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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,
Currently in the Carolina Forest area Mrytle Beach, South Carolina there are several hundred acres of forest fires. Let's all pray for all those affected by the fires and there continues to be no fatalities or homes lost.

I attended New York I, 50 th Anniversary celebration on Long Island February 22, 2025, and had the honor of presenting President Joe DeFelice with a Certificate of Acknowledgement for this momentous occasion. I also presented President Defelice with Certificates of Acknowledgements for several of his members for their loyal membership within this great club of ours. Members achieved 50, 30, 25 and 20 years of membership respectively.

I attended New York XVIII's monthly meeting February 24, 2025, in Rockland County with several of my chapter members. I'm happy to announce that both NY IX and NY XVIII will be hosting a party. Stay tuned for further information as plans on fold for this gathering.

It's been three 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; Cash unchained; The ultimate Johnny Cash tribute and ZOSO, The ultimate Led Zeppelin experience; tribute bands.

The Slate for the 2025 International Elections is out, the candidates have announced their candidacy. Theres only choice in my book for International Vice 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, Calvin (Cal) Ennals. 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 25 th , 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 .

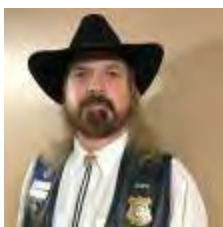
The big buck raffle tickets have been distributed to all the state representatives. If you have not gotten yours, please contact any rep to get at least a book or two. The monies received are not for a slush for the board. (someone used that term) it's used for several things; prevent dues increases, 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 25 th 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

I still have the wintertime blues but the weatherman tells us that we will have a warm-up in the next week or so. Jackie and I spent the Valentines Day weekend in Washington. We attended the Mason-Dixon Winter Conference. It was a great time with good food, good friends and a bus ride into D.C. to the Police Memorial Museum. I also got the award for the best represented chapter outside the Mason-Dixon Conference. I'm sharing the honors with Russ Harper. We both had the same amount of chapter members present. In the coming months I will be planning for several turkey hunts and camping trips around the country. My chapter comes out of hibernation on Tuesday April 1st. for our first meeting of the year. Best of luck to everyone in the upcoming riding season. Do a thorough mechanical check on your bike before you head out on the road. As always:

Be safe and have fun



Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

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



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.

February is the month when cabin fever starts setting in with me. Planning rides for the year does help but it sure would be nice to go on a ride. I will remain patient, but if the



weather breaks I'm gone!

On a better note, February 18th 2025, marked the 48th Anniversary for NY VI. Amazing how time flies when you're having fun. I want to congratulate the membership and continue best wishes to chapter President Nelson Alarcon along with the chapters Board members who will continue to lead the club forward to many more memorable years.

Finally, if your chapter is planning any events or charity rides, kindly forward the information to Tri-State Secretary Joseph DeFelice at bktscsec@gmail.com so that it can be posted on the Tri-State Conference riding calendar. Stay healthy and safe.



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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It's been awhile since I have put together a submission for this newsletter. Quite honestly, I didn't really have much to talk about.

It's seems like this bitter cold spell has been lasting forever and it just seemed like motorcycle season might never arrive. However, the last few days have been in the upper 30's and as I write this the temperature is 47 degrees, the snow is melting and it now seems it's time to consider the maintenance to be performed on my machine before I do any serious riding. I know I am overdue for a complete 3 hole oil change and rear brake pads.

A pleasant surprise, for the second year in a row, my insurance company has notified me of a slight reduction in the cost of my motorcycle insurance policy!

As I check the International and Tri State websites and various Facebook pages I am glad to see events being posted, and I certainly look forward to selecting a few to attend. Also, I do plan to continue efforts to continue multi-chapter rides/meet and greets. The past 2 years have been successful, with growing attendance and anticipation for more. If you or your Chapter are planning a ride outside your geographical area please consider reaching out and meeting other Chapters/members. I know many members are looking for a reason to straddle the saddle, I certainly am, and let's face it, riding is great, riding with friends is better!

Hope to see you all soon, maybe Americade and Blue Knights at the Georgian....

Until I see you on the road, stay safe and Ride With Pride!!!

New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI



The New Jersey BK chapters are planning some great events this year. I attended NJXVs meeting this month and they are planning another golf outing this summer. Last year's event was spectacular. This year's golf outing should be just as well attended, and if you enjoy golf, this event is for you. More details to follow. I was fortunate to attend NJVIII's monthly meeting and finally saw their bus project. They hope to drive it up to the HQ building in Maine this Summer for a dedication. It will also be another recruitment tool for their chapter. They also had a fantastic dinner after the meeting which all enjoyed. NY I had its 50th anniversary celebration/dinner on Long Island this past weekend. My wife and I attended and it was great and the food was excellent. Our Chairman, Myron Joseph was there and PA Rep Pam McClaren too. There are a lot more motorcycles on the road so the weather is starting to cooperate. Ride carefully, the other motorists haven't seen us in awhile.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Welcome to March... Hopefully we will continue to have the wonderful sunny weather that we are having currently even though Punxsutawney Phil said we were going to have six more weeks of winter weather.

