

# HAPPY Father's DAY

Sunday, June 16th

## BLUE KNIGHTS® FLXVII NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Blue Knights Family,

May was motorcycle awareness month and it appears that each year more and more information is being distributed. It's wonderful to see and hopefully it sinks in with motorist.

As far as us riders are concerned every month is motorcycle awareness month. We should always keep our motorcycles in top running order with proper maintenance and upkeep. Take the time to check the tires making sure to keep proper inflation and paying attention to wear, damage, and age. Check all safety equipment especially helmets for damage or dry rot.

You should also keep yourself in good running order as well. Get an annual eye exam, yearly physical, and keep up with staying hydrated on rides. Don't forget the sunblock, after years of dangerous careers and many hours in the saddle you don't want to be taken out by a freckle.

If you are out on a ride and feel ill let someone know. Pull over ASAP don't take a chance on the road the heat can and will knock you out like Tyson in the ring. Its not a big deal to take a break and hydrate and find some air-conditioning.

As always stay safe and  
"Ride with Pride"  
*Patrick Gibbons*



### June Ride and Event Schedule

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

#### Saturday June 1st 9:00AM

Breakfast at Anita's Family Restaurant ( By special request )  
441 Tamiami Trail S Nikomis 34275  
Ride after.

#### Tuesday June 4th 5:30PM

Dine at the shrine. Hot Sands Tiki Bar.  
600 N Beneva Rd Sarasota

#### Tuesday June 4th 7:00PM

Monthly general membership meeting. 2nd floor of the Sahib Shriners, 600 N Beneva Rd Sarasota

#### Thursday June 6th

Funeral services for FL XVI member Larry Larson. 9:30AM  
WAWA 26415 Indian Trail, Dr Punta Gorda 33950.

\*\*\*\* Look for Northern Meeting Location\*\*\*\*

Please wear a long sleeve white shirt and black pants with vest.

#### Friday June 14th 6:00pm

Dinner at Rodizio Grill  
5911 Fruitville Rd 34232.  
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#### Sunday June 16th



#### Saturday June 22nd 11:30AM

Lunch at Linger Lodge  
7116 85th street court  
east, Bradenton 34202





### 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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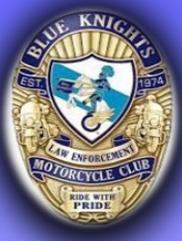


# May Chapter Meeting



**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS**  
**7:00PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4th, 2024**  
**2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE**  
**600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA.**

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



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## VP Message ..... Jim Thomas



**Hello Brothers and Sisters,**

**At last I am free from the heart issue. I have had a good recovery and thank those of you who checked on me regularly to make sure I was good. It was very thoughtful. The heat has descended on us like a wraith looking for a soul. No time to adjust. Make sure you're toting water. Dehydration is not a great way to end a ride. I am asking for people who are tracking various events around town or rides we can join to please bring them up to the body so we can vote to attend as a club. We need to begin being seen in the area. I apologize for my absence for a bit but I think the ticker is good now so "on with the show". I will start researching the local events as well to see what we can be doing to have us out and being noticed. The more you show, the more you get asked to attend. I would love to have an increase in the core of normal attendees. As I said before.....you don't necessarily have to ride to enjoy the fellowship. I caged it to the picnic with Tracey and had a great time visiting. No one will judge if you can or cant pick the old girl up and balance her anymore. We just want to see ya! Please remember that the pavement is starting to get real hot and standard souls may not protect your feet from the heat at long lights. Pick shoes you feel will best keep those lil toes safe. Lighter clothes and sunscreen. We want ya in good shape for more rides. I am really enthusiastic this year for the chapter. We are growing into our own and the dynamics have changed quite a bit. We have slowed our pace down and make decisions based on what the club wants to do. Remember, you have a voice. If you have ideas that we can look into, then bring them.**

