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NOVEMBER 2026

Message from your President

Greetings fellow Knights,

November has arrived and the Florida weather is oh so nice. Get the bikes cleaned up and road ready for a great riding season.

I am still looking for members who would like to head up some rides. You pick the route, time and location. Look at the monthly schedule and pick the open day. Let me know and I will send it out to the membership.

With our many members sometimes it has become a problem when someone is experiencing health and or problems in life. I'm not a mind reader and I have my own problems that I have to deal with between family and myself. So if you have some health problems or other problems that are bothering you please let me or someone in the chapter know so we can help.

I have had members family call and keep me in the loop and give me permission to share with the chapter. I have some members who have things going on and don't want to share with the chapter, so with respect to the wishes of the member I keep it to myself until I am told otherwise.

We are all busy and most of us have many other things outside of the Blue Knights that occupies our lives. If I don't see or hear from you I assume you are busy with life. Quite frankly if I had to call all the members who are MIA to find out if they are ok I would be on the phone all the time. So if you need help or prayers please let me know, the phone works both ways.

Membership dues are now being collected please come out to the November or December meeting and pay up. You can always mail your dues to our PO BOX. If you have any questions please give me a call. If I don't have payment by 12/15 I will be calling you to see if you are staying on and paying your dues. This is a very busy time of the year so please help me out and pay before 12/15 or let me know what you are doing.

With this the month of Thanks Giving, I would like to say I am thankful for our chapter and the work that we have done in the last year. We gave a lot money to some charities that do wonderful things in our community. We provided for children who probably wouldn't have had a Christmas gift if not for the work FL XVIII did selling raffle tickets and working the Cornhole for Kids.

Thank you to the members who sold or bought raffle tickets. I now have the Raffle tickets for our new raffle please see me for tickets so we can keep up the good work and share our blessings with those less fortunate.

Thank you to all
Ride With Pride

Patrick Gibbons
President, FLXVIII



November Event Schedule

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

Tuesday 11/3

5:30 PM
Dine at the Shrine / Hot Sands Tiki Bar. 600 N Beneva RD Sarasota

7:00 PM
Monthly membership meeting.
2nd floor of the Shrine
600 N Beneva RD Sarasota

Saturday 11/7

10:30 AM
Lunch ride to Edelweiss Restaurant
611 Manatee Ave W Bradenton.
Meet up at the WAWA
14510 Rt 70/Lorraine rd LWR

Saturday 11/15

9:00 AM
Breakfast / Coffee Badass Coffee
6588 University Pkwy LWR.

Saturday 11/21

10:00 AM
Lunch ride to Tiki Docks river bar and grill
10704 Palmetto St Riverview 33569
Meet up at the Wawa
14510 RT 70 / Lorraine rd LWR

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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We need and want your input .....

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

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Includes headsets for rider and passenger
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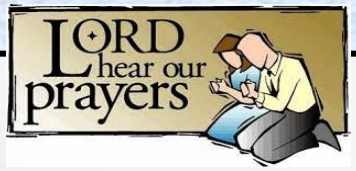
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REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED

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

GERI BUSCEMI

JIM RYAN

LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE THAT WE SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF.



"Shootout with Bobby G."

9:00 AM

Friday, November 27th

Knight Trail Park 3445 Rustic Rd Nokomis

We can grab lunch afterwards.

If you are interested please email bgrotz2@yahoo.com and if you would please copy President Gibbons at PJGIBY1969@comcast.net



















Monthly Chapter Meetings

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS

7:00PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2026

2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE

600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA

CHECK THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

BLUE KNIGHTS FLORIDA XVIII

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MINUTES eptember 1st, 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: Mchael Klein
Quartermaster: Brian MacConnell - Chaplin: Jim Kirkpatrick - Safety Officer : Jim Kelly

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Meeting Call to Order: by President Gibbons @ 7:01 PM
Pledge of Allegiance: led by President Gibbons
Invocation: by Jim Kirkpatrick, Chaplin
Welcoming Remarks: President Gibbons.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: PATRICK GIBBONS

- Received a thank you from the M/S Suncoast challenge LWR for our help last Spring. They raised over $630,000.00 to fight M/S. Michael Klein and I worked the event providing some blocking and motivation along the route. The group fed us breakfast, Lunch, and dinner if you wanted to eat, along with snacks and refreshments. Really nice group of people working for a noble cause. This hits home with me, My Geri has been fighting MS for over twenty years and we have seen many improvements in treatment and the way M/S is handled. We pray for a cure one day.

