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Valentine's DAY

Friday, Feb 14th

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Knights,

As we roll into February we prepare for the annual Thunder By The Bay Music and Motorcycles Festival. For twenty seven years this festival has been raising money for the Suncoast Charities for Children.

As usual we will have our booth set up. We will be selling raffle tickets for our 9MM pistol and a Weber portable gas grill. Please consider signing up to work the booth and help with the Sunday charity ride that we lead. Always a great time hanging out listening to music, great fellowship, and taking in all the festival has to offer.

Ride with Pride
Patrick Gibbons
President, FLXVIII



February Ride and Event Schedule

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

Saturday 2/1 — 9:45AM

Lunch ride to Smoking Joe's BBQ
4050 US 17 Bowling Green 33834.

Nice back road run.

Meet up at the WAWA 14510 RT 70/ Lorraine Bradenton.
KSU 10:00AM

Tuesday 2/4 — 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday 2/4 — 7:00 PM

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

Thunder By The Bay

Thursday 2/13 to Sunday 2/16

SCHEDULE



Thursday 2/13 — 12:00 PM

Meet at the Shrine rear parking lot 600 N Beneva RD
Work crew to move the trailer and set up the booth at the fairgrounds. We will need a truck to move the trailer and a few hands for set up. The more help the faster we can get it done.

Friday 2/14 — 3:30 PM to 10:00PM OPENING NIGHT

Saturday 2/15 — 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM BOOTH COVERAGE

Sunday 2/16 — 9:30 AM TBB RIDE

We are leading the ride. We will need help to line up the bikes and run the ride. All hands on deck.

Sunday 2/16 — 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TBB last day / Clean up.



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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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In the Chapter Market

Jim Ryan — Woodworking made to order.
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2006 Yamaha Road Star Midnight 170000.
25000 miles. Just \$4000.00.
Contact Jim Ryan



2016 Harley Davidson FLSTFBS "Fatboy" All Black,
25645 Miles. Price - \$ 17,000.00. 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



George Anderson has a set of
custom ladies brown half leather
chaps for sale.

He paid \$160 from a craftsman
in Colorado! Shortly after pur-
chasing them his wife decided
to stop riding, so these are in
near new condition

Please let George know if you
are interested.

gande1942@gmail.com



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In the Chapter Market

Friend of John Churismo wants to sell his 2021 HD Road Glide. It has low mileage and it is in excellent condition, I know that to be a fact. It is a Black Beauty. He's asking \$24,500. Could you please sound out a blast to all that you can. Any interested party

2021 Harley Davidson Road Glide Limited 15,165 miles. Excellent condition!

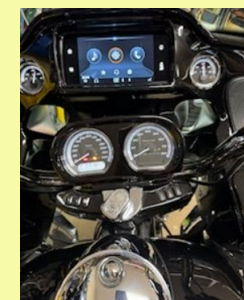
- Stage 1 kit
- CB RADIO (2 sets of antennas)
- Full bike cover
- Under-seat fan kit
- Two windshields
- High-intensity brake light
- Chrome front forks
- lowered shocks (+ originals)
- Dual turn signal/ driving lights
- Loud horn kit
- Security system
- Two flag kits
- Road pegs
- Harley Hammock seat (+ original)

The bike has almost new tires. Just completed 15,000 mi service.

Original price over \$30,000.

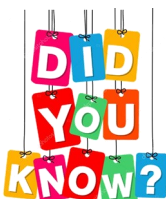
The bike is in new condition!

You can contact him directly. Lee Pinkard ... pinkardl@verizon.net



Bobby G is selling a 5 cubic foot freezer. It's a Magic Chef, like new. It would be great for a garage, bar, or collage student. Stock up at the butcher or store the meat from a hunting trip.

Asking price is \$125. Give Bobby a call 941-228-1060



It's illegal for hot dog vendors to dress provocatively.

Chapter 39 ZONING*ARTICLE XVII. COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS Sec. 39-300. Limitations of uses. (s) Mobile food units. (2) Persons vending from mobile food units who are inappropriately attired shall be considered to cause a hazard or impediment to traffic. Inappropriate attire shall include clothing which shows any portion of the anal cleft, cleavage or buttocks of males or females such as G-strings, T-back bathing suits, thong bikinis or any other clothing or covering that does not completely and opaquely cover the anal cleft, cleavage or buttocks of males and females.

