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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,
My family suffered the loss of our monarch Elaine Joseph on April 29, 2025. We would thank all those who were able to attend her services and those that sent mass cards. It was a humble sight for my family and I to see you all and read your warming thoughts. It so reminds me of why I joined this great club of ours.

The club also suffered the loss of Ed Gaibl the Vice Chairman of the Northeast conference April 29, 2025.

On May 3rd we had our TSC President's meeting, hosted by PA 26. Wayne and his members did an amazing job hosting. We can't thank the wife's, who made homemade salads for us to enjoy and the cooks who manned the grill.

During the meeting several proposals were discussed, and some did not make the cut for the October Presidents meeting for ratification of the presidents that will be present. These are the ones that will be presented at the Fall meeting:

- 1) Allowing the fall Presidents meeting to be held between the last full weekend of September and the last full weekend of October.
- 2) No elected board member may hold the positions of International representative/ chairman, vice chairman, secretary or treasurer at the same time. This by-law change conforms to the International by-laws.
- 3) Providing a start-up loan of \$500.00 for the Fall Presidents meeting weekend.

During the meeting the presidents present supported the Big Buck raffle being run again, as the proceeds help offset any donations made, plaques given to members, and most importantly delay any dues increases. This year's raffle prize will be monetary.

More importantly any member with a suggestion(s) for TSC Blue Knight of the year, please contact any member of the board with the name of a candidate and the reason(s) why. This award would be presented to the nominee at the Fall Presidents dinner banquet. Please get the candidate(s) name to us by August 31, 2025.

The Fall Presidents meeting weekend is scheduled for October 10 – 13, 2025, in Kulpville, PA, all the information is on the TSC website and will be attached to this month's newsletter and a few other future newsletters. We can't thank Bud Dinnel and his chapter enough for stepping up to the plate to assist the board with planning this year's Fall meeting weekend.

I don't have to remind you that this year is an International election year and you MUST have a personal email address not a corporate email address to receive your electronic ballot. Please make sure you receive your email ballot to have your vote count. I can't tell you who to vote for, but I can tell you who I am supporting and voting for, Our very own TSC members, Russ Harper and Cal Ennals. A new and exciting future is on the horizon.

Remember, it's the moto of the conference and club, to get out there and ride, connect with your neighboring BK chapters and wear your vests as much as you can. Ride With Pride,

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.

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 XI

Hello Everyone

I started out the first weekend in May by attending the Tri-State presidents meeting in Matamoras PA. We were treated to great hospitality and great food. Several proposals were discussed which will be further acted on at the Conference meeting in October. Please plan to attend. If your chapter president can not attend the meeting please encourage him or her to give some other chapter member a letter allowing him or her to vote on conference business. I firmly believe that SOMEONE in every chapter has the ability to attend a conference meeting.

I am preparing for a cross country trip in June. I have done many in the past. I encourage everyone to do it at least once. I believe that life was meant to be lived outdoors. More specifically, on the back of a motorcycle. Nothing can compare to seeing America from a motorcycle. If you are planning a trip do it properly and prepare for it well. If it is your first trip consult with people who have done it before. They can save you from rookie mistakes.

Riding season is in full swing so everyone please be careful and ride safely



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 Tri-State Conference.

On May 3rd we had our TSC President's meeting, hosted by PA 26.

This past month, NY 9 & NY 18 members went south to NC for the honor of Frank Generi, riding in the Officer Down Frank Generi Memorial Ride, out of Shipwreck Harley Davidson in Wilmington, NC, with the help of Deb Generi and BK NC XVII. The weather is getting better each day and I see (via FB) more BK's riding their Iron

Horses, to my pleasure.

We have mourned 2 losses in our BK Family, that being Myron's Mom and Ed Gaibl (VC of NEC American). Attending both services, I was pleased to see many BK's in support of our beloved BK Family mourners. I was privileged to say a few words about Ed and his family.

I attended a celebration at First Responders Appreciation Day and was asked to talk a little on Blue Knights.

Upcoming events include Blue Knights on the Lake in Lake George at the Georgian, May 27-June 1, 2025. Hope to see you there.

Please make sure you receive your email ballot to have your vote count.

A new and exciting future is on the horizon, as every new season avails to us. Let's get out and rack up some miles, making memories.

I am in the planning stages of launching a Bucket List Ride, that I will soon disclose.

