

# Manasota 9/11 Remembrance Ride

Details Below ...



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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Knights,

Summer is moving along quickly and many of our chapter members have been taking the usual summer trips visiting family and touring the globe. Geri and I are planning to head out this month for a five week tour. The highlight of this tour will be celebrating my daughters birthday with her. Hopefully when I return back to Florida the weather will be more favorable for riding.

With September in our sights the Annual Manasota 9/11 ride will kick off the next riding season for us. This year will defiantly be different for all of us. Look for good things to come from this ride with scholarships for local kids looking to enter public service and much more.

I will be looking for some ideas for the upcoming riding season please let me know what you would like to do and where you want to go! If you have a favorite ride route or restaurant step up and we will set it up. We need some long rides this season any and all ideas appreciated. As always we are looking for members who are willing to lead rides to bike nights and destinations. Step up and help out you might just like it.

*Ride with Pride*  
*Patrick Gibbons*  
*President, FLXVIII*



### September Ride and Event Schedule

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

#### Tuesday 9/3

5:30PM Dinner at the Hot Sands Tiki Bar  
600 N Beneva road

7:00PM Monthly Chapter Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor Sahib Shrine, 600 N Beneva Road

#### Friday 9/6

11:30 AM Lunch at Gecko's Grill & Pub  
6606 nS Tamiami Trail SRQ 34231

### Manasota 9/11 Remembrance Ride



4:00 PM Set up at Adrenaline Harley Davidson

5:30 PM safety briefing

KSU 6:00 PM Ride too Hot Sands Tiki Bar.

Please come out and support this ride to remember.

23 years ago we all said we would never forget lets make sure they remember.

#### Thursday 9/15

9:00 AM Breakfast at Bob Evans  
5903 Brookhill Blvd SRQ 34232 ( Ride after )

#### Thursday 9/21

11:00 Lunch Ride to the Twisted fork.  
2208 El Jobean Rd. Port Charlotte 33948



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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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**LABOR DAY**

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**VP Message ..... Jim Thomas**



**Hello Brothers and Sisters,**

**Oh Lord has it been hot. Not a lot of wheel time this month. We have had some extreme temps out there and I am sure the AC has been calling most of us. There's not really a lot this month. Membership this month hasn't really changed a lot. We stay in the same zone most of the time but I believe we have added one to our fold. . We have had flyers dropped at the break rooms of a number of police stations to see if we can drum up some more interested parties. All in all it's been quiet this month. We have a few more months of the heat then we will be getting some much needed relief.**

**I hope you are all doing well. If there are any problems that we need to be aware of please let me or Patrick know in case we can help. With Patrick so far south, if you need anything, even a set of hands, please feel free to call me 941-334-3338. We have a lot of elderly in our chapter so if you know of a need, please forward the info for us to follow up on. We want to try to help where needed.**

**I look forward to seeing yall at the meeting. Ride free and upright.**

**Be safe and ride with pride..... JT**

# September Chapter Meeting



**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS  
7:00PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024  
2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE  
600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA.**

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



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## ZODIAC SIGNS



### Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Virgo is historically represented by the goddess of wheat and agriculture, an association that speaks to Virgo's deep-rooted presence in the material world. Virgos are logical, practical, and systematic in their approach to life. A perfectionist at heart and isn't afraid to improve skills through diligent and consistent practice.



### Libra (September 23 - October 22)

Libra is an air sign represented by the scales (interestingly, the only inanimate object of the zodiac), an association that reflects Libra's fixation on balance and harmony. Libra is obsessed with symmetry and strives to create equilibrium in all areas of life. Libras are noted for their desire to be in the company of others. Libras are **extremely agreeable and honest people who believe strongly in the importance of social connections**. Libras are among the most fascinating and intelligent individuals on the planet, and they have a lot to give.

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# Chaplains Message



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Greeting Fellow Blue Knights,

How to Pray for Law Enforcement, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Prayer is a personal discussion between you and the Lord.

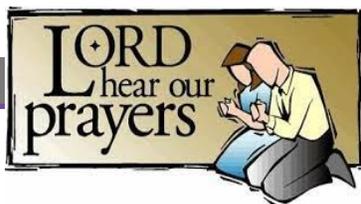
You can pray using words and thoughts from Scripture, here are some prayers that related to our profession as law enforcement officers, current and retired. How we can pray for a better outlook facing our nation.



1. Pray that God would open the hearts of law enforcement officers who are far from Him and draw them to Himself. **Acts 16:14** •
2. Suicide is rampant among law enforcement—in fact, these men and women are at higher risk of taking their own lives than people in any other profession. Pray that officers who are facing hopelessness would discover the hope of Jesus Christ. **Psalm 40:1-3** •
3. The rate of post-traumatic stress disorder and depression is five times higher among law enforcement than it is in the general population. These individuals regularly witness devastating violence. Ask God to heal their hearts along with those who work and live with them. **2 Thessalonians 3:3** •
4. The number of police recruits continues to drop. Pray that the Lord would call young men and women who know Him, love Him, and follow Him to serve their communities in law enforcement. **Ephesians 4:1-3** •
5. Pray for law enforcement leaders in departments all over our nation. Ask God to give them wisdom, strength, and guidance as they serve. **1 Chronicles 22:12** •
6. In recent years, police training programs have adapted to include new topics like de-escalation, mental illness, and crowd control. Please pray for both new and seasoned officers as they learn how to best serve our communities. **Psalm 21:11; 1 Kings 3:9** •
7. While studies indicate that nearly 25% of police officers have experienced symptoms of depression, anxiety, or PTSD, only a fraction of them will ever seek help. Many say they are too embarrassed to ask. Please pray that God would help law enforcement leaders create a supportive work environment for officers. **Colossians 3:1**



