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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, Spring has sprung and I have seen lots of motorcyclists on the road taking full advantage of the Spring weather. Please remember to go over your machines before taking your inaugural rides this riding season. Check your oil, or change it, check your tires, check your coolant levels. Remember they have sat for almost four months.

I had a chapter meeting on Friday March 21, and was happy to have in attendance members from NY VII, X and XVIII along with my members in attendance. A lot of upcoming conference events were discussed during this riding season. Most importantly, the camaraderie between members when we travel to other chapter meetings. I would encourage everyone to take the time and plan on attending other chapter meetings other than your own.

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 and International Vice President.

Respectively, there are two well-established men running for these very important positions. Russell (Russ) Harper and Calvin (Cal) Ennals, respectively these men exhibit the true meaning of being a Blue Knight. They exemplify the true meanings of integrity, loyalty, respect, honor, ethics, service and representation.

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. The flyer is out and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

A PA chapter will be submitting a bid for the fall meeting at our Spring meeting in May. I am happy to announce that the meeting/event will be held over the Columbus Day weekend, this year. I felt we get the information out to the members the better, for scheduling and planning your time.

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 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

Riding season can't get here soon enough. I have only been able to ride two times this year. Our first chapter meeting for the year will be Tuesday April 1st. We have a change of venue this year. We can no longer use the Dillsburg American Legion. We will meet at the Brother's Restaurant on Rt. 15. Once the chapter is out of hibernation I hope we can start to attend lots of Blue Knights events. Please check the Tri-State schedule and support as many chapters as possible. I hope to see all chapter presidents at the meeting on May 3rd. Stay safe everyone

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.

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 from Tri-State.

This month the weather surprised many of us up north for this time of the year. We were blessed with several days in the 50's, 60's and 70's. Most of the snow has melted and the roads are being cleaned with rain that has fallen. So, we are off to a good start but next week is calling for some more snow, bummer!

For those who are fortunate with better riding weather, I humbly suggest you start planning those rides. Consider reaching out to an adjoining chapter to see what they are up to. Get together for a ride, have a meal and make some memories. That's a great way to start the riding season. If there are bike blessings being planned then share the information with adjoining chapters. Let's make 2025 a better riding season than last year. When you do get out there, post it on the Tri-State Conference fb page. You'll be surprised how many will be following your messages.

Finally, thank you to all the chapters who helped sell Big Buck Raffle tickets. The money collected goes back to the membership.

Always Ride Safely and RWP



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



New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI

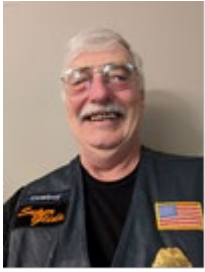
Greetings from New Jersey,

I attended NJIII's meeting and Chapter XV's meeting this month. Now that the weather has begun to cooperate, I look forward to attending more meetings. Everyone is working on their rides and events schedules. NJ III is planning their cigar night and NJ XV is having their annual Golf outing next month. Please check their website, and the Tristate website for more details. As soon as I get the flyers, I will send them out. The

Tristate Presidents meeting is in May on Saturday the 3rd. Be safe out there.



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

"I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.""

Psalms 91:2 NKJV

Spring has sprung! May you all be under His protection as you hit the road this riding season. Please consider your abilities, your bike's capabilities, and the road conditions before every ride. And always, give thanks to God for His protection and the freedom/privilege to ride.

Faithfully yours in Christ



Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI

The Benefits of Advanced Motorcycle Training

If you enjoy riding motorcycles, then you're already appreciative of the sense of freedom that comes from it, the mental discipline required, the community that comes with riding; as well as the thrill that one gets being on – possibly – the coolest machine ever. But if you're a riding enthusiast, then you must understand the risks involved.

Regardless of how confident you are on your motorcycle we can all agree that there are a lot of benefits to be gained from advanced post-test insight and a professional rider's advice.

In addition to helping you understand how to handle your beloved machine better; an [advanced motorcycle training course](#) can prepare you to deal with adverse road conditions as well as help you identify potentially difficult situations while on the road so that you have adequate time to avoid them. Perhaps more critically, advanced motorcycle training will help you maintain a strong, visible presence while you're on the road.

