

# Blue Knights. International Law Enforcement Alotorcycle Club, Inc.









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

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<u>BLUE KNIGHTS PLEDGE</u>: 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: Joseph De Felice, NY I



Greetings,

I would like to thank the Tri-State Board for putting their trust in me as chairman for the remainder of the term. As chairman I plan on continuing most of the programs that our past chairman has put into place. I will try my

best to be as open as possible with all Tri-State business. If anyone has any problems, questions or suggestions please know that you can contact me at any time.

I would like to congratulate Myron Joseph for becoming the new Tri-State International Rep. We, the board, have all confidence that Myron will represent this conference just well as our past International Rep Russ Harper.

I would like to welcome aboard our new Tri-State Secretary Terry Castris from NY VII. The board has confidence that he will do an outstanding job.

I would like to congratulate our new international board:

President Russ Harper

North American Vice President Cal Ennals

European Vice President Leoni Tromans

Secretary Glen Wheat

Treasurer Brian Arnold

I feel this new board has the ability to lead us into the future and help us grow.

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

"Ride with Pride"
Joe DeFelice

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



Hello Everyone

Since I spoke to you last I have been on a 4300 mile ride with my friend Keith Bowers from PA 14. We traveled to Gatlinburg TN and then north west through St Louis MO and on to Rapid City SD and Devils Tower WY. It was a very wet and windy ride but we made it home safely. Our only casualty was a cooler that fell off my trailer rack. Besides the cooler I left a large amount of ice and bottled water

spread across I-70 west of St. Louis.

I would like to remind everyone that we still need money and donated items for the Tri-State Conference fall meeting and convention. Please contact Pam McClaren at PA 13. She can tell you what we need and where to send it.

Please ride safely this summer. See you all at the convention

#### Secretary: Terry Castris, NY 7





#### Treasurer: Vinny Calderon, NY X

Well, the 2025 Blue Knight's International Convention held in Belgium was a huge success. Got to see old friends and made plenty of new ones. Congratulations to the new 2025-2027 International Board. Looking forward to next years 2026 International Convention in Calgary Let's not forget our very own 2025 Tri-State Convention from 10/10/25-10/13/25 (Columbus

DayWeekend). Please check your emails or our Tri-State Facebook page for more information. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Ride With Pride



#### International Rep. Myron Joseph, NY IX

Greetings and salutations, my fellow knights.

I started my journey on the Tri-State board several years ago as the NY Rep, and slowly climbed the ladder to Secretary, Vice Chairman and then Chairman. Each step that I made forward was not before I learned the responsibility of each office held and did something new to benefit you the members of the conference. As you were always my first thought, what could I do better for the members so we could be recognized and remembered

anywhere we traveled within our great club.

Well, I think we have together accomplished those goals and will continue to make great strides in our club. As Chairman through new levels of communication and transparency, we have started to pave new roads of comraderies through our great club. I can't thank you all enough for having faith and trust in me to be your Chairman and allow me to lead you forward.

The time has come for me to take another step forward within our conference. After our international elections with the newly elected President, Russ Harper. As you are all aware Russ held the Position of Tri-State Conference International Representative. Historically, the natural progression is for the Chairman to move up to that position. It is not self-serving like some may think, but the natural step for me, the Chairman, to move into that position. Of course, knowing that I have some great shoes to fill. (Russ, Jimmy.) I don't take this new position lightly and will continue to serve the conference membership with loyalty, compassion and integrity. I will continue to represent this club honestly and with courage to bring new ideas and thoughts and continue to strive on bringing this club together.

I know that Joe De Felice, who will be moving into the Chairman position, will continue some of the roads I have paved, but he will also pave new roads for you, the membership. Terry Castris was brought up to the Secretary position and he too has new thoughts and Ideas for the board and membership. The newly organized board Joe, Lon, Vinny, Terry and I with over 100 years of combined knowledge will always put you the Tri-State Conference members first and will continue to lead the way with dedication, loyalty, compassion and most importantly integrity.

God bless US. God bless the Club and God Bless these United States of America.

RWP,

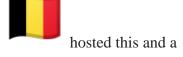


#### New York State Rep, Central, West: Keith Lipsey, NY XVIII

Greetings Blue Knights TSC.

A busy month we have had and progress on the move; memories made with the forecast of much more.

Another International Convention is in the books. Belgium



number of TSC members took advantage of traveling to Germany



We are happy that everyone is home and safe.

