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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, I can't believe Fall is here, where did the summer go. I think we have a few weeks left of some mild weather riding, especially during the day.

I attended the Wildwood Boardwalk Ride on August 25th hosted by NJ V. There had to be over 150 motorcycles in attendance. The ride on the Boardwalk was picturesque, with people just excited to see us as we travelled on it. The Ride to Remember was on

September 14th supported by NY X, which was another well attended event with over 150 motorcycles in attendance. Hopefully, I will see a lot of you at an event.

Tri-State Conference 2024 Fall Presidents Weekend is just days away with 100 registered attendees, and is being held at the Georgian in Lake George, NY on October 4th to October 6th hosted by NY XXII. All the rooms are sold out at the special rate. There will be a scenic two hour ride led by our North Western NY Rep, Steve Nieves through the hills and valleys of two amazing counties. The ride will take place immediately after the meeting at approximately 1:30PM. The banquet is slated to begin at 6:30PM. Saturday October 05, 2024.

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.

It's only one and a half short weeks until the Tri-State fall conference. This conference normally comes near the end of the riding season. My season has been interesting and enjoyable. We took many short local rides and a few long ones. We traveled to Maine for the 50th anniversary Blue Knights convention and just returned from Bike Week in Ocean City MD. I'm already planning next years rides.

Hope to see everyone at Lake George.



Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I

Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

Well Fall is upon us. For those of us who will still be riding, lets be safe.

As everyone should know the TSC Fall President's meeting will be held on October 05, 2024. In Lake George at the Georgian Lakeside Resort. With that being said if you would like to have an item and the meeting agenda, please e mail everything no later the **September 08, 2024**. This will allow me to have the agenda ready for the Board to review before the meeting and ready for said meeting.

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: Gus Faella, NJ XI



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

Blue Knights and Families,

Our riding gets really exciting now with the colorful array that nature lures us with, to experience the best way possible; on 2 wheels.

This is my absolute best time of riding; the air, a little crisp maybe, the leaves showing off their colors possibly, and open road, void of vacationers inhibiting our free flow.



I like to have at least 1 new experience planned (or better yet, unplanned), every season. This time stamps my annual calendar so that my mind can recall easily, my adventures on my V Twin. Like 20' & 21', back to back cross country excursions with different Blue Knight chapters.

With our upcoming Fall TSC President's Weekend at Lake George (hosted by NY XXII), Friday October 4th to Sunday October 6th, I am anticipating some Adirondack Riding with possible fresh fall colors. Time will tell.

I will have some of those Big Buck Raffle Tickets if you so desire.

Hope to see y'all there.



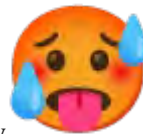
New York State Rep, Metro Area: Vinny Calderon, NY X



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

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the riding season. Now that the weather has started to



change a bit (done with the summer humidity) I am looking forward to the foliage riding season up in northern New York State. Cooler mornings, hot coffee, cider doughnuts, hot apple pie, well you get the picture. For those coming up to the Fall Presidents meeting in Lake George NY, a ride is planned for Saturday after the Presidents meeting (weather permitting). Wishing everyone a safe trip.



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

Greetings Blue Knights brothers and sisters.

September has been a busy month and there has been plenty of great riding weather. Now that September is coming to an end the foliage is starting to change color which just makes the rides just a little bit better.

On September 4, 2024, New York IV held our monthly meeting and officially welcomed new members Marvin Hankinson Jr. and Harland Beckwith to our family.

September 5 - NY4 Chapter ride. The weather was perfect and the route provided for some beautiful scenery.

13 bikes/16 riders traveled to Culvert Road near Medina NY, the only location where traffic can drive under the Erie Canal. Then along Lake Ontario to the town of Lewiston to The Silo Restaurant (which has been featured on Man vs Food) for their famous Haystack Sandwich. And a stop for ice cream on the way home.

September 7 - NY IV member Nick Fisher hosted his 17th Blue Knights NY4/US Border Patrol steak roast, where Nick provides the "slice and roast your own" NY Strip Steaks which are a trademark of Nick's cookout.

Another tradition of the cookout is a wagon ride around Nick's beautiful property and his own private waterfall, which provides for some fantastic photo opportunities.

September 11th marked the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attack on New York City and the United States of America. Members of NY4 attended the 9/11 Memorial Ride sponsored by Red Knights NY47. This ride travels to Salvatore's Patriots and Heroes Park where a short ceremony takes place to remember all those who lost their lives on that horrible day 09/11/01, and those who continue to lose their lives to this day due to 09/11 related illnesses. LET US NEVER FORGET.

11 bikes/13 riders were joined by NY5.

