



## BLUE KNIGHTS® FLXVIII NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well September is upon us. The kids are back in school and we are starting our monthly meetings again. Tuesday September the 1st at 7:00 PM at the Shrine 2nd floor for the meeting. Come out around 5:30 PM for some dinner at the Tiki bar.

I hope everyone had a nice summer and you are ready to get back to doing some Blue Knights stuff!!

If you have any ideas for a chapter ride, dinner, lunch, breakfast or activity let me know and we can set something up. We need new ideas to keep things fresh and interesting for everyone. Step up and lead a ride its a lot of fun. You might surprise yourself and enjoy it.

If you follow any of the Blue Knights Facebook pages you might have seen lately a lot of talk about recruitment and retention. We have lost a lot of members in the last ten or so years. We were around 21000 plus members at one time and now we are struggling to stay around 14000 members. This has placed a financial burden on International and they are really working hard to keep a tight budget with less money. At the international Convention it was brought up that this year the dues will go up five dollars ( 2027 ) and start to go up by a dollar each year starting ( 2028 ) so from \$25 to \$35. It has been \$25 for years. Our chapter charges \$40 each year we keep the \$15 and International gets the \$25. Its not much for dues a lot of other organizations charge way more.

I propose to you all ( FL XVIII ) that we just keep the chapter dues at \$40 and pay International what we owe from that. We have had a few good years with our gun raffle and Corn-hole charity, we can afford to ride it out without an increase to our members and have the chapter take the loss. Please if you have any issues with this come out to the meeting or give me a call.

My thought process is that we don't have to burden our members with paying more in dues at a time where everything has gone up in price. Hopefully you all will renew your membership and keep the ship afloat.

May God bless you all.

*Patrick Gibbons*  
President, FLXVIII



### September Event Schedule

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

#### **Tuesday 9/1**

**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 9/5 9:00 AM**

**Breakfast at Panera Bread**

2821 University Pkwy, Sarasota  
( Ride After weather permitting )

#### **Friday 9/11 11:30 AM**

**Lunch at Mission BBQ**

5231 University PKWY Sarasota  
( Ride After If you like )

#### **Saturday 9/26 11:30 AM**

**Lunch at Slim Chickens**

14675 SR 70E Bradenton ( LWR )

#### **REMEMBER!**

**IF ANYONE WANTS TO HEAD UP A RIDE  
OR EVENT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH  
ON OPEN DAYS, PLEASE LET PRESI-  
DENT 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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## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT ..... PATRICK GIBBONS  
VICE PRESIDENT ..... RALPH SMITH  
TREASURER ..... TRACY DUNN  
SECRETARY ..... DOMENIC CECCANECCHIO  
SERGEANT AT ARMS .... JAMES RYAN

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

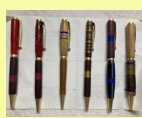
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BOBBY GROTZ

## OPERATIONS

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Purchased from Rossiter's HD August 15, 2022 and has been garage kept everyday. Price includes a brand new windshield still in the box, never opened. Contact John Emrick at 410-991-8161 (okay to leave a message) or [mddre3077@aol.com](mailto:mddre3077@aol.com)



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](mailto: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](mailto:pjgibby1969@comcast.net)

OR

Dom Ceccanecchio  
[dcc444@comcast.net](mailto:dcc444@comcast.net)



# BLUE KNIGHTS FLORIDA XVIII

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MINUTES

May 5th, 2026

7:00PM - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING  
THEREFORE NO MINUTES**

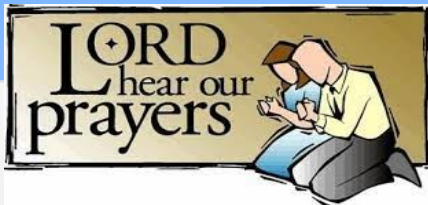
## Monthly Chapter Meetings

**SUMMER BREAK IS OVER  
IT'S BACK TO WORK TIME**



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

**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 & PRAYERS**

**GERI BUSCEMI**

**JIM RYAN**

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



NOW AVAILABLE

# BLUE KNIGHTS APPAREL

Represent the Blue Knights® and your Chapter by wearing the NEW Blue Knight Safety Vest during parades, at Conference or Chapter events (event staff), or assemblies where other riding clubs may be present. This New Blue Knight Safety Vest with approved one piece colors on the back is a versatile alternative to heavy leather vests especially during hot weather. The safety vest can be worn as an outer garment to any uniform, riding gear or rain gear enhancing comfort and highlighting the Club's uniformity and presence. Wearing the New Safety Vest may prolong the life and condition of your existing leather vest (colors) especially during adverse weather conditions.

**Wear it with Pride**

**Ride with Pride**

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## SAFETY VESTS & POLO SHIRTS



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## SAFETY VEST



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# NOW AVAILABLE BLUE KNIGHTS APPAREL

## Blue Knight Pledge:

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.