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February 15, 2025
Festival Gate Hours
11:00am – 10:00pm

Sarasota Fairgrounds
3000 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, Florida

[View Directions](#)

[Headliner 8pm – Grand Funk Railroad](#)



Discounted General Admission Tickets \$15 If Purchased By Feb. 13

\$20 General Admission At The Gate

Children 12 and Under Free

Motorcycle Parking Inside The Festival (All Parking Free With Gate Admission)

Vendors – Food Court – Continuous Live Music

“Builders Row” Inside Roberts Arena

Custom Bike Builders – “Special Guest” Kory Souza of Kory Souza Originals

Motorcycle Stereo Sound-Off Competition

Registration: 11am – 1pm | \$40 Registration Fee

Competition: 1pm – 4pm | Awards Announced Approx. 4:30pm

“Wheels And Steel” Motorcycle Stunt Shows

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Saturday Show Schedule: 3:00PM | 7:00PM

Universal Championship Wrestling

Saturday Show Schedule: 1:00PM | 3:30PM | 5:00PM | 7:30PM

Tented Seating Area Offering A Full Bar

“THUNDER BY THE BAY” RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!!

President Gibbons will distribute them at the February 4th monthly chapter meeting. If you can't make the meeting let him know and he will arrange to get the tickets to you. 1000 tickets were ordered! If you don't like selling tickets how about buying some??

The local children, Veterans, and Law Enforcement organizations are counting on you to sell all 1000 tickets so they can keep on receiving the support we provide.

The prices for the tickets are \$10 dollars per ticket and a book of 5 is \$30, THAT'S TWO FREE TICKETS !!!!

We are raffling off a Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm Shield Plus. A Range Bundle (Ammo can with shooters glasses and ear muffs) a \$40 value is included.





February Chapter Meeting



**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS
7:00PM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025
2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE
600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA.**

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

Job Opportunity

School District of Manatee County - School Guardian Program

Position Title: Safety Guardian- PIPELINE

Guardian training and certification with the Sheriff's Office starts in July for the next school year.

So, what is a School Guardian? Armed security that protects students and staff at an assigned school. The main function of a guardian is to stop and abate an active shooter situation. The program looks for experienced security personnel usually retired law enforcement / military background as a priority. The schedule follows that same as teacher, 196 workdays a year, with summers off, Thanksgiving week off, two week Christmas break and One week for Spring Break. Participants in the Florida (FRS) Retirement System, where you are vested after 8 years of service.

If anyone is interested in applying for the school guardian positions, we were approved to hire 19 more guardians. Application link is below;

[Human Resources / Careers](#)

If this interest anyone , you can contact Jimmy Kirkpatrick for more Information.





Chapter News

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VP Message—Jim Thomas



Hello brothers and sisters,

I am taking orders for our newly designed chapter tee shirts.

You can order them at our monthly chapter meeting or you can email me your request.

Details:

- ⇒ The cost per shirt is \$20 regardless of type or size.
- ⇒ We are only purchasing shirts based on your orders.
- ⇒ We would like to have payment upfront before we place the order.
- ⇒ Colors and sizes are listed below.

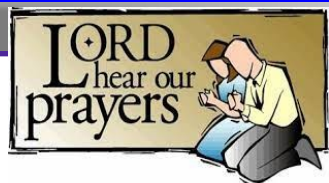
Colors: Pastel Blue / Silver / White

Men's Tee: Sleeveless Long sleeve

Sizes: XS - 4X

Ladies Tee: Tank Long sleeve

Sizes: XS - 2X



SICK AND DISTRESSED

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

GEORGE ANDERSON

GERI BUSCEMI

CHRIS SCARDINO



January Chapter Meeting Highlights

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Meeting Call to Order: by [President Gibbons](#) @ 7:00pm

In attendance: Executive officers: 4 Officers: 2 Members: 27 Guests: 2

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

Invocation: by John Chiusano

Welcoming Remarks: by President Gibbons.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: PATRICK GIBBONS

- 30 year pins were awarded to Vincent Spadaro and Bobby Grotz
- Tracy Dunn and Bobby Grotz have been installed as our next 2 year directors.
- Chapter renewal has been completed. We are now at 52 members. We had two transfers and one drop. We are now officially recognized as a 30 year chapter. Membership cards should be available at the February meeting or you can send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will mail it to you.
- Gun Raffle is going good. Please take some tickets or purchase some.
- Thunder By the Bay 2/14, 2/15, 2/16. Set up 2/13 we will need help for the set up 2/13 and the breakdown on 2/16. I will be sending out a volunteer work sheet to help staff the booth for ticket sales / Grill raffle. The ride will be on the 16th, Sunday as usual. We are leading the ride.
- Jim Ryan raised \$450 from the Cornhole Tournament on Dec 23, 2023. Thanks to Jim Ryan for organizing, working and donating all the auction items for the Corn hole for Kids 24. Thanks to Tracy Dunn and Michel Klein for working the event.
- Thanked Michel Klein for stepping up and leading rides. Please get involved this is your club! You get what you give. Anybody is welcome to lead a ride, lunch, breakfast, dinner.
- Any member is welcome to recruit potential members. You are all welcome to come up with ideas to earn funds for our charities.
- Discussed having a pizza party at the Shrine but Shrine would not allow.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: JIM THOMAS

- Shirts – contact Jim Thomas if you are interested in ordering.

