



BLUE KNIGHTS® FLXVIII NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Knights,

It appears that things just aren't what they used to be. Cars and Motorcycles have been riddled with problems the past few years. Appliances surely don't last like they used to. Our food supply is definitely not to be trusted anymore with many health problems caused by a simple salad. So many things are just not like it used to be, however one thing that keeps plugging along is the brotherhood and bond of our fellow Blue Knight's.

Case in point our Brother Jim Thomas and his wife Alex were on vacation in North Georgia both touring on their motorcycles when Jim had his clutch cable snap leaving them stranded. Jim gave me a call and I passed on the contact information of our SRC Chairman Randy Hoagland who put Jim in touch with Brother Sal Anicito GA XXII up in Hialeah GA. Brother Sal came to Jim and Alex's rescue and had Jim fixed up in a jiffy. In true Blue Knight's fashion Sal became the friend Jim had never met before, they went out to eat and Sal took our Brother and Sister out for a boat ride on the lake.

This is one of the benefits of being a Blue Knight (Brotherhood). Jim Thomas at our SRC in Venice 2023 went to the rescue of some GA chapter members who broke down North of Tampa. Jim had a trailer and was able to pick up the bike and take it to the shop and get everyone to Venice for the SRC. Last month Jim and Alex helped our Sgt at Arms by picking up his bike in Tampa and delivering to his house.

Thank you Jim Thomas for always helping a brother in need. Karma definitely came back to you.

Thank you Sal Anicito and Randy Hoagland for helping our brother. Sal I know you have made a life long friend.

Ride With Pride (Or catch a ride on a fellow Knights trailer)

Patrick Gibbons
President, FLXVIII



August Event Schedule

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

**MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS HAVE
BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

Saturday 8/1 9:00 AM

**Breakfast at Skillets
8635 S Tamiami Trail Sarasota**



Saturday 8/15 11:30 AM

**Lunch at Fussy's Taco Shop
2515 University Pkwy, Sarasota**



Saturday 8/15 11:30 AM

**Lunch at Ford's Garage
295 N Cattlemen RD, Sarasota**



REMEMBER!

**IF ANYONE WANTS TO HEAD UP A RIDE
OR EVENT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH
ON OPEN DAYS, PLEASE LET PRESIDENT
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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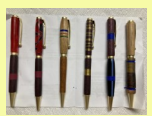
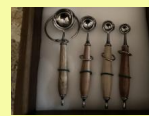
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Purchased from Rossiter's HD August 15, 2022 and has been garage kept everyday. Price includes a brand new windshield still in the box, never opened. Contact John Emrick at 410-991-8161 (okay to leave a message) or mddre3077@aol.com



2014 FLHTK Harley Davidson Ultra Limited
Color- Daytona Blue Mileage- 17500
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John Emrick 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

OR

Dom Ceccanecchio
dcc444@comcast.net



BLUE KNIGHTS FLORIDA XVIII

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MINUTES

May 5th, 2026

7:00PM - 2nd 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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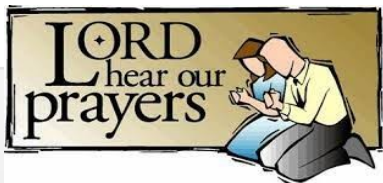
**THERE WAS NO JULY CHAPTER MEETING
THEREFORE NO MINUTES**

Monthly Chapter Meetings SUMMER BREAK



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

**ALL OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND RIDE WILL CONTINUE
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 AND PRAYERS

GERI BUSCEMI

JIM RYAN



Ride with Pride!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Randy Hoagland - Chairman
Eddie Henderson - Vice-Chairman
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Sal Anicito - Secretary
Al Fryer - Treasurer

THE SRC REGION INCLUDES:

Alabama	Bahamas
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Louisiana	Virgin Islands
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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.
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.

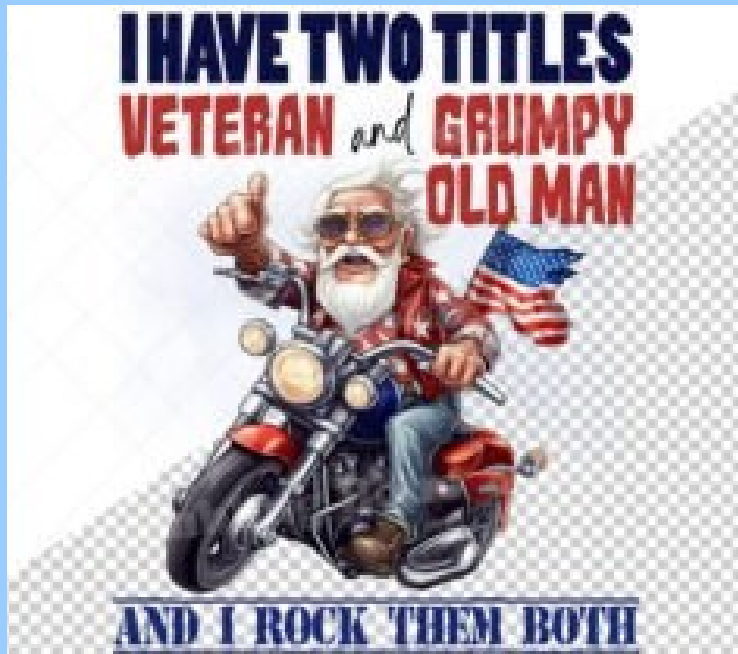
INFO: 2026 Myrtle Beach Fall Bike Week will be September 27, 2026 to October 4, 2026.

Register Online at: <https://bkscv.com/2026-src>



On The Lighter Side

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Fun Holidays in August

- Aug. 1–7: International Clown Week
- Aug. 3: [National Watermelon Day](#)
- Aug. 8: [National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day](#) (Or, use up that bounty with our [best zucchini recipes](#).)
- Aug. 10: National S'mores Day
- Aug 12: Vinyl Record Day
- Aug. 13: [International Left-Handers Day](#)
- Aug. 20: International Geocaching Day
- Aug. 20: World Honeybee Day
- Aug. 25: Kiss-and-Make-Up Day
- Aug. 31: National Trail Mix Day



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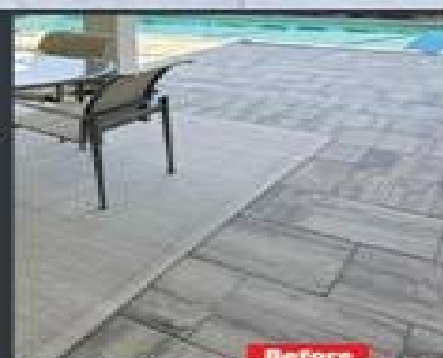
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