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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,

2024 TSC Spring President's Meeting will be held at the Georgian hotel, In Lake George on Saturday May 4th, Make sure you do your basic safety checks on your motorcycle before the ride there.

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 organization 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 too small; I would truly appreciate the support.

IF you plan to attend The BLUE KNIGHTS 50th 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 50th 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.

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 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," are going fast. There only a few books left if you want one contact Me. The drawing will be at the Spring Presidents meeting on May 04, 2024, at the TSC Spring meeting.

WE WANT YOU!

The newsletter is yours, so remember to send your articles to our TSC Secretary, Joe DeFelice, by the 25th 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.

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

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

Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XII



Hello Everyone

We've had a wet and windy March in my area. No riding yet but the weather has to break soon. I spent two weeks traveling to Ohio and Wisconsin helping a friend who has a hunting lodge in Maine. We did sportsman's shows in those states. It was cold, windy and snowy most of the way.

I'm hoping for balmy weather before May so I can ride to the spring meeting in New York. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at the lake.

Be cautious when you take your bike out of storage. Check it over thoroughly and do any maintenance that needs to be done.

Hope to see everyone in May.

Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I



Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

Our Spring Conference President's meeting will be held on May 4, 2024 up in Lake George NY. If you or your chapter would like to put any items on the agenda, please get it to me by no later than April 5, 2024. This will give me time to put the agenda together and send it out to everyone. Thank you

The TSC Board 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 and not to any other Board member. This will save a lot of time. By the time you send the information to another Board member and they send it to me your Chapter event could be over. So, to make sure we do not miss your event, please send it directly to me. Thank you. Also send your item 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.

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

Ride With Pride



Treasurer: Gus Faella, NJ XI

Greetings,

Here we are in the middle of March and the weather is starting to warm up. Time to get those iron horses out and ready for the riding season. Checkout the TSC calendar as the chapter events are being posted daily. Chapters work very hard to put on an event and we should try to support as many events as possible.

Just a reminder, the Tri State Conference dues are due. If your chapter hasn't paid please submit them ASAP. For those chapters that paid, THANK YOU. Dues must be paid by the Spring Presidents meeting or your chapter will not be able to vote on any issues that may be up for a vote. Checks should be made out to the Tri-State Conference in the amount of \$45.00. and mail to me at 459 Northern Blvd. Bayville, NJ 08721. For those chapters that paid, thank you.

April 15 is the deadline for filing IRS Form 990. It's a fast simple process.

TSC President's Meeting will be held on Saturday May 4, 2024 in Lake George, New York. Thanks to NY 22 for hosting this meeting. All members are entitled to attend however, only the Chapter President or his designee can vote on any issues. If you are a member voting for the absent President you must have a letter from your Chapter President authorizing you to vote.

I will have TSC Knives, Patches and Pins for sale



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

Dear Blue Knights & Families of New York,

Since my last TSC Article, spring has sprung, and the temperatures have dropped significantly. But soon they will rise again. Spring is always a reminder to get a check up on our motorcycles, with each time out, always checking your tire pressure.

Daytona Bike Week has come and gone and the reports are all positive for those Blue Knights that participated and shared their experiences.

In April, the GLRC will be from the 12th to the 14th. On April 20th, The Frank Gennari Officer Down Ride will be starting at the Carolina Coast Harley Davidson in Wilmington, NC, sponsored by Blue Knights NC XVII. More information at www.CarolinaCoastHD.com or by phone 910-791-9997.

May 3rd to the 5th is our TSC President's Meeting at the Georgian in Lake George, NY, with the meeting on the 4th. Contact information at mmccotter1@gmail.com.

From May 28th to June 2nd Blue Knights on the Lake at Americade will be also in Lake George, NY with the Georgian as our primary hotel. Contact information at mmccotter1@gmail.com. Our host chapters are: NY VI, NY XXII and NY XXX.

Please check the www.bktsc.org for more events on our calendar.

Big Buck Raffle Tickets are still available with the drawing to be held on May 4th at the TSC President's Meeting.

Just a reminder to update your Chapter Contact list and please forward it to our TSC Secretary and State Representative. Mine email is bknyxx@gmail.com and my phone contact is 845-505-1557.

Be Blessed and keep all the troubled areas in the world, in your prayers



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

Hello fellow Blue Knights Guy's & Gal's.

