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**TRI-STATE TIMES - CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER
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BLUE KNIGHTS PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.



The Chairman's Chair: Keith Bowers, PA XIV

The year 2021 began with great promise. After a 6-week period that included on-line education and Christmas break, many schools in PA have resumed full scale in-person education. Restaurants, restricted to takeout for 3 crucial weeks over Christmas, have returned to dine-in, up to half occupancy. Two vaccines have been approved, distribution is underway, and two more vaccine approvals are pending. Everyone is eager for the pandemic to be over so that life may return to pre-pandemic status. Unfortunately, active cases of COVID-19 remain high in much of the TSC, making planning for spring and summer activities still tentative. As your chapter membership determines dates for events, please provide them to the conference for distribution and posting on the website. Perhaps the upside to this time of very limited interaction will be a resurgence in activity when we are again able to gather and support one another's events.

Decisions regarding the spring presidents' meeting will need to be made soon. Our approved host, NY XX, recently learned that their selected site will remain closed to all indoor events, except museum visitation, throughout 2021. While I much prefer to hold an in-person meeting, I am not convinced that it is practical or necessary. I am not aware of any pressing business for the conference presidents to act upon. We also risk last minute cancellation based on decisions of government officials. Please, if you feel strongly regarding the need for an in-person meeting on May 1st, contact any of the members of your TSC board to make your feelings known. We appreciate your input.

We also appreciate the financial support of our chapters in the form of annual dues. Please forward your 2021 chapter dues of \$45, payable to "Blue Knights Tri-State Conference", to TSC Treasurer Liz Cook, 33 Guymard Tpke, Middletown, NY 10940. Thank you.

Ride with Pride
Keith Bowers



The Vice Chairman's Chair: Myron Joseph, NY IX

I started my journey in LE thirty-seven years ago February 02, 1986, I cannot begin to tell you how I feel today. I have enjoyed so many years of good times and some bad times but I wouldn't change it if I had to do it all over again. The way we reached our goals continue to change and even today we are challenged almost every day in LE. I have severed in several different roles, but the one I worked so hard to attain is the current one I serve in as the Traffic Unit supervisor.

One of my decisions during my journey was to join the Blue knights LEMC almost thirty-years ago, my love for motorcycling is unsurpassed by anything else. The destinations I have ridden too, the Blue Knights I have met and continue to meet both near and far never ends. I welcome the challenges the role of Vice President NA. Will bring in my quest to be the next VP of this this great club I joined thirty years ago.

The entire Tri-State board welcomes all new chapter presidents and all returning presidents a successful, safe, and healthy year. We are all here to assist anyone of you at any time. Let's all try to recruit at least one new member, wear your colors when possible and as soon as it's safe to do, Ride, Ride, RIDE.

Apparently, there are a few Tri-State chapters who have not completed the renewal process, I am here to assist anyone that may need assistance with the process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance.

As of February 04, 2021

Chapter & Membership Count Summary

Conf	Chapters	Members
EC	55	1244
GLRC	45	907
MDC	41	1034
MWRC	13	300
NEC	29	629
RGC	25	444
SRC	46	1041
SWC	11	231
TSC	28	978
UKIC	27	780
WCC	29	746
TOTALS	349	8334

TRI-State Conference News:

Let's all welcome Russ Davis (NJ II) as the new TSC New Jersey Representative. Congratulations Russ and we all look forward to working with you for the 2020 – 2022 term.

If you have not completed the renewal process, I am here to assist anyone that may need assistance with the process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance.

Presidents please, you must properly vet all new incoming members to make sure they qualify for membership under the current international by-laws for membership.

The members of NYXXI donated \$ 400.00 to the 9th Judicial District's Fraternal Order of Court Officers fund raiser for the Blythedale Children's Hospital. See attached letter from the hospital.

SAD NEWS:

The Tri-State board and members extend our most heartfelt condolences and prayers to Paul Rogalle, his family, and friends.

We have recently learned of the passing of Rose Rogalle, wife of Paul Rogalle (quartermaster) NY I. Wake February 21, 2021 @ Moloney's Funeral Home 132 Ronkonkoma Ave, Lake Ronkonkoma. At 1:45PM all Blue Knights will commence at Walk through.

