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## **TRI-STATE TIMES - CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER** **NEW JERSEY – NEW YORK - PENNSYLVANIA**

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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, Saturday April 26, 2025, was a great day for the Frank Gennari Memorial Officer Down Ride, Frank was watching over us and provided us with a perfect day for the ride. BK NC XVII did a fantastic job of hosting the annual event. I would be remised if I didn't mention the escort provided by the Wilmington PD, Brunswick County

Sheriff's department and one or two other departments who assisted along the route. There had to be at least two hundred motorcycles in the package. Putting politics away for the day, it was nice to see International Vice President, NA; Cal Ennal, International Treasurer John Bull and International Tri-State Representative Russ Harper leading the ride, alongside Deb Gennari. Brotherhood and Sisterhood at its best. There were Blue Knights from New York to Florida (NY, NJ, MD, VA, NC, SC and FL) in attendance along with other LEMC clubs (Iron Sights, Gunfighters.), just to name a few. I attached few picture from the day at the end of my message.

The Slate for the 2025 International Elections is out, the candidates have announced their candidacy. Theres only two choices in my book for International President and International Vice President. Respectively, there are two well-established men running for these very important positions. Russell (Russ) Harper and Calvin (Cal) Ennals, respectively these men exhibit the true meaning of being a Blue Knight. They exemplify the true meanings of integrity, loyalty, respect, honor, ethics, service and representation.

The Pennsylvania chapters have the ball for the 2025 Spring and Fall meetings. Wayne Venezia and his chapter (PA 26) members have stepped up to the plate to host the Spring 2025 Presidents meeting. May 03, 2025, in Milford Pennsylvania at the American Legion Post#139. The flyer is out, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

A PA chapter will be submitting a bid for the fall meeting at our Spring meeting in May. I am happy to announce that the meeting/event will be held over the Columbus Day weekend, this year. I felt the sooner we get the information out to the members the better, for scheduling and planning your time. The big buck raffle tickets have been distributed to all the state representatives. If you have not gotten yours, please contact any rep to get at least a book or two. The monies received are not for a slush for the board. (someone used that term) it's used for several things; prevent dues increases, purchase plaques/ awards, make donations (COPSRUN), charities, Reps, and mailings. It's used on you the members.

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.

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.

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

## Frank Gennari Memorial Officer Down Ride 2025



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



Hello Everyone

Greetings from central Pennsylvania. The weather is finally breaking here. I've been able to do some local riding. Just waiting for some long rides this summer. I was able to attend PA chapter 5's meeting last Saturday. I hope to get around to some other chapter meetings this summer.

My own chapter, PA 12, was forced to make a change this year. Our meeting place of 28 years at the Dillsburg American Legion has made some changes and we no longer have our meeting room available. We were able to make a safe landing at the Hoss's Steak and Sea House on Gettysburg Pike in Mechanicsburg PA. They are very gracious and welcoming. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of every month. Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM. Feel free to come by for a visit. I hope to see everyone at the Tri-State spring meeting on May 3rd. Until then be careful out there.



**Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I**

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

PA 26 has graciously volunteered to host the 2025 Spring Presidents meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday May 03, 2025. Look for all the information at the end of the newsletter and in upcoming emails.

In a separate email you will find the 2025 Chapter Contact information forms and the 2025 event forms. Please fill them out and get them back to me after your Chapter elections.

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: Vinny Calderon, NY X**



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

Greetings Blue Knights of the TSC.

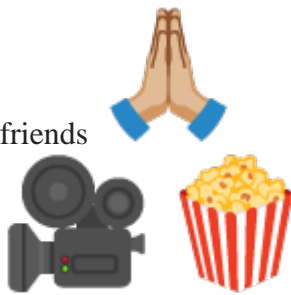
Spring is here, Spring is here, Yes it's

here.      Weeeepaaaaaah!

