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## From The Publisher

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Tis the Season for the Reason Blue Knights,

Christmas is the happiest holiday time of the year. The toy rides, the brotherhood, the giving, the eating (we all love that) and the many memories that we will keep with us forever.

It's the time for getting together with family and friends, exchanging gifts, being thankful for each other and reliving the happy times. This season, make it your best ever. Don't be concerned with things that will ruin your Christmas Mojo. As my father once said, "Don't sweat the small stuff because tomorrow it won't matter and next month, you won't remember it."

I for one, am thankful for my savior, my family and my friends. I am also thankful for this club, my chapter and all my Blue Knight friends. I can't imagine a better group of men and women in this entire world who I'd want to call friends. It's just that plain and simple. For example, as I think about it, it makes me smile from several things this year like the hanging out with lots of my friends wayyyy "Past 2am" at the International Convention. We had so many laughs and stories; yet we are staying in touch today. This club has a great habit of bringing new friends together and becoming lifelong friends.

It's been a year since my heart surgery, but we are in a time where we see more and more Blue Knights passing away from sickness, natural causes, accidents and even on the job incidents. Please be careful out there. Watch each others six. It's important for you, your families and it is important to your fellow members. My constant prayer for those on duty is for them to arrive home alive and unharmed.

It's been a year since my heart surgery and I'm still not where I should be. But life since last year has taken a whole new meaning as far as actual life. Let stuff go that will not mean anything tomorrow, don't worry so much about petty things, they seem to work themselves out. Let this life count for something besides crap that doesn't matter. This life on earth is the only one you're going to have, so make the most out of enjoying it. It's still the best advice I can give today.

Love the ones you hold most dear and let your friends hear from you from time to time. It DOES make a difference.

Until next time, Ride With Pride

Randy Gracy, "The Mag Man"



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## International President

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Greetings fellow Blue Knights,

As I start the final leg of my tenure as your 20<sup>th</sup> International President I am looking forward and honored to be serving each and every one of you each day, just as I have since the summer of 2013. I've never been one to

just sit around and still have many things left to accomplish before August, and there's no doubt that my list will be done before then. This club, and the members, mean more to me and my family than some will ever know.

On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, another hearing was held for our former Office Manager in Bangor, Maine. Myself, International Vice President Karen Borza, and International Treasurer John Bull were in attendance (International Secretary Jim Borza was unable to attend due to being subpoenaed for court back home). Also, in attendance were members from the local chapter, Maine 1, and Past International President Ellen Smit. The outcome was that a hearing was set for January 10, 2019 to set a date for trial for some time in February or March. The plea deal could also be accepted that day in lieu of trial so we will see what happens. The Penobscot District Attorney Prosecutor did state that he was glad we had shown up for the hearing as it most likely prevented the 12<sup>th</sup> continuance.

Progress is being made, and the wheels of justice are moving us forward now slowly, but surely. As things transpire the information will be disseminated as well.

With the close of the year also comes renewal time and when you have members opting not to renew for one reason or another. I'd like to offer a suggestion to each of the chapter presidents in the organization with something I did as chapter president for 10 years. Take a moment to reach out personally one on one to the members who are on the fence or not renewing and remind them to remember why they joined and how great the organization is. Now, you can't convince everyone to stay on as a member, but you'd be surprised with the number of folks you'd renew. It worked for me, and it can work for you too!

Please take a moment to remember and reflect on the members who've transferred to Heaven 1 this year and prayers for comfort to the family and friends. Also remember the men and women serving in the military, or as first responders, and to the ones who've made the ultimate sacrifice. Many of us, including myself, are serving, or have family and friends also serving, so keep them in your thoughts and prayers for safety.

In closing I'd like to wish each and every member, and their families, a Happy Holidays, and a happy and prosperous New Year. God bless, and see y'all next year!

Ride with Pride!



## International Secretary

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Greetings from your International Secretary,

First and most important, don't rely on social media pages for information on what is happening and changing in YOUR BLUE KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB.

I have been watching

these pages and seeing a few members putting out incorrect information and attempting to mislead the members of this great organization. Your Board of Directors works very hard behind the scenes for the betterment of the ENTIRE CLUB. Some decisions may not be popular but you elected your conference representatives, and executive board members to work for you. These board members should be voting the way their conferences tell them to. This is also correct for the executive board members.

Before each meeting an agenda is posted on the International Website and also forwarded to conference reps-to-be, then forwarded to the chapters. If you have an opinion reach out to these people and voice your opinions, ideas, and the way you want them to vote.

It takes many hours for me to prepare and post the minutes provided for every member via posting on the International Website. In these minutes you will be able to see what discussion was held on each matter and by whom. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ YOUR MINUTES.

Since my last article I have begun to spend more time down south in the warmer weather and continuing to be able to ride to Blue Knights events. I really enjoy spending time and meeting brother and sister Blue Knights. These members also enjoy hearing firsthand the correct workings of this great organization.

Ride with Pride



## International Vice-Pres.

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Greetings and Salutations!

Well, this year has really gone quickly. I can't believe it's time to wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

We have accomplished a lot throughout the year and although we still have more to do, I am confident all goals will be achieved. I'm thrilled to say that this year we had three conferences put in for the recruitment

fund monies. They had some great ideas and ways of getting the Blue Knights name out there. Also, I am continuing to work with several motorcycle accessory companies in hopes of partnering with BK International to get discounts for all our members. Remember if you walk into JP Cycles in Daytona, Florida and show your membership card you get a 10% discount on your purchase. I am still working on the online aspect with them that would be available to all our members worldwide.

Our membership numbers are up this year from last and I want to encourage all members, chapters, and conferences to continue to reach out to fellow LEOs with bikes. Let's show these prospective Blue Knights what we are all about. Show them pictures from our rides to support fellow officers and their families, toy runs, poker runs, conference meetings and chapter events. Tell them about the friends you've made and the ones you just haven't met yet.

I had the opportunity to attend the UKIC Conference hosted by Scotland I held at Kincardine at Tuliallan Castle the Scottish Police College in Stirling, Scotland. It was my first visit to Scotland and the UK&I. The hospitality from all the Blue Knights I met was heartwarming, the sights and views breathtaking.

As a first for me, I will have the opportunity to ride all year! We have decided to try spending the winter months in Florida this year with some side trips to Texas. We moved two of our bikes south with our RV and will give it a try.

Until next year, Ride with Pride and be safe.



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## International Treasurer

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As the 2018 riding season comes to a close, the renewal period will be starting up. As I write this article, the renewal packets are in the process of being prepared. If you have any questions please reach out to me or any Board member for assistance. This renew cycle will help to establish a

more accurate membership database. Your correct information is paramount since 2019 is an election year.