**We have a shoot day that was just an idea and although I have only been to one due to work and sick time, it was a hell of a great day. Impromptu rides from people just calling people and mounting up are always fun. Its all about the camaraderie. Whatever excuse we can come up with to ride. I have been waiting to hear about the evening dinners Chris wanted to start. That sounds like a good evening with brothers. If you get an idea, tell us. People are going to start doing their traveling and the snowbirds will be clear soon so our ranks will temporarily lessen during their absence but the rest of us are willing to get out and KSU for a good reason. I look forward to seeing all of you through the month. Be safe and ride with pride.**

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

# Chapter Event

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# May Chapter Meeting Highlights



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**Meeting Call to Order:** by [President Gibbons](#) @ 7:05 PM

In attendance: Executive officers: 4 Officers: 2 Members: 16 Guests: 4

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by President Gibbons

**Invocation:** by Jim Kirkpatrick, Chaplain

**Welcoming Remarks:** by President Gibbons.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT: PATRICK GIBBONS**

- Covered the Thunder By the Bay charity ride and events for the Haven. He thanked all who participated.
- Thunder By the Bay thank you party will be held on May 30th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Gold Coast Eagle Distributing. President Gibbons has the link for the RSVP and ticket. You need to RSVP by May 17th and have the ticket to enter. This event showcases the event and kicks off the 2025 Thunder by the Bay event.
- President Gibbons is asking for ideas from the membership regarding prizes for 2025 Thunder by the Bay.
- Old Business: John Chiusano brought to the floor at the April 2024 meeting the idea of starting a scholarship fund in the name of Rory MacConnell. Manasota 911 offered to take the lead. Jim Ryan suggested having another cornhole tournament. Everyone in attendance agreed that all the proceeds would go towards the scholarship fund.
- President Gibbons spoke to the new President of the Manasota 9/11 “Remembrance Ride” and they agreed that this is something that they would like to start and run. President Gibbons would like to pledge a donation of \$500 from FL XVIII and challenge the other clubs that are involved with the ride to match or do the best they can. Motion to accept by Brian MacConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Klein, unanimous approval.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: JAMES THOMAS**

Membership Update: 53 members

### **TREASURERS REPORT: JOHN EMRICK**

- Motion to accept April report: Motion: Brian MacConnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Ryan, Unanimous approval.
- Financial Position: Contact the Treasurer for exact details.

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

- Motion to accept April minutes: Motion: Jim Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Emrick, Unanimous approval
- April Minutes have been posted on our website in the MEMBERS section. Password 1234680
- May Newsletter has been posted on our website.
- Photo gallery has been updated with the Highland Hammocks Ride, SRC Anniversary Dinner and Suncoast Charities Ride for the Haven
- The chapter activity calendar on our website lists all May activities

**SAFETY OFFICER:** President Gibbons reminded everyone that May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Everyone should always wear their helmets when riding and passengers also.

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

### **SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT:**

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary approaching. See Newsletter for details.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS** : N/A

### **SICK AND DISTRESSED:**

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

**50-50 DRAWING:** Amount: \$ 100 Winner: Jim Ryan \$ 50

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Time: 8:05PM, Motion: Jim Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dom C, Unanimous Approval

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 4th, 2024**

# The Chapter Marketplace



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## New SRC Chaplain



Please welcome Harold Piet as our SRC Chaplain, effective January 15, 2024.

The SRC Board is happy to announce that Harold Piet has been selected as the new SRC Chaplain.

Harold Piet is currently Chaplain of Georgia II and Pastor of an online church. Harold is an honorary member of Georgia II, and formerly an honorary member of GA VIII.

