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JUNE 2025

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Knights,

Have you ever thought to yourself why am I Blue Knight??

I have over the years usually when I hear some scuttlebutt from the political side of things. With the international elections and such it usually makes some people pick sides and it causes a divide in the organization. Sometimes it might be a random comment that doesn't live up to the standard of brotherhood on one of the many social media sites. Lately it has been over bylaws and changes to accept some members in other countries who have a different job standard that doesn't meet up to our current bylaws.

One change was for Corrections but the way it was worded it opened up membership to Non Custody. This is one that opened up the floodgates of comments some quite rude aimed at Correction Officers. Lot's of quality not quantity remarks and a lack of trust for Corrections Officers (Not Guards.) This distain came from the highest offices in our club and this only breeds more divide and loss to the Blue Knights. Wonder why we have so many splinter LEMC's starting and the Blue Knights are shrinking, read the tea leaves.

Well after working in corrections and retiring as a Correction Sergeant after twenty five years always having powers of arrest (Current title for the State of NJ is Correctional Police Officer) it really makes me question why be a Blue Knight.

Maybe this attitude, aimed at current members who have met all the criteria to join, is helping with the decline of our total numbers. Quality not quantity but a 6000 plus decline in membership is huge. Sure Heaven one has gained a bunch and we have many members who just don't feel it anymore. They don't ride and feel guilty. No member should ever feel guilty and quit because of age or health. Once a brother always a brother right?

So the answer for why am I a Blue Knight showed itself to me today as it does many times over. Today I had breakfast with four of my brothers. One from Noah, (Federal Law enforcement) one from the State of Florida Division of Parole, (active) One Retired State Of NY Corrections Officer, One Retired MP, Corrections Officer Virginia, currently working as an Investigator for the State Of Florida.

This breakfast went on for three hours full of war stories, laughter, cutting up and brotherhood. Five guys from all over the place who worked and walked different beats but never looking down at one job from the other because we are brothers. We listen to each other and sometimes it helps letting out some of the demons we all carry with brothers who have the same demons. No judgment No BS just brotherhood.

We have many members in our chapter who have great stories from the many different departments all across the USA. All Law Enforcement who love riding motorcycles and love being able to include their family in the chapter. This is why I am a Blue Knight Brotherhood. I meet the standards set forth by our founding fathers, I pay my dues, I honor my oath. I have thick skin and will stay a Blue Knight (Because I Can!!)

Thank you Russ Harper, Calvin Ennals, an Larry Bubba Dunn for stepping and running for important positions in the Blue Knights and always being a true Blue Knight by following our oath. You have my vote!

Ride with Pride

Patrick Gibbons
President, FLXVIII



June Ride and Event Schedule

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

Tuesday 6/3 — 5:30 pm

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

Tuesday 6/3 — 7:00 pm

Monthly Chapter Meeting.
2nd floor of the Shrine
600 N Beneva RD, Sarasota

Saturday 6/7 — 11:30 am

Lunch at Stottlemeyer's Smoke House
19 East RD Sarasota 34240

Saturday 6/14 — 10:00AM
RIDE

Meet up at Adrenaline Harley Davidson 330 Cattlemen RD
** Looking for recommendations for the ride route and lunch spot**

Friday 6/27 — 11:30AM

Lunch at Miller's Ale House
7175 SR 64E Bradenton 34212





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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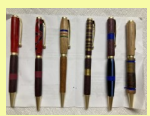
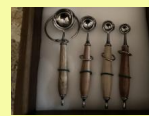
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2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sunparks Kempense Meren
June 29th - July 4th, 2025



HOST HOTEL

Village Sunparks Kempense Meren
Postelsesteenweg 100, 2400
Mol, Belgium Phone: +32 14 81 72 52



Accommodations range from airy rooms with terraces and flat-screen TVs, to separate cottages with kitchens, sleeping up to 10 ppl. Some cottages are bi-level and offer fireplaces and/or saunas. Water park access is included. Amenities: A café, outdoor pool, kids' club and beach access. Bike rentals and massage treatments can be arranged.



VISIT HISTORICAL SITES

Waterloo, the last battlefield of Napoleon Bonaparte I, Fort of Breendonk of WWII, Beautiful Brussels, the Antwerp Castle and The Ghent Castle of Belgium.

REGISTRATION

€180.00 or \$190.75 USD

INCLUDES

Welcome Packet, Wednesday dinner, Thursday Banquet dinner, Live Music, Surprise event, Meeting costs, Sales room, Free access to FUNPARK (swimming pool & fun...)

BREAKFAST

You can book a breakfast package.

Prices depend on length of stay.

Adult 7 days - €77.00 or \$81.61 USD

Kids 3-12yrs old €42.50 or \$45.05 USD

Adult 5 days - €62.00 or \$65.72 USD

Kids 3-12yrs old €34.00 or \$36.04 USD

OTHER MEALS:

There are 3 restaurants and a supermarket on site. If you rent a house with a kitchen, you have the possibility to book a kitchen package as well.

The 2025 Blue Knights International election polls are now open for voting. You may vote now through June 29, 2025 at 11:59pm EDT.

To vote use the following information.

Voting site: <https://bki.voteegrity.net>



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June Chapter Meeting



**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS
7:00PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2025
2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE
600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA.**

Our brother John Emrik won a basket at Bert's Harley Davidson that contained a certificate for a "Free Riding Academy Course" basically a gift certificate valued at \$90.00 so. John will graciously present the certificate to the winner of the 50/50 drawing at the chapter meeting.