It is also time to get busy on the 2019 Budget. The 2018 Budget year is drawing to a close and we are looking at another healthy finish in the black. I was asked for some additional information and clarifications about some categories on the monthly budget reports. I will be incorporating these changes to the reports starting in 2019 with a revamped detailed expense sub-report.

The Budget Committee is in the process of finalizing the

proposed 2019 Int'l Budget. At the Int'l this year I was asked how come I didn't have members who work with budgets regularly on the committee last year. I thought to myself that's an excellent question and let's fix that this year. I reached out to two Conference Treasurers, Keith Johnson (MDC) and Brian Arnold (GLRC) to assist this year. I would like to thank both of them for their help along with Jana and D.J.

As promised I have been reviewing the past and present spending of the Int'l looking for ways to improve and save money. I believe I have found some ways to improve and will discuss them with the Executive Board. From there I hope to present some cost saving proposals to the Board after the first of the year.

I am putting together my travel plans for 2019. I hope to see many of you at the various conferences. When you see me, please don't hesitate to stop and ask me any questions you may have. And, as promised I will have all the budget info with me where ever I go.

Until then, be safe and enjoy the holidays.





Greetings from the BOG:

Special fund has only had 4 accidents reported through November 1<sup>st</sup> – this should finish 2018.

The Special fund has been funded by the members and chapters. It requests chapter donations of \$25 per year; if you can send that in, it is greatly appreciated. Some Chapters add it to the check at renewal time. This is fine – just make sure you send a note telling HQ how much needs to go to the Special fund from the renewal funds. Then send an email to the Treasurer, Mike Rickard, so he can make sure it is received from International.

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The proposals have been passed by the BOD on election items from the last BOG meeting.

**Facebook page for BOG is a closed group site “BK Board of Governors”.** We have appointed 11 moderators from all conferences. We have 229 approved members. The current Chapter President will be the main addition, but if they do not do Facebook, then any of the elected officers, VP, Secretary, Treasurer or immediate Past President of the chapter may become a member. Contact your Conference moderator for approval, the Conference board's appointed your moderator.

BKIC2019 Westchester NY - hosted by NY II is in Rye, NY all the information is posted on the International website.

The BOG 2019 cruise will be planned with DG Promotions again. See the advertisement in this issue so you can refer to it for more information and for reservations.

Thank you to DG Promotions for the \$1,500 contribution from last year's cruise to the special fund. Any and all proceeds from the cruise go to the special fund. We hope to have more attending this year.

The BOG by laws and procedure manual for the Special Fund has been updated on the web site.

Fraternally,

**Rory Mac Connell**

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# GREETINGS from AMERICA'S MAIN STREET

## The Adventures of the

# 66er RALLY

By Chris "Joker" Riley, Illinois State Rep

The adventures of the English/ Scotts 66er rally began when our own Rich "Beaner" Martinez picked up our fellow Knights from across the pond after a world wind nightmare of dealing with the airlines and then their hotels. Beaner went above and beyond to get everyone at the hotel safely.

On the first morning Lisa Ditzler VP of IL V, Butch Buczkowski from IL XIX and me were up at 8:30 am with our brothers from across the pond Nev Duke, Alan Fish, Steve Bolton, Douglas Wright, Iain Buchanan Chris Swales, Ron Pike, and Paul Stothart. After planning 2 years in advance the bikes they ordered were not there with the reasoning being that they didn't pay an extra \$65.00 "for the exact bike they ordered". These poor guys were getting shafted at every turn from Eagle Rider and Harley-Davidson in

Rosemont IL. Finally at 4pm we got bikes and were on our way heading to Mannheim to I-55 on our way to Rt. 66. We made a pit stop at the Rt. 66 Motor Speedway then on to Springfield, IL for our first night stop and met up with President of IL VI Jason McFarland and Jason Matthews.

The next morning we began our trek to the Litchfield, IL museum and lunch. We ran in to Bear and his grandson and Tim Sampson from IL XIII. After a few pics with the crew we headed to the St. Louis Arch. That night we dined out with Tim and his brother Bob Sampson at this Irish Bar/ Restaurant Ella Fitzgerald where a good time was had by all.

Unfortunately it was time for me to head back but Lisa Ditzler would continue on the journey with our brothers. Lisa kept me up to date on their daily adventures. Making it to Texas, we were met in Shamrock by Texas X members Brandon Johnson, Tedd Lenning, Sage Hardeman and Rick Spencer who escorted us to Amarillo. Limos transported us to The Big Texan for dinner where we met other Texas X members Shawn Bonas, Aaron Pace, Mike and Jerlee Duvall, Kevin Brewer and Tedd Avery. Awesome food, however none of our group tried the 72 oz steak dinner challenge.

The next morning we were to meet Brandon and Shawn for



an escort to Palo Duro Canyon. We missed a turn and got a little off course...while waiting, a roadside breakout dance to "YMCA" broke out. (check their Facebook). After touring the canyon, we stopped at Cadillac Ranch, then on to Tucumcari, NM.

We left Tucumcari, NM and rode Highway 104 with 5 of the group. The other 4 rode Highway 84. We saw some phenomenal scenery and made numerous stops for pictures. The guys were impressed; nothing like it in their country! After a lunch stop in Las Vegas, NM, we jumped on I-24 to Santa Fe for a nights stop. Leaving Santa Fe on some 2 lane roads to avoid the interstate and Albuquerque the scenery was unbelievable! These guys were so impressed; we did several stops for pictures. A few of the group held back because Nev was hung-over from the night before. They arrived in Gallup with all going to dinner and another night's stay. Lisa headed to Phoenix Arizona then parted ways with our 66ers who were returning back to IL later. A special thank you goes to Lisa Ditzler for riding the route with the group most of the way and hooking up with fellow Knights from across these great United States. Returning home with 3,830 miles total, Lisa said, "It was an adventure beyond my expectations! Thank you isn't enough to express the gratitude I have for you guys allowing me to ride with you on your trip of a lifetime. I hope I was able to fulfill my duty as a fellow Blue Knight to make it a successful trip for you guys. The Blue Knights motto of "There are no strangers, only friends you haven't met" certainly came true on this ride. I will never forget Nev, Chris, John, Stevie, Douggie, Stoth, Alan, Buk, and Gordon. You are my new brothers from across the pond."

If you ever get a chance it's a great ride but until then be safe and Always, Ride With Pride.





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By  
The Mag Man,  
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# Knights of the Round Table

## The Scepter Eludes Blue Knights in Gatlinburg

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Knights of the Round Table Motorcycle Tournament® was hosted by the Red Knights this year in the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee. It was great gathering of men and women from three of the professions we most admire: Law Enforcement, Firefighters and the Military...Blue Knights® International Motorcycle Club, Red Knights® International Firefighters Motorcycle Club and Green Knights™ International Military Motorcycle Club respectively.

