of \$6,050.00.

We need members to get their door prizes and auction ideas turned in for the 31st Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally.

They need dropped off no later than June 5th, 2026.

We need to know how many are attending the July 12th chapter picnic, so if you have not sent in the information do it ASAP. The caterer will be Blue Bird, in Clarksburg. As of May 13, 2026 we have 89 people saying they will be attending the picnic.

It appears we will have to contact them and let them know we are past the 80 to range. Looks like 90 to 100 now.

Brother Queen has taken the trailer to Cover Run Auto Center in Anmoore for the trailer inspection and also washed it. The keys to the trailer are located inside the clubhouse.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Discussion about donations and fundraisers. Car Show May 30th, 2026 in Morgantown. Brother's Chedester

and Smith donated a Yeti cooler for WWK. Working on setting up a chapter lunch ride. The car show is also a Blue Knights chapter event so please try and attend this event. Polish up your bike and put it in the show.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Next meeting will be July 9th, 2026 at the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Respectfully,

Lewis "Lou" Stevens

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Soon we will be presenting a check to the WVU Medicine Children's Hospital for \$9,600.00.

We will let you the date and time of the presentation. I am sure it will be at our clubhouse.

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Chapter Safety Officer

Safety Tips for Riders

When you ride your motorcycle or are a passenger, follow these tips to stay safe:

- **Always wear a DOT-approved helmet.** Always!
- **Never ride/drive your motorcycle after drinking.** We all know that Alcohol greatly impairs your ability to safely operate a motorcycle. If you have been drinking, get a ride home or call Uber.
- **Don't let friends ride impaired.** Take their keys away and make sure they are safe.
- **Wear protective clothing that provides some level of injury protection.** Upper body clothing should also include bright colors or reflective materials, so that other motorists can more easily see you.
- **Avoid tailgating and riding between lanes.** Let the four wheelers' have their way. They will win if there is contact.
- **Maintain a safe speed and exercise caution when traveling over slippery surfaces or gravel.**
- **Ride within your limits.** Don't ride at a faster speed than you are comfortable with just to keep up with others.
- **Make it home safe to ride another day.**

Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight

Road Captains

POTHOLE SAFETY TIPS

- **Keep an eye on traffic patterns.** A number of cars that slows down or move quickly to other lanes may be a sign of major potholes or road damage ahead.
- **Avoid the urge to swerve out of the way of a pothole at the last minute.** You may swerve into the path of an oncoming vehicle. Risking damage to your car is wiser than risking the loss of your life or that of another person.
- **If you hit a pothole and suspect damage, pull over as soon as it is safe.** If you notice damage, record details and specific damage—just as you would in the event of a collision with another motorist—in case you need to file an insurance claim.
- **In West Virginia you can file a claim with the DOT.** It may take up to 18 months to get your money but hopefully you will be reimbursed.
- Check in at least annually with your independent insurance agent to **ensure that you have the right coverage.**

Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and Zach Kesling

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII

Quartermaster

The chapter shirts have arrived and you can contact me or one of the staff members to get you shirts. 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 new shirt you ordered should be in any day. Call the clubhouse at 304-566-7539 and see if yours has arrived.

Rene Noe
Quartermaster

West Virginia State Rep.

West Virginia Representative Marty McNulty report.

The conference was held in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and was sponsored by three Chapters; NC 2, NC 12 & NC 21.

As has been happening at the conferences, Saturday afternoon provided for round table discussions, lots of questions regarding: term limits, duties of the international Board of Directors, membership retention, attracting new members, communications at chapter, state, conference and international levels, even communications with either in conference or other conferences.

A suggestion was for the use of SiGNAL PRIVATE MESSENGER app for communications with chapter members, other chapters, I believe if I remember correctly the information sent and received is encrypted end to end, it can't be picked up by anyone other than another member of the signal private messenger application in your group. The app is free

International Bue Knight President Russ Harper was and did contribute to the round table discussions. He explained that since taking office he has primarily dealt with past problems between members, chapters and conferences that have been lingering for the past several years and was trying to address them so that we can move forward with brother and sisterhood, family and enjoyment of motorcycling, without the politics.