TREASURERS REPORT: JOHN EMRICK

- Motion to accepted December treasurers report: Motion Jim Ryan, 2nd Dan Thompson, all approved
- Financial Position: Accounts doing well, influx of money because dues money.
- Beware of scam emails (see email sent by President Gibbons)
- For specific financial details contact our Treasurer.
- Corporate filings due in January.

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

- Motion to accept December minutes John Emrick, 2nd Jim Thomas, all approved.
- President Gibbons asked for members to sell advertising for the newsletter.

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

CHAPLIN: JAMES KIRKPATRICK: N/A

SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT:

- FL 3 lawsuit regarding auto accident was dismissed.
- SRC Spring Conference in Baton Rouge LA (see news letter for details)
- See Newsletter for details.

NEW BUSINESS : None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Storage locker company has not been determined. \$58 a month has been approved.
- Rory's trailer for sale contact Brian MacConnell.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

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

George Anderson Geri Buscemi Chris Scardino

50-50 DRAWING: Amount: \$50 Winner: Laura Yacca \$ 25

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Time: 7:52PM, Motion: Bob Grotz, 2nd: Jim Ryan, all approved

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, February 4th, 2024

Submitted By: Domenic Ceccanecchio, Secretary BK XVIII



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Our Chaplains Page



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RELIGION AND MOTORCYCLE CLUBS: AN UNLIKELY INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND BROTHERHOOD

At first glance, religion and motorcycle clubs might seem like two worlds that could never intertwine. On one hand, religion often emphasizes faith, compassion, and spiritual growth. On the other, motorcycle clubs (MCs) are often stereotyped as rough, rebellious, and non-conformist. However, a closer look reveals an intriguing intersection where faith and the biker lifestyle blend into unique expressions of brotherhood, community, and purpose.

The Roots of Both Worlds

Motorcycle clubs, especially traditional ones, are built on a strong sense of loyalty, camaraderie, and shared identity. Members ride together not just for the thrill of the open road but also to support one another in life's challenges. These values—community, loyalty, and shared purpose—are not far removed from the principles upheld in many religious traditions.

Religion, at its core, is about connecting people to a higher power and to each other in meaningful ways. Faith communities emphasize accountability, moral guidance, and the idea that individuals are part of something greater than themselves. These shared principles create an opportunity for overlap between the two worlds.

Faith-Based Motorcycle Clubs

Faith-based motorcycle clubs are a growing phenomenon, combining the passion for riding with the mission to live out religious values. Groups like the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) and the Tribe of Judah Motorcycle Ministry are examples of clubs that bring faith into the biker lifestyle. These organizations often participate in charity rides, outreach programs, and other activities aimed at spreading their faith while also embracing the open-road spirit.

These clubs offer members a way to reconcile their love of motorcycles with their spiritual beliefs. Riders gather not only for long-distance trips but also for prayer, Bible studies, or community service projects. The motorcycle becomes a tool for ministry, allowing members to connect with individuals who might not be reached through traditional religious methods.

Brotherhood Beyond Belief

While faith-based clubs have a clear religious foundation, spirituality can also be found in secular motorcycle clubs. The bond between riders often takes on a spiritual dimension, even in non-religious settings. The act of riding itself—experiencing the open road, the natural world, and the freedom of movement—can feel meditative and transcendent.

In some cases, secular clubs may include members from various religious backgrounds, fostering a unique environment of mutual respect and understanding. These clubs may not preach a specific doctrine, but they often embody values like mutual aid, perseverance, and respect—principles found in many religious teachings.

Common Misconceptions

One of the biggest misconceptions is that motorcycle clubs are inherently antagonistic toward religion or mainstream society. While some clubs do embrace an outlaw image, many prioritize community-building, charitable work, and personal growth. Similarly, not all faith-based motorcycle groups are rigid or judgmental; they often focus on meeting people where they are, offering friendship and support without pushing an agenda.

Bridging the Gap

The intersection of religion and motorcycle clubs highlights a universal truth: people seek connection, purpose, and freedom. Whether through faith, the open road, or a combination of both, these communities offer their members a sense of belonging and identity.

For religious individuals, joining or forming a motorcycle club allows them to integrate their spiritual beliefs with their lifestyle. For secular bikers, the bonds of brotherhood and the shared experiences of the road often take on a spiritual significance of their own.