With this being the tenth anniversary of the first contest between these three groups of motorcycle riders, The Knights of the Round Table has expanded. In 2014, the event was duplicated in Germany, welcoming Western Europe, and in 2015, Australia. It is nothing but great fun and competition in order to have the win the champion's Scepter, to hold on to (along with bragging rights) until the following year's competition.

Our Blue Knights team did well, but not enough to overtake the final tally of the Red Knights; the domination over the last six years by the Green Knights was finally broken. The Blue Knights team competed hard; Randy and Robin West, Fl.V, took First Place in the Motorcycle Lance event and Kenny Craig, Pa.II, took First Place in the Motorcycle Agility course

The 2019 event will be hosted by the Blue Knights® according to the rotation of hosting clubs. The date will be on or near October 10-13, 2019, and the location was hoped to return to Florida, but an opportunity arose that must be explored first, so location has not been set as of yet.

Founder Alex Ramirez stated, "It started in 2009 by Blue Knights® Florida IV, Miami. This motorcycle tournament is a turkey shoot that anybody can win. The winning driver is titled the, "BEST RIDER" of 2019 and takes home the Scepter, a custom made wall hung device bearing the three club logos in full color with mounting plates identifying the past years' winners and club. The award is presented to the winner's club and for wall display in a place of honor, such as a Chief or top Executive's office, for the next twelve months, or next Knights of the Round Table Tournament. The winning club also hosts the next KRT at the location of their choice."

Alex continued, "The events are not money makers, with a small kitty forwarded year to year, and of course groups are asked to donate a bottle to limit expenses, bantering and laughter remain free, and every year brings new surprises from each club. Each club assembles a team of five for the Blacksmith's Challenge, and another five muscle men if the Firefighters show up with fire truck, or maybe the military will finally deliver a tank for the Pull competition. I hope the local SWAT team can back up the Blue Knights® if we have to sing, I'm a little Tea Pot, again. In addition to the Grand Prize Scepter, first, second and third place awards are being awarded to runner-ups."

Anyone who wants to receive notices and update can be placed on the E-mail list by notifying Alex Ramirez at [BKALEX@aol.com](mailto:BKALEX@aol.com) subject: KRT 2019: name/address/e-mail/ & telephone. For more information contact Alex at: (954) 328-3591.





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## Friday 22nd

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(Dinner on your own)

## Saturday 23rd

7a.m.-9a.m. Breakfast at hotel.

10a.m.-11a.m. Zingers and Flingers range time on your own.

11a.m. Timekeeper Distillery Tour (\$10 each).

10a.m.-12p.m. GLRC President's Meeting.

2p.m.-11p.m. Hospitality room is open.

6p.m. Formal Banquet with Guests/delegates.

Following dinner, we will also do the raffles, and another 50/50.

8p.m. -11p.m. Live music in hospitality room.

## Sunday 24th

7a.m.-9a.m. Breakfast at hotel.

Farewells, and safe travels.

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# Rome, Italy Host City of the 2018 European Conference

By Danilo Mastrecchia,  
Italy IV Secretary

This year it was a particular one for all the Italians BK brothers, especially for the IV Chapter... for the first time, the European Conference took place in Italy, precisely in the capital: Rome! It was good news that filled us with joy, honour and responsibilities. It wasn't easy to organize the entire event, but it

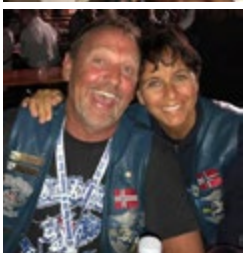
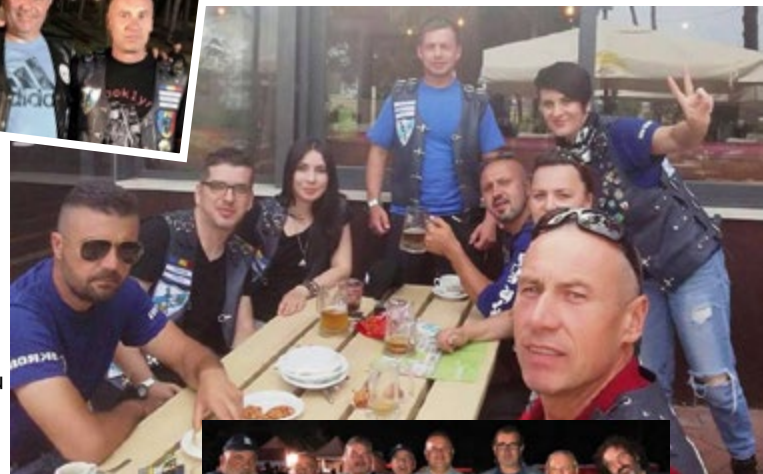
certainly allowed us to consider our European level as worldwide. Thanks also to the more than welcome presence of many brothers from the USA including the President of Blue Knights, DJ Alvarez.

The preparation required months of study of the best possible conditions. Our goal was unique: make you feel home. The three days, developed on the outskirts of the capital in a setting of greenery and tranquility, saw the presence of 700 brothers and sisters, with more than 400 bikes, with three evenings accompanied by music and events that entertained the guests. This is combined with the buffet that allowed everyone to eat and drink on a large space used with benches and tables.

Very popular small shop vendors were there, ranging from two tattoo artists to gadget sellers. Last but not least, the motorcycle tour of the Saturday afternoon through the center, which despite the traffic difficulties, gave to everyone the opportunities to appreciate the beauties of Rome.

We want, with a little modesty, to recognize the great deal of commitment and devotion expended into organizing everything, which like everything can aspire to become something bigger and more beautiful, but only with collaboration and understanding of every brother and sister. We have put it all, trying to meet all needs, trying to understand every single request (in multiple languages, that's not cheap!) and trying to make you feel proud to have brothers like us ... we hope to welcome you as soon as possible again!

"BKFFBK! Ride With Pride!"





# STONE MOUNTAIN & GA XVI

## Hosted 2018 Blue Knights® International Convention



By Randy Gracy, Publisher, AL VIII

Let me begin by stating the obvious; "This was by far the best International Convention I have attended in a long time." This sentiment was told to me by many, many members over the final weekend of the event. GA XVI did one of the most outstanding jobs putting this BKIC on; from getting volunteers, to running it, to having lots of things to do, to getting a tremendous hostel...and on and on. The compliments continued even after the event was over.

The event was pretty much a sell out with all the hotels booked and many of the camping/RV areas packed. Blue Knights from around the world came to attend this event. The host hotel had everything you wanted if you didn't want to do any extra riding, sightseeing, guided ventures, etc. The pool area was a big draw for most everyone. The lobby was packed with vendors and the Chapter Sales Room was packed as well with everyone selling everything from challenge coins to raffle tickets.

