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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,  
As I sit in the upper area of the Charles E. Pompea Gymnasium at the University of New Haven, Connecticut, watching my Angel play Volleyball for the Fairfield University club team, I prepare my message to you all. (of course she was on a break.)  
**The 42<sup>nd</sup> Tri-State Conference 2024 Fall Presidents Weekend** is in the history books. We can't begin to thank all of you who attended our weekend event. A loud

shout out to Mike McCotter (NY 22) and his chapter members for stepping up to the plate to host the weekend. During the meeting I announced our new Conference chaplain. It was not an easy task in selecting a new Tri-State Chaplin to fill the Chasuble of our beloved Odie. (May he rest in eternal peace.) **Nelson Alarcon** (NY VI President) was named the New Tri-state Conference Chaplin. Nelson is the newly elected president of NY VI. Nelson, being a relatively new member of VI, (less than 8 years) as held several positions on his chapter board and he is the Chaplin for his chapter. He brings vitality to his chapter, the conference and club. He represents the future of our club. As a club we need to steer, encourage, and mentor our younger members into leadership roles if we want to continue what our founding fathers envisioned fifty years ago. I, for one, look forward to reading his monthly contributions to our conference newsletter. We may all need a divine intervention at times.

Pennsylvania chapters have the ball for the 2025 Spring and Fall meetings. At the 2024 fall meeting no PA chapter present stepped up to the plate to host either meeting. We have set a deadline for any PA chapter to submit a bid to Secretary Defelice to host either meeting. If no PA chapter submits a bid to host, we will open up the process to any chapter within the conference.

I must thank Gus Faella for his dedicated service as Treasurer this past term and his previous years on the board, including Chairman. I want to personally thank him for his guidance and wisdom this past year. I wish him many more years of health and happiness.

I welcome **Vincent (Vinny) Calderon** to the board as the newly elected Treasurer. I wish him much success in his new role and look forward to working with him. Vinny brings a fresh vision/look into matters that may arise for the board.

NY State Rep, Steve Nieves, led several members on a scenic two-hour ride through the Northwestern hills and valleys of two amazing counties. The ride took place immediately after the meeting at approximately 1:30PM. At the banquet we presented Gus Faella with a Certificate of Appreciation.

We also presented Kent Frezzell, Rick Vobis, Pam Poison and Liz Cook with Certificates of Appreciation for their combined efforts at a Nation Night Out event in Port Jervis.

We all know **Ralphie Ferrer** for his pictures, videos, cinematography, friendly smile, communication skills and being an ambassador for this club. Well, he was named the Tri-State Conference BK of the Year and appointed our Ambassador.

One of our PA Representatives, Mike Hoover, is currently in a rehab facility. I would like to wish him a full speedy healthy recovery. Give him a call, he would enjoy hearing from you.

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 a 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<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Brothers and Sisters

I didn't get to do a lot of riding in October. Jackie and I were able to attend the Home Going service for Mike Williams in Washington DC. It was a sad yet uplifting ceremony. Our prayers go out to Mike's family. I knew him well. He was a great person and I'll miss him very much.

I entered my bike in the bike show at the Dillsburg Farmer's Fair. No prizes but a fun time was had by all.

On October 20, 21 and 22 we went to the Finger Lakes region of New York. We spent two days driving around Keuka and Seneca lakes visiting wineries and enjoying great dining.

Please drive carefully as we move into the season of gusty winds and wet leaves on the roadway.

Have a great Halloween.

**Secretary: Joe DeFelice, NY I**



Greetings Fellow Blue Knight's

Well, the Fall President meeting weekend is behind us and everyone had a great weekend. Hats off to NY XXII for doing another great job and stepping up to host this event.

I would like to congratulate the TSC Board members for being reelected and welcome Vinny Calderon on being elected as the new TSC Treasurer.

I would like to thank Gus Faella for a great job he did as TSC Treasurer for the past two years, you will be sorely missed and Vinny has big shoes to fill.

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**

Greetings,

Here we are in the middle of October, Wow!! where did the summer go, and the holidays are just around the corner.

I would like to thank New York XXII for hosting the Tri-State Conference in beautiful Lake George.

