

# BLUE KNIGHTS® FLXVIII NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Knights,

October and the autumn season is upon us! Ok so not much changes 5 degrees cooler and it starts to get darker earlier. However with October we start to see more bike nights and dryer weather and more riding.

FL XVIII needs some help! We are looking for Road Captains to create and lead rides. Step up and try it out you might just like it. You pick the route, the destination and stops along the way. You pick the date and time. The current schedule hasn't worked out for you due to work or life well now is the chance to work it around your schedule. Its a win win. Please contact me if you can help and we can get it on the schedule.

The chapter also needs your contributions to the newsletter. Write a story, submit a photo, place and add, submit a clean joke, tell us about you. We need more content please feel free to submit what you have to Dominic our Editor.

Two Knights riding together is a ride! Feel free to ask around and find a Knight who fits your schedule and go for a ride. Its about the ( Brotherhood. ) You have access to all the members email and Phone information. You can post on the Facebook page looking for riding buddies. Send me the info and I will Email the chapter for you.

One thing I have learned in life is you get what you give. If you want a club and friends to do things with make it happen! Any effort you contribute is an effort. We need members to contribute to keep us growing and heading in the right direction.

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



## October Ride and Event Schedule

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

### Tuesday 10/1

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

### Tuesday 10/1

7:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting  
2nd floor of the Shrine  
600 N Beneva RD Sarasota

### Saturday 10/5

Charles L Rowe Celebration of Life.  
9:45 AM Meet at the Shrine parking lot  
600 N Beneva RD Sarasota.  
15202 Fruitville Rd SRQ

Please if you can dress in black pants, and Long sleeved white shirt and Vest. We can all ride in together from the shrine or you can stop during the service between 10am to 2pm.

### Friday, October 18th

"Shootout with Bobby G."

9:00 AM at the Knight Trail Park 3445 Rustic Rd, Nokomis 34275. We can grab lunch afterwards. If you are interested please email [bgrotz2@yahoo.com](mailto:bgrotz2@yahoo.com) and if you would please copy President Gibbons at [PJGIBBY1969@comcast.net](mailto:PJGIBBY1969@comcast.net)



### Saturday 10/19

10:30 AM Lunch ride to the Wicked Cantina  
101 7th st N Bradenton Beach.  
Meet at the Shrine Parking lot.  
All are welcome to follow by car.

### Sunday 10/27

9:00 AM Breakfast at Anita's Family Restaurant  
441 Tamiami Trail S Nokomis FL 34275

## REMEMBER

Let us know if you have a place that you want to go!  
We are looking for members who want to lead rides to Bike nights!  
Step up and take the lead to a destination you pick!



### 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 .....

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

Wow the years already on the downslide. Bad weather and cooler temps will signal the end of the summer. We have made it through the season with few catastrophes. The events should be easier on all to get out and share some brotherhood and spend some time on the road. I know riding the summer months is like volunteering to stuck in an oven. Its always good to get out and spend the day behind the handlebars and have friends around to hang with. I have said this many times. The more, the merrier! We have some range time coming up. The new ride schedule is out and of course there are meals planned in that schedule. Come out and feed your faces (bike or no bike).

We had a good turnout for the 9-11 ride. Thank you all for coming out. I only made the ride but I had a good time. I know Brian and CC were happy to have us there. Maybe we can start looking for a reason to put our own ride together soon. We can pick a new charity and create a "Knights" event that will highlight the chapters generosity and willingness to be charitabers area. ble to others.

The shirt design is in and the chapter has approved the design and we want to start ramping up the orders. All we need now is to release the pick of the shirt and put out prices to start the orders. WE will give a deadline for order submission then have the orders pre-paid. Once that happens, it wont take long t get them. It was brought up that some would like to go pick up one offs and we have found the price will be more than if ordered in bulk.

I would like to thank those who have stepped up for leading rides. We appreciate those that are willing to give their time to take the ride captain slot and roll the group safely.

Membership is staying in the same general area between losses and gains but we seem to remain in the same numbers consistently. If ya know someone with a bike and a badge or retired from the job, please invite them to the meeting. We can always use more riders to fill the pavement gaps.

I will see you all at the meeting and hope you have a great month.

Ride free and stay upright.

JT

## October Chapter Meeting



**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS  
7:00PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 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

### 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. 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.



### Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Scorpios are known for their **loyalty and devotion** — and also their **passion**. In fact, they are known to have such intense personalities that they are often confused with vibrant fire signs. Alas, they just have deep feelings and emotions.

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# August Chapter Meeting Highlights

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**Meeting Call to Order:** by VP Jim Thomas (for President Gibbons) @ 7:00PM

In attendance: Executive officers: 4 Officers: 1 Members: 7 Guests: 1

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by VP Jim Thomas

**Invocation:** by John Chiusano

**Welcoming Remarks:** by VP Jim Thomas

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** VP Jim Thomas (for President Gibbons)

- Manasota 9/11 Ride: Wed 9/11, Starts 4:00PM from Adrenaline HD, 5:30pm safety briefing by Brian MacConnell, Brian also went over the ride route. KSU 6:00PM. Ride ends at the Hot Sands Tiki Bar where shirts will be sold.
- FL XVI Dinner Buffet and 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. Contact President Gibbons for tickets. Proceeds to Charlotte Park Civic Association in Punta Gorda.
- 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.

**VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: JAMES THOMAS**

- Jim brought samples of the new shirts that will be available by order only. Color pallet and prices to be determined. More to come.....

**TREASURERS REPORT: JOHN EMRICK**

- There was a motion to accept the August report by Jim Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian MacConnell, Unanimous approval.
- Financial Position: All of the specific financial numbers will be available by request to our Treasurer.

**SECRETARY / WEBMASTER'S REPORT: DOMENIC CECCANECCHIO**

- Motion to accept the August report by Jim Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian MacConnell, Unanimous approval.
- Moving forward all meeting minutes will be delivered for your review in the monthly newsletter

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

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

**SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT:**

See Newsletter for details.

**NEW BUSINESS** : Brian MacConnell announced that the Manasota 9/11 Committee will be holding a ride to fund a scholarship fund. More to come....

**SICK AND DISTRESSED:**

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

Jeffrey Longwell      Louis Bavaro

**50-50 DRAWING:** There was no 50/50 this month.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Time: 7:45PM, Motion: Brian MacConnell, 2nd: Jim Ryan, Unanimous Approval

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, October 1st, 2024**

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



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JEFFREY LONGWELL

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## Conference Info

### Event Dates -

April 10-13, 2025

### Registration -

\$100 per person.

### Host Hotel -

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### Host Chapter Contact Info -

Louisiana XVI

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### Chapter Website -

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### Events:

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Daily Rides

Presidents Meeting

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Saturday Evening Banquet

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# On The Lighter Side



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### **Jack-o'-lantern comes from the Irish legend of Stingy Jack**

Legend has it that Stingy Jack invited the devil to have a drink with him, but Jack didn't want to pay for the drink, so he convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin. Instead of buying the drink, he pocketed the coin and kept it close to a silver cross in his house, preventing the devil from taking shape again.

He promised to let the devil go as long as he would leave Jack alone for a year — and that if Jack died, the devil wouldn't claim his soul.

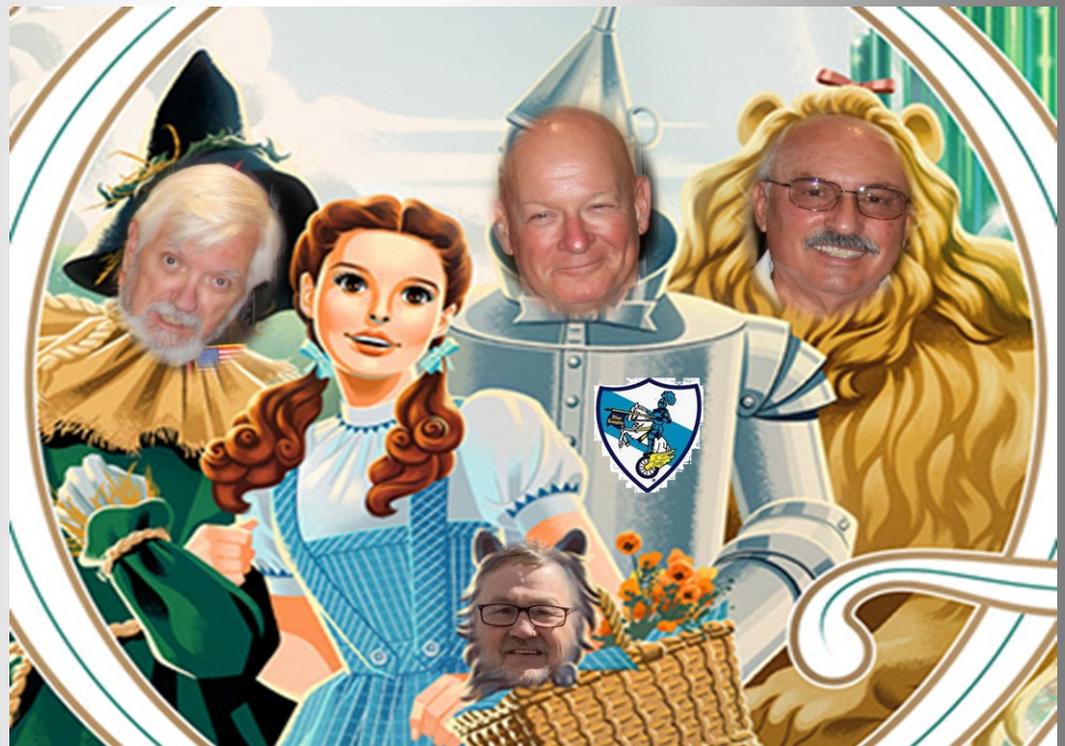
After a year, Jack tricked the devil again to leave him alone and not claim his soul. When Jack died, God didn't want such a conniving person in heaven and the devil, true to his word, would not allow him into hell.

Jack was sent off into the night with only a burning coal to light his path. He placed the coal inside a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the earth ever since.

People in Ireland and Scotland began creating their own creations of Jack's lanterns out of turnips, beets and potatoes. The tradition traveled to the United States along with the immigrants and people began to use pumpkins, native to North America, for the lanterns instead.

### **Halloween originated from an ancient Celtic festival**

According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), the Halloween we know today can trace its roots back to the ancient Celtic end-of-harvest festival of Samhain. During Samhain, people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off evil spirits.



*Happy Halloween  
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