



BLUE KNIGHTS® FLXVIII NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Knights,

Happy Independence Day and Happy 250th Birthday to the United States Of America!!

Thinking back fifty years ago the 1976 Bicentennial celebration was huge compared to what we are eeisng today and it is such a shame. We used to have such patriotism.

I guess it is the sign of the times all is good as long as it is free, how quickly we forget how we got here. The sacrifices and lost lives of each and every American before us.

I was raised that noting is free you have to work hard, fight, make sacrifices, give time, sleep, blood, sweat and tears to get what you want. I hope and pray we make it to 300 years. Hopefully people will wake up and start appreciating the best dam experiment and vision our four fathers had created. The best dam place to be the good OL USA

Patrick Gibbons
President, FLXVIII



July Ride and Event Schedule

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

**MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

Saturday 7/11 11:30 AM

**Lunch at The Shake Station
4219 US 301 Ellenton**



Saturday 7/25 9:00 AM

**Breakfast at the Breakfast House
1817 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota**



REMEMBER!

IF ANYONE WANTS TO HEAD UP A RIDE OR EVENT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH ON OPEN DAYS, PLEASE LET PRESIDENT GIBBONS KNOW AND HE WILL PUT IT OUT FOR YOU.



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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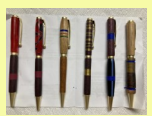
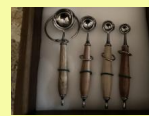
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2014 FLHTK Harley Davidson Ultra Limited
Color- Daytona Blue Mileage- 17500
Includes headsets for rider and passenger
Price- \$12,200 FIRM

John Emrick Mddre3077@aol.com



SEND YOUR SALE ITEMS TO ADD TO OUR MARKET

We need and want your input

Send your letters, suggestions, or any special event you would like to share to:

Patrick Gibbons
pjgibby1969@comcast.net

OR

Dom Ceccanecchio
dcc444@comcast.net



BLUE KNIGHTS FLORIDA XVIII

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MINUTES

May 5th, 2026

7:00PM - 2nd floor Sahib Shriners, 600 N Beneva Rd, Sarasota FL

President: Patrick Gibbons - Vice President: Ralph Smith - Treasurer: Tracy Dunn - Secretary/Webmaster: Dom Ceccanecchio
Sergeant At Arms: James Ryan - Past President: Sid Jones - Director: Bob Grotz - Director: Michael Klein
Quartermaster: Brian MacConnell - Chaplin: Vacant - Safety Officer: Jim Kelly



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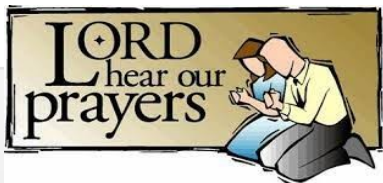
**THERE WAS NO JUNE CHAPTER MEETING
THEREFORE NO MINUTES**

Monthly Chapter Meetings SUMMER BREAK



**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS
7:00PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026
2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE
600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA**

**ALL OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND RIDE WILL CONTINUE
CHECK THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**



REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED

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

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JIM RYAN

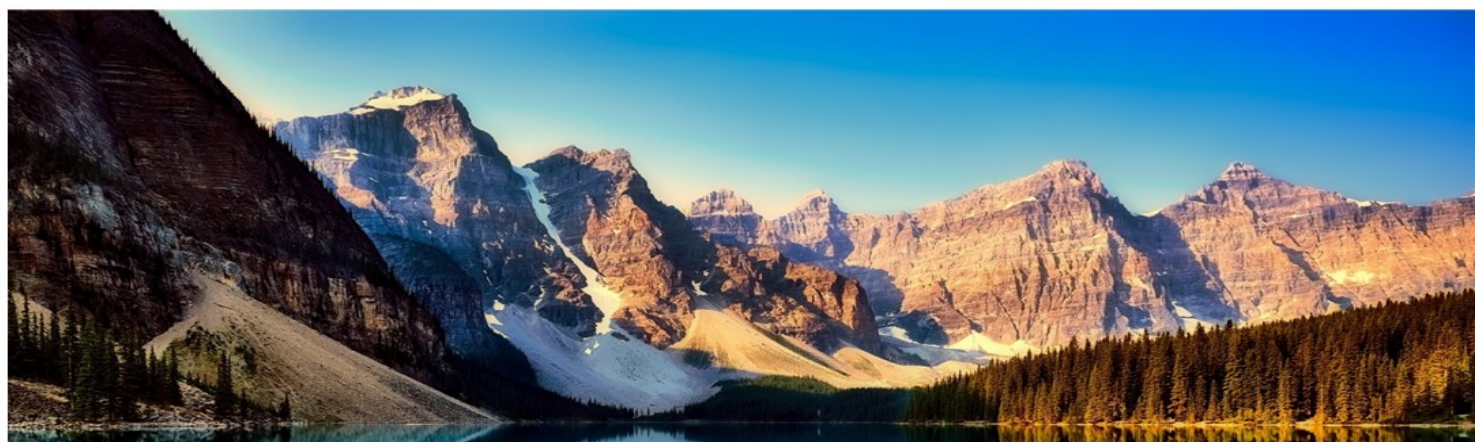


Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.



