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Chairman: Joseph De Felice, NY I



Greetings

I hope everyone is prepared for the upcoming holiday season. I have no idea where the time has gone. As the riding season is winding down here in the Tri-State, and for those of you that ride all year round, remember to watch for icy roads and the changing weather.

The Tri-State Board would like to welcome to the team our new New York State Rep Jason “Rudy” Rudnitsky. I know Jason will do a great job and be a perfect fit to this Board. He has some big shoes to fill, and I know he will do just fine. All of Jason’s information is posted at the beginning of this newsletter.

We would like also to welcome to the Tri-State Board the new New Jersey State Rep. Neil Hoogmoed from New Jersey 13. Neil served as President of NJ 13 for years. He is very eager and ready to pick up where Russ Davis left off. As with Jason you can find his information at the beginning of every newsletter.

I would like everyone to welcome the Tri-State Conference new Safety officer Frank Diaz President of New York Chapter 2. Frank is enthusiastic and cannot wait to start running with his new position. If you have any safety issue you would like Frank to address, please drop him a note (his info is at the beginning of every newsletter).

I would like to thank Sal Salamone for his 13 years of hard work he has put into his duty as the Tri-State Safety Officer.

I wish everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Well, I guess that is all for now. If you ride all year round, please be safe. Keep the shinny side up and the rubber on the road and always remember to....
Ride With Pride

Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XI



Hello Everyone

Happy Thanksgiving to all. I'm gearing up for my annual hunting trip to northern Pennsylvania. I am leaving Friday and returning the following Friday. I will have spotty cell service up there. If you need to contact me try texting rather than calling. Good luck to all the other hunters out there. Stay safe.

Secretary: Terry Castris, NY VII



Greetings to my Brother and Sister Knights

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I would like to welcome Neil Hoogmoed (our NJ State Rep), Jason Rudnitsky (our NY State Rep) and Frank Diaz (our Safety Officer) to our team. I would like to thank Russ Davis, Keith Lipsey and Sal Salamone for all their years of service to our conference.

As the end of the year approaches, I hope everyone enjoys the Holidays. Hope to see some of you at the NJ 15 Rockefeller Toy ride on Sunday, December 7th. I do it every year, hopefully the weather will cooperate. Speaking about events, if your chapter has an event coming up, send it to me so I can get it listed in the newsletter. So, to make sure we do not miss your event, please send it directly to me. Thank you. Also send your items either in a word doc, or a jpg file. This will make it easier for me to save and input the files in the newsletter.

I also need each chapter to submit a new chapter contact form. Even if all the information is the same, we need a 2026 one. Please send them to me. If your State Reps also request them, email or send to both of us. I am attaching the new 2026 Chapter Contact & Officers Form and the event schedule / Ride Date Request Form at the end of the newsletter.

We are currently looking for a New Jersey Chapter to host the Fall 2026 Convention. As of this newsletter, no NJ Chapters put in a bid, therefore we are now opening it up to all chapters. Please send all bids in by December 30th.

I am also inclosing information for the spring Presidents meeting hosted by NJ V. Hope to see you all there.

Condolences to Cal and his family for the loss of his Sister-in -Law and a couple days later his Brother. My prayers and thoughts sent. May they both rest in eternal peace.

Ride with Pride

Treasurer: Vinny Calderon, NY X



Hello Tri-State...

I want to wish everyone and your families Happy Holidays.

We are now collecting the 2026 Tri-State Dues. Please send your chapter dues in the amount of \$45.00 to the following:

**Vinny Calderon (Treasurer)
8733 21st Avenue
Brooklyn N.Y. 11214**

Thank you...

International Rep. Myron Joseph, NY IX



**Greetings and salutations my fellow BK sisters and brothers,
At the next BOD meeting (Dec 3), we will be discussing the cost and need of the existing corporate email system. We are finding it is getting clogged up with spam and many feel it has not provided the service intended and may not be worth the cost. Please feel free to share your thoughts on corporate email with me.**

The deadline for bids for the 2028 International Convention is May 1, 2026, for voting on the 2028 IC bids at the BOG Meeting in Calgary. Please download a copy of the Convention Guidelines from the Website and contact Jana at HQ, if you are planning to put in a bid. There is help for you, please use it!