Well the nicer weather is just a stone throws away. Looking forward to a great 2024 riding season. If any chapter is hosting a ride for 2024 please get the information to our Tri-State Secretary Joe DeFelice asap. Joe will post in our newsletter. NYX cordially invites all Blue Knight Chapters to our Monthly meeting which occur on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Our next big meeting will be on Wednesday 04/10 (Chili Cookoff). It's a great night out and spend some time with other Blue Knight Chapters. If interested please contact me. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the President's meeting in May. Ride safe.



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

Greetings to all the Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters from Tri-State.

Spring is around the corner, but, for some of us up north it just can't get here soon enough. The weather in March at times started off good reaching low to mid 50's then it would drop back into the 30's. Hate it when old man winter just doesn't want to go away. For those who are fortunate with better riding weather, I humbly suggest you start to plan those rides and while you're at it reach out to an adjoining chapter to see what they are up to. Get

together for a ride, have a meal and make some memories. That's a great way to start the riding season. If there are bike blessings being planned then share the information with adjoining chapters. This year, northern Adirondacks to Old Forge, Thousand Islands and Lake Placid NY are on my radar so I will certainly be reaching out to the northern chapters so we can meet up to ride those areas.

Finally, the 2024 TSC Spring President's Meeting will be held at the Georgian hotel on Saturday May 4th, which BTW is the same location NY 22 and NY 30 will be hosting Blue Knights on the lake during Americade this year.

Always Ride Safely and RWP

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



Hello friends,

Spring is finally here. Although we have had some recent snowfall here in WNY, and the roadways still have salt powder on them riding season will soon be upon us. Now is a good time to get all your safety checks and maintenance items taken care of.

Ride flyers and notices are starting to appear on all the media outlets we have available, I hope to see some of you on some of these rides.

The TSC Presidents meeting (May 4) and Blue Knights on the Lake/Americade (May 27-June 2)are fast approaching, and promise to be a great time to hangout with other Blue Knights and ride the Adirondacks, you will not be disappointed!

The Blue Knights 50th International Convention in Sugarloaf, Maine (July 21-26). If you haven't ridden in the State of Maine before you are in for a treat, there is some absolutely beautiful riding and scenery.

If you or your Chapter are planning any day rides outside your geographical area I would request that you consider reaching out to other Chapters for a meet and greet. I have several in mind and as I finalize my plans I will post the rides on the Tri State and NY4 Facebook pages.

Stay safe and Ride With Pride

New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI



Greetings Blue Knights,

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting in Lake George. Chapter events should start filling up our event page soon. NJ Chapter XI is having their 3rd Annual Autism Ride in June. Other chapter events are worth the look on Facebook. Make sure you do your basic safety checks on your motorcycle before the riding season begins. Thanks to everyone and those chapters who purchased Big Buck Raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at the Spring Meeting in Lake George. RWP

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Greetings all,

The weather was beautiful today so I was outside in shorts for a bit... my motorcycle is still covered and away until warmer weather when I can take her and get her inspected after I return from my trip to Australia with my brother... I will be away for 25 days (almost the entire month of April), but should still be able to check my email etc if there are any problems.

There are a several events already popping up on the TSC calendar (go check out the website), as well as the TSC spring meeting in Lake George - I know a good number of people are going up for the full weekend, so I hope to see you all there. Check your motorcycles for critters before heading out so that you don't have any unwanted passengers.

I did have the opportunity to attend the chapter meeting for PA 22 on Feb 28th - it was good to see Bud and the other members of his chapter. - please add that last sentence to my article - thank you.

Be safe out there and Ride with Pride...

Pam

Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Hello Brother and Sister Blue Knights of the Tri States Conference,

Waking up today, on this the first day of Spring was very disappointing. My deck was covered with the dreaded white stuff.....Snow!! I guess, after the wonderful warm weather we have had, I was expecting the 2024 riding season had started. So much for living in the north eastern part of the USA Huh?

The planning stage of the 2024 riding season is well on its way for me. I am already scheduled going to the Tri States Spring (President's) meeting in Lake George, NY on May 4th, 2024. With the fantastic price the members of Blue Knights New York XXII negotiated with the host hotel, I'm going on Friday and leaving on Sunday even though the meeting is on Saturday afternoon! A little vacation in the beautiful Lake George area is just what the Dr. ordered to get over the winter blues.

Things are already happening 2024 event wise. My Chapter, Blue Knights Pennsylvania XXVI, was invited to participate in the St Patrick's Day Parade that was held in **Milford, Pennsylvania**. It was a great opportunity for the Blue Knights Membership and Club colors to be shown to the General Public in a very favorable fashion. A great time was had by all.