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Host Hotel

Grey Eagle Resort
3777 Grey Eagle Dr.
Tsuut'ina Nation,
Calgary, Alberta
Canada

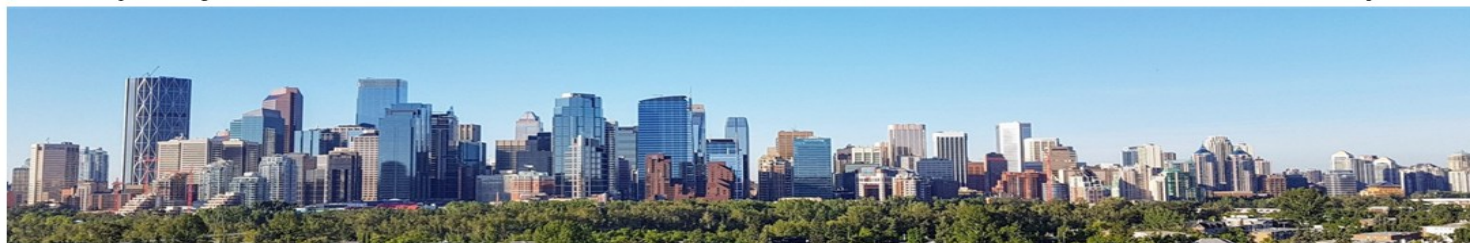


Registration

Adults \$265 CAD
(Until Apr. 30, 2026)
Children \$150 CAD
Adult Late \$315 CAD
(After Apr. 30, 2026)

Blue Knights International Convention & West Coast Conference July 19-24, 2026

Registration Includes: Welcome Package, Challenge Coin, Opening Ceremony, Live Entertainment, Hospitality Suite, Drink Tickets, Cookout BBQ, Slow Races, Vendor Night, Guided Rides, Banquet



Register Online At: <https://www.blueknightscalgary.com/>

Host Hotel: Grey Eagle Resort - SOLD OUT!!!, **Alt. Hotel:** Hotel Blackfoot - Call: 1-403-252-2253

Additional information & offers will be added to our website periodically, Check back regularly!!



Ride with Pride!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Randy Hoagland - Chairman
Eddie Henderson - Vice-Chairman
Mike Shockley - International Rep
Sal Anicito - Secretary
Al Fryer - Treasurer

THE SRC REGION INCLUDES:

Alabama	Bahamas
Florida	Bermuda
Georgia	Puerto Rico
Louisiana	Virgin Islands
Mississippi	
South Carolina	

SRC WEBSITE— <https://srcknights.org/>
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**BLUE KNIGHTS
SOUTHERN REGIONAL
CONFERENCE**

RIDE WITH PRIDE

**2026 FALL CONFERENCE
MYRTLE BEACH SOUTH CAROLINA
October 6, 7, 8, 2026
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

RIDE WITH PRIDE ON THE GRAND STRAND

The Grand Strand is a 60-mile stretch of beautiful sandy beaches located along the Atlantic Ocean in South Carolina, primarily in Horry and Georgetown Counties. It is a popular tourist destination known for its attractions, golf resorts, and family-friendly activities, with Myrtle Beach being the main city in the area.

HOST HOTEL: The Ellie Beach Resort Myrtle Beach, Tapestry by Hilton

Address: 3200 South Ocean Boulevard Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

Group Room Rate: \$199 per night plus tax

Parking: Reserved and secure parking for motorcycle, trailer and vehicles.

Hotel Rate Cutoff: September 7, 2026

Link To Book Hotel: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/blue-knights-motorcycle-2026/>

Call to Book Hotel: 1-800-774-1500 (Group Code 91N)

Check In/Registration: Tuesday 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Guided Rides: Wednesday & Thursday with self guided options

President's Meeting: Thursday 8:00am to 9:00am

Banquet: Thursday 7:00pm at DoubleTree Resort Carolina Ballroom

Hospitality Room: Every Night- (Attending Presidents asked to bring a minimum of one (1) bottle of liquor of choice to help stock the bar.)

Raffle: 50/50 Raffle Every Night

Sales: Vendor and Chapter Sale Space Available. \$25 a table.

Contact: SC V President John Flynn 910-367-6500 or fuzzyoflynn1@gmail.com.
Any difficulties registering online, contact John.

REGISTRATION: \$140 per person. Includes daily breakfast, banquet, hospitality beverages with a bag, patch and pin with 2026 Fall SRC logo. Pre-registration cutoff July 15, 2026 to guarantee banquet attendance.

LATE REGISTRATION July 16, 2026 to September 29, 2026 is \$160 per person. No refunds after September 21, 2026.

INFO: 2026 Myrtle Beach Fall Bike Week will be September 27, 2026 to October 4, 2026.

Register Online at: <https://bkscv.com/2026-src>



On The Lighter Side



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USA 250 TRIVIA

EARN ONE POINT FOR A CORRECT ANSWER. THE ONE WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!

