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Knightly News

Greetings,

Hopefully, by the time you read this article you will have already received your Blue Knights® 2011 ID card, either by US mail or from a member who lives close to you. If you have not received your card, email me at ddeppert@tampabay.rr.com, and I will reply with the name of the member who I gave your card to, or that it was mailed on Monday, March 28th. If your card gets lost in the mail, I will call the International office and ask Bessie to send you a duplicate card.

If you were unable to attend the March 10th meeting, you missed a discussion regarding the current Chapter charity and the appropriate process a member needs to follow to request the Chapter donate money to a specific charity or organization.

In 2007, while planning the 2008 Spring SRC, that we were hosting, the Board of Directors voted and approved the Gold Shield Foundation as the Chapter's official charity. This was essential, for our Chapter to identify a recognized charity to list on the letter we used to solicit donations for the conference.

The Blue Knights® International LEMC, is a registered non-profit corporation under Federal Tax Law. As a subsidiary or sub-corporation of the International Corporation, all chartered Blue Knights® chapters have a Federal Employee Identification Number (EIN), and are recognized as non-profit organizations under Federal Tax law. Our Chapter has applied to the State of Florida for designation as a non-profit corporation. This process takes time. We have received the designation as a charitable organization.



It is very important that our Chapter associate with a recognized charity. Since we are a Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, associating with and contributing to a charity or organization whose main focus is law enforcement or motorcycle safety, makes perfect sense. That does not mean that we cannot, or will not donate to a charity or organization that is not law enforcement or motorcycle safety related. The money in the Chapter treasury belongs to all the Chapter members. If you have a charity or organization that you would like the Chapter to donate to, you need to follow the following process.

Come to a monthly meeting and when the agenda comes to the section called “Other Business from the Floor,” make a motion that the Chapter donate a specific amount of money to the charity or organization. If your motion is seconded by another member, discussion will take place. This is your opportunity to explain why you believe the Chapter should make the donation. At the end of the discussion period, a vote will be called and if the majority of members present approve your request, a check will be written by the Treasurer. If the majority does not approve your motion, it will have failed.

Now that does not mean that the members present can’t pass the hat and make a personal donation to your charity or organization. It does mean that the donation will come from the members personally and not the treasury. I hope this clarifies the donation process. If you have any questions, please call or email me and I will (hopefully) answer them.

At the March meeting the members unanimously accepted new member David Lydon. David recently moved to Riverview after retiring from the New York State Police. Welcome David, I hope you become an active member of FL XVII.

Finally, most, if not all of the Chapter Officers will be attending the spring, 2011 conference in New Orleans, April 14-17. For this reason, I have cancelled the April 14 meeting. Our next monthly meeting is on May 12. Make plans to come and enjoy a good meal and social time with other Chapter members and their families.

Until then, ride safe and often,

Dennis





Meeting Minutes

BLUE KNIGHTS CHAPTER XVII MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2011

IHOP

4910 W. Spruce St.

Tampa, FL

Call to Order: Dennis Deppert
Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Introduction of Executive Officers:

Present:

- Dennis Deppert: President
- Joe Edelman: Vice President
- Paul Griffin: Treasurer absent
- Jim Seibel: Secretary

Introduction of Board of Directors:

Present:

- Gary Johnson (Past President)
- Don McLaughlin (Board Member)
- Dominick DeSiato (Board Member)
- Bruce Schmitt (Board Member)

Introduction of Staff:

Present:

- Ron & Rosalie DiMento (Quartermasters)
- Teresa Douthit (Ride Reporter)
- Bruce Schmitt (Ride Captain)
- Steve Emory (Webmaster)
- Marie Edelman (Sunshine Member)

Absent:

- Paul Griffin: Treasurer
- Bruce Schmitt (Board Member)
- Don McLaughlin (Board Member)
- Steve Emory (Webmaster)
- Teresa Douthit (Ride Reporter)
- Marie Edelman (Sunshine Member)

Guests:

- Dick Oulton MA V
- Peter and Cheryle Kelly NS I

Secretary's Report (Jim Seibel):

Motion to accept minutes:

1. **Bob B.**
2. **Eric M.**



Meeting Minutes - continued

Treasurer's Report (Gary Johnson):

Eric M.
Peter D.