Chaplain Jimmy Kirkpatrick



## SICK AND DISTRESSED

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

JEFFREY LONGWELL



# August Chapter Meeting Highlights

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**Meeting Call to Order:** by [President Gibbons](#) @ 7:10PM

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

**Invocation:** by President Gibbons

**Welcoming Remarks:** by President Gibbons. New member introduction.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT: PATRICK GIBBONS**

- Manasota 9/11 Ride: Wed 9/11, Starts 4:00PM from Adrenaline HD, KSU 6:00PM. Ride ends at the Hot Sands Tiki Bar.
- FL XVI Dinner Dance, Saturday 11/23/2004. Doors open at 5:00PM. Dinner at 6:00PM, Dance and prizes at 7:00PM. \$30.00PP. Only 75 tickets sold.
- Chapter Christmas Party: Saturday 12/7 at the Palm Aire Country Club. DJ, dancing reindeer games. \$30 pp. Friends and family welcome – the more the merrier.
- Fundraiser Thunder by the Bay prize to be determined. Ticket prices to be discussed.

## **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: JAMES THOMAS N/A**

## **TREASURERS REPORT: JOHN EMRICK**

- Accepted June treasurers report. Motion Jim Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Klein, unanimously approved
- Financial Position: All of the specific financial numbers will be available by request to our Treasurer.

## **SECRETARY / WEBMASTER'S REPORT: DOMENIC CECCANECCHIO N/A**

- Motion to accept June minutes Larry Cochran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Thomas, unanimously approved.
- Moving forward all meeting minutes will be delivered for your review in the monthly newsletter
- There was no August newsletter published due to mechanical errors.

**SAFETY OFFICER: N/A** - looking for someone to fill vacancy

**CHAPLIN: JAMES KIRKPATRICK: N/A**

## **SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT:**

See Newsletter for details.

**NEW BUSINESS** : New T-shirt designs in progress. Price to be determined. Purchases by order only.

## **SICK AND DISTRESSED:**

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

Jeffrey Longwell

**50-50 DRAWING:** Amount: \$40 Winner: Michael Klein - \$25 donated to club

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Time: 8:00PM, Motion: Jim Ryan, 2nd: Ralph Smith, Unanimous Approval

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, September 3rd, 2024**

**Submitted By: Domenic Ceccanecchio, Secretary BK XVIII**



*Ride with Pride!*

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## SRC Fall Meeting 2024

September 13 – 14, 2024

Scottsboro, AL

Hosted by Alabama XVI

“No Registration or Fee”

### **Friday, September 13, 2024**

Check-in & Meet and Greet

### **Saturday, September 14, 2024**

SRC Business Meeting – 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Rides- 10:00 AM

- 1) Jack Daniel's Distillery  
Lynchburg, TN (65 miles)
- 2) Guntersville State Park / Little River Canyon  
Guntersville, AL

Saturday Night BBQ (provided by AL XVI)

Games / Drawings / Raffle Prizes

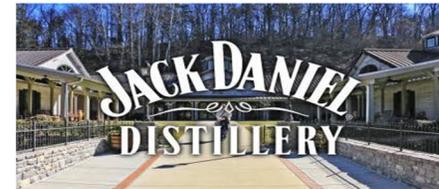
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Comfort Inn  
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### **Overflow Hotel:**

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Both hotels include breakfast.



For more information contact:  
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# On The Lighter Side



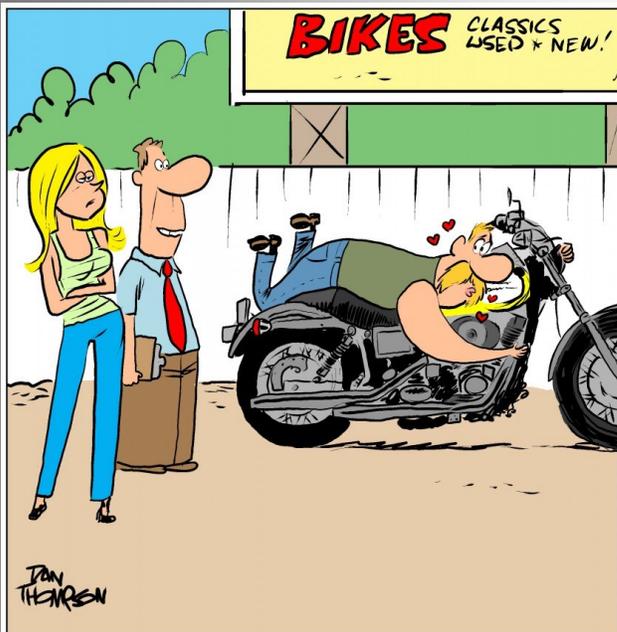
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### LABOR DAY FACTS

1. The first U.S. Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union. The Labor Day parade of about 10,000 workers took unpaid leave and marched from City Hall past Union Square uptown to 42nd street, and ended in Wendel's Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue for a concert, speeches, and a picnic.
2. Oregon was the first to declare Labor Day an official holiday in 1887.
3. Labor Day is considered the 'unofficial NFL season kickoff.' 99.44 percent of the time, the NFL plays its first official season game the Thursday after Labor Day.
4. The first Waffle house opened on Labor Day. In 1955, in Avondale Estates, GA, the very first Waffle House opened its doors to the public.
5. What are we celebrating? The contributions and achievements of the 155 million men and women who are in the U.S. workforce.
6. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.



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