NOV 2, 2025: Deadline for the next BOD meeting agenda items, 4 pm ET. Contact International Secretary, Glen Wheat.

NOV 19, 2025: Special BOD International Budget meeting on ZOOM at 11 am ET.

DEC 3, 2025: The next BOD meeting on ZOOM at 11 am ET.

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Tri-State

Please remember to send all your sold Big Buck Raffle tickets to Pam McClaren as soon as you can. If you need any more tickets reach out to Pam.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and your families.

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

New York State Rep, Central, West: Jason Rudnitsky, NY XVIII



Greeting Brother and Sister Knights.

I am honored to accept the position of NY State Tri-State rep.

Allow me to introduce myself. For those that I have not met you. I am Jason Rudnitsky. I have been a member of Blue Knights NY 18 since 2007. I have been the treasurer of the chapter since 2010.

I am still on the job in my 23rd year with the NYPD. My Rank is 2nd Grade Detective. I am currently assigned to the 52nd Precinct Detective Squad.

As the NY Rep I look forward to meeting you all in my travels. I am here to assist in anything you need.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy holiday season.

As always, Ride with Pride and stay safe.

New Jersey State Rep: Neil G. Hoogmoed, NJ XIII



Hello, my Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters.

Let me introduce myself for those of you who have not met me yet, I am Neil Hoogmoed, retired Sergeant from the City of Passaic Police Department, and current President of NJ BKIII but soon to be the current Past President of NJ XIII. Yes, it was time for me to step down as the chapter president and let some new blood in.

I want to thank the Tri-State Conference for giving me the opportunity to serve as the new NJ Representative. I am truly honored to be presented with this position. Secondly, I want to thank Russ Davis for serving prior to me as the NJ Tri-State Representative. Russ, congratulations on your retirement from the NJ Representative position. My hope is that I can serve as well as you did!

NJ Chapters if you have not heard from me yet, I will be contacting you shortly. This may be either through a phone call, which I prefer or an email message. I will also be sending an email blast to all the NJ chapters before the end of November. Should you need to contact me, my cell number is (973) 725-8823 and my email (booghug@gmail.com). If I do not answer my cell leave a message, I will return the call as soon as I am able to. Should you hear a female voice answering the phone, say hello to my wonderful bride, Lori, of 43 years. (and we never had a fight, LOL). When she answers I am either riding or driving.

My first notice to all the NJ Chapters is: we are looking for a Chapter(s) to host the Fall 2026 Presidents Meeting. 2025's Fall Tri-State Fall Presidents Meeting was hosted by PA 13, Pa 22 It was great!!! If you are interested in hosting this let me know. For those of

you who have not experienced one of these events I encourage you to attend! All Blue Knights members are invited to attend these.

I am sure a lot of us have started to store their motorcycles for the winter, but if you are like me, there is always hope!! Just maybe the good Lord will grant us just a day or two to get out on the road! Be careful!

I look forward to connecting with all of you over the next few months.

God Bless and remember always “Ride with Pride!”

☐ Neil Psalm 91:11: "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways".

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



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

On Sunday November 16, NY VI participated in the 12th Annual First Responder benefit ride put together by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department to support Toys for Tots. State, County and local agencies come together to fill up the U.S.M.C. tractor trailer with toys. Once again this year the truck was filled to the brim, mission accomplished!

NY VI donated \$400 to this worthy cause. It is an amazing feeling to be a part of this event.

Now that the holidays are fast approaching, I am looking forward to focusing on family and loved ones. I am especially excited as I write this message. On Wednesday 11/19, my daughter Amanda gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Soliel. She weighed in at 8lbs 9 oz and 20.5 inches length. As for me, I am happy to report that I am completely free of cancer as per my recent Pet Scan. It just doesn't get better than this. It's going to be the best holiday season ever!

I want to wish all my Blue Knight brothers and sisters along with their family and their loved ones a joyful Thanksgiving.

Finally, Tri-State is once again selling Big Buck raffle tickets. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets please reach out to your State Rep. Tickets are \$10 each, 1st prize \$1500, 2nd prize \$1000 and 3rd prize \$500.

