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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, Mrytle Beach, South Carolina and surrounding areas was graced with Approximately 3 – 5 inches of the white powdery stuff, (we call snow in the northeast) the evening of January 21 through the morning of January 22, 2025, and frigid temperatures ranging from 15 – 22 degrees during the overnight hours. It's the first time since 2010 that the area has had over an inch of snow. The powdery stuff has caused mass disruption,

down here. It's like people have never seen the powdery stuff before and some of these residents are from the Northeast. Schools have been closed for three days (Wed – Fri.) United Parcel Service, Federal Express, Banks, small shops and even some restaurants closed for business for a day or two. But US postal workers are out there making those deliveries, Our men and women in Blue are out there protecting and serving. Thank you for your service.

It's been two months since I've been on my wheel and it's kind of depressing. I miss the wind in my face, bugs in my teeth, and comradery with those I ride with. But I have been to a few concerts; Gone (Skynyrd); Thunderstruck (AC/DC); Face to Face (Billy Joel/Elton John); Nightrain (Guns & Roses); Tell me Lies (Fleetwood Mac); tribute bands.

The Slate for the 2025 International Elections is out, the candidates have announced their candidacy. There's only one choice in my book for International President, A well-established BK for over thirty years. The man, the legend, the myth, who exemplifies the true meanings of integrity, loyalty, respect, honor, ethics, service and representation, Russell (Russ) Harper.

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 a PA chapter(s) will submit bids for the fall meeting. I would suggest that you research pricing for both the weekend before and after the Columbus Day weekend. The Presidents had the present at the Spring meeting then can decide what weekend we will have the fall meeting if needed. 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. If no PA chapter submits a bid to host by January 25th, 2025, we will open the process to NY and NJ. Again, the final decision will be made at the Spring meeting.

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, mjnrsgt@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.



Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XII

Hello Everyone Summer can't get here soon enough. I spent all day Monday plowing snow and on Wednesday morning it was minus 4 degrees when I got up. Cabin fever is starting to set in. I'm counting the days until I can get the bike out and ride again. I'm hoping to do some longer rides this summer. Possibly cross country. I've done many cross country trips and I've learned some valuable lessons. The 5 important

things to remember are:

1. Don't take too much stuff.
2. Remember to take enough stuff.
3. Plan your trip well ahead of time.
4. Test your equipment before the trip.
5. Don't go alone.

I've done many solo trips with a lot of success but remember, Murphy was a biker. If anything can go wrong on your trip, it will. It's great to have a friend with you when things hit the fan. The moral support alone is valuable. I've found that two brains are better than one when you're laying in the dirt on the side of the road working on your bike. I'll do more discussion about bike traveling as the riding season gets closer. For now, everyone stay warm and safe.



Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Merry Christmas and Santa brought everyone everything they wanted.

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.

The De Felice family hopes everyone has a safe and Happy New Year.

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

Ride With Pride



Treasurer: Vinny Calderon, NY X

I want to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year. Looking forward to a great 2025 riding season. At this time our 2025 Tri-State Conference Chapter dues are due. Please send the \$45.00 check made payable to Blue Knights Tri-State Conference.

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Thank you.



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

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



Greetings to all Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters.

Well the holidays are behind us so winter is officially upon us. Weatherman is calling for single digit temps soon. Hey, we live in the north, it is what it is. I plan to focus my time planning some cross country rides. Last year it was AR and OK for the Rio Grande Conference, this year it will be Baton Rouge LA for the South Regional Conference in April. It's always a great time when you catch up with old friends and I always look forward to making new ones. To make this possible I plan to continue working on my health through strength training and aerobics. Sitting on the couch doesn't work for me. If I've learned anything it's not to take life and my health for granted as there are no guarantees of tomorrow. Hopefully many of you will plan events and gatherings over the winter with other Blue Knights then share it with us by writing a short message and/or submitting photos.

Until then, wishing everyone many blessings for your health and a safe start into the new year. Let's make 2025 a better year than 2024.



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



New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI

It's still freezing here in New Jersey. The roads are terrible, especially with all the brine the DOT has put down. It will be riding weather soon enough. If you have any upcoming rides or events, please get the flyer/and or information to Joe DeFelice our Tristate Secretary. NJ 9 had a successful Chilli Chili Run on January 1st and made a lot of money for their charity, the Karen Ann Quinlin Hospice. Please go out and support these great charities when you can. Thanks to everyone who bought the Tri-State Big Bucks Raffle tickets. Only 600 tickets were sold. Good luck everyone. That is what we do as Blue Knights. RWP



Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI

Happy New Year Brother and Sister Blue Knights of the Tri States Conference.

The year of 2025 for me has already been full of Blue Knights events and lots of ride planning.

I was fortunate to have attended, although in a cage, Blue Knights New Jersey IX's "Chilli Chilly" ride. It had a Police escorted motorcycle ride which was attended by 120 motorcycles! (I posted a video of the ride on the Blue Knights Tri States Conference Facebook page) After the riders returned; we all enjoyed a bowl of well spiced Chilli and a great hot dog with all the trimmings. Before the ride we were offered what seemed to be an unlimited supply of Coffee, Doughnuts, Bagels with cream cheese or butter so if you were hungry it was definitely your own fault. There was a sales table selling Blue Knights items and the Hospice Charity that benefited from the event held raffles. What a complete day for a great charity.

2 of my planned “must attend” events that are already listed on the 2025 Tri States Conference ride schedule (included with the newsletter as well as on the TSC website) They are the “Blue Knights at the Georgian Lakeside Resort” hosted by the members of Blue Knights New York XXII with the assistance of Blue Knight Members from a few other Chapters which takes place from 5/28/35 – 6/1/35 in Lake George, NY and Blue Knights Pennsylvania XIV’s “Country Tour” Which is being done on 6/8/25. This event was well worth the 3 hour ride to get to and 3 hours to get back to my home last year. They had Great food, Great door Prizes, Great ride, and a true Blue Knights Family of Brotherhood feeling. You won’t be disappointed if you attend this one!!!

I am including copies of the flyers and registration forms or the Blue Knights at the Georgian Lakeside Resort to this report for your use. If you want more information please check out Blue Knights New York XXII’s website. You can “Click: on the event link as well as on the sponsor’s page which will show you the companies, and a link to their business, that have generously donated door Prizes/Raffle items to make this as successful an event as it was last year.

Well that about covers what transpired with me so far in 2025. I hope to see you all on the road. Stay safe and keep warm.



Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it..”
Psalm 127:1 NKJV

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13 NKJV

The new year has begun. As you make plans for your health, house/work projects, trips, desires to improve in your relationships, etc., consider including the Lord in all your endeavors. Ask yourself; “how does this plan fit in God’s will for me?” Pray. Ask Him. Listen attentively. Get in to the word regularly and allow the Word to direct you.

May your 2025 be full of prosperity, success in your endeavors, and God’s blessings.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



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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 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
05/03	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
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>OCTOBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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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

