

BLUE KNIGHTS® FLXVII NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Spring has sprung and the northern states are getting ready to start the riding season. Us folks down on the sun coast are just riding as usual. With spring hitting the sun coast we will be paying attention to the clouds and packing the rain gear. Always hydrate and protect yourself from the sun with a good sunblock and enjoy the spring rides with the longer days.

Monday April 8th is the Multi Chapter Picnic at Highland Hammock State Park. FLXVI, FLXVII, and FLXVIII are hosting this event. The cost is \$20 per person. This includes entry to the park, parking and a catered lunch by Sonny's BBQ. We will have 50/50S and chapter sales are welcomed. Best of all we get to hang out with our brothers and sisters from the best law enforcement motorcycle club in the world. This event is for everyone bring the family and enjoy the day. Please RSVP By April 1st. I have tickets and will be collecting \$\$ at our monthly meeting.

Saturday April 20th will be the Thunder By The Bay Charity Ride. This is the re-scheduled event ride that is being dedicated in loving memory of Rory MacConnell. We are leading and running this ride as usual however this year we need to make a huge showing and support the MacConnell family / our Blue Knights family.

We will be giving our donation to the Suncoast Charities for Children when we end the ride and it would be great if we could have all our membership come out for the transfer of the check.

I wish all our snowbird knights and friends a safe journey back north enjoy the summer see you in the late fall.

As always "Ride with Pride"

Patrick Gibbons
President, FLXVIII



April Ride and Event Schedule

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNERS WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE RIDES ARE SUBJECT TO MOTHER NATURE'S APPROVAL

Tuesday 4/2 5:30PM

Dine at the Shrine. Hot Sands Tiki Bar 600 N Beneva RD Sarasota.

Tuesday 4/2 7:00PM

Monthly membership meeting. 2nd fl Sahib Shriners 600 N Beneva RD Sarasota.

Saturday 4/6 9:00AM

Arcadia Spring Bike Fest. Meet up at the WAWA 14510 SR70E and Lorraine rd. KSU 9:15AM.

Monday 4/8

Blue Knights Multi Chapter BBQ. 10:00AM at the WAWA 14510 SR70E and Lorraine rd. KSU 10:15AM. If you prefer to head to the park by yourself the address is 5931 Hammock Dr Sebring FL 33870. The event starts at 12:00PM. RSVP for the BBQ to PJGIBBY1969@COMCAST.NET I will have the tickets at the meeting for sale but I need the head count for the Food!

Sunday 4/14 9:00AM

Breakfast at Skilletts 8635 S Tamiami Trail SRQ. Ride after breakfast.

Wednesday 4/17

Prime Rib Dinner to celebrate the anniversary of our incredible 2023 SRC event. 6:00pm at the Vicenza Hotel, Venice FL. RSVP to President Gibbons by 4/10 to PJGIBBY1969@COMCAST.NET by 4/10.



Friday April 19th

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RAIN DATE Friday April,16th



Saturday 4/20 9:00AM

Thunder By The Bay Charity Ride. Ride starts at Adrenaline Harley Davidson and ends at Adrenaline. We need help with the line up and running of this ride please come out for this event..



OUR 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 LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLING COMMUNITY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.THE FRATERNAL SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS GUIDE ME IN RELATING TO OTHER BLUE KNIGHTS"

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In the Chapter Market

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\$850 Contact Don dapnyiv@yahoo.com or 585-739-3465 and leave message.

VP Jim Thomas is getting rid of a motorcycle sliding stand for \$50. Fits everything from an electric glide and smaller. Makes fitting the bike into tight spaces easy.

Give him a call if you want it. 941-334-3338



We need and want your input

Send your birthdays, anniversaries, letters, suggestions, items for sale, complaints or any special event you would like to share to:

Patrick Gibbons

PJGIBBY1969@COMCAST.NET

Jim Thomas

ALEXANDJAY1988@GMAIL.COM

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Chapter Event

BLUE KNIGHTS® LEMC

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SRC ANNIVERSARY EVENT



🎉🎈 Let's celebrate the anniversary of our incredible SRC. 🎉🎈

Where: Hotel Vicenza

When: Wednesday April 17th (Wednesday evenings are Prime Rib special night at the restaurant.)