Funeral February 22, 2021 @ 9:45AM Leave funeral home with motorcycles (weather permitting) to cemetery.

RIDE WITH PRIDE

International News:

2019 – 2021 International Board.

Int'l President: Guy O'Connor AZ VI

Int'l Vice President: Andreas Hohendorf Ger V

Int'l Secretary: Jim Borza TX XXXI

Int'l Treasurer: John Bull MD I

GOD SPEED AND GOOD LUCK TO THEM ALL.

2020 – 2022 Board of Governors

Chairman: Dominic Squillace PA X

Vice Chairman: Brad Tollefson LA II

Secretary: Glen Wheat IN II

Treasurer: Michael Rickard NY V

The BOG created a BOG President's Face Book site for communication between the BOG and all BLUE KNIGHTS chapters. In order for a TSC chapter to be represented on the BOG Facebook page, the Chapter President must contact me TSC (Moderator) Vice Chairman Myron Joseph, via email (mjtristatesec.aol.com) so that I can acknowledge your request for participation on this Facebook page. The person who is designated to act on behalf of the chapter on this Facebook page must be either the Chapter President or Vice President or past President. Only one of these persons will be allowed access.

2021 Int'l Convention in Killarney, CO. Kerry, Ireland hosted by IE I has been postponed again due to the current COVID situation.

The host chapter (IE I) kindly requests that you both make reservations and register through Celtic Horizon Tours, www.celtichorizontours.com. Telephone +353-1-6292000.

The candidates for the upcoming Board of Directors election have been released for the 2021 – 2023 term:

President

DJ Alvarez (TX XXXI)
Doug Casteel (MO III)

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Cal Ennals (NJ V)
Myron Joseph (NY IX)
Rory MacConnell (FL XVIII)

Vice President Europe

Brendan Condon (Ireland I)

Secretary

Jim Borza (TX XXXI)
Robert Seelye (WA I)

Treasurer

John Bull (MD I) unopposed

FROM TIME TO TIME YOU WILL SEE FLYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES IN THIS NEWSLETTER. WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING or ENDORSING ANY CANDIDATE BY INCLUDING THEIR FLYER, WE ARE JUST ASSISTING IN DELIVERING THEM. ANY CANDIDATE CAN SEND ME A FLYER TO INCLUDE IN THE MONTHLY TSC NEWSLETTER.

Tri-State Treasurer: Liz Cook, NY XVIII



Hello Blue Knights,

Please send your 2021 Tristate dues of \$45.00 to me at:

33 Guymard Tpke.
Middletown, NY 10940

Make check to BK tristate conf.

The 2021 BK COPSRUN badge (shield) has been designed. See photo.
Anyone that has a number you can send donation of \$110.00 to:

PO BOX 732
OTISVILLE, NY 10963

Make check to BK COPSRUN
Proceeds go to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS)
Thank you for your support.



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Tri-State New York State Rep: Keith Lipsey, NY XVIII



NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Tri-State Pennsylvania State Rep: Albert "BUD" Dinnell, PA XXII



Hello to all my Brothers and Sisters Blue Knight's.

All has been quiet here in Pa. nothing much to report.

Chapter president's, if have not sent in your chapter contact sheet to our Tri State Vice Chairman Myron Joseph, and myself please.

Please stay safe and RWP.

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Tri-State New Jersey State Rep: Russell Davis, NJ XI

NO REPORT SUBMITTED - WELCOME TO THE TSC BOARD RUSSELL!!!!!!



Tri-State Chaplain Jim "Odie" Odenheimer

Greetings and Salutations Tri-State Blue Knights,

What did 2021 say to 2020? Hold my beer, you aren't seen nothing yet! Under normal circumstances we are eager to see what a new year holds in store for us. The excitement over new possibilities, new opportunities, greater success, and happiness is ever present as January 1st approaches. This December 31st there were no celebrations, no parties, and not too much excitement when the big ball dropped at midnight. The main question on our minds was how much longer this pandemic nightmare will continue, and what will a new political regime bring to our country. Well, one month into 2021 the outlook is guarded at the absolute best. What can we do about it?

