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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,  
The riding season is here in full swing, I took a ride to Florida and pooped in at the next international presidents' home to wish him well, as he was travelling to the European Conference in Germany before heading to Belgium on his campaign trail. If you haven't voted yet, please cast your ballot. I am supporting both Russ Harper and Cal Ennals. These fine two Blue Knights will guide our great club with integrity, professionalism, respect and

commitment.

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,

I leave for Belgium on June 28, 2025, and I am looking forward to meeting more brother and sister knights at this year's International convention.

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.

If you are around for National Night Out, remember there will be a Blue Knights tent at Riverside Park, Port Jervis, NY hosted by Port Jervis Police Department. Our Blue Knights contact is Kent Frezzell from NY XXX and assisting is PA Rep Rick Vobis.

The Fall Presidents meeting weekend is scheduled for October 10 – 13, 2025, in Kulpsville, 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.

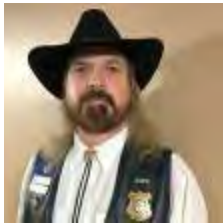
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The newsletter is yours so remember to send your articles to our TSC Secretary, Joe DeFelice, by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Whether it's one sentence or a dissertation, we want it along with a flyer. Please say something about your future events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

RWP.



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

Hello Everyone

Riding season is upon us. However the rainy weather has kept me off the road. As we speak I am preparing to leave for a 16 day trip with Keith Bowers from PA 14. We are going to Gatlinburg TN first then northwest to South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. Once again the weather is ugly but plans are made and the show must go on. The TSC Board is preparing for the fall convention. Your assistance will be appreciated. We need donations of door prizes, alcohol and money. Please contact Pam McClaren from PA 13 and send her whatever you can. Be safe on the road and Ride With Pride.



**Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I**

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

PA 13 and 22 has graciously volunteered to host the 2025 Fall Presidents meeting weekend. The meeting will be held on over the Columbus Day weekend. October 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2025. If you have not booked your room already, please do so since they are going fast. The registration form are at the end of this newsletter.

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 Tri-State Conference, we are in full swing this riding season in the northeast with flip flopping weather although.

Blue Knights on the Lake 2025 is in the books. Fran & I were unable to attend, but by all the stories, fun was had even with the dodging of Lake George's rain drops. June 4th came with not only rain, but lightning & thunder. So hard that Fran's flight out of Westchester was canceled.

The next week, the good Lord blessed us with riding weather, so on the 12th, I hopped on Cloud9 and we took a 200 plus mile ride through the Poconos!

June 5th I went out with my HOG Chapter and again found myself in PA, this time in Honesdale, great backroad riding and of course, lunch.

Right now our Blue Knights leaders and candidates are in Germany at their Conference, soon to be in Belgium at the International Convention. Our very own TSC Board Member, Russ Harper, was well received at the Conference and soon will be giving the attendees of the International Convention all the reasons why their vote is critical to help lead our great Club forward with Russ at the helm.

I also know that Cal Ennals recently attended the RGC with open arms and a delivery of his personal agenda as our International VP in America, to remain in office, continuing the great job he has doing.

June 20th, a friend of mine and I rode to Grand Canyon, PA, about a 4.5 hour trek on beautiful non highways. The views are majestic and notable people have lived nearby. One is Stephen Foster who wrote the song 'Camp Town Races' in Bradford County PA. We also went an additional 120 miles to Drums PA and landed at The Best Cigar Pub for lunch and a stogie. I came home with an additional 527.0 miles on Cloud9.

A business reminder to please vote. If you are having difficulty, reach out to me and I will help you out. Alright Blue Knights, let's ride and end up at a creamery. Blue Knights and Ice Cream make a great combo.

Be well, be safe and don't forget to partake at the Blue Knights tent at Riverside Park Port Jervis, NY for the National Night Out hosted by Port Jervis Police Department. Our Blue Knights contact is Kent Frezzell from NY XXX and assisting is PA Rep Rick Vobis.

Be well everyone and Ride with Pride,



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

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

This year's Blue Knights on the lake turned out to be another success. Job well done NY 22. I was unable to spend more time than I have in the past as several hiccups came up which involved me helping Members with their issues and concerns. However, I did not miss the Friday night BBQ. Amazing how no one caught me on a photo stuffing my face, haha.

By now I hope that everyone is in full swing getting out there on their iron horses putting on the miles. Due to health issues my riding this summer will be limited, but I plan to get out there as much as possible because no medicine can replace camaraderie, laughter and wind therapy! If I cannot get out on rides at least a meet-up for some coffee or a meal will work for me. I will not take life and time for granted. I encourage chapters to stay connected with adjoining chapters and get out there and ride!

Voting for Int'l President, V.P. North America, Treasury and Secretary are under way. Make it a priority to vote because it's your club, enough said! Good luck to our Tri-State candidates Russ Harper and Cal Ennals. They're years of serving numerous levels within the organization has prepared them to lead this club forward.