On a sad note, Bill Byrnes, President of NY XIV went down on a chapter ride and transferred to Heaven

I. Prayers for the family, chapter and friends

Franny Boo and I went to the movies



(been a long time), and saw 'The Last

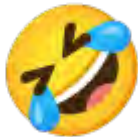
Supper'.

I also added another digit to my chronological order



Still feeling 29 (late at night ..... in my

dreams



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Jana, our BKI HQ Queen also celebrated a birthday



Happy Birthday Jana.

My chapter (NY XVIII) President, John 'Grumpy' Volpe blew out some candles



as well.

Last weekend, Fran & I rode down to the Carolina's and for the first time, I towed Cloud9. So now she's home in NY, with an appointment at the dealership for a checkup. A reminder here to please do all the necessary safety checks on your seasonal ride, so we all can enjoy our BEST Riding Season yet!

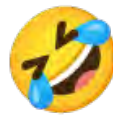
Today is Good Friday, so I pray that everyone has a Super Charged Blessed Weekend





Oh, almost missed it, our Super Hero TSC Chairman, non other than Myron Joseph, also celebrated his

fire hazard of a birthday



Happy Birthday Sir.



Well, before I sign off, please don't forget your Big Buck Raffle Tickets , I found my 3 books (for sale) in North Carolina, so I will bring them to the President's Meeting on May 3rd. Hope to see you there.

Be well and let's stay connected, wear your vest often and ride, ride, ride



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

Greetings Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters from Tri-State.

With the weather improving in upstate NY several NY VI members took a ride out from the Capital region to Jim's Irish Harbor Pub in Canajoharie for some lunch. It was a last-minute popup ride as the weather quickly changed to make the ride possible. With that said, I hope that many of you are starting to do the same, get out there and ride.

May is the month to have your bikes blessed. I can see no better way to start the riding season. It's always good to have the good Lord alongside you when riding. If you're not into that look at it as a ride, win-win either way.

Please don't forget to check your bikes especially tire pressures. Our Int'l safety officer just recently put out a safety message so that is a good place to start for information if needed.

Finally, the Spring Presidents meeting on Saturday May, 3, 2025, will be held this year at the American Legion Post 139 in Milford PA hosted by PA Chapter 26. I want to thank them in advance for stepping up to put this together for all of us to gather. Let's make this year's attendance the best year yet. Wishing everyone traveling to the meeting safe travels along with good riding weather. Until then, ride safely and RWP.



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

Greetings to all my Brother and Sister Blue Knights.

NY4 held their monthly meeting Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

At this meeting seven members were recognized for membership milestones and presented with **Blue Knights Anniversary certificates and pins** as follows:

Dave Goldman - 35 years.

Brad Bennett, Rich Cox, Ed McGee, Sean Noonan, Dale Schaefer and Josh Traverzo -20 years. Congratulations to all.

On Wednesday, April 9, 2025 a group representing Blue Knights NY IV traveled to Dee's Sugar Shack in Lockport, NY for a breakfast meetup with New York State Police Sergeant Salvatore "Sam" Mattina and his father Sam Mattina, Sr.

Sgt. Mattina continues his recovery from serious injuries which occurred September 13, 2024, when he was struck by another motorist while riding his State Police motorcycle in Niagara County. His father was riding in close proximity, witnessed the crash and rendered life saving aid to his son prior to EMS arrival.

The weather in WNY is finally showing signs of cooperating with motorcycle riding. I have completed the oil change and replaced the rear brake pads on my ride, the tires still have good tread and now all it needs is a good cleaning and for me to pick some destinations to visit.

I have been checking the events pages of our Conference as well as some neighboring Conferences and some Facebook posts and have some destinations to consider.

I hope to see you at the Spring Presidents meeting May 3, 2025.

Until our paths cross, ride safe and Ride With Pride.

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



To everyone riding out to the Tri State's Spring meeting, be safe out there. The weather should be great and we are looking forward to everyone arriving safely.

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



Welcome Spring and welcome back to shorts and tank tops (well for the rest of you as anyone that knows me knows I am probably in shorts and a tank top most of the year).