As you know we had our conference elections during the meeting. The current Board retained their positions except for me as your Treasurer. I did not seek re-election, as I have served the Tri State the past two years and 12 years prior in various positions. Your new Treasurer is Vinny Calderon of NY X. Vinny is an upstanding guy and I wish him the best as well as Myron, Lon, Joe and lets not forget the State Reps who also do an outstanding job.

I would like to thank all the TSC chapters for your support all these years that I have served.

Wishing you all, a Safe, Happy Holiday Season.

Ride With Pride,

Gus



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

Blue Knights and Families,

It's Fall Foliage Time in the Great State of NY. An Exceptional Time to ride those Motorcycles to experience the Changing of Colors and the Aroma of the Season.



Caution to the challenges that come with the Changes of course.

We all had an exceptional time in Lake George at the TSC Fall Weekend, thanks to NY XXII's hosting, along with a little bit of help from sister chapters.

I want to Congratulate Ralphie Ferrera from NY IX, on becoming our TSC Ambassador, appointed by our Chairman and TSC Board. Ralphie goes miles above and beyond to represent our TSC & All Blue Knights Internationally.

Be safe and healthy this coming season as the weather challenges us at times.

Congratulations to our new TSC Board, which places Lon Strayer as our voted in Vice Chairman for a term, along with Vincent Calderon as Treasurer. This we say with a great BiG Thank You to Gus Faella for his dedicated service in multiple positions on the TSC Board, including Chairman.

Wishing you all a Fantastic Fall Season

'In God We Trust' Our national motto adopted by congress July 30, 1956. Let's protect it.



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

Greetings to all our Blue Knight Brother' & Sister's.

Hope all is well. Unfortunately I missed the Fall Tri-State Conference. I heard it was a great time. Sorry I missed it. I'm honored to be a part of the Tri-State Conference as the NY Rep & now the Tri-State Treasurer. I want to thank Gus Faella for all his hard work and hopefully I can be as good as Gus in the Treasurer's position.

I attended a few Monthly Chapter meetings at NY2 & NY7. Both Chapters under new leadership (Presidents) and they're keeping very busy. Frankie Diaz NY2 & Terry Castris NY7. I wish them both well.

Well, the cool weather has arrived. There is still good riding weather ahead of us. Would like to see adjoining Chapters ride together to some upcoming events. Comraderie at its finest.

I want to wish the newly elected Tri-State Executive Board the best of luck for the 2024-2026 term.

Like always, if anybody needs something please feel free to reach out to me.

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



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

The riding season for many of us is winding down, **but**, it's not over yet for those willing to venture out in cool mornings. The reward is knowing the weather will warm up as the day goes by. As you enjoy the foliage season which is currently at prime condition in NY be careful with leaves on the roadway and before you head out make sure to check your tire pressure.

On Sunday October 20, 2024, NY VI once again participated in the Annual Brunswick HD Hogs Chapter Toys for Tots event which draws hundreds of bikes each year from all over the Capital region for this worthy cause. This year over **650** bikes participated in the Police escorted ride and almost **\$17,000** was raised along with bags and bags of new toys. All in all, a good time was had by all.

Finally, the Tri-State is once again selling Big Buck Raffle tickets. Help support a good cause by purchasing tickets from your State Reps.

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



**New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI**



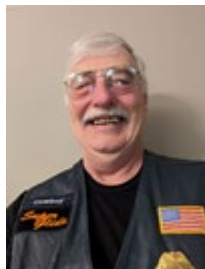
October has been a great time starting with the Blue Knights Tri State weekend. The weather was great and NY 22 did a great job hosting the event. I attended 3 NJ Chapter meetings this month. NJ V, NJXI and NJXV. All three chapters are busy planning for events next year. NJ Chapter XV has their Rock Ride to NYC in December and NJIX has scheduled their Annual Chili Chilly Run in January. Please check their website for details.

**Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII**





## Pennsylvania State Rep: Rick Vobis, PA XXVI



Hello fellow Blue Knights of the Tri State Conference,

Well October is halfway gone as I write this report. Where did the riding season go? With the upcoming rides on the event calendar it hasn't totally ended for me.