Be well, hook up with neighboring BK chapters and wear your vests as much as you can.

Ride With Pride,



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

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

I am pleased to see that numerous chapters as well as Members are starting to post flyers for rides, escorted charity rides on fb to start the riding season in May. No better way to start the riding season than to support BK chapter rides/events.

May is the official month for motorcycle riding so make sure to be seen by motorists by wearing reflective and/or high visibility colors. Ride safely while the motoring public becomes accustomed to us being back on the road.

Finally, the village of Lake George is working diligently in getting the village ready for Americade which is almost here. NY XXII has done their part once again to make your experience during Americade a memorable one. All you have to do is show up. If my health continues to improve, I look forward to seeing as many Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters in Lake George.

Until then, Ride Safely & RWP.



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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you all well.

Riding season is finally presenting itself, although May has been extremely wet and rainy. I am happy to see members posting their rides and adventures, it's great to see you out enjoying yourselves and representing the Blue Knights.

On May 3rd I attended the TSC Spring Presidents meeting in Milford, Pennsylvania. It was great to see old friends. Thank you to PA26 for hosting and putting together a great event.

On May 7th NY4 held our monthly meeting and Chapter Chaplain Mike Quinn performed our bike blessing.

On May 8th several members of NY4 joined members of NY5 (GLRC) and rode out to Ontario, Canada to attend BK Ontario 6 annual spring breakfast buffet.

May 13-16 I traveled to Washington, D.C. for Police Week to honor those Law Enforcement Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, to include several coworkers and friends from years past and Sgt. Thomas Sanfratello, Genesee County Sheriff's Department who was brutally attacked and beaten while working a security detail at Batavia Downs Gaming/Casino, E.O.W. 03/10/24.

I am saddened to report the unexpected passing of NY4 member Arnold "Arnie" Bennigsohn as he joined members of Heaven 1 on May 17, 2025. Arnie is retired from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and a U.S. Army veteran.

Americade and Blue Knights at the Georgian is happening May 28 - June 1, 2025. The weather looks questionable for many who will be traveling for this event. Travel safely and enjoy this great event hosted by NY22.

The Tri State event calendar is filling up, with many Chapters listing upcoming events. I certainly am looking forward to riding season and attending several events, both within the TSC and traveling outside the TSC as well.

I would also like to say thank you to Pam McClaren, Bud Donnelly and their PA Chapters for organizing the TSC Fall Weekend, October 10-13, 2025 in Kulpville, PA. Information and registration forms available on the TSC website.

New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI



Greetings Blue Knights,

NJ Chapters are having some great events in May and June. NJ 3 is having their Cigar and Whiskey Tasting Event on May 29 at the American Legion in Clark, NJ. from 6 PM to 10PM. See their flyer for more information. NJ XI is having their Annual Autism Run on Sunday, June 1st at the Am Vets in Jackson, NJ starting at 10 AM. Seer their flyer for more details. NJXV is having their Charity Golf Outing on June 25, at the Cedar Run Golf Couse in Bayville, NJ. Registration starts at 12 Noon. Check out their website for forms and more information.

Summer is here, be careful out there. Please support these Blue Knight Events when you can.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII





Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI

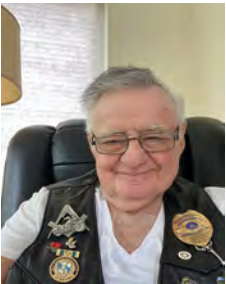
Hello Fellow Blue Knights of the Tri States Conference,

Well, finally, the riding season, brotherhood, and camaraderie have begun for the 2025 season. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Spring President's meeting held in Milford, PA hosted by Blue Knights Pennsylvania XXVI. From all I have heard it was a good, productive meeting and Wayne Venezia, the President of the host Chapter, and his crew provided a great lunch for all to enjoy. I was told that the Hot Dogs were of the finest quality and the Hamburgers were perfectly cooked and juicy, perfect biker fare!

I was however, able to attend the "Pizza Party" that was held on Friday, the day before the President's meeting. This was hosted by our Tri States Treasurer, TSC NYS Rep. and President of Blue Knights New York X, Vinny Calderon, at the Hampton Inn in Matamoras, PA. With New York X Providing plenty of Pizza, cigars, bourbon, and soda the good times flowed. I was able to spend some quality time with Brothers and Sisters from all over the Tri States Conference which I completely enjoyed. That party truly showed that the Blue Knights Spirit still exists and the saying that "in the Blue Knights there are no strangers, just friends you have yet to meet" is 100 percent correct !!!