Stone Mountain Park put on one heck of a laser light show for everyone to enjoy. A lot of members went to Georgia's huge Aquarium and they had almost every kind of freshwater and salt water animal alive there. The Blue Knights Parade of Flags was an awesome display of fellowship and brotherhood. The route our hosts chose was awesome and scenic.

The meetings were also calm and collected. Everyone seemed to leave their egos at the door and the meetings took place without much of any long discussions, to the applause of the attendees. The elections were counted and the new Board of Governors was put in place; Chairman Rory MacConnell, VChairman Jim Trachta, Secretary Brad Tollefson and Treasurer Mike Rickard.

A great honor while we there was to witness interviews of our founding fathers and our current President, DJ Alvarez for the upcoming movie, "Back the Blue". Meeting Mike Hall, one of the founding fathers, for the first time was a big honor. I also got to hang-out with Ed & Maggie Gallant and Chuck Shuman (both men also founding fathers). My late night guys were also a ton of fun (you too Bailey). I met so many new friends I cannot begin to mention them all, but to all of you, "Thank you for making this one for the books."

The 2019 BKIC will be held in Rye Brook, NY and hosted by NY2. The 2020 BKIC host was announced and it's going across the pond; won by Ireland 1 and will be held in Killarney, Ireland. Make sure you attend these if you can. It will be one those memories that will last a lifetime.





# MEETING OF THE CLANS



By Iain Ferguson, Scotland III

The Blue Knights Scotland held the “Gathering of the Clans 2018” event at the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan Castle, in Kincardine-on-Forth. Over 100 Blue Knights and friends from around the world joined in the event along with International Vice President Karen Borza. After a welcome dinner and allocation of rooms, guests joined together for a social evening with music and refreshments. The Presidents of the various United Kingdom and Ireland chapters attending met for the UKIC Conference and afterwards joined the rest of the guest for the social evening.

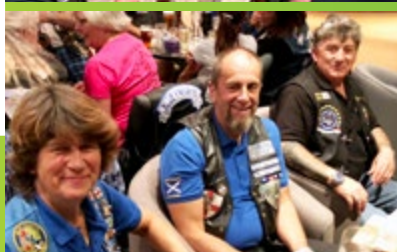


On the Saturday attendees had the choice of three different events. One was a bus trip to visit the Glasgow Police Museum. It was an extremely informative visit and the museum is stocked with a wide range of artifacts and some interesting stories behind them. The other two events were

ride-outs, one to a local distillery and the other a longer run taking in some of Scotland's most scenic biking roads. All of the ride-outs met back at Alloa later in the afternoon for a Police Motorcycle escorted ride to the nearby Police College to the Scottish Police Memorial. A YouTube video shows a 360 video of all the bikes arriving at the college: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nr7S2IPSyPg> A service was held at the memorial to remember colleagues who had died while on duty.

On Saturday night another social evening was held in the Copper Lounge which was well attended. An auction of numerous items including a wide range of Whiskeys raised well over £2,000. In fact the total raised for charity over the weekend was a staggering £2,500. This will be split pro rata between the three Scottish Blue Knight chapters to go towards their respective chosen Charities.

Sunday morning saw the attendees all depart after a hearty breakfast for their respective joineries home. This year Blue Knights Scotland I was the lead chapter in organizing the event with the support of Scotland II and III and everybody involved in the organization was pleased with the positive feedback. It was a great social event with a good variety of motorcycling, socializing and food, plus an amazing amount of money raised for charity into the bargain.







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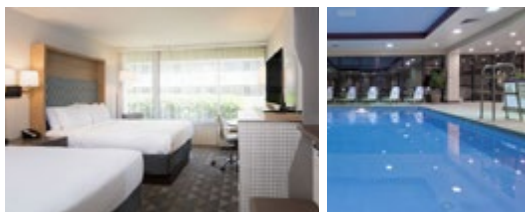
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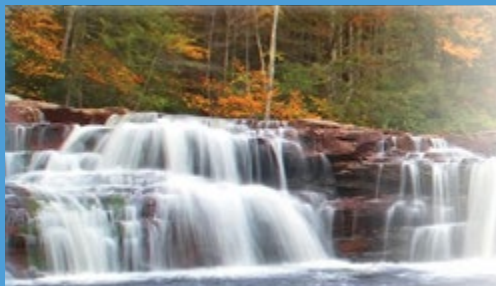


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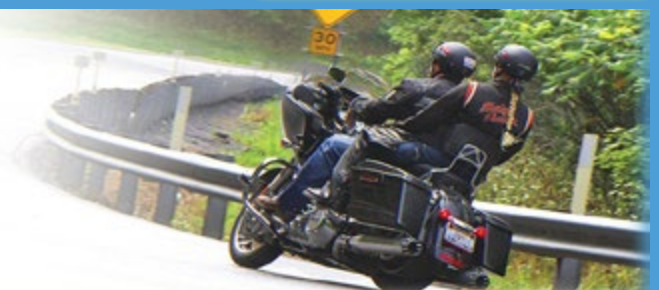
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# Placing a Candle in the Cologne Cathedral

By Andreas "Schlagi" Hohendorf,  
European Conference Vice-Chairman

**H**ow do you place a candle in Cologne Cathedral? First, you need a candle. But no ordinary candle. No, after all we are a motorcycle club, so the candle should be something special. Our club crest is an absolute must in this case. If the question arises, where do we get such a candle? All we need is a motivated Blue Knight who rides his bike around Europe until he finds one. Sounds strange? It is. But if you tell the story a little differently, we get a wonderful story of dedication and thirst for adventure.

At the end of 2016, Kurt Petri, honorary member of Germany V, came up with the idea to do something. Something daring and slightly crazy. Kurt planned to make a trip at the tender age of 74 together with his more than 60 years old Zündapp team. It should take place in 2017 and lead through no less than 17 countries in Europe and any proceeds from donations should benefit a good cause. So easy. Either clockwise or counterclockwise. Or zigzag, but this alternative quickly closed. So it finally went clockwise through Europe.

The next step was to find a chapter in each country that Kurt could visit on his way. After long weeks of planning, email traffic, the search for sponsors and the technical preparation, it was time. Many companies donated material and what Kurt did not need, he sold and increased the amount of the donation. Of course, a patch and a sticker were not missing. Incidentally, remaining stock can still be purchased.

Kurt was ready to leave, but not without the then Cologne police chief, Mr. Jürgen Matthies, to win as patron. No sooner said than done, in the convoy it was time for the first stage. Well, I could of course now minutely down every day and every stage driven, but that would be both too long and not my intention. If Kurt ever writes his memoirs, you can certainly read a more comprehensive summary.

