



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Virginia II put on a great conference weekend. The 50th Blue Ridge Rally was fun and a lot of people. The most since before COVID. Unfortunately, our chapter did not get the award for best represented chapter in conference this time. We had 8 and a North Carolina chapter had 22. I want to thank Virginia II and their chapter for a wonderful weekend.

At the Fall MDC meeting, held at 9 am, Sunday, September 6, 2026 the following information was given out. MDC has 52 active chapters with 1,535 members. At the meeting 20 chapters were represented. That would be about 38%. It was requested that all members check to make sure their address, email and phone number is correct with the chapter and international. Members can go to the international website and check their information and correct it if need be. Remember it is your membership number as username and your last name in CAPS as the password. If you can't do it let your Executive Board know and they will get it done.

Article 10 of the by-laws, art being worked on.

International dues increase to \$30.00 per member for 2027 and then add \$1.00 per year, per member until 2032. This was voted on by general membership at the 2026 international convention in Calgary, Canada. This is to stay up with the inflation.

Oct 19, 206 Delaware I hosting their Toy Run.

August 7, 2027 Maryland I will host their Crab Feast again.

MDC will have their scholarship fund again. There will be two \$500.00 funds. Must have the paperwork in by April 2027.

Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Hello Brother Knights. I wanted to share something with you. As I've been driving recently, I've had other motorists, bikes and vehicles alike, cutting in and out of traffic. Not giving any consideration to others. On the

interstate I was attempting to change lanes. I looked through my driver's side mirror and my rear-view mirror to check for approaching traffic before I made my move. I had plenty of room to make the change so I gave my signal and changed into the left lane. A guy came up on my six and he flipped me the bird. I started to give it back to him but decided I was better than that. Instead, I just passed another motorist and gave my signal to move out of his way. As he passed, he was waving his arm like a madman. It's no wonder there are so many accidents. Be careful out their guys. Too many idiots on the road.

Next meeting will be 7 pm on October 8th, 2026 at the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Respectfully,
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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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Chapter Safety Officer

Bounding Bimbi's

"In Deer Country, a Smart Rider Is Prepared for a Quick Stop"

You're out for an early ride in the country, away from the hassles of traffic. The narrow backroad on which you travel passes farms and curves through a shady forest. You're aware of the hazards of backroads, such as loose gravel and wet leaves, so for this ride you're wearing your most protective riding gear: leathers, gloves and full-coverage helmet. And you plan to keep the gear on even when the sun begins to warm the air.

You settle into a comfortably aggressive ride, slowing only for locations where there are narrow bridges and many hidden driveways. When you enter a deer migration area, you maintain speed, but watch carefully for wild deer alongside the road.

Suddenly, as you round a tight turn, you see a brown shape in the left ditch-perhaps a log or a soggy cardboard box. But a second later, the brown shape raises its head, and you instantly recognize the tall ears of a deer. But the deer just continues to stand there munching, so you assume you can cruise by without any evasive action.

But a second or two before you pass, the deer springs into action, scrambling onto the pavement directly in front of you. You attempt to brake and swerve, but the deer darts one way and then the other, and you can't avoid a collision that knocks both you and the deer to the pavement. Fortunately, neither of you is seriously hurt. The deer clatters away, leaving you to survey the damage to your bike. You silently congratulate yourself for wearing your leathers today.

****** The reason for deer signs is that there is a history of numerous deer strikes in that area. So, when you enter a deer zone, you should expect to encounter wild deer grazing alongside or leaping across the road. Deer typically spring into action as a vehicle gets close. The best tactic for avoiding a deer strike is to be prepared for a quick stop. If you see a deer next to the road you should immediately brake, especially if the deer is facing the road and, therefore, most likely to leap in your direction.

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Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

As we are merging into the Fall season, we would like to remind the public of the dangers of slick roads due to leaves from the trees. When the leaves get wet, it produces the equal of "black ice" and creates hazardous road conditions. Please be mindful of changing road conditions, and also look out for other drivers.

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

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

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.

Hello Knights,

We missed you at the conference.

While heavy rain put a damper on social activities, it didn't stop us entirely. Some members still enjoyed the rides despite the weather. According to the host chapter, 240 Knights and guests attended dinner, marking their largest turnout ever.

During Sunday's meeting, Keith Chase stepped down as treasurer, and Past International Treasurer John Bull was nominated to replace him. Because all officer seats for the Mason-Dixon Conference were unopposed, the secretary cast a single ballot for each position, and the new executive board was officially installed.

Finally, as previously shared, I distributed information from Mike Pollenger regarding a proposal to expand Blue Knights membership to law enforcement officers who have powers of arrest but are not employed by government entities. The motion sparked extensive discussion around qualifying non-governmental departments (such as campus, railroad, private, corporate, sheriff, and corrections), geographical limitations, sworn vs. non-sworn personnel, role transitions, and applicable interstate or international definitions. Ultimately, the proposal was sent back to the offering chapter for further research and deliberation.

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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Marty McNulty

Committee Report

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.

Joke for the Day*

Did you know that garbage men don't get any formal training?
They just pick it up as they go along!

From Membership

Hello everyone hope all is well. I just wanted to Thank everyone again for the donations towards the 9/11 Memorial Ride. I left home Thursday morning to Somerset to flight 93. Friday traveled to Alexandra, VA (Pentagon). Saturday we then traveled to NYC. Sunday, we traveled to the World Trade Center Memorial Site. I got to meet fellow Blue Knights from all over during this ride. It's a ride if you're thinking about doing it, definitely do it you won't regret it.



Everyone take care and God Bless
Zach Kesling

UP COMING EVENTS

2026 EVENTS

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.

2027

June

2027 32nd Annual Wild & Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally: Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 11th – 13th, 2027. 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 15th, 2027, and \$125.00 after May 15th, 2027. No refunds after May 30th, 2027.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Luzader still taking treatments. Brother Wikert still taken cancer treatments.

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

Drawing: September drawing was \$20.00. Brother Russ Swiger's name was drawn for the money. He was not present. October drawing will be \$25.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

Members in Attendance: Mike Neely, Bill Bradley, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Andy Kolb, Lewis Stevens, Terry R. Queen, Del Parris, and Walter Knight.

Guest: Becky Green

Facebook: Chuckie Diaz, Pam Poisson, Rebecca Green, Mike Barnhart, Jenn Prince, Tom Hayden, Zach Kesling, Ruth Stone, Margie Lebron-Shier, Bob Rhodes, Debra Scott-Blair, and Russ Harper.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be October 8th, 2026 at 7 PM at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV.

From your president I have noticed that not many of our members have joined the Justice Federal Credit Union. Now is your time. If you have question just ask me.

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.

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