September 14 - NY 4 members attended a Town Park dedication ceremony in the Town of Caledonia. The park has been named the Beach Park in memory of Greece, NY Police Sergeant Christopher Beach, who passed away April 23, 2024 after a lengthy illness. Chris was known to many members of NY4 and his father Ron Sr., is an associate, friend and supporter of the Blue Knights and especially NY4. Our condolences go out to the Beach family, friends and communities he served.

September 20, 2024 members of NY4 took our second annual Chapter ride to Big Mike's Steaks and Hoagies in Forksville, Pa. Once there we gathered with members from PA14 and PA18. Hopefully we can keep this tradition going next year with an ever bigger turnout.

The TriState Fall Conference in Lake George, NY, October 4-6, 2024 is fast approaching. I hope to see you there. Thank you to TriState Chairman Myron Joseph and Blue Knights Chapters 9 and 22 for working together to make this event possible. The Lake George area should be fantastic to visit this time of year!

Just a note to TriState Chapters and members: there are many ways to get your information out to other Chapters/members and to see what other Chapters have going on as well. There are many Facebook pages sponsored by various Blue Knights Chapters, Conferences and individuals and they are a great resource. Also the TriState Conference and Blue Knights International webpages.

I have been working with several TriState Chapters (NY6,NY23 and PA14) and GLRC Chapters (NY5 and PA18) to promote multi-chapter rides and gatherings, and the results have been positive. Thank you to all who have taken part and continue to make efforts to promote this great Club and build camaraderie!!!

If you know of a member who enjoys riding but can't always gather a group on their own, reach out to them, post a ride you are taking into another geographical area and invite them to meet/ride with you.

Until next time,
Stay safe and Ride With Pride!!!

New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI



The fall season is now here and some great riding is still to come. NJXV is having their Annual Frost on the Pumpkin run in October. It is a great ride if you missed it last year. Don't forget the Presidents meeting/Tri State weekend in Lake George, NY. There are some great apple orchards nearby like Hicks Orchards in Warrensburg. Hope you can make it. Drive safe.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Happy Fall everyone. I was able to attend the Mason Dixon Blue Ridge Rally over Labor Day weekend in Culpeper, VA and I was pleasantly surprised that Chaplain Mike Williams was able to attend and we had several nice conversations and a good time was had by all. Unfortunately, Chaplain Williams passed away this past weekend and I can honestly say he was the sweetest and kindest man I have ever met. He will be missed by all who knew him and I am 100% sure that he is smiling down upon us and riding the smooth roads of Heaven I.

I am unfortunately unable to attend the TSC conference due to a previous engagement, but I am sure that you all will have a good time. Big Buck Raffle Tickets are still for sale - see TSC board members to purchase, and I have additional books if needed.



Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Hello Brother and Sister Blue Knights of the Tri States Conference,

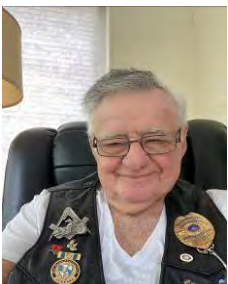
The riding season for me is starting to come to a close. I look back on this year with mixed emotions. I enjoyed many rides, had some close calls, needed some bike repairs, saw some Brothers through some medical issues, and enjoyed some of the brotherhood our club offers.

With the Tri States Fall Convention happening in a few days, I remember just how much this was something I have looked forward to every year since I started as a Blue knight those many years ago. These fond memories are something to keep you feeling warm while the cold weather is around and you wait for the next riding season to arrive. This year's TSC Weekend will be held in Beautiful Lake George, NY. They are scheduled a Hospitality room Both on Friday and Saturday night. In an effort of sharing and maybe increasing the brotherhood, I am donating a ½ Gal of my favorite beverage, Captain Morgan, to the Hospitality Room for all to share. I suggest we all add to the room's mixture so the event becomes one for the books, filled with happy times, friendship, and lasting Brotherhood.

One event I was honored to be invited to participate in that I feel is very deserving of mention is the National Night Out event that was Held in Port Jervis, New York. It is a community event where the whole town gets involved and the business, law enforcement and town council get together and host a real nice party at the town park. There are unlimited free Hot Dogs, water, and chips provided for all who attend. All the business have put up tents where they advertise their companies as well as give out small gifts, candy, etc. for the children to take and enjoy. They have face painting, music and a dance floor where adults and kids alike have a great time. What was for me, a first, was that this year the Blue Knights International L.E.M.C had its own Tent/Booth. This was the brain child of Brother Kent Frezzell, a member of Blue Knights New York XXX. He not only arranged for the tent, tables, chairs and provided blue wrist bands for the kids, but also recruited the assistance of Liz Cook of BK NY XVIII, Pam Poisson of B K Quebec 1, and myself. Pam brought pins as give aways Put up a HUGH display of Blue Knights items, Liz brought some T shirts for the same purpose and Blue Knight banners to hang as advertisement , The Blue Knights International provided some flyers and membership applications. I just brought my bike and myself. This is something that was very well received. We were getting the Blue Knights Name out to the public. We went to all the different Law Enforcement tents in an effort of recruiting, and generally having a great time. I think this is something ALL Chapters or Conferences should get involved in. As you can see it is not just a chapter thing as Kent got people from all over the place together to do this and I am "All In" to do this annually! We are planning on making it bigger and better for next year!