Results from the International Elections yielded the following: President Russ Harper NY XVIII TSC, VP North America Cal Ennals NJ V TSC (2nd term), VP Europe Leonie Tromans, Secretary Glen Wheat and Treasurer Brian Arnold. These International Positions come with many decades of experience, passion and enthusiasm for the promises that Blue Knights are forging ahead.

I want to thank DJ Alverez for his time as President and John Bull as Treasurer.

I have been busy as well with rides to Lake George, NY and Grand Canyon, PA, as well as a ride to Oneonta. Back roads mostly, racking over 1000 miles on Cloud9.

Upcoming rides include a Bucket List excursion to Sturgis for the first time.

On your calendar, don't forget the National Night Out in Port Jervis August 5th. Also our TSC Fall Conference in Kulpsville, PA October 10-13.

I am attending the NJ V Boardwalk Ride in Wildwood, NJ on August 24th for the 1st time.

More local rides to reflect on in our next TSC Newsletter.

Hoping you are all healthy and living your dream on 2 or 3 wheels.

See y'all at our next Blue Knights Event.

Be Blessed and Ride with Pride.

Keith 'Underdog' Lipsey TSC NY Rep Central NY

'In God We Trust' Our national motto adopted by congress July 30, 1956. Let's protect it.

Blue Knights NY XVIII 'Roulez avec Fierte'

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



Greetings to all Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters

As I sit down to write this month's message I find it difficult to not mention that my riding season thus far has been very limited due to my health. However, I am happy to report that August 4th will be my last day of radiation/chemo treatment and I will need a few weeks to recover. I will use the month of August to rebuild my strength and energy.

One of the first places I plan to head out to will be '**The Anchor Bar**' in Buffalo for some well needed Buffalo Wings. Now before you start messaging me to tell me how

other places have better wings I plan to go there because that's where it all started. It is a historical location all about the wings. On my way back I just might stop in Syracuse at the '**Dinosaurs Restaurant**' for some amazing BBQ. Needless to say, I am craving real food.

I want to take this moment to congratulate Russ Harper as our new Int'l President, Cal Ennals as our 2nd term Int'l V.P. of North America, Leonie Tromans as Int'l V.P. of Europe, Glen Wheat as Int'l Secretary and Brian Arnold as Int'l Treasurer. These Members elected to the International Executive Board bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm that will certainly help to move this organization forward.

If you plan to attend the 2025 Fall Tri-State Conference Weekend in Kulpsville PA (which I hope you do), make your reservations as soon as possible.

Finally, August 5th is **National Night Out** at Riverside Park in Port Jervis. There will be food, refreshments, music, Law Enforcement, Fire Dept. and Emergency medical demonstration displays. Blue Knights NY XXX will have a Blue Knights tent set up. So if you have time go down to enjoy the event and show your Blue Knight support. The event is from 5pm-8pm.

Until we cross paths, RWP & Always Ride Safely

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



Greetings to all,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Independence Day celebrations. I celebrated by volunteering to work 13 hours on my day off.

Please join me in congratulating our newly elected International Officers: Russ Harper - President, Cal Ennals - Vice President North America, Glen Wheat - Secretary, Brian Arnold - Treasurer and Leoni Tromans - Vice President Europe. I wish them much success.

Wednesday, July 2nd, NY4 held our monthly meeting. Our Chapter has decided to support C.U.R.E. Childhood Cancer Association as our charity of choice. We will be co-sponsoring a benefit ride on Saturday, August 23, 2025 information available on NY4 and Tri State Facebook pages.

I hope everyone is getting in some good rides. I see some of you are putting on some serious miles and visiting some great locations. Most of my days off have been rainy so outside of my planned trips or occasional benefit ride I haven't been riding much, hopefully that changes soon, I need to put on some miles!

On Saturday, July 12, 2025 a total of 6 members from NY4 rode to Owego, NY to support NY17 and the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 377, 480 and 704 as they hosted their annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor "Tribute Ride", which is a well organized 100 mile ride to raise funds for local Veterans groups/causes and the placement/maintenance of the signs which dedicate this Memorial Highway. A great ride with a great mixture of people all supporting a very worthy cause. Special Congratulations are in order to NY17 members Richard Leonard and Thelma Hefner who got married and had a brief wedding ceremony prior to the start of the ride.

On Friday, July 18, 2025 a total of 14 motorcycles and 23 riders from NY4 met up for lunch ride to the Iron Kettle Restaurant in E.Aurora, NY, then to Vidler's five and dime, also in E.Aurora, followed by an ice cream stop at Dave's in Batavia, after all Keith says Ride Motorcycles/Eat Ice Cream. The weather was perfect for a beautiful ride and lunch with friends, it was just a great day and one of our largest attended Chapter rides.