Time: 6:00 PM

RSVP by April 10th: Patrick: pjgibby1969@comcast.com

Queen Bees by responding to your invitation.

March Chapter Meeting Highlights



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Meeting Call to Order: by [President Gibbons](#) @ 7:13PM

In attendance: Executive officers: 3 Officers:1 Members:14 Guests: 6

Pledge of Allegiance: [led by](#) President Gibbons

Invocation: by Jim Kirkpatrick

Welcoming Remarks: by President Gibbons.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: PATRICK GIBBONS

- Thank you all who helped with the “Thunder by The Bay” from set up to breaking down. We had some decent weather on the front end but Saturday night and Sunday was a washout. We had to cancel the Sunday ride and all events wound up being canceled for Sunday by 11:00 AM.
- I have been working with the Suncoast Charity for Children and Adrenaline Harley for a make-up ride. The date is being negotiated and will be announced as soon as possible.
- Monday April 8th combined chapter BBQ at Highland Hammocks State Park. I have Tickets for \$20 a head. This includes entry and a bbq lunch from Sonny’s bbq. We will have a 50/50 to help with the bills to keep the ticket price down. We were unable to get a weekend date and went with the 8th (Monday) We didn’t want to run into the summer with the heat and storms also we are hopeful we will still have some snowbirds around to enjoy the day. I need your RSVP and headcount by 4/1.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: JAMES THOMAS N/A

TREASURERS REPORT: JOHN EMRICK

Motion to accept February report: Motion Bobby Grotz, 2nd Brian MacConnell , [Unanimous Approval](#)
Financial Position: Details were provided and are available to all members by contacting John Emrick

SECRETARY / WEBMASTER'S REPORT: DOMENIC CECCANECCHIO

Motion to accept February minutes: Motion Brian MacConnell, 2nd Ralph Smith, Unanimous Approval
February Minutes have been posted on our website in the MEMBERS section. Password 1234680
March Newsletter has been posted on our website.
The chapter activity calendar on our website lists all March activities

SAFETY OFFICER: Need volunteer to fill position.

CHAPLIN: JAMES KIRKPATRICK:

SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT:

50th Anniversary approaching. See Newsletter for details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS :

- The required deposit was made to Palm Aire Country Club for the Christmas Party
- Brian MacConnell is looking into us partnering with Widows Sons to host a “Bike Night” at Shrine

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

Jeffrey Longwell Micheal Klein John Chiusano

50-50 DRAWING: Amount: \$ 84 Winner: Geri Buscemi, \$ 42 donated back to club

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Time: 7:45PM, Motion: Brian MacConnell, 2nd: Tracy Dunn, Unanimous Approval