My Chapter is also sponsoring the "Minisink Battle Run" August 4th, 2024. There is no registration fee for this Police escorted ride through the Hudson valley area of New York. Donations to the West Point "Wreaths across America" will however be accepted by this charity at the Staging/starting point. For further information contact: Paul Brower at Paulbrower@gmail.com.

I hope you all are getting ready for the fun to come. Stay Safe, Be well and Ride

Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



GREETING FROM WESTERN PA

Spring is in the air and the time of love to capture all us. I said that to my trike sitting in the garage. My better half standing behind me said, "Well that figures" and walked away.

OOHHHH am I going to pay for that. My cherry blossom tree is in full form and beautiful. Everything is budding up and spring is in full swing.

March 23 at Steel City Harley Davidson will hold its Blarney Bash with all the green stuff you hand handle. Think I'll take my 4 wheeler to that one.

Glad to hear that Thor is getting better, looks forward to getting out of the hospital, Sounds like a nice road trip to help him along the way.

Planning on the Conference meeting in May. Not sure if I am going to bike it or take the motor-home. Probably depend on the weather and no other falls or trip by myself in the mean time. Also planning on the Maine 50th trip but that is too far away to plan.

Another trip that is of interest is in late May to the Dragon Tail of North Carolina/Tenn border.

Interesting stuff

PA21 has their own spring riding season kick off on May 26th at North Park Roosevelt pivilion.

MIKE Hoover



Chaplain : Odie Odenheimer, PA VII

Greetings and Salutations Tri-State Blue Knights,

It looks like the Groundhog actually got it right this year. Spring has arrived early and there are bikes everywhere! Nothing I know clears the winter cobwebs out better than a good bike ride and some ice cream to top it off. Normally around this time of the

liturgical year I am writing about the resurrection , the victory of the cross over death, or the ascending of Christ into Heaven, all appropriate Easter topics to be sure, but this year I would like to go back to the crucifixion and focus on a theme that is central to the very essence of Christianity, forgiveness.

Forgiveness is sometimes a very hard concept for us to embrace. Forgiveness means we have to let go of our grudges against those whom we perceive have wronged us. You have to agree, we all carry grudges. When those grudges get too heavy to bear we don't let them go, we put them in a little red wagon with wheels on it and pull them around. Some of us have little red wagons overflowing with grudges we have spent a lifetime collecting. As hard as it is for the average person to learn to forgive, it is especially difficult for those of us in the Law Enforcement profession to understand and embrace this practice. We are not in the forgiving business, we are in the enforcing business. Too often, the two don't meet in our line of work. When that perfect storm of negative qualities come together if we lack the ability to empathize and forgive we can create a real miserable person. We can become someone who isn't a nice person, a person people don't want to be around, a person who tears down those around them instead of one who builds them up. This not only becomes who we are on the job, but who we are at home. We settle for far less than who we could be and who we should be. We become flawed people and worse, broken Christians.

The scriptures mention many examples of Jesus praying, in the desert, the garden of Gethsemane, and most famously, The Lord's prayer, but the most important prayer Jesus ever made was made on the cross. Jesus' words "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" are found in Luke 23:34. Jesus looked down from the cross upon a scene that must have been very distressing for Him. The Roman soldiers were gambling for His clothes (John 19:23-24), the two criminals on either side of Him were reviling Him (Matthew 27:24), the religious leaders were mocking Him (Matthew 27:41-43), and the crowd was blaspheming Him (Matthew 27:31). In the midst of His physical agony and profound spiritual depression Jesus didn't curse at them or ask His Father for retribution. The heavens didn't open up and lightning bolts didn't reign down on the crowd. Instead, He prayed for them. "Father forgive them" is a prayer unmatched in mercy and love.

Even in His agony Jesus' concern was for the forgiveness of those who counted themselves among His enemies. He asked His Father to forgive the two criminals who jeered Him. He asked His Father to forgive the Roman soldiers who mocked Him, spit on Him, beat and whipped Him, and placed a crown of thorns upon His head as they nailed Him to the cross. Jesus asked forgiveness for the angry mob that mocked Him and called for His crucifixion (Mark 15:29-30).

It is important to note that Jesus' prayer "Father forgive them" does not mean that everyone was forgiven, unilaterally, without repentance and faith. It does mean that Jesus was willing to forgive them forgiveness was, in fact, the reason Jesus was on the cross. The words "Father forgive them" show the merciful heart of God.