In past years, we have all made New Year's resolutions with high hopes of improving our lives, this year probably is not any different. As the month of January comes to a close, most of our New Year's resolutions have also ended. St. Paul said in Romans 7:8 "I have the desire to do good, but I cannot carry it out". We all mean well, but.... the road to Hell is paved with good intentions. The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. There is no difference between December 31st and January 1st. Nothing mystical happens at midnight on December 31st. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian decides to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are commitments to quit smoking, stop drinking, manage our money better, and to spend more time with our families. By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more, and eating more healthily. These are all good goals to set. However, 1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are noble goals to be sure, however, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation to accomplish your goal. Why are you resolving to do something? For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have heard it is a good

thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself? Remember, God loves you just as much in sweatpants as in skinny jeans.

Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has a chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God-honoring and not in agreement with God's word, we will not receive God's blessing in our endeavor.

Although many of our New Year's resolutions have already fallen by the wayside, it is never too late to make a new resolution, and with God's help have it succeed where our previous efforts have failed. The first step is prayer. James 1:5 tells us, "If anyone of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." Ask God what resolutions He would have us make. The next step is to pray for wisdom as how to fulfill the goals God has given you, and finally. Rely on God's strength to help you accomplish those goals. Do not be discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further. A sword tempered by fire becomes strong and invincible. Do not become proud or vain but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6 says, "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun." It is always the right time to turn to Jesus and ask Him to help you become the person He wants you to be, not the person you want to be. When we rebuild we renew. With God, all things are possible!

Please keep our International Chaplain Dan Walls and his family in your prayers, he is now in the hospital battling Covid19.

A journey of 10,000 miles begins with a single step. - (old Chinese proverb). Be bold! You and Jesus have things to do and places to go!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Chaplain Odie



TSC SAFETY OFFICER: Sal Salamone NY XVI

Safety Report Cold-Weather Motorcycle Riding Tips

1. Wear Correct Motorcycle Gear in a Layering Fashion Riding comfortably in cold weather begins with correct gear choice, and it is all about layering. Base Layers (full leg, full sleeve), such as those offered by Under Armor and many motorcycle apparel companies, are a must. Even while riding we sweat, and the base layers allow our skin to breath, wicking away moisture. This helps sweat evaporate rather than turning to cold perspiration on the body. Also don socks that wick away moisture. For most conditions in the 20s or teens, simply wear a zip-up fleece with a neck collar you are your base layers, which helps create an insulating barrier. If things get cooler, always have another mid-layer, such as a snug wool button up Next is your outer gear Jacket, Boots, gloves a tightly-sealed helmet with a fog-free face-shield a neck warmer or you can use today's electric-heated gear
2. Proper Motorcycle Prep for Winter Riding The basics needed for cold-weather riding arrives at element protections, such as a huge windscreen, wind guards on the crash bars to keep wind off the legs. Also, if your bike is water-cooled, make sure the antifreeze is fresh (should be changed yearly

anyway), and its mixed properly. Also make sure all hoses are in great shape. Nothing can be more devastating than a busted radiator or hose when miles away from home.

3. Cold Weather Equals Colder Tires It is that simple – cold weather means colder tires. And as everyone should now, cold tires equate to limited traction. Riding helps increase heat in the tire, but even the briefest stop can quickly cool the tires down, providing lack of traction. Also, make sure you have adequate tread on your tires for winter riding. And check your tire pressure. This is more than crucial during the winter months when optimal traction is needed.
4. Watch for Salt, Fresh Cracks due to Plows and Black Ice Salt is not only an enemy to metal, but also traction. Treat salt like ice; if you see crystalized appearances on the side of the road, stay away. Also remember that those plow trucks destroy roads, causing new cracks, sometimes huge and able to chew up rims. Once again remember to run correct tire pressure; you do not want to bend a rim or pinch a tube. And black ice. If it even remotely looks like ice, stay away.
5. Increase Visibility and Following Distance While riding in the winter, increase your visibility and space. Increasing visibility simply means looking further down the road, helping you recognize hazards before they occur. Increased visibility allows you to react to a potential threat well in advanced, and this is more than needed in winter when traction is limited from the cold roads. As for following distance, open it up, maintain a few car lengths of space ahead, allowing you additional time to react to hazards, such as cars ahead stopping, or being able to see something on the road. Riding on a car’s ass is completely stupid. Just think for a moment; in optimally dry conditions, it takes an experience rider about 85 feet to stop a bike traveling at 35 mph. An average car is around 16 feet, so it would take about five car lengths to stop. Do the math...and of course, the faster you are riding, the more distance you should maintain.
6. Do not be a Dummy; If Snow Starts Falling, Get Home The title says it all. If it begins snowing, get home. The white stuff can accumulate quickly, providing the slickest conditions. Keep an eye on the forecasts, and if there is even a threat of snow, keep the bike home.