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2024

*Submitted By: Domenic Ceccanecchio
Secretary BK XVIII*

Mark Your Calendars

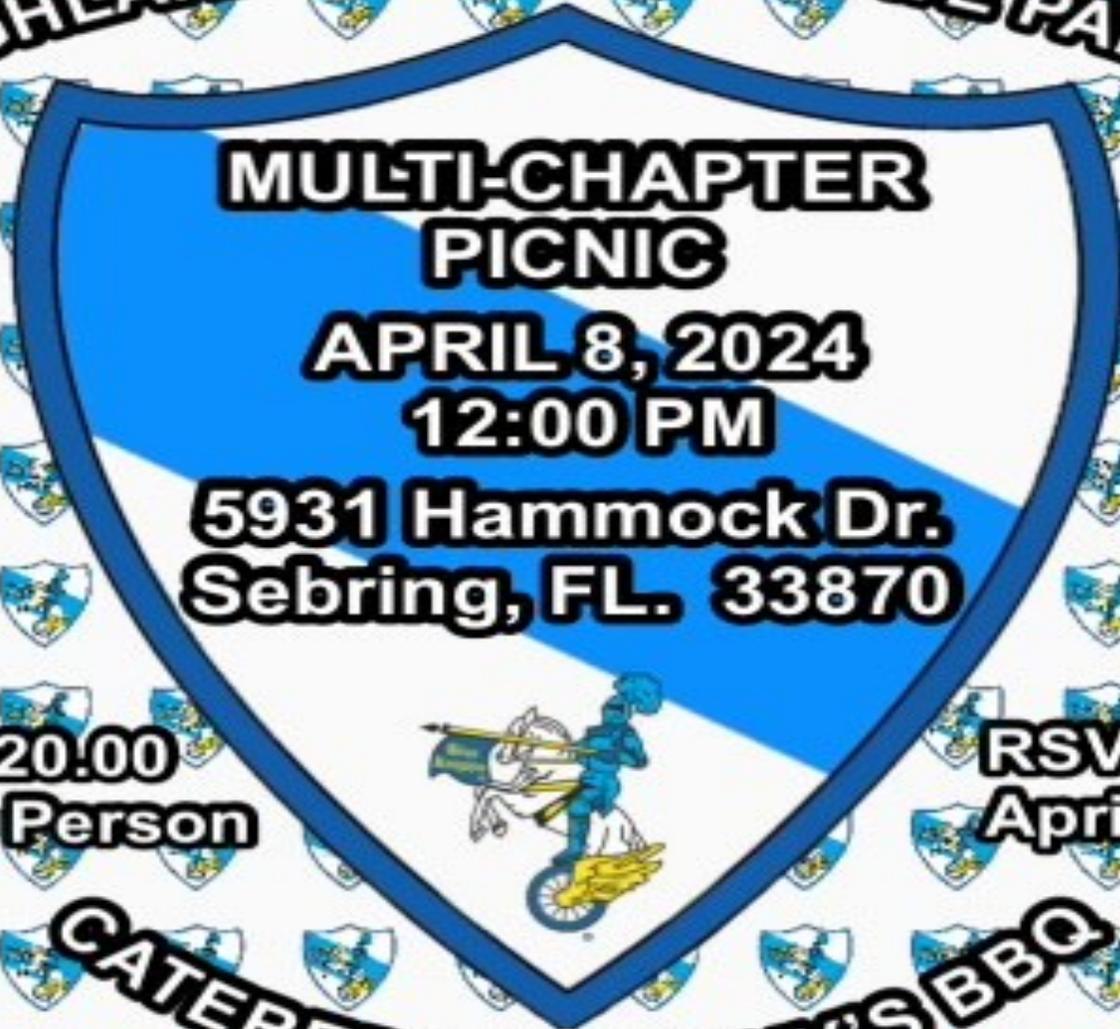


BLUE KNIGHTS® LEMC

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JOIN US
FLORIDA KNIGHTS
HIGHLAND HAMMOCK STATE PARK



**MULTI-CHAPTER
PICNIC**
APRIL 8, 2024
12:00 PM
5931 Hammock Dr.
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\$20.00
Per Person

RSVP by
April 1st.

CATERED BY SONNY'S BBQ

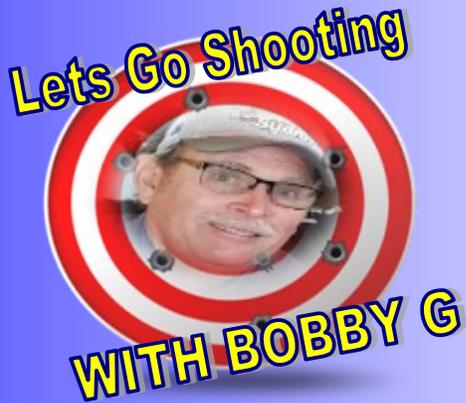
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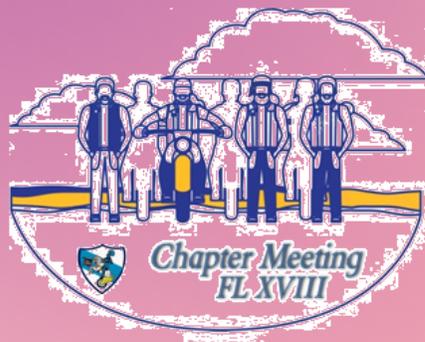


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April Chapter Meeting



THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS
7:00PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2024
2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE
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COME OUT EARLY AND HAVE DINNER
AND CHAT WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS



Ride with Pride!

