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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.**



**Chairman: Myron Joseph, NY IX**

Greetings and salutations my fellow BK sisters and brothers,

I hope everyone is staying warm as the temperatures have dropped into the teens for some of us.

What an NFL Divisional Championship weekend, for the Conference Championships the Baltimore Ravens will play Kansas City Chiefs and San Fransico 49ers will play the Detroit Lions on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. I for one will be glued to my TV. I would enjoy seeing the 49ers play the Chiefs in the Super Bowl. So here you have my picks Super Bowl :LVIII.

2021 I peddled for over 300 Miles in the Police Unity Tour, we rode from the Freedom Tower (NYC) to The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (DC) and I was able to raise over twenty-five hundred dollars for my efforts.

This year 2024. I will be participating with Law Enforcement United an origination dedicated to the cause and raising money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. If you would like to donate to the fund, please contact me directly and I will provide you with the particulars. No donation is to small and I would truly appreciate the support.

If you plan to attend The BLUE KNIGHTS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Sugarloaf Resort in the beautiful state of Maine in 2024, you should call the resort asap. Cindy Fletcher is up to tip#121 on the Blue Knights International LEMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention site on FB. Log in and review the tips as they are very helpful to what's going to happen at the convention.

**Conference Information**

BK NY XXII was the only chapter to submit a bid to host the 2024 Spring Presidents meeting in May. So, we all will be going to Lake George for the meeting at the Georgian Lakeside resort and getting a preview of what to expect during Americade. But there are a few that already know what a show they put on for us Blue Knights. There are a few of us that plan on making the Spring meeting a weekend adventure. I for one is looking forward to a weekend of laughter, riding, good food and the comradery we are known for.

As of this writing, no NY chapter as submitted a bid to host the 2024 Tri-State Conference Presidents fall meeting or weekend. We are opening up the bidding to any chapter within the conference to host the 2024 Fall Presidents meeting/weekend. Please submit your bid to TSC Secretary Defelice at your earliest convenience.

The raffle tickets for the “Big Buck Raffle” have been received and each representative will be calling their respective chapters to see how many books each chapter would like. If each chapter in the conference took two books, we would have 100% participation and that would be awesome. The drawing will be at the Spring Presidents meeting on May 04, 2024, in NY. Our Vice President (NA,) Cal Ennals will be overseeing the disbursement of the raffle tickets this drawing.

**WE WANT YOU,**

The newsletter is yours, so remember to send your articles to our TSC Secretary, Joe DeFelice, by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Whether it's one sentence or a dissertation, we want it along with a flyer. Please say

something about your future events so it may be included in the newsletter under your chapter contact information.

As you are aware, we have created several committees to assist us in our mission to open a constant line of communication within our conference and beyond. They are as follows:

1. We are still looking for members for the Innovation Steering committee to help with retention and recruitment which will be chaired by Jay (Jay Maz) Mazeski. We are looking for members who are between the ages of 25 – 35yrs to sit on this committee.
2. Let's not forget the Sunshine committee chaired by Cal Ennals to help keep up to date information of the health and welfare of all Tri-State members and their families. So please contact him or any member of the board with any pertinent information.
3. I have completed the member selection for the By -Laws committee as it is time to review and update them. The committee will be meeting shortly to begin the process of updating the By-Laws. If you have any thoughts or comments or suggestions, please reach out to any of the following members: Albert (Bud) Dinnell PA XXII / committee chairman / Jim Storz NY 1, Ken Rice NY XVIII, Jason Rudnitsky NY XVIII and Robert Ridarick NJ II.

Please remember we have a website and FB page for all to view and add information at any time. Don Parker ( [dapnyiv@yahoo.com](mailto:dapnyiv@yahoo.com)) is our website administrator and Teresa Hartley along with all Board Member are FB administrators.

I am looking forward to seeing friends and making new ones at the Presidents Fall meeting / weekend in a couple of weeks in Parsippany.

Until I see you or I prepare my next message, stay safe and healthy

**Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XII**





**Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I**

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's  
I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

The TSC Borad has now opened the 2024 TSC Fall Conference weekend (Held over Columbus Day Weekend) up to any Chapter in the TSC Conference. As of now NO New York Chapter has volunteered to host this event. If your Chapter is interested in hosting this event, please let the TSC Board know ASAP.