## Safety Vest Description:

Our dark blue polyester mesh safety vest is lightweight and breathable with reflective vertical and horizontal stripes on the front and back, as well as a zippered front closure and pockets. The approved International one patch emblem is on the back with a smaller emblem (same) on the front. Also, a clear card pocket on right front with additional storage pockets inside.

## Safety Vest BACK:



## Pricing:

**\$25.00 USD includes S&H**

(Not typical U.S. sizing)

## Safety Vest FRONT:



## Ordering: (Members Only)

Contact: Tony Morgano @

[bksafetyvests@gmail.com](mailto:bksafetyvests@gmail.com)

## POLO SHIRT



## Polo Shirt Description:

Our blue or black short sleeve sport-tec polyester polo is lightweight and comfortable.

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includes S&H

(sizes LG-4XL typical US sizing)

Payment: (Check, Zelle, PayPal accepted)

International Sales Permit Issued



*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:**

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
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| 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](mailto: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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Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the seat

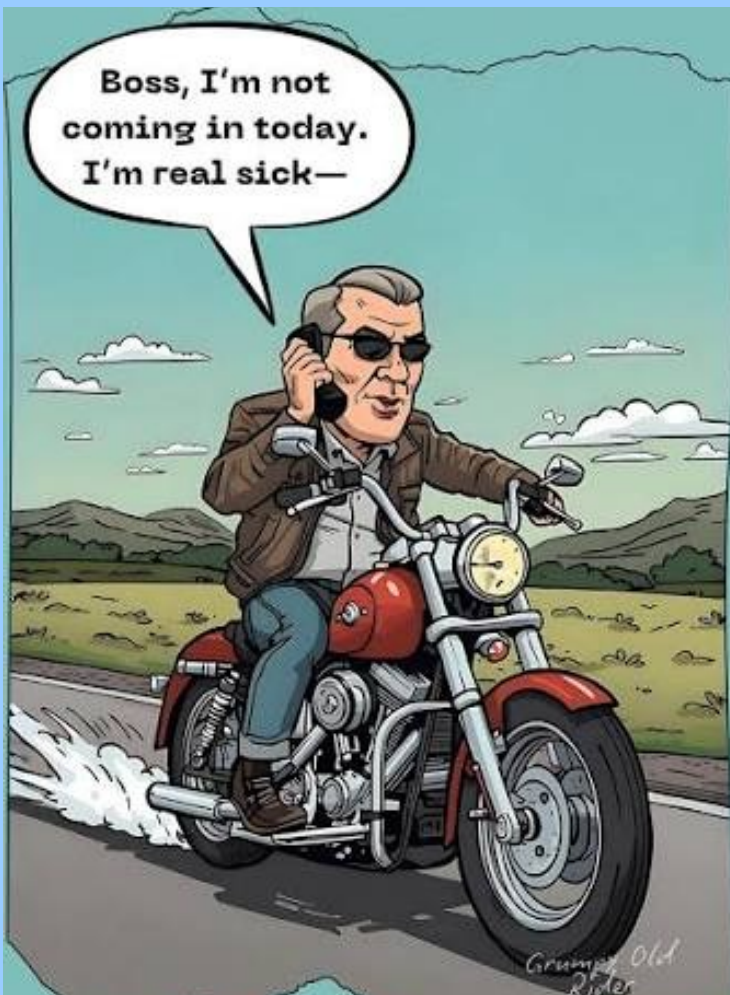


I Tried  
To Come  
Up With A  
LABOR DAY  
Joke ...

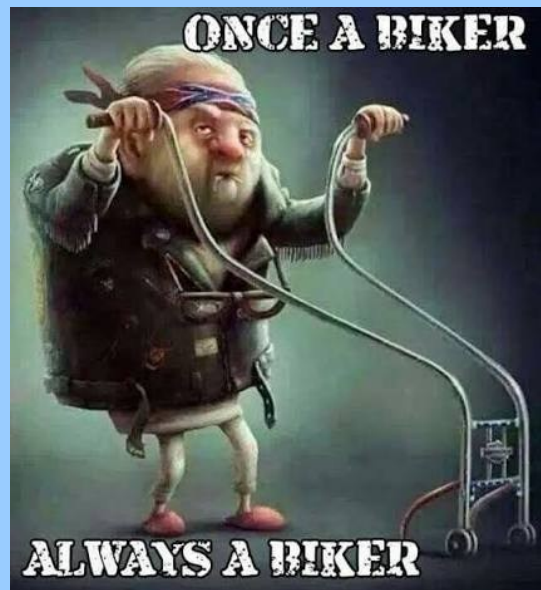


*"I'm looking to buy a motorcycle that makes me look cool, young, attractive, thinner and lowers my cholesterol."*

Boss, I'm not coming in today. I'm real sick—



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**ALWAYS A BIKER**



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