Jesus prayed "Father forgive them" because He was fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy: "He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). From the cross Jesus interceded for sinners. Today, risen and glorified, Jesus remains the one and only mediator between God and mankind, (I Timothy 2:5). Jesus prayed "Father forgive them" because He was putting into practice the principle He taught in the Sermon on the Mount; "You have heard that it was said, love your neighbor and hate your enemy but I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). Jesus the persecuted prayed for His persecutors.

Coupled with the willingness of Jesus to forgive His tormentors is the fact that they did not know what they were doing (Luke 23:24). The sinners who put Jesus on the cross were ignorant of the true importance of their actions. The soldiers personally held no ill will towards Jesus. They were simply following orders. This was how they normally condemned men, and they believed He truly deserved it. They didn't know they were killing the Son of God (I Corinthians 2:8). The mob also didn't understand who they were trying to destroy. The Jewish leaders had deceived them into believing that Jesus was a fake and a trouble maker (Acts 3:17). In praying "Father forgive them", Jesus revealed His infinite mercy; He still loved them, and would forgive them only if they would humble themselves and repent (Matthew 18:14 & Peter 3-9).

Jesus' prayer "Father forgive them" was answered in the lives of many people. The Roman centurion at the foot of the cross (John Wayne in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*) upon seeing how Jesus died exclaimed, "Surely this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39). One of the two criminals crucified with Jesus exercised faith in Christ who in turn promised him paradise (Luke 23:39-40). A member of the Sanhedrin publically aligned himself with Jesus (John 19:39) And, a little over a month later three thousand people in Jerusalem were saved in one day as the church began (Acts 2:41).

On the cross Jesus provided forgiveness for all who believe in Him (Matthew 20:28). Jesus paid the penalty for the sins we commit in our ignorance, and even the ones we've committed deliberately. When we are born again, we too, become the answer to Jesus' prayer "Father forgive them". Forgiving someone doesn't mean you love them, or even like them. It does mean you understand them, and believe in the teachings of Jesus. Forgiveness is the first step in the road to healing. With Jesus walking with us the journey isn't so long.

Many of us go through life not talking to family or friends, then one day that all changes. The day of the funeral. It's never too late to start over, forgiveness is the first step. Grudges drag a person down, and at the end of your time, downward is not a direction you want to be headed in!

I'll only beat this dead horse once: Now that it is riding season, There is only one thing I hate more than performing a biker's funeral and that is visiting a biker or passenger in the ICU of a trauma center because they experienced a traumatic brain injury following a crash while riding without a helmet. Your life may not end, but it likely will change forever, and not in a positive way. Put a lid on it! My wife constantly reminds me God didn't give me a lot of brains so I need to protect the few I do have.

Faithfully yours in Christ;
Chaplain Odie



Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI

The Benefits of Advanced Motorcycle Training

If you enjoy riding motorcycles, then you're already appreciative of the sense of freedom that comes from it, the mental discipline required, the community that comes with riding; as well as the thrill that one gets being on – possibly – the coolest machine ever. But if you're a riding enthusiast, then you must understand the risks involved.

Regardless of how confident you are on your motorcycle we can all agree that there are a lot of benefits to be gained from advanced post-test insight and a professional rider's advice.

In addition to helping you understand how to handle your beloved machine better; an [advanced motorcycle training course](#) can prepare you to deal with adverse road conditions as well as help you identify potentially difficult situations while on the road so that you have adequate time to avoid them. Perhaps more critically, advanced motorcycle training will help you maintain a strong, visible presence while you're on the road.

Who needs advanced motorcycle training?

Basically, if you own a motorcycle and are not a professional rider; then advanced motorcycle training is for you. More specifically, however, advanced training is for:

Riders that are very comfortable with their bike and are at the limit of what they can learn by themselves,

Riders who haven't had any formal motorcycle education or training although they have loads of riding experience,

Riders who have graduated from basic rider training and are looking to take the next step, as well as;

Riders seeking to make a significant improvement in their overall motorcycle handling skills.

If you're also getting back to riding after an extended hiatus, an advanced motorcycle training course can help you brush up on your skills and keep you sharp as you re-acquaint yourself with your former hobby.

Why get advanced motorcycle training?

There are several reasons why any motorcycle rider should complete an advanced motorcycle training course. The top reasons are:

Improved road safety

Whether you're a commuter using your motorcycle to get to work on the daily or a riding enthusiast who just wants to take leisurely rides on weekends and holidays, taking an advanced motorcycle course will make you a safer rider.