Upcoming events include the National Night Out, August 5th in Port Jervis, NY (NY30), The Bronx Suicide Run, August 8-10 (NY2),

and don't forget about the TSC Fall Werkend, October 10-13, in Kulpsville, Pa. (Special Thanks to Pam McClaren and Bud Dinnell).

I look forward to seeing some of you soon. As always, Be Well, Ride Safe and Ride With Pride.

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



Greetings Fellow Blue Knights,

New Jersey Chapters have been busy this summer. NJXI had their Annual Puzzel June in June, and NJXV had their Annual Golf Outing on June 14th. Alot of money has been raised for some great charities like Autism and Tunnels for Towers, just to name a few. I was recently able to attend a NY7 event on Staten Island for their "Heaven One

Remembrance," ceremony with NJXV, and it was a great way to honor those who have passed onto Heaven One. I am looking forward to attending NJ Vs Boardwalk Run in Wildwood on August 24th, which has been well attended by Blue Knight Chapters from around the Tri State area in the past. But, not to be outdone, NJIX is having a "Rally on the Runway" at the Sussex County Airport on August 23rd. with vendors, food trucks, music and skydiving all day. This was a great event last year, so if you are interested in skydiving, you might want to consider this opportunity. Please check all their flyers for more information on Facebook or their chapter websites. Lastly, the Tri State weekend is scheduled in October. The dates are the 10th to the 13th. in Kulpsville, Pa. Check the Tri-State website for registration forms and information. If you have never attended a Tri State weekend, this a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with your fellow Blue Knights from our area. There are plenty of events left this riding season, so be careful and ride Safe.



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



Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



#### TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI

Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit."

#### Matthew 12:33 NKJV

So we call ourselves good; do we produce good? Do we say and act as if we are righteous, generous, patient, gentle, and loving, but really we model hatred, brutality, impatience, meagerness, and unrighteousness? It is past time for us to no longer bear bad fruit. Good tree = good fruit.

Sent from my iPhone



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

### The Art of Group Riding

Group rides can be a great way to meet like-minded riders.

• Each ride brings an opportunity to meet like-minded people and to discover new roads. Any group of people will vary in their range of skills. You know you've found a good group to ride with when no one feels they need to pick up the pace, and any reckless display of awesomeness is discouraged.

#### • Ride My Own Ride

• Not long into the ride, If you have a sense of the other riders' skills. It might be easy to keep up. Or maybe the rider ahead is slightly more skilled; they become your carrot.

Sometimes, you may notice the gap growing between yourself and the other riders in front of you. There is mild guilt about creating a gap in the group of riders and the temptation to twist the throttle is strong. So off you go to close the gap.

Wait, wait! What's going on here? Are you really "riding your own ride"?

On twisty roads in particular, you savor the relationship between yourself and the road with little or no influence from the other riders. When the road gets challenging, you need to let the gap grow sufficiently so the next rider is not an influence on your choice of corner speed.

Don't let pack mentality ruin your ride.

Sometimes this means the next motorcycle is out of sight. Allowing the group to stretched out allows each person to ride in a way that feels comfortable.

#### **Comfort**

Speaking of comfort, an all-day group ride can add 300+ miles on the odometer. From a cold morning start, hot afternoon and wet finish to the day, bringing the right riding gear will make every minute a treat, and minimizes dangerous distraction.

The ride will undoubtedly be a mix of smooth twisties with pavement that has seen its better days. Although your bike's suspension may be on the firm side, it is adjustable. Softening the settings allows you to ride a full day in relative comfort.

#### A pre-ride meeting makes sure everyone is on the same page.

#### **Group Etiquette**

Communication among each group member is essential. A pre-ride meeting is important to describe the route and the expectations of the group leaders. Any use of hand signals during the ride need to be explained.

Arrive at least 15 minutes early with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder. And, don't be that guy (or girl) who is late for the rider's meeting and is then clueless about the day's plan.

Group riding can be a blast, but it can also be quite dangerous if riders do not understand the idiosyncrasies of riding in a group. It's also risky to ride with people who are not skilled. Be discerning about who you ride with and don't be afraid to bow out if a particular group does not share your values of risk management.

#### Ride save and enjoy the ride

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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

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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 <a href="mailto:bktscsec@gmail.com">bktscsec@gmail.com</a>. The schedule and uploads of event fliers may be found on the Events page of the Conference website: <a href="mailto:www.bktsc.org">www.bktsc.org</a>