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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,

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. Further information will be sent later.

We hope that a PA chapter(s) will submit bids for the fall meeting. Remember that you can select to host the weekend before or after the Columbus Day weekend. The sooner we can get the information out to the members the better. If no PA chapter submits a bid to host, we will open the process to any chapter within the conference.

One of our PA Representatives, Mike Hoover, is currently in a rehab facility. I would like to wish him a full speedy healthy recovery. Give him a call, he would enjoy hearing from you.

New Jersey Chapters in the northern part of the state. I am looking to appoint another NJ Representative for 2024 – 2026. Some of your responsibilities would be:

- a. Liaison between the Conference and Tri-State NJ chapters.
- b. Attend the spring and Annual Meetings of the Conference.
- c. When possible, attend NJ chapter meetings.
- d. Research applicable State laws, statutes and procedures when necessary.
- e. Assist the Board and Chapters in any manner as directed.
- f. Maintain records of activities.
- g. Endeavor to display the best possible image of the Blue Knights through personal example.

Any interested member please send me an email, mjnrsqt@aol.com .

New York IX is having their Holiday Party February 01, 2025, in New Rochelle, NY. Any BK who wishes to attend should reach out to Pete (director) 917-710-1671 for further information.

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 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.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours, stay safe and healthy.



Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XII



Hello Everyone My message will be short. The riding season has waned in the northeast. We've had wind, rain and some snow in the past few weeks. I've seen a few intrepid souls out on bikes but they are dressed like the Staypuft marshmallow man. Not comfortable riding to me. I am busy planning for the holiday season and for my upcoming hunting trips. I wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I



Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Happy Thanksgiving.

PA 26 has graciously volunteered to host the 2025 Spring Presidents meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday May 03, 2025. As soon as I get more information on this event, I will pass it along.

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

Wishing all Blue Knights and their families, a very Happy Thanksgiving with blessings of health and happiness, and of course a full tummy , seconds of course.

If you get a chance, please check on your Blue Knight families, to make sure that no one is left alone during our Holidays.

I have some Toys for Tots rides coming up, one tomorrow (Sunday November 24th)



for starters, at New River HD in Jacksonville, NC. Gonna be 67 degrees.....

Remember that the Big buck Raffle is available with your State Representative.

Bless you all and see you soon, hopefully.

Keith 'Underdog' Lipsey

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

Blue Knights NY XVIII 'Roulez avec Fierete'

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



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

On Sunday, November 17th, 2024, NY VI participated in the 11th Annual First Responder benefit ride put together by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department to support Toys for Tots. Over 70 Motorcycles along with Fire Trucks, Law Enforcement vehicles and other First Responder vehicles participated in the parade. The U.S.M.C. Toys for Tots tractor trailer was full to the brim with toys donated for this amazing event. NY VI was fortunate to be a part of it. A good time was had by all and no better way to end the riding season.

Now that the holidays are upon us, I for one am looking forward to gathering with family and friends. I want to wish all my Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters along with their loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving.

Finally, Tri-State is once again selling Big Buck Raffle Tickets. Any chapter interested in purchasing a book or two reach out to your state Rep.

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



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I am glad to see all the postings of the many events the TSC Chapters and members have been hosting or attending, good work by all involved.

On Sunday, October 27, Blue Knights NY IV and NY V members and spouses traveled to the New York State Police barracks in Lockport to participate in a blood drive benefitting state police Sergeant Salvatore "Sam" Mattina and his family. Sgt. Mattina was critically injured on September 13 when he was struck by another motorist while riding his State Police motorcycle in Niagara County. Despite the numerous injuries from which he continues to recover, Sgt. Mattina, his wife, Amber (pictured below) and their family were present for the duration of the event, in true "trooper" fashion. While there, NY IV members presented the Mattinas with a \$1000 check, comprising donations from NY IV members and supporters. Several Knights also donated blood to ConnectLife, who sponsored the event.

It was a day where all Blue Knights could truly "ride with pride."

New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI



Greetings Fellow Blue Knights,

Thanksgiving is upon us and the holiday season is full steam ahead. I hope everyone is still enjoying the mild weather and attending the last of the Blue Knight Rides and events this season. I had the opportunity to attend Chapters 1-, 15- and 13-monthly meetings. Everyone was busy wrapping up their yearly events and planning for next year. Chapter XV was finalizing their Rock Ride event that is taking place on December 1st. It is a fully escorted toy run to Rockefeller Center in New York City.

The registration starts at 0800 at Bell Works, 101 Crawford's Corner Rd., in Holmdel, NJ 07733. Bring a toy, no stuffed animals. KSU at 10:30. Please see the flyer on NJXV's website for the history of this great ride. Also. NJIV is having a Ride on Jan 1st. It is called Dale's Chilly Chili Run. More info on their website. The ride begins at the Ogdensburg Fire Department. It is a must ride if you're a chili fan. Finally, please forward your updated chapter contact sheets to our Tri State Secretary as soon as changes are made.

Be safe and enjoy your family and friends,

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Hey all,

I'm back safe from Las Vegas and was gifted with a little bit of money but also with Covid, so I'm home and sleeping a lot this week. I'm hoping that you all are not overwhelmed with holiday preparations and that if you are still working that you remain safe and get home to your friends and families.