Well that's about all for now. I'll see you all in Lake George

Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI





6 Riding Tips for Dealing with Tailgaters

You can't change some drivers' attitudes, but you can protect yourself.

Tailgater's suck! Even though these intruders can make the hair on the back of your neck rise, your main concern needs to be whether the tailgater can stop short of rear-ending you if you need to stop quickly. Trying to change a tailgater's behavior is about as likely as convincing Donald Trump to endorse Bernie Sanders for president. Any attempts to do so will only distract you from other hazards and could trigger deadly road rage. Instead, here are a few tips for minimizing the risk of being the recipient of a Buick enema.

1. Check your speed. If people regularly tailgate you then maybe you aren't maintaining the expected speed of surrounding traffic. While you should avoid riding faster than you are comfortable, riding too slowly could increase the risk of being tailgated if traffic is moving significantly faster than you are. If this is the case, you may need to find an alternative route where the pace is more to your liking.

2. Let them by. If it becomes apparent that the driver is not going to back off, then find a safe place to pull over. This is often easier said than done, but why let a tailgater ruin your ride if you can let them pass? Be sure to signal early and slow gradually. Then watch as they zoom by to tailgate the next vehicle ahead.

3. Increase your following distance. A common response to a tailgater is to speed up to try and get away from the tailgater's bumper. But this usually results in the tailgater also increasing speed. Instead, slow down. No, not to piss off the tailgater, but to gain a space cushion ahead of you. This allows you (and the tailgater) ample time and space to slow if necessary. A minimum of 3 seconds should do the trick.

4. Communicate intentions early. Most motorcycle brake lights don't command a lot of visual attention. But you can increase its effectiveness by flashing it two or three times before actually reducing speed. Also, be sure to activate turn signals at least 4 seconds before slowing to give drivers behind you plenty of notice.

5. Use smart lane positioning. To prevent a close call from a tailgater it's important to choose a lane position that allows you the best angle of view past the vehicle ahead so you can spot problems early and slow gradually. When stopping at a traffic light or stop sign, keep an eye on your mirrors and flash your brake light. Also, place yourself in the right or left-hand portion of your lane to give the driver behind an escape if he can't stop in time.

6. Stay cool. This may be the most crucial. Even though tailgaters can get under our skin, smart riders don't let this bad behavior affect their judgment. Instead, they initiate strategies that prevent these bozos from decreasing safety and enjoyment.

Stay safe & enjoy the ride

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50th Anniversary International Convention July 21 - 26, 2024 - Sugarloaf Mountain, Maine.

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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.bktscc.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	JANUARY	Contact or Website	Flyer
01	NJ IX	DALE'S CHILLY CHILI RUN		TREVORFLOYDCOEME.COM	N

Date	Chapter	Event	FEBRUARY	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	MARCH	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	APRIL	Contact or Website	Flyer
10-13	LO XVI	2025 SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE		BKLouisian16.org	Y

Date	Chapter	Event	MAY	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM	Y

Date	Chapter	Event	JUNE	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	JULY	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	AUGUST	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	SEPTEMBER	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	OCTOBER	Contact or Website	Flyer
10/06	NJ XV	Forst on the Pumpkin		732-232-3286	Y

Date	Chapter	Event	NOVEMBER	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	DECEMBER	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



Blue Knights® on the Lake / Blue Knights® at Georgian Lakeside Resort

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Lake George, NY 12845
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New York XXII had our second year hosting the Blue Knights on the Lake event in Lake George, NY was, reportedly another huge success!

There were some reports from our guests some minor problems that will be considered, but all in all, it was a hit! The week of Americade is usually littered with rain throughout the week. Again this year, we had some GREAT WEATHER! As some may remember, last year we were hit with some RIDICULOUSLY hot days! This year the weather was gorgeous! The weeks running up to this event was not looking too good, but we lucked out! The Americade Motorcycle Rally, which is always held in Lake George, the same week also was a hit!

From now on, we will be known as- Blue Knights at Georgian Lakeside Resort.