If you have any item to be put into the newsletter, please send it to me either in a word doc, PDF file, or a jpeg file. This will make it easier for me to save and input the files in the newsletter.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the 2024 contact form for your new Chapter contacts and also the 2024 Event form. Please fill these form out and get them back to me so I can update your information.

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Ride With Pride



**Treasurer: Gus Faella, NJ XI**

Greetings,  
I hope all is well with you and your families during this past winter storm. The Jersey shore received 3-4 inches of snow, not to mention temperatures in the teens. Spring can't come fast enough.  
Speaking of Spring, I signed up for the Tour of Honor event for the 2024 season. Looking forward to riding to memorials to honor our Country's Veterans.  
I'll be going to the Mason Dixon Conference next month in **Rehoboth** Beach

Delaware. Looking forward to seeing old, and meeting new friends.

Don't forget the Big Buck Raffel is in full swing, for tickets see your State Rep. For this to be a success we need 100 percent cooperation.

Stay warm, Stay Safe,



**New York State Rep, Central, West: Keith Lipsey , NY XVIII**

Greetings Blue Knights Central NY Chapters, Greater NY Chapters and Pennsylvania and NJ Chapters.

Well, since my last submission, we have all sleighed through our Christmas Celebrations and prayerfully anticipate that you all had a joyous time in your reflection and God honoring remembrance of our Lord's birth.

That being said, it is less than 'In Season' time for motorcycle activities, but, not withholding the way that we, as Blue Knights, keep the fire burning with participation in Chapter to Chapter involvement.

On January 1st, Franny Boo and I were able to participate in the Crazy Tequila's New Year's Ride. The temperature was 35 degrees and the skies were partly cloudy.

I am actively pursuing my getaway home in Oak Island, NC flat and recently received some furniture delivered and working on getting Cloud9 down there safely. My goal is to ride her 700 mile plus ride on the first trek . After that, there is less guilt about the trailer option.

In the meantime, I was able to attend the wake service of NY VI's President, Nelson Alarcon's father, Segundo Nelson Enrique Alarcon Gallardo 1930-2024.

Wishing everyone a busy off season time with plans for a Super Launch to our Blue Knight 2024 Northeast Riding Season.

Please note that I still have Big Buck Raffle Tickets available.

Be well and stay safe.



**New York State Rep, Metro Area: Vinny Calderon, NY X**



**New York State Rep, North East: Steve Nieves, NY VI**

Greetings to all Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters.

As I sit down to write this message it is snowing pretty good up here in the Adirondacks. Just last week the weather was hovering around 46 degrees so I decided to run both my bikes on the driveway listening to the sound of the engines while enjoying a cigar. Well, that has come to a screeching halt, with all the snow coming down and the weather dropping into the teens. It's officially winter so I will focus my time planning riding trips for this year. My first distance trip this year will be in April to attend the 2024 RGC which will be held in Springdale AR. Looking forward to catching up with old friends I only get to see at the Int'l conventions and hope to make new ones.

A reminder to pay your chapter dues if you haven't done so yet and I still have Tri-State Big Buck raffle tickets for sale. You can reach me at 518-466-1833 or [esnieves618@gmail.com](mailto:esnieves618@gmail.com). Stay safe everyone.



**New York State Rep, North West: Kevin Durawa, NY IV**



**New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI**



**Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII**

I hope you all are staying warm and staying out of the snow! I looked on my back porch today and my motorcycle is hibernating under a blanket with an alarm set for Spring - which is March 19th in case you didn't know.

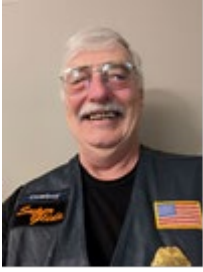
Renewals are due at the end of January - complete instructions are on the International website right as you sign into the members section.

Now that we are into 2024, Tri-State chapter dues are due in the amount of \$45 made out to Tri-State and mailed to TSC Treasurer Gus Faella, 459 Northern Blvd, Bayville, NJ 08721. Paid dues allows your chapter to vote at the TSC meetings.

If you donate to the Special Fund, you can do that also and send a check made out to "Special Fund" and mail to Mike Rickard, 11027 Darien Alexander Town Line Road, Darien Center, NY 14040. There is no set amount to send per chapter for the Special Fund.