- IN WHAT YEAR WILL THE U.S. CELEBRATE ITS 250TH?
A. 2024 B. 2026 C. 2030
- WHERE WAS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNED?
A. New York B. Philadelphia C. Boston
- WHAT CITY WAS THE FIRST CAPITAL OF THE USA?
A. Philadelphia B. Washington D.C. C. New York City
- HOW MANY COLONIES ORIGINALLY SIGNED THE DECLARATION?
A. 50 B. 10 C. 13
- WHO WAS THE MAIN AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION?
A. Thomas Jefferson B. John Adams C. Ben Franklin
- WHICH DOCUMENT STARTS WITH "WE THE PEOPLE"?
A. Magna Carta B. Bill of Rights C. The Constitution
- WHICH BELL WAS RUNG TO MARK INDEPENDENCE?
A. Freedom Bell B. Big Ben C. Liberty Bell
- WHO IS KNOWN AS THE FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION?
A. James Madison B. George Washington C. Alexander Hamilton
- WHAT YEAR WAS THE CONSTITUTION RATIFIED?
A. 1788 B. 1776 C. 1800
- HOW MANY AMENDMENTS ARE IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS?
A. 5 B. 10 C. 12

TOTAL POINTS: _____

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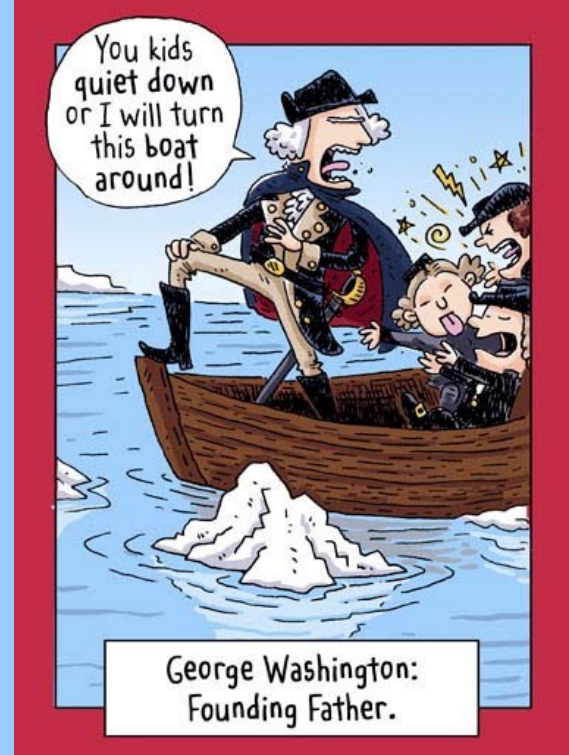
- WHICH US PRESIDENT WAS THE FIRST TO LIVE IN DC?
John Adams George Washington Jefferson
- WHICH FOUNDING FATHER IS ON THE \$100 BILL?
Ben Franklin Washington Alexander Hamilton
- WHAT WAS THE LAST STATE TO JOIN THE UNION?
Hawaii Alaska Arizona
- WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO SIGN THE DECLARATION?
Samuel Adams Thomas Jefferson John Hancock
- THE 'SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL' MARKS HOW MANY YEARS?
250 200 150
- WHICH CITY HOSTED THE BICENTENNIAL IN 1976?
Boston Washington Philadelphia
- WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE USA?
Sunflower Lily Rose
- WHICH SHIP BROUGHT THE PILGRIMS TO AMERICA?
Santa Maria Mayflower Beagle
- HOW MANY STARS WERE ON THE FIRST OFFICIAL FLAG?
50 13 1
- WHICH RIVER DID WASHINGTON CROSS IN 1776?
Hudson Delaware Potomac

TOTAL POINTS: _____

USA 250th FINISH THE LYRICS

Read each lyric and write the missing word. Earn one point for each correct answer.

- From Every Mountainside Let Freedom _____
- God bless America, land that I _____
- America! America! God shed His grace on _____
- This land is your land, this land is my _____
- I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm _____
- You're a grand old flag, you're a high-flying _____
- Yankee Doodle went to town, riding on a _____
- Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the _____
- Stars and stripes forever, let the banner _____
- Anchors Aweigh, my _____, anchors aweigh
- From sea to shining _____
- Only in America, where we dream as big as we want to _____
- Columbia, the Gem of the _____
- The Battle Cry of _____
- Hail to the Chief we have chosen for the _____
- Sweet home Alabama, where the skies are so _____
- Country roads, take me home to the place I _____
- Imagine all the people living life in _____
- Living in America got to have a _____
- I ain't marchin' anymore, I won't kill for your _____





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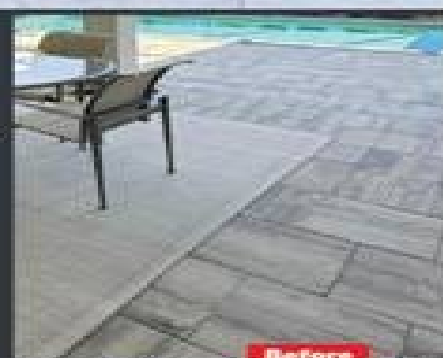
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