COME OUT EARLY, HAVE DINNER AND CHAT WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

NOTICE

THERE ARE NO MAY MINUTES
BECAUSE THE MONTHLY MEETING HAD BEEN CANCELLED.



THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2025

Submitted By: Domenic Ceccanecchio, Secretary BK XVIII



SICK AND DISTRESSED

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

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SRC Fall 2025 Conference

September 14-17, 2025

(Sunday - Wednesday)

Hiawassee, GA

Hosted by GA XXII



<https://bksrcfall2025.com/>

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Southern Regional Conference

2025 Fall Conference

September

14 – 17

Hiawassee GA

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Run of Show



Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday September 14	3:00 - 7:00 PM	Registration	Lobby
	3:00 - 8:00 PM	Chapter/Vendor Sales & Silent Auction	Banquet Room 1st Floor
	5:00 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room	President's Room 3rd Floor
	9:45 PM	50/50 Drawing	President's Room 3rd Floor
Monday September 15	7:30 - 9:00 AM	President's Meeting	President's Room 3rd Floor
	8:00 - 10:00 AM	Registration	Lobby
	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Chapter/Vendor Sales & Silent Auction	Banquet Room 1st Floor
	9:15 KSU 9:30	Guided Ride to Dragon	GA Mountain Fairgrounds 1
	9:15 KSU 9:30	Guided Ride Highlands	GA Mountain Fairgrounds 2
	6:00 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room	President's Room 3rd Floor
	9:45 PM	50/50 Drawing	President's Room 3rd Floor
Tuesday September 16	9:15 KSU 9:30	Helen GA Loop Ride	GA Mountain Fairgrounds 1
	9:15 KSU 9:30	Joe Brown Road Loop	GA Mountain Fairgrounds 2
	9:15 KSU 9:30	Cigar Connoisseurs	Host Hotel Lower Parking lot
	12:00 Noon	Silent Auction Closes	Banquet Room 1st Floor
	8:00 AM -2:00 PM	Chapter/Vendor Sales	Banquet Room 1st Floor
	5:30 - 6:30 PM	SRC Chairman Reception -Cash Bar	Anderson Music Hall Limited Shuttle Service Provided
	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Banquet - Cash Bar	Anderson Music Hall Limited Shuttle Service Provided
	8:30 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room	President's Room 3rd Floor
	8:00 PM	50/50 Drawing	Anderson Music Hall Banquet
Wednesday September 17	8:00 -11:00 AM	Departures	

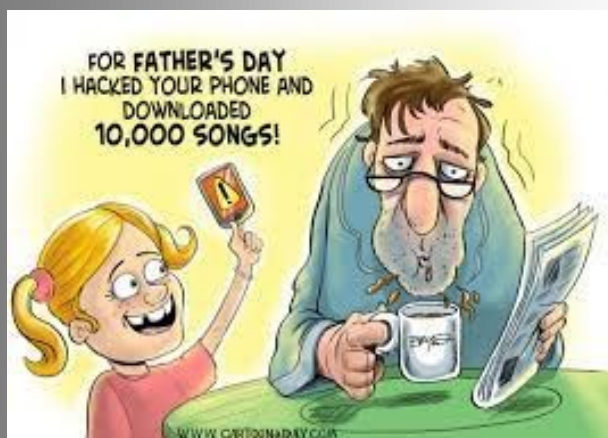
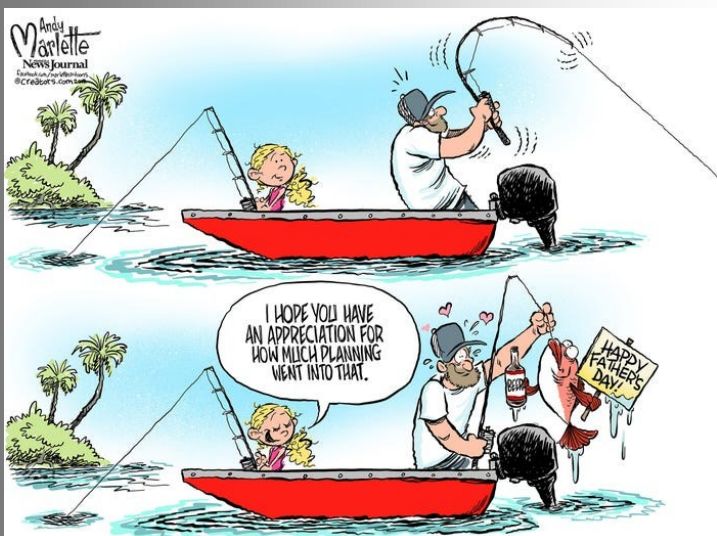
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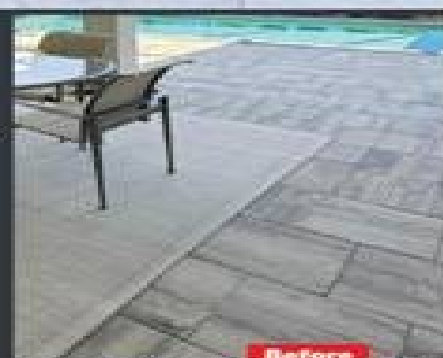
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