I would like to describe special encounters with Blue Knights and others, without the meetings with Mo Caderas, who picked up Kurt in the middle of an Alpine pass, the wonderful meal with Italy II, the visit of Webs in Freiburg, the unexpected free night in Luxembourg, Netherlands II, belittling the long waited for long at the border and the welcome by Belgium XXII in Bastogne and the considerable attendance by Germany XVI and XXII on its last stage. Thank you very much for the great support.

But let's start here with Kurt's entrance into Prague. In retrospect, it was good that his GPS had stopped working for a while, because it was precisely this break that aroused the curiosity of a tour guide who saw this man standing in front of the bus in his green motorcycle with a sidecar. She asked him if she could take a picture. Charmingly, Kurt negated the question and explained just as charmingly that a photo would cost at least the purchase of a patch. Of course, he had to explain exactly, and the tour guide decided to return to the bus. Then come back to the inmates, all



women in Kurt's age. Each bought a patch and the picture was taken.

Party in Croatia or how Kurt almost stranded there. Exactly that what many Blue Knight has already happened there. Croatia I decided not only to show Kurt the tomb of Davor Javorski, the legendary first president and founder of the Croatian Blue Knights, no, they not only organized a small exit, but afterwards a party with many guests. Kurt told me afterwards that this was the most strenuous thing he ever had. But the hospitality in Croatia made him forget the hardships and it remained a priceless memory. Lucky for him that the Croats provided for his onward journey, otherwise he would probably still be there, and his wife would have had to move.

The visit to our south-easternmost chapter in Europe was another highlight not only for Kurt alone. Bosnia-Herzegovina is very remote in the European Conference. It took a good planning, the way through this beautiful country, Kurt raved about it. The meeting with the chapter there is a little tricky, because he had to wait until 10:00 pm, but when it happened, it became another unforgettable memory.

Finally, I would like to tell the story in Switzerland. There, Kurt met a few elderly men in the restaurant of his hotel, one of whom asked because of the Cologne plate, whether the cathedral still





stands. By the way, yes, Kurt really spoke of older men. The conversation started, and the men were listening intently to Kurt's story, and the five Germans and a Scot whom the rest respectfully called Sir. After the farewell Kurt knew only that

the men had probably served in the Air Force and were on the NATO base in Geilenkirchen. They met once a year, always in a different place. Well, at the reception desk, Kurt learned that not only his food, but also his room had been paid, and the men had left an envelope. Nobody knew who the men were or where they lived. Due to the quite extensive preparations after so many kilometers, he forgot to open the envelope. All the bigger was the surprise when 600 € and 100 Scottish pounds fell from the envelope at home. Even when writing, I get the same goose bumps that I had when I heard this story for the first time. This tour showed not only the incredible spirit of the Blue Knights, but also the fantastic reactions of strangers to his story.

Finally, we were able to hand over a check of over € 13,000 to a charitable organization in Cologne.

This organization provides a home for the parents of children with cancer in which they live while the children are being treated.

I only have one word for that: GREAT!

Actually, that would be it. But wait, where does the candle come from? She's from Vienna. After the auction of five cigars and a bottle of rum, Claudia Lindemann-Stoffler contacted me and offered me a candle with Blue Knights coat of arms for the auction, which your mother had made by hand. Immediately I thought of using this candle for a different purpose. A candle would be a much better symbol for all Knights in Heaven I in a church. And what would be better than the Cologne Cathedral? Only the Peters Cathedral in Rome, but since Kurt belongs to Germany V, the candle stays in Cologne. After many conversations with the cathedral chapter, we got the permission to set up and light the candle during the European Convention 2019. And who will that be? Of course, Claudia from Austria I and Kurt from Germany V.

Do not miss that! See you. Ride with Pride.



## Lawride and C.O.P.S. SURVIVOR WEEKEND

By Neil Hallam Photos by UK COPS

Care of Police Survivors (otherwise known as UK C.O.P.S) is a UK charity dedicated to helping the families of police officers who have lost their lives whilst on duty. Each year C.O.P.S holds an annual Survivor Weekend, which concludes with a Service of Remembrance. The Blue Knights form a major part of their Weekend, with England XI's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lawride ending at their event. This year, the Lawride start point and its accompanying Rally, was at the Derby Conference Centre, which was Britain's first purpose built Railway College.

On the Saturday, UKIC Chairman Tom Elliot led a ride into the Staffordshire Moorlands, stopping at Tittesford Reservoir for lunch. Eight weeks of very un-British hot weather was coming to an end, as temperatures dropped and fierce cross winds made for interesting riding. The weather worsened for the weekend's main event, as we left Derby in torrential rain. But the Lawride is more about the arrival than the journey and we knew our soaking would be worthwhile. Our route was lined by the surviving families, senior officers from all UK Police Forces, a huge contingent of West Midlands Police Cadets and the Staffordshire Police Band.

With our bikes parked and clothes dripping with rain, we joined the families for their Service of Remembrance. Tom Elliot said of the service "The service is always poignant with some of the survivors giving an account of their story. This year John Fordham spoke of his father, DC John Fordham, who was killed whilst investigating the Brinksmat gold bullion Robbery in 1983, by notorious robber Kenneth Noye. Tim Buckley, COPS Chief executive spoke to Tom after the service and spoke about the value of the Blue Knights contribution and the gratitude of the survivors.





# FATHER – SON MEET AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By Russell Patterson, Sr., Washington II

I wasn't going to attend the Int'l Conference this year because it was so far away. That was until my son, Russ Patterson, Jr., told me that his chapter, GA XVI, was the host chapter. That changed things. What father would turn down a chance to ride with his son? I have always been very proud of Russ and the career path that he has chosen; except for the fact that it took him from Washington State to Georgia. We don't get together as much as I would like. He still calls me for advice on different issues. I just wish that he would take the advice I give him. I don't think that I am the only parent that feels that way.

I attended the WCC convention in Calgary, AB, July 1-4. With the two-day ride home, I had enough time to and wash my clothes and take off for Georgia. I have to admit that I trailered my bike to Georgia. It took five days to get there. I stopped at my son's and left the truck and trailer at his house and we rode to Stone Mtn. together. It was great to step back and watch Russ and his chapter organize the events and meetings. I have to admit that I felt very proud of Russ watching him lead one of the rides. No one was lost and no accidents. Meeting GA XVI I can see why Russ chose to join them. They exemplify what it means to be a Blue Knight.

It was hard having to leave Russ and his family to head home. What makes it easier is I know that he is good hands with his fellow Blue Knight brothers and sisters.



By Russell Patterson, Jr., GAXVI

I was excited that my chapter was hosting the 2018 International conference. When we had more details, I contacted my father who is a member of the Washington II chapter. He was excited and decided that he would attend. This was to me, a chance to ride with my dad again. The last time was in 1997 when I still lived in Washington State. Once I entered the military I did not get too many chances to make it back to Washington, so this was to me, a once in a lifetime chance to ride side by side with my dad especially at an International conference.