Who needs advanced motorcycle training?

Basically, if you own a motorcycle and are not a professional rider; then advanced motorcycle training is for you. More specifically, however, advanced training is for:

Riders that are very comfortable with their bike and are at the limit of what they can learn by themselves,

Riders who haven't had any formal motorcycle education or training although they have loads of riding experience,

Riders who have graduated from basic rider training and are looking to take the next step, as well as;

Riders seeking to make a significant improvement in their overall motorcycle handling skills.

If you're also getting back to riding after an extended hiatus, an advanced motorcycle training course can help you brush up on your skills and keep you sharp as you re-acquaint yourself with your former hobby.

Why get advanced motorcycle training?

There are several reasons why any motorcycle rider should complete an advanced motorcycle training course. The top reasons are:

Improved road safety

Whether you're a commuter using your motorcycle to get to work on the daily or a riding enthusiast who just wants to take leisurely rides on weekends and holidays, taking an advanced motorcycle course will make you a safer rider.

Advanced training will teach you – among other things – how to identify and anticipate hazards while on the road for precisely controlled reactions, how to improve your vigilance, and will help you get better control of your bike. All these will serve to improve your safety while you're on the road.

More importantly, advanced training will teach you how to ride defensively which is a must-have skill for riders due to their increased vulnerability – as compared to those driving in cars.

Improved confidence

Whether you are driving a car or riding a motorcycle, you will agree that confidence is key when you are on the road. Learning how to remain safe while on the road and having a deeper understanding of your machine are definite confidence boosters. This is especially important for novice riders who's lack of experience could affect their confidence levels.

Essentially, the more skilled you are, the more confident you are going to be when you're on the road. Confidence is important while riding as it helps you to remain calm in stressful and potentially dangerous situations for better decision making – which is key to keeping you safe overall.

New skills and abilities

It's widely assumed that the training you acquire while securing your motorcycle license is the only training, you'll ever need to operate a motorcycle. This, however, is insufficient to guarantee your safety as it only covers the basics.

Advanced motorcycle training helps you develop two important aspects of personal riding skills. You acquire the skills you need to effectively operate your motorcycle as well as the skills needed to understand the behavior and attitude of other road users.

And because you're learning from an experienced professional, there's always the chance of picking up a nifty riding trick here and there to add to your skills repository.

Cost savings

Once you complete the advanced motorcycle riding course, you'll adopt a new way of riding that protects you and other road users, and also helps you save on fuel and maintenance costs for your bike. That's because you'll be adequately skilled to get the most from your machine and your riding. Being able to avoid accidents will also help save on maintenance costs as well, of course.

Because you're less prone to be involved in an accident, sometimes insurance providers might lower your premiums by up to 15% if you have taken an advanced motorcycle training course. But this will vary depending on your insurance provider so be sure to confirm with yours.

Meet other riders!

If you're new at riding or haven't had the opportunity to meet other motorcycle enthusiasts, enrolling in advanced motorcycle training gives you the chance to meet other riders and form/join a riders' community. Advanced training is often done in small intimate groups which gives you an opportunity to interact with other like-minded individuals with whom you could enjoy your hobby together with.

What do you need for advanced motorcycle training?

You must first understand the basics.

Advanced training is meant to refine your skills and, therefore, doesn't really deal with the basics.

Advanced motorcycle training aims at improving your skills on your motorcycle – the key phrase being “your motorcycle”. It's best to enroll with your own bike so that you don't spend time acquainting yourself to a new machine that you will, most probably, not use afterwards.

Enthusiasm!

Riding is meant to be fun; even when you're learning. So be enthusiastic about the new level of motorcycle riding you're entering and enjoy!

While riding (motorcycles) is a lot of fun, it does come with a significant amount of risks. Having Advanced Motorcycle Training ensures you get to enjoy the hobby you love while still being safe. You don't have to sacrifice one for the other.

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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
Date	Chapter	Event	<u>MARCH</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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
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

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