This year the members of the Mason Dixon conference board are up for election, apparently no one has elected to run other than the current members with the exception of Keith Chase who has selected not to run and, in his place, John Bull has elected to replace Keith.

The Mason Dixon conference wants every chapter to let the conference know as soon as possible of any events chapters are planned to help get the word out and help your event. Get it posted on the conference website. Contact the conference webmaster at the conference web page MDC webmaster, if I copied it down right 704-534-3642. The Spring 2027 has not been applied for as of the meeting, potentially a Virginia chapter?

Conference Chaplin Barry Clark 804-824-4127 expressed to contact him with members sick, injured, or pass, please provide as much information as you can: name, family contact, phone number, addresses to send card.

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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.

The 2026 Christmas Party will be held at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation building near Clarksburg on December 11th, 2026. That is where we held the pasta dinner for Brother Menendez. We are working on a caterer now. Looking at four (4) different one at this time.

Joke for the Day*

“Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.” – **Anonymous**

Last night I was walking home and decided to take a short cut past the cemetery... 3 girls walked up to me and explained that they were really scared to walk past the cemetery at night, so I agreed to let them walk along with me. I told them “I understand...I used to be freaked out too when I was alive...”
Never seen anyone run that fast!!!

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2026 EVENTS

June

2026 31st Wild & Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally: Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 12th – 14th, 2026. 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, Rooms \$130.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$100.00 per person before May 25th, 2026, and \$125.00 after May 15th.

July

2026 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, will be Sunday, July 12th, 2026 at the Overlook Shelter, Veteran's Memorial Park, 1500 S. Chestnut St, Clarksburg, WV Rt 98, Clarksburg, WV 26301. *Picnic starts at NOON until 3 PM.* Brothers Food is going to be catered. Shelter is close to the mini golf course and splash zone.

August

2026 Martland I Crab Feast: The dates will be August 7-9, 2026 and the host hotel will be the Holiday Inn in Greenbelt, MD. Crab Feast will August 8th, 2 PM to 6 PM at the Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenbelt Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Hotel is the Holiday Inn Greenbelt, 7200 Hanover Drive Building 1, Greenbelt, ND 20770. Room rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax. Call 1-800-465-4329 tell them you are with Blue Knights Crab Feast. Contact persons, Byron Hope 202-904-4892 or mpdcleo124@aol.com.

September

2026 MDC Fall Conference/49th Annual Blue Ridge Rally; Culpeper, VA, Sept 4 to 7, 2026. Hosted by VA II, Baymont Hotel, Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or VA2@blueknights.org.

November

2026 Veterans Day Parade hosted by Clarksburg VFW Post 573. We need to be in place at 10:15 AM at the corner of West Main Street and 6th Street, Clarksburg (next to the Clarksburg Senior Center). Parade starts at noon on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

2026 Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run; Sunday, November 29, 2026, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

December

2026 West Virginia II, Saturday, December 11th, 2026, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas party will be at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation building, 43 Recreation Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. That is on U.S. Rt 19 across from Sunny Croft Country Club which is located at 1102 Good Hope Pike, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother W.D. Chedester just had surgery so please keep him in your prayers.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be July 9th, 2026 at the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: May drawing was \$5.00. Brother Martin's name was drawn, but he rolled it over. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. April drawing will be \$10.00.

Members in Attendance: Ron Watson, Don Wikert, Bill Bradley, Lewis Stevens, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Andy Kolb, Jim Enoch, T.R. Queen, Walter Knight, Marty McNulty, Zach Kesling, and Chuck Luzader.

Guest: Becky Green

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be July 9th, 2026 at 7 PM at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV.

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.