Most TSC board members still have Big Buck Raffle tickets for sale for \$20 each - let one of us know if you would like to purchase any tickets - the drawings are at the TSC meeting in Lake George on May 4th.

As always if I can be of any assistance, or the other reps can, please reach out to us. Stay warm and safe out there and I'm looking forward to seeing you all once the weather gets a lot warmer!!



**Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI**

Welcome Brother and Sister Blue Knights to the year 2024. The 2023 riding season in the North East has ended and the time to prepare for the next riding season has arrived. I have already enjoyed a fantastic first event of the new year thanks to Blue Knights New Jersey IX. I attended their “Chilly Chilli” escorted 35 mile ride. It was very largely attended by some more robust riders that yours truly as I attended in a truck. There was food a plenty and the Chilli was absolutely fantastic. They held a 50/50, raffled off 5 door prizes (I was fortunate to have won 2 of them), sold Blue Knight T shirts and hats and donated in excess of \$4,000.00 to the Karen Ann Quinlan hospice. The Brotherhood, effort, planning and execution of this event showed very well for the Host Chapter as well as the Blue Knights as an organization. This event is now on my annual “Must attend” list! I recommend you put it on yours also.

I just found out that the Blue Knights on the Lake held in Lake George, NY at the Georgian Resort has NO REGISTRATION FEE!!! These Brother and Sister Blue Knights are putting together a great time with guided and self guided rides, door prizes, 50/50 etc. This event is truly being done “For Blue Knights BY Blue Knights” with thoughts being all about the fun and Brotherhood of our membership. I’m looking forward to this event also. For more information check out: [Blueknightsonthelake.org](http://Blueknightsonthelake.org)

I have nothing else to report at this time. I’d like to remind all chapters to update their contact information and forward it to the TSC Secretary so he may keep his records up to date. Stay safe, Be well and, If you can Ride with Pride.



**Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI**

Greetings and hello from Western Pennsylvania

I want to take the time to thank Pam McClaren and Tri State Conference for the opportunity to serve as a rep from the Keystone state. I am a member of and president of PA21 in Wexford, Pa, just outside of Pittsburgh.

I must also apologize for my absence from the newsletter in recent months I have been in the hospital and rehab several times for left knee surgery. Hopefully, that is behind me. Looking forward to spring and getting my three-wheeler out to get the cobwebs blown off. PA21 Wexford had their Holiday Celebration Party on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the Thornhill Tap House and was a huge success. We even had a visit from Stanta Claus with gifts for the ladies. Santa is no dummy, shmooze the ladies and we are good for a couple of months.

PA16 will be holding a wreath clean up day at Cemetery of the Alleghenies on January 20<sup>th</sup>. I plan to attend and get to know the family of PA16.

If I can assist anyone, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.





**Chaplain : Odie Odenheimer, PA VII**

Greetings and Salutations Tri-State Blue Knights.

As the Holiday season comes to an end I hope each of you have been filled to overflowing with the Joy that comes with the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and are renewed in your commitment of spreading His gospel of salvation through truth. First, there are two important questions I must ask you. First, how many of you are still writing 2023 on your checks?, and secondly, do any of you still have any resolutions that remain unbroken? All kidding aside, if you recall a few months ago I gave you some homework. That was to read the book of Ephesians in preparation for my next month's message. Well that expected message took a back seat to a re-direction by The Holy Spirit. It's now the right time for that message.

The book of Ephesians was written by St. Paul to the church at Ephesus. Back in the early days of Christianity Paul was God's emissary to the fledgling church. He was God's "fixer". Whenever and wherever there was a problem, God sent Paul to that location to give His young church both support and direction. Paul paid a heavy price for his unwavering devotion to his mission. Often he was persecuted and often imprisoned for his efforts. It would have been so easy for Paul to just throw in the towel and give up but as a famous movie quote once said, "he was on a mission from God". (Jake & Elwood, 1980).