Advanced training will teach you – among other things – how to identify and anticipate hazards while on the road for precisely controlled reactions, how to improve your vigilance, and will help you get better control of your bike. All these will serve to improve your safety while you're on the road.

More importantly, advanced training will teach you how to ride defensively which is a must-have skill for riders due to their increased vulnerability – as compared to those driving in cars.

Improved confidence

Whether you are driving a car or riding a motorcycle, you will agree that confidence is key when you are on the road. Learning how to remain safe while on the road and having a deeper understanding of your machine are definite confidence boosters. This is especially important for novice riders who's lack of experience could affect their confidence levels.

Essentially, the more skilled you are, the more confident you are going to be when you're on the road.

Confidence is important while riding as it helps you to remain calm in stressful and potentially dangerous situations for better decision making – which is key to keeping you safe overall.

New skills and abilities

It's widely assumed that the training you acquire while securing your motorcycle license is the only training, you'll ever need to operate a motorcycle. This, however, is insufficient to guarantee your safety as it only covers the basics.

Advanced motorcycle training helps you develop two important aspects of personal riding skills. You acquire the skills you need to effectively operate your motorcycle as well as the skills needed to understand the behavior and attitude of other road users.

And because you're learning from an experienced professional, there's always the chance of picking up a nifty riding trick here and there to add to your skills repository.

Cost savings

Once you complete the advanced motorcycle riding course, you'll adopt a new way of riding that protects you and other road users, and also helps you save on fuel and maintenance costs for your bike. That's because you'll be adequately skilled to get the most from your machine and your riding. Being able to avoid accidents will also help save on maintenance costs as well, of course.

Because you're less prone to be involved in an accident, sometimes insurance providers might lower your premiums by up to 15% if you have taken an advanced motorcycle training course. But this will vary depending on your insurance provider so be sure to confirm with yours.

Meet other riders!

If you're new at riding or haven't had the opportunity to meet other motorcycle enthusiasts, enrolling in advanced motorcycle training gives you the chance to meet other riders and form/join a riders' community. Advanced training is often done in small intimate groups which gives you an opportunity to interact with other like-minded individuals with whom you could enjoy your hobby together with.

What do you need for advanced motorcycle training?

You must first understand the basics.

Advanced training is meant to refine your skills and, therefore, doesn't really deal with the basics.

Advanced motorcycle training aims at improving your skills on your motorcycle – the key phrase being “your motorcycle”. It's best to enroll with your own bike so that you don't spend time acquainting yourself to a new machine that you will, most probably, not use afterwards.

Enthusiasm!

Riding is meant to be fun; even when you're learning. So be enthusiastic about the new level of motorcycle riding you're entering and enjoy!

While riding (motorcycles) is a lot of fun, it does come with a significant amount of risks. Having Advanced Motorcycle Training ensures you get to enjoy the hobby you love while still being safe. You don't have to sacrifice one for the other.

CHAPTER UPDATES

New York XXII- It is now March and the weather is still pretty cold. Not much snow, but definitely not SPRING!! Speaking on Spring, we are looking forward to having all of you in OUR neighborhood for the Tri-State Conference Spring President's meeting! The meeting is actually- Saturday, May 4th and will be held at the Georgian Lakeside Resort in Lake George, NY. If you are interested in coming, some people are coming in on Friday and staying with us into Sunday. If you call the Resort for rooms, contact Meghan Leary for the Blue Knights special rates. (Flyer is posted on the ride schedule.)

We are still diligently working on our Blue Knights on the Lake event, for you. We are also having this event during the Americade Motorcycle Touring Rally, at the Georgian Lakeside Resort. This is a whole week event that starts Monday, May 27 and runs through Sunday, June 2nd. For more information you can go to www.blueknightsonthelake.org to see what is happening. We DO NOT HAVE ANY REGISTRATION FEES!!! We will have rides from Tuesday through Saturday both escorted and self-guided. The hotel is hosting a Meet and Greet for you near the pool on Wednesday evening with free Hors d'Oeuvres and a free drink, Friday night is our All- you- can- eat BBQ picnic also at the pool area, with live entertainers. Special drink pricing all week at the Georgian! Come on out and have some fun!!!

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50th Anniversary International Convention July 21 - 26, 2024 - Sugarloaf Mountain, Maine.