Around the first of the year I found out that I had Annual training for the National Guard during the conference time and would not be able to attend. Fortunately, after explaining the situation to my command, I was able to miss some of the training and I was now able to attend the convention with my dad. I cannot express how amazing it was to share this experience with him. My dad literally crossed the country to ride with me. What son wouldn't love this? I will admit it was a bit stressful leading my first ride and having my dad there, but everything went great and we had a blast. My chapter brought my dad in as one of their own; True Brotherhood. You don't find this too many places.

It was truly an amazing experience to share this with him. I wish I was closer and could spend more time like this with him. These are now memories that I will hold onto for the rest of my life.

## Husband & Wife

By The Mag Man,  
Randy Gracy

### SERVICE WITH HONOR AND PRIDE



The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is definitely a family organization. Making this club a "family affair" is what we are looking for in members... and especially our

leaders. Being the President of this awesome LE Club is not for the faint at heart. You will need your family's commitment as well. Law enforcement veterans Bob and Connie Flanagan have held these values for quite some time and still hold them close to their heart today.

Bob with fellow officer and friend, JR Biddle, founded Dover, OH XVII in 1980. In 1985 Connie attended her first Blue Knight event. Shortly afterwards Bob became the Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Great Lakes Regional Conference. The Flanagan's traveled and vacationed extensively with Blue Knight events and conferences, often accompanied by their daughter, Stephanie Hanner as a passenger and later on her own motorcycle. When Bob moved onto Chairman of the Board of Governors, Connie began her term as Vice Chairman of the GLRC.

Bob eventually went on to hold the office of International Vice President and then International President '99-'00. As Bob assumed his tenure on the BOD as Past International President, Connie would be elected as International Vice President. She also went on to be elected International President '05-'06. This made Blue Knights' history with the first married couple to both hold the highest office in the Blue Knights. Connie said that making history was never a consideration, only that she has a deep passion for the direction of the organization and just wanted to contribute to a club and its membership that had been so important in their lives. Bob would again be elected International President from '11-'13 and currently serves on the BOD as Past International President.

Both remain very passionate about the Blue Knights as a fraternal, family organization. They cite some of their closest friendships having been formed in the Blue Knights and they both continue communications with fellow Blue Knights from all over the world. The love of police work and motorcycling is something they have both shared during their marriage, and the Blue Knights is a bond that they will forever value in their lives. Bob and Connie shared two important beliefs in this great organization and that is following the By Laws and keeping the "Blue Knights Blue" while building the largest family anyone can belong to in the Greatest Motorcycle Club in the world.





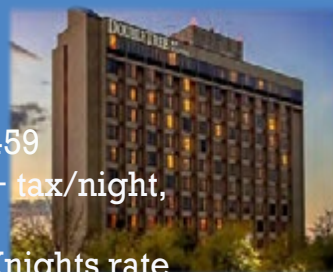


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## IL 13 member, Artez Hardin International Meritorious Service Award

By Bob Sampson, Secretary, IL 13

During the 2018 International Convention, Artez Hardin was presented the International Meritorious Service Award for actions while he was off-duty and shot an armed robber during the crime. He wasn't present

during the award ceremony, but shown here, IL 13 President Kenny Hahs presented Artez with his award.

Below is recall of what took place:

A man who attempted to rob a Shell gas station in St. Louis was fatally shot by an off-duty officer, police said. The shooting is the fourth fatal one involving St. Louis police in the last five weeks. Authorities identified the would-be robber in Tuesday night's shootout as Chazz Brown, 33. Between 2006 and 2009, Brown pleaded guilty to numerous charges, including felony theft, second-degree robbery, armed criminal action, stealing a motor vehicle and third degree assault.

Interim Police Chief Lawrence O'Toole briefed reporters early the next day at the Shell gas station. "The officer involved had

just gotten off work and was inside the store with two clerks and another customer at about 11:40 p.m.," O'Toole said.

"That's when Brown walked in, pulled out a gun and demanded money. The officer, who was in street clothes, identified himself before Brown turned toward the officer and began shooting. The officer fired back."

"Brown was pronounced dead at the scene. A handgun believed to have been used by him was recovered. No one other than Brown was injured", O'Toole said. "The officer who shot him is a seven-year veteran of the force... the clerks, other witnesses and video evidence from the scene corroborated the officer's version of events." A witness told the Post-Dispatch Newspaper he was pumping gas when he heard gunfire inside the gas station and dropped to the ground. He said he saw an officer near the front door who was pointing a gun toward the restrooms in the station. Just after the gunfire, the witness said, several officers converged on the gas station. Police quickly cordoned off the site.

The business hosts a police substation and people at the scene said there are usually police officers there. They use the substation to write reports and make calls.

## Blue Knights show support for Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

By Jim Trachta, BOG Vice Chairman, FL State Rep, President FL IX



It was a sad day in central Florida as many Blue Knights rode to the funeral service for Brevard County Sheriff Kevin Stanton. Deputy Stanton was killed while on duty one Saturday morning. He was killed when his patrol car was struck by a tractor-trailer on I-95

at approximately 5:10 am. The tractor-trailer suffered a tire blow-out, causing the driver to lose control and swerve into the left lane where Deputy Stanton was driving. Deputy Stanton's patrol car then struck the rear of the semi.

International Secretary Jim Borza said, "It was a great show of support with all the Blue Knights who joined up to ride in formation to show our respect. We all felt proud to stand in formation with all our fellow officers at attention as the deputy's casket was walked into the service."



After the ride, the group remembered Officer Stanton, his time on the force and talked about the good times remembering him.

A group photo was taken and donations were also made in his honor.

May he RIP. Be Safe & RWP



## The Blue Knights present check to family of Deputy Aaron Roberts

The Blue Knights MO I presented a \$4,500 check to the family of Deputy Aaron Roberts. Deputy Roberts died when his car was swept away by flood waters in September. "I know it can't replace Aaron but hopefully it'll make one hurdle easier to get over at some point," Tom Luellen, President of the Springfield Blue Knights chapter, said.

Kim Roberts, wife to Aaron Roberts, was there to receive the check along with their daughter, Lydia. She says the community support has been amazing. "It's been

overwhelming just walking through a tragedy like this, with a seven-year-old," Kim Roberts said. "It's not been easy. But we've had lots of support."

The money was raised during the Blue Knights Midwest Regional Conference, which was held in Springfield the day of Deputy Aaron Roberts' funeral. The group gave cash out of their pockets to help.