The 2024 Tri State Fall Conference which was held in Lake George, NY is now in the books. I thank the members of the Tri Stat Executive Board and President Mike McCotter and the members of Blue Knights New York XXII for having provided us with a fantastic time. The Banquet food was, in my opinion, some of the best I ever had at one of our events. Not only was it very tasty but it was plentiful and anyone who left hungry...All I can say it that it was their own fault!! The hospitality room was filled with brotherhood and, thanks to those who positively responded to my call to arms on our Facebook page, full of any kind of adult drinks you could ever want. Pam Poisson even added to the desert table by making homemade spice cakes shaped to look like pumpkins! (the deserts provided by the facility were really good but hers bested them). There were many awards given out and we now have a new TSC Ambassador, welcome to the well deserved position Ralphie well done, and a new TSC Chaplain Nelson Alarcon who showed me is more than capable of filling the huge shoes that were left vacant due to the passing of our Brother James "Odie" Odenheimer.

I was blessed to be able to ride on a lunch ride with the Brothers and Sisters of BK NY XVIII. The ride started out at the "BookStore" on the Palisades Parkway, went through some of the most beautiful roads and towns I have seen in quite a while and ended at an old school Texas BBQ. There were 9 Bikes on the ride and at least 2 were riding double. I'm adding a picture of the place with it's weathered picket fence and weathered barn look. The owner said he wanted to make it look just like the roadside BBQ places that line the roads of Texas and he did so. He also provided some of the best BBQ I have had in my life. If you are ever in Cold Spring, NY you should make it a must stop place! What a beautiful 150 mile trip.

The last thing I want to report about was a very unique thing for me. On the Blue K nights New York XVIII ride Stan Young, Immediate Past President of Blue Knights New York XVIII, showed me a new way to "Get our Name out" to the general public in a very positive way. Stan keeps a large bag on his bike filled with New "Old Stock" Blue Knights pins. There were a lot of unsold pins from many years, I saw some with a manufacture date of 2011. Whenever we stop and he sees a child with a parent he asks the parent if their child might like a pin. This he uses to explain who we, as Blue Knights, are and what we are all about. He gave me a few pins and I was able to give one out to a young boy at the BBQ place. I explained who we were to his Mom who just thought we were "Bikers" and the boy was beaming about getting a pin. A real win, win kind of thing. Thanks Stan for teaching me another positive way to promote our club.

Well got to go the road calls. Hope to see you at the events that some chapters are still holding this year. Till then Stay safe and keep the shinny side up.





**Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI**



**TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI**



At the 2024 Fall Tri-State Conference held at Lake George, NY, I was approached by Tri-State Chairman, Myron Joseph, about the position of Tri-State Chaplain. I humbly accepted the position and the responsibility attached to it. I look forward to meeting the spiritual needs of the Tri-State Board and our Blue Knights brothers and sisters. In the upcoming newsletters I'll enclose words of hope, guidance and encouragement rooted in the Word. Until then, in honor of James "Odie" Odenheimer....

On a lighter note,  
Aristotle-I do, therefore I am  
Plato-I am, therefore I do  
Scooby says-Dooby, Dooby, Do.  
Smile, God wants you to be happy.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

**Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI**



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUBMIT YOUR CHAPTER INFORMATION BEFORE THE 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bktsc.org)

Joseph DeFelice, Tri-State Conference Secretary

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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		<a href="http://TREVORFLOYDCOEME.COM">TREVORFLOYDCOEME.COM</a>	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
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y

Date	Chapter	Event	<u>JUNE</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
05/27-6/2	NY XXII	BLUE KNIGHT'S ON THE LAKE		<a href="mailto:MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM">MMCCOTTER1@GMAIL.COM</a>	Y
02	NJ XI	PUZZLE PIECE RUN		<a href="mailto:CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY">CAPT.RAY@VERIZON.NEY</a>	Y
08	PA XIV	BKPAVIV COUNTRY TOUR		<a href="tel:570-419-8658">570-419-8658</a>	
25	PA XXV	Fallen Officer Memorial Law Ride			Y

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

Date	Chapter	Event	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
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Date	Chapter	Event	<u>DECEMBER</u>	Contact or Website	Flyer
01	NJ XV	7 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bktscsec@gmail.com).  
The schedule and uploads of event fliers may be found on the Events page of the Conference website: [www.bktsc.org](http://www.bktsc.org)