## 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 in full swing, for the most part the weather is much more conducive for riding.

I am happy to see members continuing to post their rides and adventures, it's great to see you out enjoying yourselves and representing the Blue Knights.

As noted in my last newsletter submission, NY4 member Arnold "Arnie" Bennigsohn joined Heaven 1 on May 17, 2025. Arnie is retired from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, a U.S. Army Veteran and former Director within BKNY4. His calling hours were on May 28, 2025 and 27 members/associates from NY4 joined Motor Units from the NY State Police and Monroe County Sheriff's Department to escort his family from their home to the funeral home and say their final good-bye. R.I.P Arnie.

I did attend the Blue Knights at the Georgian/Americade weekend in Lake George, NY, May 28 - June 1, 2025. The weather report was questionable and may have scared some from attending, but for the most part the weather did not hamper us from having a great time. The planned rides were excellent, personally planned rides were awesome, the BBQ was excellent as usual and the camaraderie can't be beat. Thank You NY22 for continuing this great event.

I also attended the 30th annual Wild and Wonderful Knights weekend, hosted by West Virginia 2, June 13-15, 2025. I used this event as a reason to complete a bucket list item of mine, riding the entire length of US-219 from West Seneca (Buffalo) NY to Rich Creek Virginia, then came back to Elkins, WV for the weekend event. I brought 2 friends along to this event and they couldn't be more impressed by the way they were accepted by the entire group of Blue Knights in attendance. Great job by WV2 in putting this event together and by all the Blue Knights in attendance, you certainly impressed my friends and showed them what the Blue Knights are all about!!

The Tri State event calendar is filled with many great upcoming events. I certainly am looking forward to getting out and riding, with plans to attend more events.

BKNY17 is once again cosponsoring their annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Tribute Ride, July 12, 2025. The following information is taken from the cyber [spikes.com](https://spikes.com) page: Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 377, Chapter 480, Chapter 704, also by, Blue Knights Chapter 17. The Ride forms up at the Owego Free Academy on Sheldon Guile Blvd., in Owego, NY, and departs from there at 11 am, riding North on State Route 38 for the 100-mile ride. More details at [Cyberspokes.com](https://Cyberspokes.com). The first stop for the ride is at the American Legion in Groton, NY, for food and gas before departing at 1pm, riding again North on Route 38, known as, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor. The ride ends at the American Legion in Hannibal, NY. Where there will be food and entertainment. The Ride is free and open to the public. For more info call Dan [607-229-8153](tel:607-229-8153).



I am also looking for locations for multi-chapter meet and greet lunch rides and I am certainly interested in expanding these rides to include more Chapters/locations, please feel free to contact me with ideas that are conveniently located between your Chapter and NY4 (Rochester, NY) to meet up..

I would again 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 Kulpsville, PA. Information and registration forms available on the TSC website.

As always ride safe and Ride With Pride

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



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



Hello all,

By the time that you read this I will be over in Europe at the International Convention in Mol, Belgium. After the convention I will continue to travel with about 40 others on the post-convention bus tour which will take us to France and England and then I am traveling on from there with Izzy Chapa (TX XXXI) to Scotland (home of some of my ancestors - as if you couldn't tell from the last name and the red hair!!)

I hope that you all are doing well and staying hydrated in this blistering heat. Please don't forget to check in on your chapter members throughout the summer and hopefully you can enjoy some great camaraderie whether it's in the saddle or out on the deck having a nice cold drink.

Don't forget to make your room reservations for the TSC weekend - Oct 10-13, 2025 and mail your registration to Vinny - I know that Joe has been sending out the flyer and registration form for a couple of months now. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Bud Dinnell and we hope to see you all there!!



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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the Blue Knights Tri States Conference,

I have had the opportunity to attend 2 tri States Chapter events thus far this year.

The first even that I went to was the "Blue Knights at the Georgian Lakeside Resort", hosted by Blue Knights New York XXII, in Lake George, NY during the Americade Motorcycle Rally. They advertise this event as "By Blue Knights for Blue Knights" and I couldn't agree with this statement more! The host Chapter provided

guests with daily rides that were led by Chapter members. There was a "Meet and Greet" one afternoon/ evening with fantastic plates of Cheeses and meats and also included bread and a wide assortment of sauces for your enjoyment. This was provided without additional cost and you also received not 1 but 2 cards for a free drink from the cabana. The Friday night BBQ was without a doubt the finest BBQ I have attended in a very long time. It was an "All you can eat" which included Rack of Ribs, Sausage and Peppers, Chicken, all kinds of salads, Breads and assorted other things that I can't even remember. I ate 2 racks of ribs along with various other items and anyone who left hungry I can state that most certainly, it was their own fault. The Patron girls were also giving away free drinks that night. The door prize/raffles they provided were of high quality and plentiful. Our Tri state New York Representative, Kevin Durawa, was the major winner having gone home with somewhere in the nature of \$1,300.00 - \$1, 500.00 retail price of the prizes he won. I can't wait to see the Pictures of his bike with the new set of gauges from Dakota Digital and the new windshield installed (the other items he won are bike related but not to be installed on the bike)... Congrats Brother. All in all it was a fantastic time where we enjoyed playing cards when the weather did not cooperate with the ride schedule. The Blue Knights Brotherhood was really evident all week!!! I almost forgot to mention a part of the event that. For me, is a never miss.... I had the opportunity to once again have my bike blessed by Blue Knights New York XXII's Chaplain Carla Snyder. She was kind enough to design a blessing specifically for me as I do not follow one of the more prevalent religions. What a wonderful Sister she is!