"The day of Aaron's funeral I was able to thank those that were there and those that were supportive in those short days," Kim Roberts said. "But the last two



months have been overwhelming for our family. It's left us feeling very supported and loved by our community."

Kim Roberts says she is thankful for all the fundraisers and acts of kindness so many people in our community have done for her family.





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# Chaplain's Corner

## Greetings Fellow Blue Knights...

What an honor it is to serve the men and women of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club as your International Chaplain.

I would like to first begin by sharing my law enforcement career with you which started in 1979 when I enlisted in the Air National Guard as a Security (Police) Forces member. I retired in 2003 after serving 24 years with numerous call-ups and deployments around the world. My civilian law enforcement career began in 1987 when I was sworn in as a police officer with the Terre Haute Police Department. I served with them until retiring in 2012. My retirement from law enforcement was short lived as God's plan continued to be revealed. I returned to active service as a Town Marshal in a small community and also started working as a School Protection Officer in a middle school protecting children.

My calling to the ministry came in 1998 at which time I began my studies at a Global University/Berean School of the Bible study center at my home church. Upon completion of my studies I applied for my credentialing with the Assemblies of God and became an Ordained Minister. I also received my endorsement as an Emergency Services Chaplain with the Assemblies of God and became a Master Chaplain with the

and worked desperately to save his life, however he succumbed to the gunshot wounds. In the end this young man's mother said something to me that changed my outlook and the way I perform as a chaplain. His mother said it was a "great comfort" to her knowing that there was a chaplain there to pray for her son's eternal soul and to ask for God's mercy when all else had failed. As a police officer and chaplain, I deal with or hear about life and death seemingly every day. I want to see God's promises applied to all those in law enforcement who are on the frontlines of spiritual darkness protecting us.

After the tragic death of Brent, his many friends started a motorcycle ride to honor his memory naming the ride after Brent's nickname "Bean." Of course as police we added the name "Pork" to it now calling it the "Pork & Bean." The ride was organized and in 2012 a group of law enforcement motorcycle riders calling themselves the Blue Knights rode with us in honor of Brent's memory. It wasn't long after that I made acquaintance with these Blue Knights. They mentioned to me of their need for a law enforcement chaplain for their local chapter and would I be interested. Being already over-committed and after several heart to heart talks with God, I joined Indiana X to serve as their chaplain. Not long afterwards, I was selected to serve as the Great Lakes Regional Conference Chaplain.

The ministries we were called into were a direct result of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at my home church (Cross Tabernacle,) and with any move of God, ministry is birthed and we were called out to serve the mission fields of American. I remember during this time as I prepared to become a missionary chaplain, God impressed upon me the scripture from 1 Chronicles 4:10, which called the prayer of Jabez.

<sup>10</sup> And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

Little did I know the effects that this prayer would have on the ministries that God called us to do. While attending the Blue Knights International Convention at Stone Mountain Georgia, God had expanded us from one Blue Knights chapter to serve for all Blue Knights as I was appointed to serve as the International Chaplain.

My wife Felicia is also a credential minister with the Assemblies of God and a foreign language teacher. Felicia helps organize ministry events and works directly with the police wives ladies auxiliary. Felicia also chairs a police wives Bible study group to bring a deeper understanding to God's word. Felicia and I are so honored to see and be a part of the move of God moving throughout the Blue Knights and around the world witnessing God and seeing lives changed and saved for eternity.

## Chaplain Dan Walls

Blue Knights International Chaplain



International Conference of Police Chaplains. I now serve in many communities including the Federal Prison where I established a Global University Study Center teaching inmates using the Berean School of the Bible courses. As a chaplain and have witnessed God moving powerfully in the lives of those in law enforcement and those in our prisons.

The one day I will never forget that change my life and the ministry forever was on July 11th 2011. I had received the worse call a chaplain could receive. I was notified that a Terre Haute Police officer had been shot while assisting the US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force while serving a warrant. I will never forget seeing the Special Response Team carrying the policemen's body from the house that he was shot at and laying him on the ground outside shouting "hold on Brent." We all were praying



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## AUS IV Attends Newman Police Memorial

By Paul Iriks

Members of Aus IV along with other riders rode for two days to attend the Newman Police Memorial to commemorate the sacrifice made by four WA Police officers who lost their lives in a Police Plane crash in 2001. While we were there, we presented a donation to Police Legacy to help support police families.



## GA VIII Joins Brothers Ride to honor Fallen Officer

By Jim Trachta

**BROTHERHOOD...** Today members from Blue Knights Ohio V, NY XVIII, Ga. VII and Florida IX join our brothers from GA VIII for the Sgt. Wilber Berry Memorial Ride in Statesboro, GA. This ride is pride of President Bobby Durden to honor his mentor and friend, Sgt. Wilber Berry killed in the line of duty serving a warrant. It was an honor to take part in this ride which gets larger every year. Bobby and the members of GA VIII truly extend southern hospitality; Florida IX will be back next year.



## BC V Donates to Law Enforcement Torch Run

British Columbia V rode to Mission, BC for cheque presentation to the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraiser. Beautiful day with a great ride for an even greater cause!



## Blue Knights COPSRUN donates \$20,000

By Russ Harper

Another year has gone by and the Blue Knights COPSRUN has once again let the survivors know that we will "Never Let Them Stand Alone"... on behalf of the Blue Knights COPSRUN board and Staff, I want to thank you all for your help and support for such a great cause. Because of you, we were able to present a check for \$20,000.00 to the National Concerns of Police Survivors today. It's time to begin our campaign for year 23.



## Germany & England Members at Oktoberrock

By Roger Hopes

Germany XXI Oktoberrock Rally enjoyed a great time with friends from Germany and England and lots of beverages. Hey Skol



## Little Blue Heroes - Ireland 1

By Tony Toner

Gathering in Garda HQ for a special inauguration, only hearts of pure granite could fail to melt at the joy of seeing these Little Blue Heroes don their high-viz jackets, caps, ID cards and medals. Ten new members of An Garda Siochana were welcomed by Commissioner Drew Harris, prior to their swearing in. Watching the Little Blue Heroes give a salute made me crumble and pushed me over the edge (with emotions). Truly a wonderful morning magically supported by the Garda Band, Dog Unit, Mounted Unit and many Garda members from around the country. It is rare to see a Garda give a salute, its giving a mark of the highest respect and honour, reserved only for those most deserving. The memory of standing facing these latest members of An Garda Siochana and return their salute will stay with me forever. Little Blue Heroes is the chosen charity of the Blue Knights Ireland 1.



## FL XXIV honors Trooper

The funeral for retired FHP Trooper Nick Rivera was held. In attendance were officers from Panama City Beach Police and a representative from the Blue Knights FL XXIV.





