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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, Not a lot is going on this time of year with the weather being so cold in our conference area. But there are some who still venture out in the cold, just be careful and dress warmly. Some of you may be doing your last-minute holiday shopping, as you get ready to spend quality time with your loved ones and friends. Just be careful out there.

I am heading to my sister's house in North Carolina, to spend Christmas with my daughter and family. I feel blessed that we all will be together for the holiday, especially this being the first Christmas in ten years that I will have my daughter, and my father will be about 28 days away from turning 92.

I had surgery on December 11, 2024, and according to my surgeon everything went well. I am recovering nicely, taking it one day at a time. Will be back in the saddle by April.

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 that 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 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.

Our PA Representative, Mike Hoover, is on the road to recovery. I would like to wish him a full speedy healthy recovery. Give him a call, he will enjoy hearing from you.

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 fund 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.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanuk, Happy New Year, May the New Year bring health, happiness and prosperity to you and yours.



Vice-Chairman: Lon Strayer, PA XII





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. As soon as I get more information on this event, I will pass it along.

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

Hello fellow Blue Knight guys & girls. I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays & a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Looking forward to a great 2025 riding season.

To all our Tri-State Chapter President's. Please don't forget to send your 2025 Chapter dues \$45.00 to:



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

Holiday Greetings Blue Knights and families.

Wishing you all the best in this new year! May the weather be at your favor and 2 wheels under your feet. Have a blessed Christ like experience in His Holiday , with all



the trimmings of Santa on your day.

Blue Knights NY XVIII 'Roulez avec Fierete'

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



Greetings to Blue Knight Brothers and Sisters from Tri-State,

When you receive this message, holiday plans should be in full swing. I had the pleasure to attend the NY XXIII Christmas party which was held last week.

The turnout was great with plenty of stories to be shared while enjoying some food. A good time was had by all. A big shout out to Chapter President Jenn Connolly and the NY XXIII Members for the hospitality. A Merry Xmas to all.

Wishing each of you and your loved ones a safe and joyous holiday season.
Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!

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



New Jersey State Rep: Russel Davis, NJ XI



I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year. I attended two Christmas Parties this month, NJIII and NJXV. Both celebrations were well attended and nobody left hungry or thirsty. NJXV's "Rock Ride", was an enormous success. The next NJ event is NJIX's Chilly Chili run January 1st. The starting point is the Ogdensburg Fire house. See their Flyer for more details. Ride safe.

Pennsylvania State Rep: Pamela McClaren, PA XIII



Happy Holidays everyone. The frigid temperatures have set in - it was a high of 26 degrees here today - good thing my motorcycle is in hibernation under a blanket with a pillow and an alarm set for Spring!! For those of you still out there riding around, I hope for clear weather and a warm seat to travel upon!

The Big Buck Raffle tickets have all been distributed to the TSC board and I know there are numerous out there still for sale, so if you are interested, please contact a board member - they are \$10 each and you can choose the weapon or the cash equivalent as a prize - The drawings will be at the Spring meeting on May 3rd and you need not be present to win!

I hope everyone has a joyous new year and that 2025 continues to bring us all together in friendship!! Be safe, stay warm and Ride With Pride!!





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

As I sit here having just come in from plowing the driveway, I realize that, at least for me, the 2024 riding season has definitely come to an end.

I am pleased that at least in our Conference, there are many Blue Knights events still happening. Some of these are the continued support of various charities. A prime example of this is the support of the Pike County Sheriff's toy drive that was held at Walmart near Matamoras, PA. The staff from the Sheriff's Office (located in Milford, PA) donate their time standing all day in the cold near the doors to Walmart collecting toys to be given to those less fortunate for the Holiday season. The Members of Blue Knights Pennsylvania XXVI decided to support this effort by attending this event as a group providing not only gifts; but also morale support for the Officers working the event. The Chapter President, Wayne Venezia, and the members of his Chapter have been doing this for many years now.