We were a little trepidatious about the hotel being ready for the event, due to their renovations ongoing, but they did a fantastic job! Each of our guests were afforded a FREE commemorative T-Shirt with each room booked by the hotel! We also had shirts that could be purchased at a low cost of \$20.00 each. As our guests were registering with the hotel, we had members greeting everyone and getting their names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for us to directly inform them of what to expect from now on. A small handout bag was given to each room with free items to enjoy.

Everything really picked up for our guests on Thursday, when the hotel offered a free drink and Hors D'oeuvres that kicked everything off! We had a small video that was built by Ralphie Ferrer of NYIX to start the night off with a BANG! After that, everything was moved to the pool deck area. 50/50 drawings began that night and ran through Friday. Several winners walked away with hundreds of dollars!

Friday morning, we offered a bike blessing that our very own Chapter Chaplain- Carla Snyder officiated. There were about 20 bikes that took part in it. Great job Carla! After that there was an impromptu ride that went up to Ticonderoga, NY to the Star Trek Museum, then for lunch and back. Also, several others took a ride through the Adirondacks to Saranac Lake, NY. One bike had mechanical problems and they asked the Saranac Lake Police if they could store the bike there until it could be picked up. They were more than gracious to allow us to do that!

Friday night starting at 5pm, the Georgian(hotel) was taking guests money for our BBQ dinner held at the pool area. A brief ceremony was held in the banquet hall and the Pick a Prize drawing was conducted. We had Randy Jolicoeur and Debra Jean returned again this year to play and sing to our guests. The fireworks, put on by the Americade again this year, was directly on the water and the view was spectacular!

Saturday, some of the guests were either going home or preparing to go home. The day and evening were free for them to go and have fun downtown during the Americade or dine on their own, then come back and have special drink pricing that was offered all week, at the Cabana Bar near the pool.

Sunday, for the most part, was saying our good-byes until next year!

At this time, I would like to thank our Committee members for their hard work and dedication to getting this event ready. From NYXXII- Al Colvin and his wife Mandy, Dave Snyder and Carla Snyder, Pete Lindsey and his wife Peggy, My wife, Deb McCotter and Bill Powell. From other chapters were- NY2 Curtis Whitehead, NYIX Ralph Ferrer, NYXXX Thor Ron Johnson and PAXXVI Rick Vobis. These people plus numerous others from our chapter really made this event a huge success!

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the friendship and constant consultation of a special friend from Maine. This lady is the epitome of what the Blue Knights is all about! She has been a friend of mine for 30 years and hope to keep her as such for another 30 years! Thank you for all your knowledge and experience- **Pam Poisson!**

We hope to see everyone next year! You can expect changes in the years coming!

Our motto- "For Blue Knights, By Blue Knights"

Mike McCotter

President

Blue Knights NYXXXII and

Blue Knights at Georgian Lakeside Resort Committee



BLUE KNIGHTS 2024 TRI-STATE CONFERENCE FALL PRESIDENTS WEEKEND

Hosted BY NY XXII



2024

October 04th – 06th

\$130.00 PER PERSON

Includes 2024 TSC Beer Stein

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EVENTS: Nightly Hospitality Room

Presidents Meeting

Chapter Sales

Saturday Evening Banquet

Brother/sister hood and good times



Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

Tri-State Conference 2024 Fall Presidents Meeting/Weekend

Date: October 04 – 06, 2024

Location: Georgian Lakeside Resort, 384 Canada Street, Lake George NY 12845

Phone: 518-668-5401 Hotel room (\$149.00 + Tax) use code **BKOCCT**.

Please Print clearly

Members Name: _____	Guest Name: _____
Street: _____	Street: _____
City: _____	City: _____
Phone: _____ Age: ____	Phone: _____ Age: ____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Chapter#: _____ Direct Miles: _____	
Sales Table Needed Yes / No	
Child (1) _____	Child (2) _____

Your Full Adult registration payment includes 2 nights hospitality, Banquet with 3-hour open bar and gift. Banquet 10/5 @ 6:30PM

Adult Registration:	# _____ X \$130.00 = _____
Child Registration: under 21yrs old	# _____ X \$ 60.00 = _____
Make checks or money order payable to BK Tri-State Conference	
Mail Check and registration form to:	Gus Faella
	459 Northern Blvd
	Bayville NJ 08721
Gift: Adult registrations will receive a 16oz Beer Stein / Child Registration Lunch/Banquet.	

Registrations must be made by Sept 01, 2024, to make sure it is received in time. No walk ins for the banquet.

Conference shirts can be purchased only online: BKNY9.com (Short sleeves \$15 / Long sleeves \$20.)