V.I.P. guests

Update from International

Minutes from B.O.G. Meeting and General Membership Meeting 7/19 2010 at Billings Mont. Convention
Minutes from B.O.D. meetings on 9/23 and 11/23 2010

Safety Presentation: Dominick DeSiato

Video of Fl. Statutes and motorcycle requirements

OLD BUSINESS:

*Spring SRC is April 14-17th in New Orleans. Please get your room reservations and registration in
2011 International Convention in Chesapeake VA is July 17-22, 2011*

*There are members going up to Washington, DC on Amtrak for Police Memorial Week,
May 12-17.2011. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Joe "E" or Dennis "D" for
information.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Clarification of approved Chapter charities from discussion from last months meeting

The process the Chapter uses to approve expenditures from Chapter treasury

Discussed Roberts Rules as they pertain to Chapter meetings

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION:

David Lydon NYSP

1ST. Peter D.
2ND. Dick D.

Business from the Floor:

Dick D. discussed Cops Run Survivors patches for \$5
Jim Burgess donated \$500 in the Chapters name to the B.O.G. for Blue Knight
Special Fund

RIDE CALENDAR (Bruce).

See ride calendar

50/50 Ticket Sales:

\$75 to Steve K.



Meeting Minutes - continued

Next Meeting:

May 12th 2011

Aprils meeting is cancelled because of SRC Conference in New Orleans

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

*Bob B.
Peter D.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Seibel, Secretary



Your Safety Comes First

*by
Dominick DeSiato*



Taking That Second Look

You have heard it before: When entering a roadway look left, look right , and then look left again. We can do this very easily when driving a car because moving your head and eyes side to side has very little effect on the direction the car is traveling. As long as you keep the steering wheel straight when you are looking around the car will still go straight. Not so with a motorcycle. On a motorcycle we turn our head and look side to side our path of travel can deviate. We tend to unintentionally drive with tunnel vision when we pull off on our motorcycle.

The result is that when we pull out on our motorcycle we will look left, look right, and then look straight ahead without taking that second look to the left. Take that quick second look to the left. It just might save your life.

Ride safe,

Dominick





Bruce's Place

Monthly Ride Schedule brought to you by

Bruce Schmitt

April

Breakfast ride every Saturday, 9am, Countryside Mall Sears Auto.

04-07-11 through 04-10-11 Leesburg Bikefest.

04-10-11 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

04-14-11 through 04-17-11 Spring SRC, Metairie La.

04-24-11 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

04-28-11 Dinner ride to the Thirsty Marlin Grill & Bar 351 W. Bay Dr. Largo 33770.

Meet at the restaurant between 7 and 7:30pm.

04-30-11 BK-FI XVI's Bike Blessing and Picnic. Cost \$10pp. See the flyer in the Herald for additional information and pre-pay instructions.