I am starting to pack the travel bag, clean up the bike, and rest up for the Blue Knights at the Georgian Lakeside Resort event held in Lake George, NY hosted by Mike McCotter and the members of Blue Knights New York XXII. The dates of this event are from 5/28/25 to 6/1/25. This is looking like a fantastic event with door prizes, 50/50s a BBQ and beautiful rides each day. It promises to be even better than it was last year and that is something indeed.

I wish you all happy roads, beautiful sights, and fun times until we meet again. Stay safe and keep it upright and in between the lines.



Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI

The Happiness of Those Who Trust in God

"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit."

Psalms 34:18 NKJV

With the loss of many of our fellow Blue Knights, in and outside of the TSC, it's a reminder of the brevity and frailty of life. Pray often, be thankful, call one another, ride and enjoy life. My condolences to all who have lost loved ones. May we honor them with dignity and living in the moment, every moment!



Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI

SAFETY REPORT

Motorcycle Safety is a Two-way Street

When spring is in the air, motorcycles are everywhere. Do you long for the freedom that comes with riding on the open road? Then it's critical to respect your machine and improve your skills throughout your lifetime. But that's only half the story. Motorists interested only in four-wheeled vehicles still have a major responsibility in keeping motorcyclists safe on the road. In recognition of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May, the National Safety Council reminds riders – and drivers – to do their part.

Most Drivers Don't Ever Think About Motorcycles?

The vast majority of vehicles on the road are not motorcycles. They're cars and vans, SUV and trucks. It's quite possible that a driver rarely thinks about motorcycles. This is a problem.

"When motorcycles and other vehicles collide, it is usually the other (non-motorcycle) driver who violates the motorcyclist's right of way.

Why do drivers often violate motorcyclists' right of way?

- 1) *Motorcycles are relatively small and drivers don't see them*
- 2) *Drivers don't anticipate motorcycles' movements*
- 3) *The driver's view of the motorcyclist is obstructed, often by the vehicle's blind spots or other vehicles*
- 4) *The driver is distracted*

Driver education programs should emphasize these issues – especially in programs for mature drivers who may have diminished abilities.

Riders 50 and older made up 36% of all motorcycle fatalities in 2022, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So-called "re-entry riders," who rode in their 20s and decided to take it up again in their late 40s to 60s face additional challenges today: more traffic, more powerful bikes, more distracted drivers and diminished physical skills. If you're going to ride a motorcycle, it's important to commit to a lifetime of learning new skills and brushing up on the old ones.

Skill and Gear Can Protect You

A helmet is the most important equipment a biker can use.

A full-coverage helmet offers the most protection

Look for the DOT sticker, which guarantees the helmet meets safety standards required by law. Never buy a used helmet; helmets are useless after they've been worn in a crash.

Choose a bike that fits you;
Invest in antilock brakes
New riders should take a motorcycle safety course, and experienced riders should take refresher courses after being off their bikes for a while
Know the rules of the road
Be aware that riding with a passenger requires considerably more skill
Never drink and ride

Drive defensively, especially at intersections, where half of all collisions occur
Watch for hazards like potholes, manhole covers, oil slicks, puddles, debris, railroad tracks and gravel
Assume you are invisible to other motorists and position yourself to be seen
Use headlights day and night
Be courteous; don't weave in and out of lanes, or ride on the shoulder or between lanes
Don't speed
Wear bright and/or reflective clothing that is durable and boots that cover the ankles
Wear goggles, glasses or use a face shield that is ventilated to prevent fogging, and make sure it's clear if riding at night

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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 **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



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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		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
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		MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/28-6/1	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM	Y
01	NJ XI	PUZZLE PIECE RUN		CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY	Y
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JULY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
07/27	PA XVI	22 ND ANNUAL BLUE RIDGE RIDE		DAVE.RICHARDS114@COMCAST.NET	
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>AUGUST</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
08/08-08/09	NY II	SUICIDE RUN/BBQ		VINNY713@MSN.COM /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		732-232-3286/jakapp631@gmail.com	N
10/10-13	Pa XIII	TSC Fall Weekend			Y
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		917-731-7849/steve1120@aol.com	N

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