Blue Knights New York XVIII also represented the Club and holds Charity events for the Holidays. This years holiday participation started with a meeting of the members at McDonalds in New City, New York. Chapter President John "Grumpy" Volpe dressed up as Santa, including having grown out his beard, and his lovely wife dresses up as Mrs. Clause. There was a Photo session taken of all the staff of McDonalds as well as all the members of the Chapter . These pictures are being sent to the Ronald McDonald House for display. From there the Chapter rode to a battered Women's shelter where the Chapter provided toys from Santa to each and every Child housed there. Seeing the joy in the children's eyes would warm the heart of even the most Grinchy Grinch! When this was done there was a donation from the Chapter of \$100.00 to help pay for a party for the Adult residents of the facility for the holiday. Then it was off to Past Chapter President Stan Young's home where he invited the entire Chapter to enjoy his home which was filled with brotherhood, family, including some of the member's children, and warmth not to mention food and adult beverages galore. Unfortunately I had to leave sooner than I wished due to the long ride home.

Being a member of an organization where the Club members so selflessly give of themselves to make life nicer for others is, for me, a point of pride!

On a business note:

1) The Big Buck Raffle tickets are still being sold there are 3 guns (2 handguns and 1 rifle) being raffled off as the prizes.

2) Having checked the Tri States Website, I have found that many of the Chapter's website addresses are no longer valid. Please check what is listed for your Chapter and assure that the proper address is listed or if you no longer have a website please contact the Tri States Conference Secretary to have it removed. Improper information on our website not only creates communication issues within the Club but also hampers contact from prospective new members.

May you all have a most wonderful Holiday and check out the 2025 Tri States Conference ride schedule as there are many events already listed to aid you in your riding plans for next year!

Pennsylvania State Rep: Mike Hoover, PA XXI



I apologize for my absence from the newsletter, medical issues have plagued me but I am on the mend. I haven't found the golden years yet, but I am determined as such.

I must say that I am proud of the efforts of the Blue Knights in southwestern Pa for their participation during the holiday season. Let me bring you up to speed

PA Chapter 1 (Westmoreland County)

1. Grinch was arrested by Westmoreland Sheriffs Office this morning. The Grinch tried to steal our Gun Permits Applications along with Santa's bay of Christmas Gifts. Sheriff Albert made sure he was put behind bars.

Bail has been set at 100 candy canes\Merry Christmas

2. Dec 15 Toys for Tots was conducted

3. Westmoreland Sheriffs office participated in Shop for a Cop and local retail stores

Thanks to Irvin Shipley

PA Chapter 16 (Washington)

1. Donation to the Care Center (Washington) in support of efforts to promote wellness and recovery of first line responders

2. Guardian Angels Program-Donation as a gift for a service dog for first line responders

3. Wreaths across America= Laying of wreaths at the monuments at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

4. Cosponsoring Santa at Steel City Harley Davidson

PA Chapter 7 (Gibsonia)

Hosted the Annual 35th Western Pa Toy Run

PA21 (Wexford)

Dec 21st Hosted a holiday celebration at the Paradise Lounge on Nevile Island for their members and guests

TSC Chaplain: Nelson Alarcon NY VI



“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.””

Matthew 1:23 NKJV

As we close 2024, reflecting on the ups and downs of life, we can finish with a sense of relief. For we were and are not alone. *He* is with us. I pray you all had a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.



Safety Officer: Sal Salamone, NY XVI

How to Prepare Your Motorcycle for Winter Storage

Treat those key components properly before stashing it for the season.

Ah, November. You might think of it as that month when you do all that voting, or maybe you're looking forward to endless turkey leftovers, but for gearheads—especially those of us hunkering down in colder climes—it's possibly the time you start thinking about prepping your bike for a long period of inactivity.

Maybe you've never [winterized your bike](#) before to get it ready for storage. Or maybe you're down with the drill but just need a refresher. Whatever the case, the particulars vary depending on your circumstances (will you be riding your rig occasionally or not at all), but by and large the basics apply to most bikes. So, we've compiled a short punch list of the most common things to home in on when putting your baby away for the winter.