If you have not paid your tri-state dues, if you could please submit the \$45 to Vinny Calderon at 8733 21st Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214. If you have not sent over your 2025 contact sheet, please send that to your reps and if you are from Pennsylvania, please send that to me as I am the keeper of all of the PA contact sheets even if Mike or Rick is your PA Rep. Please also send your contact sheets and 2025 event request sheets to Joe DeFelice at bktsccsec@gmail.com.

I had the pleasure to attend the 50th anniversary dinner dance for New York I and they were presented with a certificate by the tri-state board in attendance (see photo). We had a fabulous dinner and worked it off by dancing the night away.

There are still big buck raffle tickets available through the Tri-State board members so if you are interested, please contact one of us. The Big Buck Raffle will be pulled at the spring meeting in Milford, PA on May 3 and you need not be present to win... Tickets are \$10 each, and the three prizes are handguns or the cash equivalent.

Stay safe and hope to see you at the next event I attend.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



Greetings to all Blue Knights and sisters wherever they may but dispersed.

Well February is almost over and winter is almost over and its remnants are still here, Like a bad cold that lingers on. Cabin fever is making everyone a little nutty. Better half was thinking of putting in commitment paper for evaluation for me. Good thing I grabbed the phone out of her hand before the call went through.

PA 21 has scheduled it's spring ride kick off by having a picnic at North Park Pavilion in May. It has been a hard winter for older folks (notice I did not include myself in that. LOL) but it will nice to see warmer weather and smiling faces. We will plan our ride schedule then.

PA 16 is also planning their big charity ride on July 27. They also do a lot of charity and promotional events With Steel Valley Harley Davidson in Washington, Pa.

Most of the other chapters in Western Pa are pretty quiet. Maybe they are like Groundhog Phil and needs to be awakened.

Hope more news in the future

TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 NKJV

““Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”” Matthew 22:36-40 NKJV

Regardless if you celebrate Valentine’s Day or not, February 14th, as well as all the other days of the year, are for expressing love. Love for God, yourself, your household, your neighbors, strangers and so on. May all your encounters be filled with the love described in the word, approved by above.



Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI

CHAPTER UPDATES

NY 1 New York is celebrating our 50th Anniversary in the Blue Knight’s organization on March 03, 2025. On February 22, 2025 we held a dinner dance to collaborate this moment in time. We had a very nice turn out of members and guests. Including our TSC Chairman Myron Joseph who presented a certificate to our chapter President. BOG Secretary and PA State Rep Pam McClaren and NJ State Rep Russell Davis were also present. Hats off to Tony Calleja who for not for him, this event would not have happened. I would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated this special evening with us.

NY 22 **Blue Knights at Georgian Lakeside Resort Event** “**For Blue Knights by Blue Knights**”

Here we are, in the depths of winter. Even though this is the fact, we are still working to give you the best experience at our event Wednesday, May, 28 through Sunday, June 1. As you might know this event is during the “**Americade Motorcycle Rally**”. Due to the motorcycle accidents that ended up in the court system, we suspended our plan for rides during the event last year. Since then, we have acquired insurance to be able to have escorted rides, this year. That is why we needed to begin preregistration. The registration fees are to pay for all costs to put on this event, not just insurance. All persons attending the event must pay the \$50.00 base registration fee. We cannot insure someone that decides to go on a ride at the last minute, this way we can include them on our policy.

When we began this event, the thought was to keep it as simple as we could and not make it mandatory to pay for everything that we offer. This year we will be still offering the \$35.00 all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet dinner on Friday night. In addition to that we, for the first time, are offering a sunset boat cruise on Lake George on Saturday night. You can choose to get involved, for additional fees. For **EARLY BIRD**, we are offering the a **\$10.00 discount** off their total fees.

We are also offering another registration, **Weekend Only**. The fee is \$25 per person and will not be discounted. Our registration form, and all the information needed, is on our website-

blueknightsnyxxii.weebly.com. Once there, go to the heading under “**MORE**” then choose, **Blue Knights at Georgian Lakeside Resort**. If you decide to attend the sunset boat tour, we need to get \$35.00 per person with the registration.

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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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 bktsccsec@gmail.com.
The schedule and uploads of event fliers may be found on the Events page of the Conference website: www.bktscc.org





**Tri-State Presidents Meeting
Saturday May 3, 2025
Hosted by Pennsylvania Chapter XXVI**



Location: Milford American Legion
Post 139
103 Country Rd 2001, Milford, PA 18337

Time: Starts at 1:00pm with lunch to follow

Area hotels:

Hampton Inn Matamoras/Milford
122 Westfall Town Dr
Matamoras, PA 18336
There is a reserved block of rooms at the Hampton Inn at a discounted price for Fri & Sat nights under

Blue Knights International.
(570) 491 - 5280

Best Western Hunt's Landing
Matamoras/Milford
120 US-6, Matamoras, PA, 18336
570-491-2400

**NYX will be hosting a pizza party
Friday night at the Hampton Inn, BYOB
& cigars.**

Local Restaurants:

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Waterwheel Cafe, Bakery & Bar
Milford Diner
Dimmick Inn & Steakhouse
John's of Arthur Ave Restaurant & Pizzeria
Apple Valley Restaurant
Tom Quick Inn
Also many area fast food restaurants

**If attending meeting RSVP to
Wayne Venezia Chapter
President PA XXVI
(917) 848-5293**