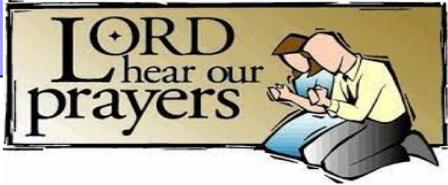
Harold has an impressive list of experience and credentials. Harold retired from the US Army after 20 years. Harold accepted Jesus and became a Christian in 1986 in Anchorage, Alaska, and taught Sunday School for about 20 years. Harold is Ordained by Pembroke Christian Church in Pembroke, GA. Harold has served as Interim Pastor at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Statesboro, GA, and Pastor of Merrywood Baptist Church in Statesboro, GA. Harold started an online church in September of 2023.

Harold's clerical education includes being a 2017 Graduate of Guido Bible College with an AA in Biblical studies, a 2019 Graduate of Guido Bible College with a BA in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry, and a 2022 Graduate of Luther Rice College and Seminary with an MA in Ministry. Harold is currently taking bible courses offered by various colleges.

Harold Piet's duties shall commence as of the date of this bulletin. Harold resides in Pembroke, GA. His contact information is on the SRC Website.

The SRC Board thanks our former Chaplain, Jason Payne for his service since 2019.

**Spring 2024 SRC Conference**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**  
**April 10-13, 2024**  
(more info coming soon)



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**JEFFREY LONGWELL**

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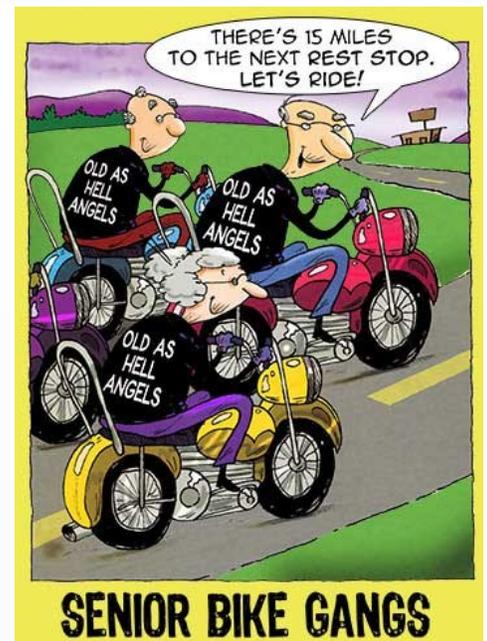
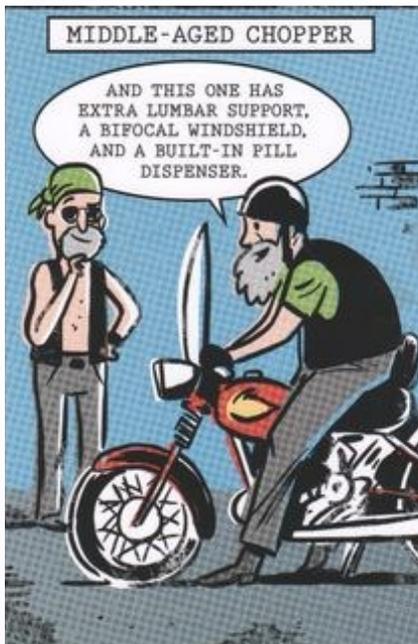
#### Gemini (May 21st - June 20th)

Geminis are gregarious people who like spending time with their friends and family. Geminis are curious, clever, and outstanding communicators who are pretty unpredictable. Uncertainty, recklessness, unpredictability, and snobbishness are among of their weaknesses, so don't reveal your darkest worries to a Gemini.



#### Cancer (June 21st - July 20th)

Nurturing and loyal, Cancers are also protective of their loved ones. While reserved, they stand on a foundation of strength – and aren't afraid to act when they feel it's necessary. The symbol of the crab offers a key to understanding Cancers' preternatural ability to know things without knowing how they know them.



**Q: What's the most dangerous part of a motorcycle?**

**A: The nut that connects the seat to the handlebar.**

Two skeletons rise from a grave one night and get on a motorcycle. Suddenly the one on the driver seat gets off again, runs back and rips out its prosthetic. The other asks, "What the hell do you need THAT





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