Until next time be safe and enjoy life.

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



Greetings Blue Knights,

I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and their families.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Welcome to cooler weather and it is almost winter!! I am just returning from a cruise to Mexico with BK Texas XXXI member Izzy Chapa - the weather there was 80+ degrees and very hot but we had a great time! I am headed to Myrtle Beach in the beginning of December - it almost sounds like I don't like the winter - well you have that right! I am actually going to be moving to Myrtle Beach, SC next year - hopefully by mid May... stay tuned for more on that.

Like some of the chapters here in the TSC, my chapter will be "powering down" for the winter and mostly inactive. I do plan on staying chapter president of PA 13 as I am running unopposed for the next 2-year term and we have talked about doing meetings via zoom especially in the cooler months to try and keep in touch.

As we are moving into 2026, please remember to send in your chapter contact forms to your state reps - I have been keeping all of them for PA, so please email me an updated sheet, even if your officers haven't changed as I do not have any on file on my laptop as my laptop died a couple months ago.

The Big Buck Raffle is still on-going, if you would like to purchase tickets, please contact any of the board members or myself as I have the bulk of the tickets that haven't been given out thus far. Enjoy time with your family, be safe if you are still working and I hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Happy November Blue Knights of the Tri State Conference,

This month riding has been nonexistent for me as these bones of mine just can't take the cold weather like they used to. That does not mean that business and enjoyment of our great Club has ended. There still are many things going on. In this month's TSC State Representative report I would

like to start by including some information relayed from the President of Blue Knights New York XVIII. This was posted on the Blue Knights Tri State Facebook page but so far there has been no response so I am trying to reach more Brothers and Sisters in an effort to help with this. What was written is as follows:

We are still looking to know if anyone who attended the TSC Fall Conference which was held in Pennsylvania last month may have found a Blue Knights Vest which is owned by Pat Gaibl, Widow of Ed Gaibl, past NEC Vice Chairman. This vest displayed her nametag, a Cops Run #1 badge, which she won at a previous TSC Convention, along with several pins and patches. A reward of \$250.00 is being offered for its return. Please contact "Grumpy", President of Blue Knights New York XVIII. Please help our Sister out if you are able.

The next thing that I would like to address is the 2026 Blue Knights TSC ride schedule that will be published monthly in this newsletter for the membership to view and use to aid in planning their next year's riding season. With the weather having changed I find my mind and thoughts shift to planning where and when I will go to events that are being held and offered by Blue Knights Chapters. I have heard from many of the Chapters this year that attendance at their events this past riding season was not up to what they were expecting or hoping for. One reason for this, I feel, is lack of proper advertising. I looked at the 2025 ride schedule and it was dismal to say the least. When events were listed they were, for the most part, listed very close to the event date giving members little time to plan and maybe even apply for time off to attend the event. I know that I have already made Hotel reservations to attend a Blue Knights event in the state of Virginia in September of next year. Advanced notice allows me to plan the travel time needed, finances needed to be put away, and other necessary trip plans. To help in this I have submitted the form needed to be used to inform the Secretary of the Tri State Conference of your event and to get it included in our newsletter for your Chapter's use. Please fill it out as soon as possible if your Chapter is holding an event and send it in early as I really would like to attend as many events as I possibly can next year (I need to put some mileage on the new Bike).

The last thing I would like to address is communication within our organization. Many of the Website addresses, Facebook pages and e mail addresses for Chapters are either listed incorrectly, the pages are no longer valid, or the e mail address is incorrect. Many Chapters hold their election in the last months of the year and the information in regard to the Chapters executive board and Chapter contact changes. I have added the form that is needed to be used to keep your Chapter's information up to date to this newsletter for your Chapter's use. Please send a copy of this form to the Tri State Conference Secretary. If your Chapter's contact information has not changed please remit the completed form anyway and just write "2026 information" on it so our TSC Secretary will know that there has been no change.