We have been invited to help out again Saturday 4/10/2027 It's a good time come on out.

- Dues collection is now starting for 2027. **$40.00** please pay by check or cash before the end of December.
  If you can't pay in person please mail in your dues to our Po Box.

  Blue Knights FL XVIII
  PO BOX 20231
  Sarasota FL 34230
- Christmas Party Sunday December 6th (5-9) Could change to 4;00. Tickets will be **$30.00 per person**. Dead line for payment is Tuesday 12/1 at the December monthly meeting.
- We will be picking out the raffle gun soon. Need approval for funds.

We agreed on Sig 365 Bobby G is looking for the best deal.

- ***Mid term elections for two Director spots.*** Bobby G and Michael Klein are both willing to stay on. If anyone is interested in running please send in your request email to our Secretary and President before the November 3rd meeting and we will have the election in December.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: RALPH SMITH

- Work continues on the chapter trailer. I have made some shelves and need some help to hang them. (I Bobby G Volunteered to help) I will have to move the trailer to my house so we can have access to my tools. have

TREASURERS REPORT: TRACY DUNN

- Motion to accept the September financial report Michael Klein, 2nd Brian Bender, all approved.
- Specific financial data is available by request to our Treasurer.

SECRETARY / WEBMASTER'S REPORT: DOMENIC CECCANECCHIO

- Motion to accept the September minutes was made by Tracy Dunn , 2nd Michael Klein, all approved.

SAFETY OFFICER: President Gibbons for JIM KELLY

- Please give your bikes a good going over before the season starts. Good tip check brake fluid for moisture and change if you haven't in a while.

CHAPLIN: JAMES KIRKPATRICK: N/A

- Jimmy is returning as Chaplain.

SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT: Nothing to report.
NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.
SICK AND DISTRESSED:

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.
Geri Buscemi Jim Ryan

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Time: 7:17PM

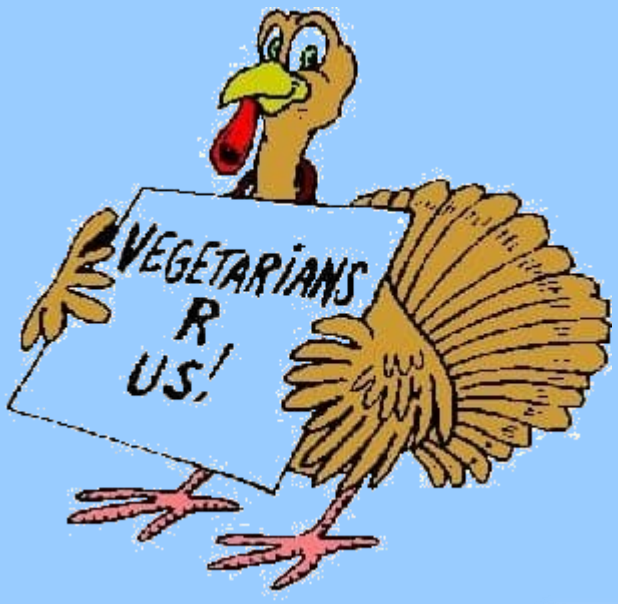
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY DECEMBER 1st

Prepared and submitted by Patrick Gibbons, Chapter President and Domenic Ceccanecchio, Secretary BK XVIII

On The Lighter Side



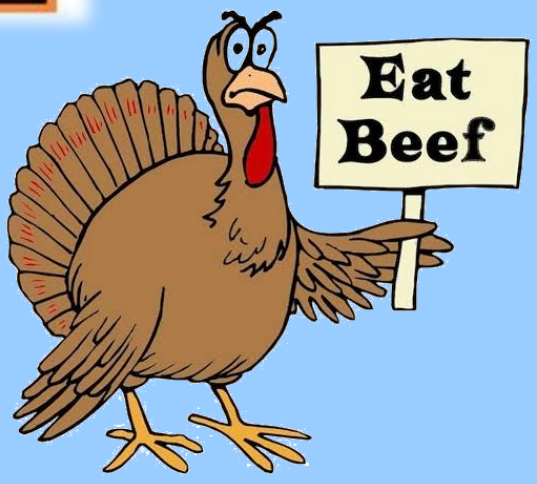
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As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles.

Recognized as a Blue Knight:

This NEW dark blue safety vest promotes visibility and uniformity of our riders and enhances club recognition that will highlight our fraternal law enforcement organization. We will be readily identified and recognized during parades, events, and assemblies especially among other motorcycle riders and participants.

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