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SRC Spring Meeting

Statesboro, GA

April 5-6, 2024



Hosts: The SRC Executive Board & Georgia Chapter II
(There is NO Registration Fee)

Location / Host Hotel

Comfort Inn & Suites Statesboro - University Area
17870 GA-67, Statesboro, GA 30458

Rooms rates are \$99 plus tax.

The rate is available for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Make reservations by calling 912-681-2400

Ask for, or choose, the Front Desk. Do not choose the Reservations option.

Mention group code - Blue Knights SRC.

Reservations MUST BE MADE by MARCH 1ST.

Schedule

Friday, April 5th

3:00 PM - Hotel Check-in and Dinner (Dinner is on your own)

7:30 PM - Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, April 6th

8:30 AM - SRC Business Meeting

10:30 AM – Ride to the **National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force**

The ride is approximately 50 miles. After the museum visit riders will have the opportunity to visit and explore nearby Savannah, GA, and/or visit Savannah Harley-Davidson. - For those not going on the museum ride there will be the option to visit the nearby Blue Knights GA II Clubhouse.

6:00 PM – Southern BBQ Dinner (compliments of GA II at the host hotel)

8:00 PM - Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, April 7th

8:30 AM - Church Service / Devotional

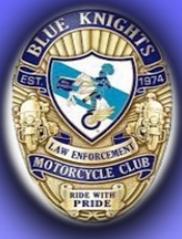
Check-out and Safe Travels



(The schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.)

For Information contact:

Mike Shockley (SRC Chairman) - msshockley@gmail.com
Bobby Durden (GA II President) - bobbydurdurden16@hotmail.com



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ZODIAC SIGNS



Aries (March 21 - April 19)

The first sign of the zodiac, Aries loves to be number one. Naturally, this dynamic fire sign is no stranger to competition. Bold and ambitious, Aries dives head-first into even the most challenging situations—and they'll make sure they always come out on top!



Taurus (March 21 - April 19)

Taureans don't sweat the small stuff, and this means they're calming to be around. Taurus also knows how to have a good time, so they are fun and always-up-for-it company. They love pleasure and indulgence, and are more than happy to indulge you too. They are soothing, stoic, chilled, and happy in their own skin.

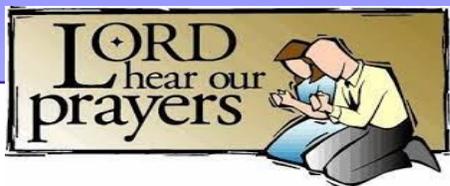
VP Message Jim Thomas



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Sitting here in a hospital bed literally taking an accounting of life. I have traveled some well lit roads in life and have traversed some very dark pathways but I have always had family at the end. Now as I await heart surgery and once again place my care in the hands of God and the articulate skills of my surgeons, I can say with no uncertainties that the past year and a half has brought me family in the form of brotherhood. Family are people who stand by you when you're on those roads and check to make sure you're ok. Family opens their arms and lets you know you're not alone. Family brings you off of those dark pathways. If I don't come out of this procedure today or tomorrow and I for some reason get taken home, I want to thank that family for being there when mine chose not to avail themselves. There are a few in our chapter and the BK world who stood by me when I couldn't stand to be with myself. I feel I need to express my gratitude for the Blue Knights becoming a closer family to me than my own. Although the darkness has passed, I feel compelled to acknowledge that blood only makes you kin. Love and care make you family. If today I am taken from this earth, I hope my family of Knights know what they mean to me. Hopefully these words will not be my last entry. Most of you know I don't have a lot to say until I do. Should these be my final entry, please know I love my chapter and the family within it.

Go with God and be safe. Love like tomorrow is being taken from you with notice.



SICK AND DISTRESSED

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

JEFFREY LONGWELL

JIM KIRKPATRICK

JOHN CHIUSANO

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RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IS ALL MEMBERS JOB.... ALWAYS WEAR YOU COLORS AND PROMOTE OUR ORGANIZATION

on the **LIGHTER SIDE**

april fools' day

word search

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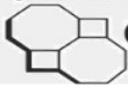


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