May

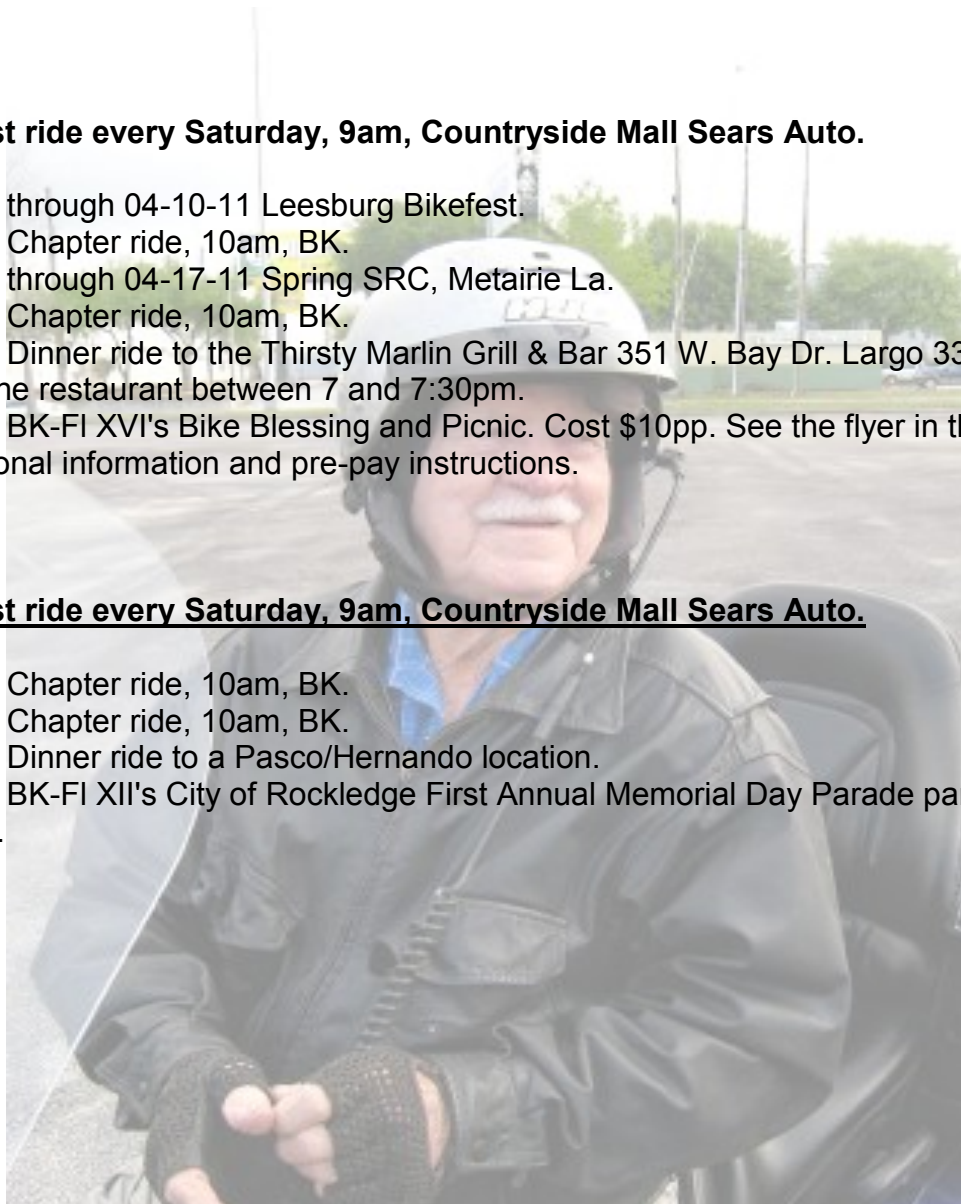
Breakfast ride every Saturday, 9am, Countryside Mall Sears Auto.

05-01-11 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

05-15-11 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

05-26-11 Dinner ride to a Pasco/Hernando location.

05-29-11 BK-FI XII's City of Rockledge First Annual Memorial Day Parade participation invitation.





Happy Birthday



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| Barbara Griffin | - | 04/01 |
| Raymond Zurenda Jr. | - | 04/03 |
| Laura Longway | - | 04/05 |
| Fred Patnode | - | 04/06 |
| Lois Glander | - | 04/08 |
| Tina Hatch | - | 04/13 |
| Nick Longo | - | 04/16 |
| Barbara Domiziano | - | 04/16 |
| Margarita deZengotita | - | 04/16 |
| Nita Boesswetter | - | 04/20 |
| Steven Mocsary | - | 04/21 |
| Perry Branam | - | 04/25 |
| Steven Kane | - | 04/25 |



Chapter President



Chapter Vice President
And Chief Photographer



Safety
Educator



Ride
Coordinator



Ride
Reporter



PHOTO GALLERY

Kenny Mullins Funeral - 03/09/11

I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO CAME TODAY AND HONOURED A TRULY GREAT MAN / HE WAS A BK MEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO AND WAS A LONG TIME MOTORMAN AT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE / I WILL MISS HIM AS WELL AS ANYBODY WHO GOT TO KNOW HIM / HERES A FEW PICS FROM TODAY. JIM SEIBEL