Stay safe, warm, and RWP

Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



Greeting from Southwestern Pa

Happy Thanksgiving to all the Blue Knights wherever they may be. Many of our groups are getting ready for the holiday events over the next several months. Some of the elected boards have new members at the helm. THAT'S a good thing. Getting people involved is what it is all about

PA 21 will be hosting their Christmas party on Dec 4th at the Smiling Moose Cafe. That's right. The moose will be smiling on Dec 4th. Looking to increase our exposure using a website and better communication by the members using Team Reach. Congrats to our new board PA7 will hold their Christmas Party on Dec 20th at the VFW in Coraopolis. They also have a relatively new board. To them, congrats as well.

PA16 will hold their festivities until after the new year. Their board will remain the same next year. They have a good thing going there with all their activities, if it's not broken, don't fix it. We all have much to be thankful for. Many of us have gone through traumatic events and have come on the other side. Much like Estilo, Cal and many others. We are grateful for their stories.

Glory be to God

TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI



"And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.""

Mark 9:35 NKJV

This organization is lead by a variety of people fulfilling different roles, but ultimately out of a sense of duty. A duty, to serve. Thank you to our newest TSC Reps: NJ Rep, President Neil Hoogmoed of NJXIII, NY Rep Jason Rudnitsky of NY XVIII, and Safety Ofc, President Frank Diaz of NYII.

MOTORCYCLE BOOTS OR JUST BOOTS



Hoping you are all well as we prepare for the holiday season. I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Frank Diaz and I have been a member of the Blue Knights LEMC since 2015. I became Vice President of New York II in 2022 and

President since mid 2024. I have always been a big advocate for the recruitment of new members, retention of our senior members and more than that the camaraderie that put this organization on the map. I would also like to thank the Tri-State board for the honor of being your Tri-State Safety Officer. I will do my absolute best to pass on articles that may be news to some but serve as a reminder to others.

Back in 2020 I was involved in a motorcycle accident and my left ankle got the brunt of the damage. I'll spare you all the gory details, but I have since spent a lot of time researching footwear - both to protect my ankle but also to prevent any other damage should, God forbid, another incident occur. To quote a popular saying "Don't dress for the ride, dress for the slide."

I know I am preaching to the choir when I say, we do NOT wear sneakers, boat shoes, or dress shoes. For the ladies, no wedges or heels. And we damn sure do not wear flip flops, slides or sandals. We all know the damage wearing any of those can cause, both short and long-term injuries consisting of breaks, severe abrasions, and burns.

Why should we wear purpose-built motorcycle boots? There are many reasons. The main one for me is safety. Motorcycle boots should be abrasion and heat resistant and more rigid than regular wear boots. Not to the point that it is too stiff to walk, but more rigid than our common work or western style boots. They should also cover and provide protection for your foot. Some have a toe box (different from a steel toe) that protects the toes from, let's just call it road rash, and also provides heel and ankle protection. The heel or ankle box provides protection from crushing. These protections you wouldn't find in your construction style work boots or fashion boots. Now I'm going to guess you're thinking, "But Frank, I like my work boots or my cowboy style boots". I'm happy to tell you, the middle ground is out there. Companies are making boots that look like our favorite boots but offer the protection of motorcycle boots. Another misconception is that tactical or military boots provide adequate protection. While, they do come from a long-esteemed tradition of battle and street tested quality, these boots won't protect your foot and ankle in case of a 'slide'. Some of us may have even worn these on the streets or in combat, which may make them seem like a practical choice, but not for motorcycle safety.

Another good reason for purpose-built boots is longevity. Oils and heat coming off your engine can degrade regular leather boots. Motorcycle boots would be able to withstand this. Also realizing that if we don't heel shift, most of our shifting is done with our left foot. Purpose-built boots can have a reinforced toe area to keep this particular area from wearing out over time.

In closing, when choosing a pair of purpose-built motorcycle boots there are a few things to take into consideration - safety, comfort and yes, looks are important. Also understanding a good, quality pair of boots can be an expensive investment, I think we would all agree - as a helmet is to our head, our feet are worth it.

Thank you for your time and wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday season. Be good and be safe. And as always “Ride with Pride”.