Just put yourself in Paul's place. Things must have been pretty bad in Ephesus for him to make a personal journey there. It probably took quite a while for news of a problem to reach Paul. News traveled only as fast as a person could. Under normal circumstances Paul would have just sent an epistle to the church but in this case Paul felt the magnitude of the problem required his direct personal intervention. Again, in those days a journey of that distance probably took several months at the best, and quite possibly up to a year, so Paul knew this was a crisis of major proportions. He could not let the church be destroyed by the secular world it was created to save. ,

In most books of The New Testament usually there are a number of chapters. In the book of Ephesians there are only 6. The fact that there are only 6 chapters does not lessen the importance of Paul's words. It was Paul's sole goal to reconcile the people of Ephesus with God. They had made the common error of letting the world and society direct their behavior. Ephesians 2:1-4 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, and the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature, and its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by Grace you have been saved". Paul then gave the Ephesians and us the solution to our self serving road to destruction. In verses 8-10 he tells us ":for it is by Grace you have been saved, through faith-and this, not from yourselves, it is the gift from God-not by works, so that no one can boast . For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

The rest of the Chapters give specific instructions of how to go about being the "Light of Christ". What to do, what not to do, what to say, what not to say ect. ect. I don't need to list them here because you all read them recently didn't you? If by chance not, then take a few minutes to do so. They are basically just a list of common sense actions that will have a profound effect on your future travel plans. Paul wasn't just encouraging the Ephesians, he is directing this epistle to you and I right now. The truth of Christ and the brightness of His light has never been extinguished. Dimmed a little maybe, but still burning brightly, and more so with a little help from each of us.

I don't walk with God, I can't keep up with Him. He walks with me, and He waits for me every time I fall behind.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Chaplain Odie



**Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI**

**What to wear when riding a Motorcycle in the Winter**

For most motorcyclists, warm weather is part of the package for the ultimate ride, which is too bad because cold-weather riding can be a special thrill in its own right. As long as your bike can handle the cold and you know what to wear when riding a motorcycle in cold weather, there are virtually no limits to where you can go in wintry conditions when there's no snow or ice involved.

## **How Often Should I Ride My Motorcycle in the Winter**

Motorcycle owners should start their bike and let it run for at least 15 minutes a week during the winter to help keep the internal parts operating correctly and recharge the battery. How often riders will *want* to ride in the winter depends on whether or not they've got the right type of riding gear.

## **What Do You Wear on a Motorcycle in the Winter**

Specific items will vary from person to person based on location, average weather conditions, and personal preferences. Still, any rider who wants to take their Motorcycle out in the winter should invest in a few essential pieces of winter motorcycle gear.

### **Full-Face Helmet**

A full-face helmet is essential for any kind of winter or cold-weather motorcycle riding. It will keep your face from freezing up, increase your visibility, and provide the necessary protection from any kind of precipitation. But that's not all, the right helmet will do for you. The best helmets built for winter riding come with vents that can be closed, which can help block and eliminate as much wind from entering the helmet as possible. Using these vents is a choice, but it's a great choice when you're riding into a whipping headwind.

### **Neck Protection**

While a helmet with a fullface shield and vents will help protect you from the wind and cold, it won't do a thing to keep your neck warm. Think of your neck as the "middle ground" when it comes to cold-weather riding—it's in between your head and chest, which makes it the weak link in your winter gear where body heat can leak out unless you wear a neck gaiter or a balaclava.

The choice between these two pieces of motorcycle gear is personal, but getting a balaclava to fit right can be a tricky dealing with many helmets since it adds an extra cumbersome layer. Neck gaiters eliminate this problem, and they offer a lot of choices, including windproof options. Overall, the neck gaiter is a small item with a low price, but it can make a big difference when it comes to comfort.

### **Heated Gear**

There's nothing like heated gear if you can afford it. A heated jacket and gloves can spell the difference between comfortable and chilly when you're riding in cold weather, and most of the riders who use electric gear swear it's worth the extra cash. There is an array of heated clothing, including jackets and pants, as well as glove and sock liners.

### **A Warm Base Layer**

Anyone who does outdoor activities in the cold air knows the importance of insulating layers, and motorcycle riding in the winter is no exception.

Some people use wool as a base layer, while others prefer moisture-wicking fabrics that wick away sweat while trapping in body heat. This is a personal preference, so spend some time experimenting to see what works for you. Everyone's different when it comes to layers, so figure out how many you need and what fabrics to use, and remember, even if you go for a full riding suit, you may still need a layer or two underneath.