**** 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 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

Joseph DeFelice, Tri-State Conference Secretary

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



Blue Knights® International
Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.
TRI-STATE CONFERENCE
(YEAR) RIDE EVENT SCHEDULE
(As Of 01/01/2024)



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		TREVORFLOYDCOEME.COM	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
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM	Y
02	NJ XI	PUZZLE PIECE RUN		CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY	Y
08	PA XIV	BKPAVIV COUNTRY TOUR		570-419-8658	
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JULY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
13	NY XVII	Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor		607-351-9919	Y
28	PA XVI	21 Annual Blue Ridge		724-263-6218/pa16-blueknights.com	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>AUGUST</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
04	PA XXVI	Minisink Battle Run VI			Y
25	NJ V	Wildwood Boardwalk Ride		856-364-6843/blueknightsv.org	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
09	NY XV	Lighthouse Run		631-807-6099	N
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. The schedule and uploads of event fliers may be found on the Events page of the Conference website: www.bktsc.org



Some of our Conference members had ask me to expound on certain areas of the October President meeting minutes. Below you will find some more information from our Conference meeting:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Myron Joseph)

Big Buck Raffle Tickets, some proceeds used for COP's run, charitable donations, trophies, plaque's and prevent dues increase.

NY 9 is under investigation by the International

INTERNATIONAL REP'S REPORT: (Russ Harper) Given by Chairman Joseph, Russ excused.

- 1) Chairman Joseph on June BOD meeting call which lasted almost 5 hours.
- 2) Next BOD meeting September 30, 2023
- 3) Proposals discussed during meeting: A) Proposal to have BOD meetings recorded passed but will not be put into effect until guidelines can be worked out. B) Sword & Shield Magazine proposal for 50th Anniversary pages - \$195.00 Chairman Joseph volunteered to pay for the page and two others also offered to pay for pages in different editions. C) BOD expense guidelines proposal withdrawn so Int'l Treasurer can work on them so more. D) 50th International Convention committee proposal to have their registration and room fees paid for. Approved for an amount up to \$ 15,000.00. E) Alabama proposal resolved. All International BOD meeting minutes can be reviewed on the International web site

New York: (Keith Lipsey)

Thanked NJ 8 Thanked the TSC Board for appointing 3 other NY State reps.

Chairman Joseph retired with over 37 years of service.

Westchester County Legislators named June 9th, in Westchester County Det. Sgt. Myron Joseph Day.

Dec 9th, 2023 Chairman Joseph will be receiving a Life Time Achievement Award for the Westchester County Detective Association.

Congratulated Cal with becoming NA International Vice President.

Welcomed Lon Strayer as TSC V. Chairman

No problems in his area.

(Vincent Calderon)

Thanked NJ 8

NY X ride was cancelled.

His Chapter meeting are the second Wednesday's of the month everyone welcomed.

Everything is good.

(Steve Nieves)

Thanked NJ 8

Doing a lot of traveling.

Started multi chapter rides with chapters in his area, all good in the northeast of New York.

(Rick Vobes)

Thanked the TSC Board for appointing him as State rep.

He is the door prize chairman for Knights on the Lake, Lake George contact him if wanting to donate a door prize.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A. International President DJ Alvarez Legal update: 1) International being sued (FL Chapter, FL chapter member, SRC) by family member of a Florida Chapter who was killed on a motorcycle ride while going to lunch with chapter. \$5,000.00 for FL attorney retainer and another \$5,000.00 after retainer used. The family wanted \$55,000.00 to settle. International intention is to have negligence removed from suit to remove them from suit.

2) Alabama 3 issue resolved.

B. International NA. V. President Cal Ennals 1)Rory – anyone wishing to send a card or call him. 6924 Stetson Street Circle, Sarasota, FL 34243 / 941-270-0367 2) Working on a program of discounts for the organization.

C. International Office Manager Jana Clark

1) Working on getting chapter membership roosters out in the next two weeks to begin renewals.

D. International Secretary Glen Wheat

1) Thanked everyone for their support in the election.

2) Proposals or agenda items need to be sent to him 31 days before any scheduled BOD meeting to be included on the agenda of that meeting.

3) GLRC is contributing \$1,500.00 to the 50th International Anniversary Convention for shuttle buses

E. Board of Governors Chairman Dominic Squillace

- 1) Updated by-laws of the BOG
- 2) BOG Financials will be sent to the International office to be placed on site for members to review.
- 3) 50th Anniversary Items for sale on member site.

F. Pam Poison

- 1) Cards for Rory and Guy for members present to sign for them.

G. Russ Harper – Cops Run - No report