Riding in the winter can be challenging, but these tips will allow you to garner more miles throughout colder months.

CHAPTER UPDATES

NY 21: The members of NYXXI donated \$ 400.00 to the 9th Judicial District's Fraternal Order of Court Officers fund raiser for the Blythedale Children's Hospital, Letter attached. Stay safe and Happy New Year to you and your family. See attached letter.

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**** REMINDERS ****

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The form is available on the Join us/Chapters page of the TSC Website.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUBMIT YOUR CHAPTER INFORMATION BEFORE THE 25th OF EACH MONTH.

Please email me your event fliers. All fliers will be forwarded to Chapters &

Posted on the Events Page of our website www.bktsc.org

Myron Joseph, Tri-State Conference Secretary

*** As always: *Ride with Pride* ***



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TRI-STATE CONFERENCE
2020 RIDE EVENT SCHEDULE

(As Of 01/31/21)

GREEN is TSC Meetings and Weekends, **BLACK** is Chapter Events, **RED** is Area Conference Events, **BLUE** is International



Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MARCH</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>APRIL</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MAY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer

Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
			<u>JULY</u>		Flyer
			<u>AUGUST</u>		Flyer
			<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		Flyer
			<u>OCTOBER</u>		Flyer
10/2	PA IV	Berks County K9 Ride & Pig Roast		www.bkpa4.com	Yes
10/3	NY X	Ride 4 Remembrance		blueknightsnyx.com	Yes
			<u>NOVEMBER</u>		Flyer
			<u>DECEMBER</u>		Flyer

This is the 2020 Tristate Ride Schedule to date. Contact me with your Events or corrections at mjtristatesec@aol.com.
The schedule and uploads of event fliers may be found on the Events page of the Conference website: www.bktscc.org

2021 BK CONFERENCE MEETING & CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- February 12 – 14, 2021 – Mason Dixon Winter Conference – Chesapeake, VA - **Cancelled**
- March 19 -21, 2021 - GRLC Spring Conference – Canton, OH
- April 22-24, 2021 - RIO Grande Conference – Lake Dallas, Texas
- April 22-24, 2021 - SRC Spring Conference – Shreveport, Louisiana
- June 13 – 18, 2021 - International Convention – Killarney, Ireland - **Cancelled**
- July 07- 11, 2021 - SWC/WCC Convention –Prescott, Arizona
- July 28 – Aug 01, 2021 - Virginia V – Summer Bash – Chesapeake, VA

2024 = 50th Anniversary

Please check the conference website for information and details.

IN 1974 A GROUP OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STARTED THE BLUE KNIGHTS® IN MAINE. WE ARE NOW A WORLDWIDE CLUB. IN HONOR OF THE IDEA THAT THOSE MEMBERS HAD, WE FEEL THAT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION SHOULD BE HELD BACK IN MAINE.



A COMMITTEE OF LONG TIME MEMBERS HAS COME TOGETHER TO PLAN THIS EVENT ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL. WE PLAN ON PUTTING TOGETHER A WEEK FULL OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL MEMBERS-FAMILIES, AT THE LOWEST PRICE POSSIBLE. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BOG TO DESIGNATE (AT THEIR JULY 2021 MEETING) THAT THE 2024 CONVENTION BE HELD IN MAINE.

Mike Fletcher, Col Fernald, Gerry White, Mike Grant, Mike Scarborough, Ellen Smith, Dominic Squitieri, Pat Fox

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