I hope that everyone had a nice holiday weekend if you celebrate Easter and if you don't then hopefully you still got an extra day off from work!

Thank you to all who sold and bought Big Buck Raffle tickets. Good luck at the TSC meeting. I won't be able to attend the meeting as I will be sailing into Miami on the last day of a cruise with my brother and some friends.

I hope to see you out and about, but if not then I hope to see you in Belgium for the International Convention.

For any of you that might be interested in the Blue Knights License plates for Pennsylvania, the website is [blueknightspa13.org](http://blueknightspa13.org) for the application and the instructions. For passenger vehicles, the next sequential number available is BK00068 and for motorcycles the next sequential number available is BK0028.

Thank you and be safe out there! RWP



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



Greetings Blue Knights of the Tri States Conference,

Hurray, the riding season is finally here!!! (above and beyond the fact that in the beginning of the month I looked out my window to see the yard covered with that dreaded white stuff). Unfortunately I have not been able to get much saddle time in as I only had the bike out for 2 short rides. I must say that they still made me feel alive and made me smile.

There are many things planned to go on in our Conference for the 2025 riding season. The TSC President's meeting being held in Milford, PA on May 3, 2025 hosted by Blue Knights Pennsylvania XXVI sounds like it will be a great time (unfortunately I will not be attending as I am going to my oldest Son's wedding on that day). The Blue Knights at the Georgian Lakeside Resort event, being held in Lake George, NY hosted by Blue Knights New York XXII, is planned with lots of things going on for you all to enjoy including rides, door prizes, a BBQ etc. (flyers and registration forms are available on line). The Blue Knights at the National Night Out in Port Jervis is pretty much all planned with a lot of "giveaways" to be handed out to the general public as well as an Ice Cream Cake being raffled off for free. All Blue Knights are invited to attend. Unfortunately, the ride that was in the planning for this event had to be canceled when the funding for the event's ride insurance fell through. I know of another Chapter in our Conference which is presently working on obtaining event insurance so they can offer you all a beautiful event with a ride included so keep checking the Tri States Conference event calendar which is attached to the Tri States monthly newsletter as events are constantly being added.

Make sure that your bike is in safe operating condition including the tire pressures and take extra care out there as you travel as the roads still have sand on them and those in cages are not yet used to 2 wheelers sharing the roads with them yet.

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



### **TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI**



Love and Joy Perfected

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."  
John 15:13 NKJV

Hallelujah!! Jesus the Christ has risen!! As the Easter season comes to a close, let's remember the sacrifice made by He who hung on the cross as the propitiation for our sins, and that anyone who repents and takes up his cross, resigning his life fully to our Savior, will have eternal, everlasting life in the kingdom of

heaven.  

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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* \*\*\*



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**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		<a href="mailto: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
10-13	LO XVI	2025 SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE		BKLouisian16.org	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MAY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/03	PA XXVI	SPRING PRESIDENT MEETING			Y
05/28-6/1	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
05/28-6/1	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y
01	NJ XI	PUZZLE PIECE RUN		<a href="mailto:CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY">CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY</a>	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JULY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
07/27	PA XVI	22 <sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BLUE RIDGE RIDE		<a href="mailto:DAVE.RICHARDS114@COMCAST.NET">DAVE.RICHARDS114@COMCAST.NET</a>	
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>AUGUST</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
08/08-08/09	NY II	SUICIDE RUN/BBQ		<a href="mailto:VINNY713@MSN.COM">VINNY713@MSN.COM</a> /347-242-6869	
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>OCTOBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
10/1	NJ XV	Forst on the Pumpkin		<a href="mailto:732-232-3286/jakapp631@gmail.com">732-232-3286/jakapp631@gmail.com</a>	N
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
12/3	NJ XV	Toy Run		<a href="mailto:917-731-7849/steve1120@aol.com">917-731-7849/steve1120@aol.com</a>	N

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)