### **Leather Gear**

Let's talk a little more about leather motorcycle gear. It's often a great style choice for riding in any kind of weather, but there are a few considerations to keep in mind if you're going to wear leather to ride in the cold. A leather vest is a solid choice as a base layer, but if you go the leather route, steer clear of perforated leather or leather that provides ventilation to avoid letting in cold air. You will also want to move with whatever leather you choose since freedom of movement is necessary to use your arms and properly control your bike.

## **Windbreakers**

Leather riding gear is great for riding in style and getting some weather protection in the process, but today's windbreakers are designed to go the extra mile when it comes to wind protection.

Windbreakers typically come with insulating layers that retain heat and block the wind, and it's always a great idea to carry one along just in case the wind whips up during your ride. Rain gear can also provide extra warmth and additional layers, so if you've got a rain jacket, bring it along to provide some insurance in case of a storm.

## **Gloves & Handwarmers**

It goes without saying that gloves are important for winter riding, and deerskin leather work gloves can fit the bill nicely. You could also get something fleece-lined with a fabric such as Thinsulate or Gore-Tex, which is a great option for those familiar with the warmth and protection it provides. Keep in mind that good gloves can protect more than your hands. Gauntlet gloves can protect your wrists and sleeves, and waterproof gloves will increase the level of protection even more if you live in an area where precipitation, is an issue. Winter gloves are fine when it comes to cold air protection, but those little thermal packs of "hot hands" can be the ultimate solution when it comes to staying warm. Take some along as insurance, and sooner or later, you'll likely be glad you did.

## **Socks & Boots**

If you do outdoor activities in winter, you already know the importance of warm socks and boots. Once again, consider wool as a possibility or compression socks since they may also help keep you warm by increasing circulation. Tall boots can help, too, and the good news about boots is that they generally come with a wide variety of linings that offer a surprising amount of warmth.

## **How Cold is Too Cold to Ride a Motorcycle**

Ice starts to form when the temperature falls below 32°F, of course, and cold tires equal less traction. This combination alone should be enough to keep you off the road, especially when snow and ice enter the equation. But if you do decide to ride in these conditions, make sure your anti-freeze is topped up and your bike's safety features are all in working order. It is also wise to make some arrangements that will allow you to call on motorcycle-specific towing services in the case of an emergency.

## **Enjoy the ride**

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**\*\* REMINDERS \*\***

Please send me an updated Chapter Contact Form whenever your Chapter changes Officers and/or Contacts.  
The form is available on the Join us/Chapters page of the TSC Website.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUBMIT YOUR CHAPTER INFORMATION BEFORE THE 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bktsc.org)

Joseph DeFelice, Tri-State Conference Secretary

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



**Blue Knights® International  
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**TRI-STATE CONFERENCE**  
**(YEAR) RIDE EVENT SCHEDULE**  
**(As Of 01/01/2023)**



**NEW FOR (YEAR)** – I have also added the surrounding Conference Meetings and Weekends to the Schedule in **GREEN**  
**BLACK** is Chapter Events, **RED** is TSC Conference Events, **BLUE** is International Events

Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JANUARY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
01	NJ IX	DALE'S CHILLY CHILI RUN		<a href="http://TREVORFLOYDCOEME.COM">TREVORFLOYDCOEME.COM</a>	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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
27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y
02	NJ XI	PUZZLE PIECE RUN		<a href="mailto:CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY">CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY</a>	N
08	PA XIV	BKPAVIV COUNTRY TOUR		<a href="tel:570-419-8658">570-419-8658</a>	
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JULY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
28	PA XVI	21 Annual Blue Ridge		<a href="http://724-263-6218/pa16-blueknights.com">724-263-6218/pa16-blueknights.com</a>	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>AUGUST</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
25	NJ V	Wildwood Boardwalk Ride		<a href="http://856-364-6843/blueknightsv.org">856-364-6843/blueknightsv.org</a>	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>OCTOBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer

This is the **(YEAR)** Tristate Ride Schedule to date. Contact me with you Events or correction at [bktscsec@gmail.com](mailto:bktscsec@gmail.com).  
The schedule and uploads of event fliers may be found on the Events page of the Conference website: [www.bktsc.org](http://www.bktsc.org)