2026 Blue Knights® TSC Spring Presidents Meeting

Hosted By:

Blue Knights® NJ Chapter V, Inc



Blue Knights® NJ Chapter V wish to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 Blue Knights® Tri-State Conference Presidents Spring meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2026. The meeting will held at the following location:

Millville Elks Lodge #580
1815 E. Broad Street
Millville, NJ 08332

Many of you know that this is the same location that NJ Chapter V have hosted three (3) past TSC fall conference weekends. The meeting will commence at 1:00pm. During the meeting, we will be providing donuts, coffee and water and other beverages. After the meeting, we will be providing you lunch consisting of; Smoked pull pork sandwiches along with a couple of salads and refreshments. As always, Blue Knights® NJ Chapter V will maintain our high standards of hosting an event, in our Blue Knights® style. "It's about our Blue Knights Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Not about profit, but we will be pushing our 50/50 (*Hint Hint*)..."

For those coming in on Friday, May, 1, 2026, Blue Knights® NJ Chapter V has secured the **Marriot Fairfield Inn & Suites** located at the following address:

301 Bluebird Lane
Millville, NJ 08332
856-776-2401

The group rate is \$154 per night plus tax. The booking code is "**Blue Knights**" which you can began reserving now, and is good for **Friday, May, 2026 thru Sunday, May 3, 2026**. The last day to book this rate will be **Friday, March 27, 2026**.

They are allowing us to bring in our own acholic beverages... A (**hospitality**) room has been secured for those coming in on Friday from 4:00pm - 11:00pm for us to socialize. I only ask that you "discreetly" bring in your special choice of beverage. I'll have cups and ice available for you. I'll also be providing a few snacks (munchies) Friday evening. We will not be providing anything else Friday night... There are several restaurants in the immediate area within an half a mile and most will also deliver. I'll gather up a few menus from the local establishments for you to see what's in the area.

We are looking forward to hosting the 2026 TSC Spring Presidents meeting and showing you our southern NJ hospitality. Any further questions, contact me at the following...

Cal Ennals, President
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bktsccsec@verizon.net
856-364-6843

Directions from:
Fairfield Inn of Marriot
To
Millville Elks Lodge #580
1815 E. Broad Street
Millville, NJ 08332

- ❖ Right out of the Marriot's parking lot
- ❖ .02 Miles ... Left at stop sign
- ❖ .05 Miles ... Left at the Traffic Light (get in Right lane) ... **(Congested area, be careful)**
- ❖ .02 Miles ... Right onto Rte 55s
- ❖ .04 Miles ... Very next Exit (#26) Buena / Millville (Rte 555). ... Bear right off of the exit
- ❖ .01 Miles ... Make left onto Wade Blvd (Make sure you do not turn left on the "very" first turn)
- ❖ 1.03 Miles ... Make left at the traffic light (Broad Street)
- ❖ .02 Miles ... Millville Elks Lodge #580 will be on your right after you cross under the overpass.
- ❖ **WELCOME!!!**

If you need me ... Call 856-364-6843
Cal Ennals

- ❖ In case of mechanical emergency, a trailer will be provided to get you to the nearest dealership....

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**** REMINDERS ****

Please send me an updated Chapter Contact Form whenever your Chapter changes Officers and/or Contacts and each year. 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

Terry Castris, Tri-State Conference Secretary

*** As always: *Ride with Pride* ***



Blue Knights® International
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TRI-STATE CONFERENCE
RIDE EVENT SCHEDULE
(As Of 11/01/2025)



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
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
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MAY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JULY</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>AUGUST</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>OCTOBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
12/7	NJ XV	Toy Run		917-731-7849/steve1120@aol.com	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

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025



8TH ANNUAL CHARITY LAW ENFORCEMENT CHRISTMAS MOTORCYCLE RUN TO NYC ROCKEFELLER CENTER

The Blue Knights New Jersey Chapter XV will once again bring you the one and only original, fully escorted "Rock Ride" to benefit the USMC Toys for Tots program. As always, 100% of the registration fees collected will be donated to the New Jersey State Police and the New York Police Department, to benefit the Widow's and Children of Police Officers killed in the Line of Duty.

All riders are required to bring a new, unwrapped toy. All toys collected will be placed into the Toys for Tots bins at the lobby of 45 Rockefeller Plaza. Please

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