Conclusion



Chaplain Jimmy Kirkpatrick

On The Lighter Side



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Two ADV riders camping out in a tent. One of them crawls out to pee before bed. Comes back all wet. The other rider asks if it's rainy outside.

"No - it's windy!"

The professor was lecturing about "Involuntary Muscle Contractions" when he noticed no one paying attention.

Angrily, he asked a girl on the front row, "Young lady, do you have any idea what your asshole is doing while you are having an orgasm"?

What do (insert brand here) motorcycles and German Shepard's have in common?

They both like to ride in the back of pick-up trucks.



A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, whispering to the mechanic.....

"Try doing it with the engine running!"

A BMW rider is buzzing along a back road when he comes along a HD broken down by the side of the road. He pulls over, pulls out his tool kit.

"what do you need? Straight screwdriver, philips, pliers, boxend wrench, socket, multimeter?"

The HD rider replies,

" Doesn't matter what you give me, I'm just gonna use it as a hammer anyway."



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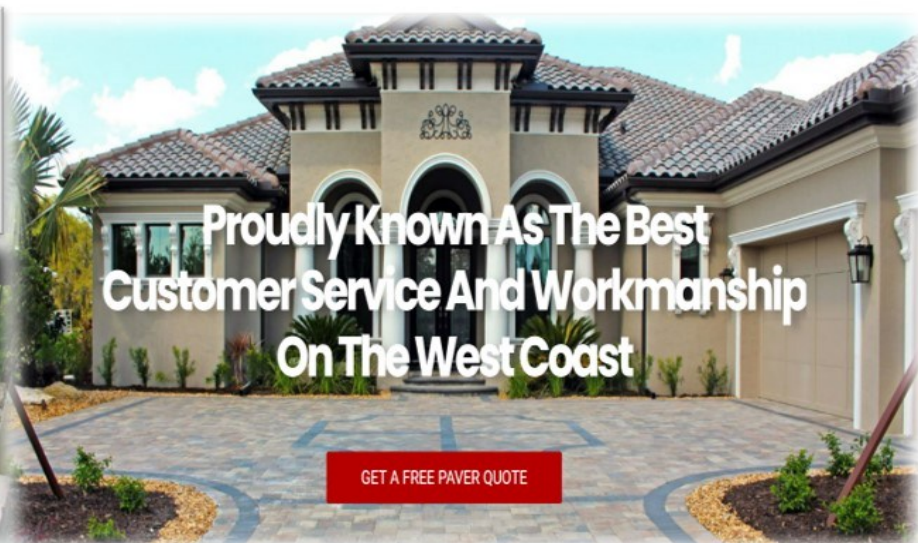
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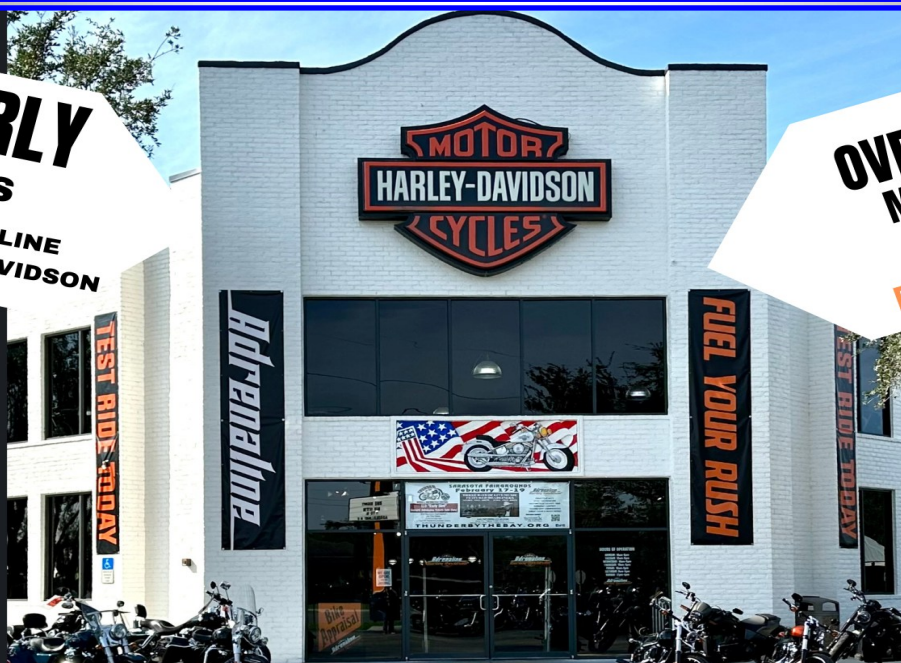
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