NY VII Donates to Hospital That Helped One of Their Own

By Mike McLoughlin

Blue Knights® NY VII showed their appreciation for the work that the great people at SIUH North Rehab Center did in providing excellent care and concern while rehabbing our very own John Valles. Our donation of \$300 was then matched by Scaran HVAC and Plumbing, which totals a \$600 donation on our behalf. We hit the \$30,000 plateau on the thermometer. Thanks to all at SIUH.



Ontario V, VI, XI & I

Members from Ontario V, VI, XI & I joined Ron Pullano, Pres. Ont V, for a great ride, lunch and tour of the decommissioned Canadian Navy Sub Ojibwa.

PR1 Presents Award to Chris Dobek

By Alfredo Delgado

Puerto Rico 1 awards Chris Dobek the Blue Knights Helping Hand Award. Chris helped Alfredo open the blue Knights Puerto Rico 1 chapter. We also discussed issues to open other BK chapters in Puerto Rico. We had a great time.... BROTHERHOOD RWP!



BK Romania III First Meeting

By Nicolae Parroi

The first meeting of Blue Knights Romania III took place in the weekend of October 12-14.

Russell Earns His Vest

By Eric Larson

When I joined the Blue Knights in 2011, there was a young man that attended more meetings for longer time and now that he started riding with his dad, he needed a vest of his own. Congratulations Russell for adding to our great club.



TN III Member John Kelly Awards Jr Police Officer

One of the perks of John Kelly's job is having the pleasure of presenting this young lady with her Junior Police Officer certificate. Congratulations Avery!



Texas 1 Supports Children at Christmas Time

By Gerald F. Zollo, President, CTXI

On one chilly Saturday morning, members of the Blue Knights CTXI and CTI chapters rode together to support needy children at Christmas time. The Yankee Clipper Toy Drive was fun and all members felt great participating and helping less fortunate children.

Wales 1 Donatesto Bobath Wales

By Andy Stone, President, Wales 1

As 2018 started, Wales 1 Blue Knights commenced a charity slimathon to raise money for the Bobath Childrens Centre in Cardiff who provides support for children with cerebral palsy and their families. At our Camping Rally in July more money was raised by the Chapter and its guests through tossing coins for a bottle of Whiskey & a 1.5ltr Prosecco, both personal donations by the Chapter President. Our very own David Kelly put in a great singing performance to increase the charity funds.



None of us thought that we would be today presenting the Bobath Centre with £1207.23! A huge amount of thanks to the generosity of the Chapter members, their families & friends and BK's from around the Country who came to our Rally and supported our fundraising.

A special mention must go out to VP Steve Bendell who has driven this effort from the start and worked behind the scenes with the staff at the Bobath Centre to make this happen. Well done everyone.

WV III Ride with Cops

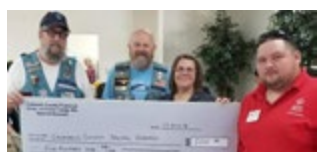
By Vernon Casey

BKWW III Ride with Cops had 375 registered riders. We covered three states and helped four agencies raise money for underprivileged kids in our area. I'm proud of the men and women of our club we are all proud to be a part of the Blue Knights International.





# Blue Knights at a Glance







# Croatia 1 Donates to Pakrac Hospital Pediatrics

By Tihomir Takač, President, Croatia 1

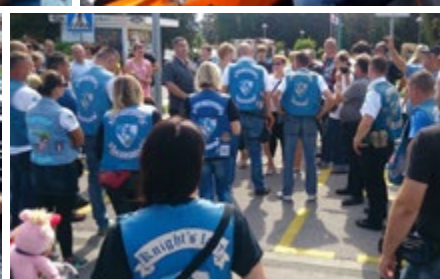
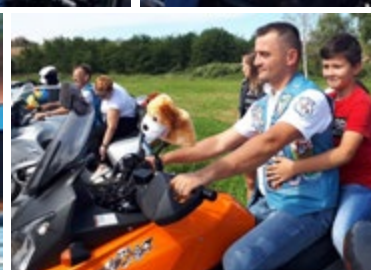
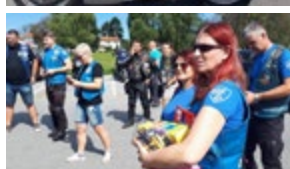
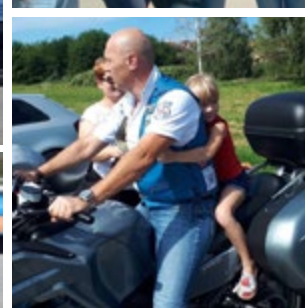
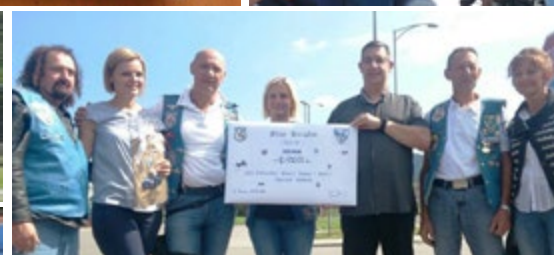
Like many times so far, members of the "Blue Knights Croatia 1" have shown their good heart. Recently we decided to donate an infusion-transfusion pump to the Pediatrics section of Pakrac Hospital and the hospital of Croatian Veterans.

With happy and beaming children smiles, the hospital accepted the donation. The Blue Knights Croatia 1 have delightful memories of those cute smiles. You almost do not see the sad when the children go to play a children's playground. Purlibland children with their hands were touching playground equipment at the school playground, and their little mouth was only spreading into a smile. Those little miraculous creatures, who despite their weaknesses, outstanding little students, left an unprecedented trace in the hearts of the Blue Knights. That is how the Knights decided to donate, as much as possible, to more children.

In co-operation with numerous sponsors and friends, money was collected to buy an infusion-transfuzion pump that will be used at the pediatric section of the Pakrac Hospital and the Croatian Veterans Hospital. As the illness can be terrible, the Blue Knights have decided at least to make it easier for children's hospital days. Apart from the device that will help in the treatment, members of the "Blue Knights Croatia 1" and other friends who gathered at the delivery of the device in front of the hospital, collected and delivered the toys to the pediatric section to help make the children more comfortable during their stay in the hospital.

They gathered here, except for children from their hospitals and their parents, and also children from the city who were watching in awe a huge motorcycle with a small but raised head, some of them wanted to taste the wind in their hair. Some were thrillingly sitting on the motorcycle, some with enthusiasm, and the attention of the viewer was "stolen" the little girl who shouted at her driver: "Faster!" Returning to the safe hands of their parents, they got off the motorcycle filled with enthusiasm and adrenaline.

The hospital employees has prepared a liitle reception for all bikers as a sign of gratitude for their selfless act. So the Blue Knights once again showed their humanity and emotional sensitivity to the youngest members of our community.







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