The second event I attended was Blue Knights Pennsylvania XIV's "Pennsylvania Country tour" held in Muncy, Pennsylvania. Once again the weather Gods were not helpful and, after looking outside my front door and at the weather channels predictions, I decided to attend the event in my truck. I arrived at the event location after a 3 hour drive in the rain and was once again treated to gallons and gallons of coffee as well as all the variety of doughnuts you could ever want. The members of this chapter definitely know how to make you feel welcome and there were discussions of all kind of subjects had. I met many more of the members who I never met before as well as rekindling old friendships. The weather did not let up in the least so the Host Chapter properly decided to cancel the ride when it came time for kick stands up. The lunch meal was stepped up in time and we all sat and enjoyed a wonderful lunch which consisted of all you could eat perfectly cooked and spiced pulled pork, some great macaroni salad rolls and water. Although I most certainly would have enjoyed having been able to go on the intended bike ride, this event was well worth the time, (6 hours round trip for me) and effort to attend just to enjoy the camaraderie, friendship and brotherhood. This is what being a blue Knight is about!!! I hope to see you all on the road in the near future.

Be well, Stay safe, and enjoy



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



**TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI**



Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the *patience* of Christ.”

II Thessalonians 3:5 NKJV

Brothers and sisters, with the current social climate being so turbulent and many of our members taking to social media platforms to express polarizing points of view, we should be reminded to exemplify the patience of Christ, resisting the urge to cut each other due to political or social differences, by exhibiting the fruit of the spirit, particularly love, discipline, and long suffering (patience).



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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



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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="tel:732-232-3286">732-232-3286</a> / <a href="mailto:jakapp631@gmail.com">jakapp631@gmail.com</a>	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		<a href="tel:917-731-7849">917-731-7849</a> / <a href="mailto:steve1120@aol.com">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)

## Blue Knights at Georgian Lakeside Resort Event

“Formerly Blue Knights on the Lake”

May 28 through June 1, 2025

New York Chapter XXII

This was our third year sponsoring this event. The weather up until this event was absolutely horrible. It rained and rained the whole spring until we opened. For the first time we had asked for a registration fee. As everyone knows, with the former lawsuit, we needed event insurance so we could offer rides. We are still evaluating what to offer and how to get it done. Be watching for more info.

Also, as you know the Americade Motorcycle Rally has been moved back a whole week for the last few years from the original week. I have been in contact with the future Program Event Manager of the Americade event. There will be a meeting in a few weeks to gather information to make the Americade event better and to attempt to return it to the event that it was in the past. I am really hopeful of that meeting.

Wednesday was our opening, and we had 50 guests come in from all over the TriState Conference and other locations. Due to the weather that we got up till the event, everyone needed to get on there bikes and ride! Most of the attendees went off on their own, for rides. The weather for the most part during the event was better than the weeks before.

Thursday our very own Chapter Chaplain, Carla Snyder, officiated the Annual Bike Blessing near the restaurant, in the parking lot. Directly afterword we escorted a Motorcycle Dear Tour and had lunch at Village Pizzeria in Middle Grove, NY. That night we again held a “Meet and Greet” event in the banquet hall. There was a display of meats and cheeses and vegetable displays for people to have along with two free beverages of their choice.

On Friday, before the ride to the Vermont Country Store, we had a lady come in to take photos in front of the event banner near the entrance. If you had a picture done you can download them by using the following link- <http://photos.app.goo.gl/46PTYEhDhJW5a59i7> We held a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese auction with lots of items for people to bid for the items that interested them. After the All You Could Eat BBQ dinner, we had awards for Longest Rider, Oldest Rider and Youngest Rider. The fireworks could be seen directly over the lake from our great vantage point. As usual, the Patrone (liquor) Girls were there to give our free drinks to our guests. It was great to see our TriState Reps, Steve Nieves, Kevin Durawa and Rick Vobis come out to show there support also. As you know, Rick also assists with the donations for the Chinese Auction.

Saturday, the day turned very wet and some of our guests decided to take advantage of the banquet hall for some card games and some food they provided. The hotel staff were gracious and came into the hall to get peoples drink orders then delivered them.

Sunday we met people at “The Galley” restaurant to say our goodbye’s until next year.

I am working on a Facebook page for information on the event. Check it

out-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448387285021351>

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