Set Up Storage

First things first: Lock down your storage location. Inside or out? Covered or not? Your best bet is to stash your ride in a dry place, or at least one not entirely exposed to the elements. A garage or a shed are obviously ideal, but if you can't swing that, at least invest in a motorcycle-specific cover (not a tarp) that's breathable and will keep water and UV light off your bike's surfaces. Try to protect it from dust, grime, and rodents, whether you live downtown or in the boonies.

One Last Ride

Before you get down to the nitty-gritty of treating components and fluids, take your bike out for one last ride (if you're storing it away for the duration of the season). Make sure you're put there for a good period of time and the bike is fully warmed up to operating temperature to dispel any lingering moisture. *On carbureted motorcycles, turn the petcock to the off position and run the bike 'til it stops to burn off any remaining gas in the carbs.*

Change Your Oil

Change the oil and the filter before you put your bike away for the winter; there's a good chance it's built up some unsavory acids over your summer and fall rides that may mess with your bike's internals. A winter weight oil like 5w-30 for an easier start-up come spring. It's also not a bad idea to check your bike's brake fluid and antifreeze (if so equipped); primary fluid and transmission oil can also attract moisture over the course of storage, so think about changing those as well. Coolant on liquid-cooled bikes can get acidic if stored too long in cold weather. Check your owner's manual for the particulars.

Fill the Fuel

Don't forget the fuel stabilizer. Despite countless studies proving it offers no real benefits, our government still insists on ethanol-flavored gas, which just plain sucks for motorcycles. The formulation is especially corrosive on older bikes, and if you let ethanol gas sit in your tank long enough, it'll attract water and separate, eventually messing with your fuel system. Some folks like to drain their fuel tanks (and carburetors) completely before storing, but on fuel-injected bikes this can be a pain, so we like the fill-up-the-tank-completely method. Filling your tank to the brim will displace the air as well as keep the

water vapor at bay (water and oxygen are the enemy of fuel quality). Once that's done, add a good dose of fuel stabilizer like Sta-Bil or Sea Foam to top things off. Then run the motor so the treated fuel can work its way through the fuel system.

Battery Health

The combo of cold weather and downtime can be deadly to your battery, so do it a favor and put it on an [automatic smart charger/maintainer](#) like the NOCO Genius or Optimate (which can help with de-sulfation as well) or, if you already have one, an old-school Battery Tender. Whether you disconnect it or keep it in the bike, try to keep that battery out of the cold and off the ground—that's what can really sap power.

Wash 'Er Down

[Wash your bike before putting it away](#), whether it's a scrambler or a big old' tourer. Accumulated debris or corrosive substances like salt or magnesium chloride can cause some serious damage to your bike's surfaces if allowed to sit and fester, so get all the nooks and crannies clear of any crud, even if it's just caked-on bug guts. Then go ahead and wax the painted parts and coat the metal with a clear coat protectant. Also don't forget to lube the chain (if you have one) after cleaning it before storage.

Tires Matter

It might seem like overkill, but also be sure to check the tires for wear and age; if the tread won't cover Lincoln's head on a penny or if your hoops are at the five-year mark, you might consider spooning on a new set now rather than waiting for spring. Either way inflate them to spec, and try to keep the weight off them—easy if you have a center stand—so they don't develop flat spots from sitting in one place. If you can't do that, roll the bike to a new spot every week or so to prevent flattening and air the tires up as needed

Clean Your Gear

Lastly, [don't forget to clean your riding gear](#) before you stow it for the next few months—that means cleaning off all the gunk, bug guts, and dust; conditioning leather pieces; and brushing off and oiling your boots (if leather). Don't forget your helmet either; all that sweat and salt builds up over time and can take a toll on liners. **There, now you can rest easy 'til spring comes.**

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