Please update your contact sheets with your reps as well as Joe DeFelice so that we have proper info if we need to reach out to you or your chapter, especially if the info has changed. Don't forget those ride sheets for your events so that we can have that info and prepare to attend. Joe sent the newest forms out via email, so please check for those - thank you!!

Have a warm and happy Thanksgiving!!



Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Happy Thanksgiving to all our Blue Knights Family.

I hope you all have a fantastic Holiday full of friends, family, and of course more food than you should really eat! I, for one, am attending my family's get together where we, as a group rent a facility and all join together to enjoy what we have to be thankful for..Family. This event is usually attended by about 60 members with people of all ages getting together and renewing old relationships. All the ladies cook their favorite dishes and we guys (none of which can cook) reap the rewards of these efforts. Naturally there are kids of all ages running around adding to the cheer.

Things on the Blue Knights front seem to be slowing down and, looking out my window and seeing at least 8" of snow, I kind of understand it.

I did attend the Monthly meeting of Blue Knights New York XVIII. I was honored and accepted as a new member of the Chapter and was given my Chapter name (you'll just have to look at my riding vest to see what name I was given). The meeting was attended by many members of Blue Knights New York 9 who traveled to visit (These guys do indeed travel). Naturally Ralphie was there showing his fantastic "selfie" skills and representing as he always does. It was great seeing them and knowing that the Brotherhood of our Club is still alive and well and that Blue Knights are always invited to meet up with other Blue Knights no matter where they are from.

Here is a reminder that the "Big Buck Raffle" is still in full swing and that tickets are still available (the drawing is in May 2025). If you wish some tickets contact any of the members of the Tri States Conference Executive Board or any of the TSC State Reps and we will make sure you get them. Only 600 tickets are being sold and this year the raffle gives you the chance to win one of three different guns that are available depending on if you win 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. Some of the proceeds go to Cops Run!

I wish you all peace and happiness and who knows the weather gods may just give us another chance to enjoy the roads before the real cold season gets here.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI



“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, *with thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

The Apostle Paul suffered greatly in the mission of spreading the Good News, and despite all his anguish, he prayed *with thanksgiving*.

As we pass through the Thanksgiving season, and during every season, keep this in perspective; when we pray to God, when we ask from God, when we ask from each other and when we ask of ourselves, do so being thankful, not focusing on what we lack but focusing on the blessings we have received. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI

Top 5 Ways That Motorcycle Riders Screw Up

Being average isn't good enough.

1. Thinking You Are Better Than You Are

Overconfidence and an inaccurate, overinflated self-image is responsible for a lot of motorcycle crashes. This is certainly true with young men (the majority of crashes involve young sportbike riders). But, you old guys (and gals) aren't immune. So, listen up.

Most motorcycle riders are average, at best. On the surface, they look competent enough, but when the going gets rough, their weaknesses become apparent. Everyone should occasionally look in the mirror to try and identify their weaknesses and then act to turn those weaknesses into strengths.

Group riding can bring out the worst behavior.

2. Succumbing to Pack Mentality

Group Riding can make the most level-headed rider do really stupid things. It's something about the energy of a group, in combination with the need to prove that you're a good rider that often fuels bad behavior. You're not immune. Knowing that you can get sucked into riding too fast (for the street environment) causes you to be very selective about who you ride with.

Busted!

3. Speeding in All the Wrong Places

Riding too fast for the street environment is one of the stupidest things you can do on a motorcycle. Yes, it sucks to get pulled over, but it sucks more to crash because you simply didn't respect the reality of street riding. Cars, animals and pedestrians can jump out from anywhere and sand, gravel and fallen branches often lurk around corners undetected. You may like riding fast, but not too fast.

An all-too-common sight.

4. Mixing Alcohol with Riding

As if being an average rider isn't dangerous enough are you willing to add impairment to the equation? Talk about stacking the deck against you. Listen, we all like to drink a beer or two just like the next guy (or gal), and there was a time long ago when you would even jump on the bike after having a few. Thankfully, you survived those days.

You may think you're fine to ride with one or two cold ones having passed your gullet, but combining drinking or other impairments with riding is totally counter to managing risk. So do what you want. But it is best to refrain from mixing Alcohol with riding.

See it coming before it happens.

5. Failing to Predict Danger

Close calls are a warning. Crashes are the result of you not heeding those warnings. The best riders develop a sixth sense about their surroundings. They scan the roadway looking for anomalies and evaluate if anything is "wrong with the picture". They are actively searching for problems and are way ahead of the situation, because they are prepared. By "preloading" hazard scenarios into their mind, they are already halfway toward managing any hazard. Try it. Not only does it make riding safer, it's also fun, like a video game. Don't let them get you!

Enjoy the ride be safe

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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
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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
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MARCH</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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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
05/27-6/2	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	
25	PA XXV	Fallen Officer Memorial Law Ride			Y

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
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>OCTOBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
10/06	NJ XV	Forst on the Pumpkin		732-232-3286	Y

Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
01	NJ XV	7 th Annual Charity LE Christmas			Y

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



