

August 1, 2006 Minutes Blue Knights NY Chapter III

The following were in attendance at the monthly August meeting; Sal Napolitano, Dave Howard, Fran & Keith Lipsey, Robert Ferrigan, Frank Cuevas, Jerry and son Branden Casterlin, George Patsalas, Greg Toussaint, Ken Lopez, Lenny Curcio, Frank Basile, Steve Pascal, Tim "DAD" McGuire, Eddie Burgos, Wilson Rosa, Frank Cirigliano, Tom Mazzola, Carl.

I appolize if I misspelled your name. If your name does not appear you may not have signed in.

- 1. 1915hrs – President Carl Raymo opens the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for all members that has transferred to Heaven 1 and members of the Armed forces.**
- 2. Introduction of guests Pastor Joe McKelvey / pending members Greg Toussaint, George Patsolas and Jerry Casterlin.**
- 3. Minutes of the July 2006 meeting read by VP Lipsey and unanimously accepted. No business voted on at the July meeting due to lack of quorum. Minutes were informational only. Keith expressed the Chapter's condolences to Dave and Mary Howard on the passing of their Uncle Vic and made mention that Thor Johnson is doing well, but not back to work.**

Old Business:

- 4. V.P. Lipsey mentioned to the chapter a book called "Why Forgive", where NYPD Det. Steve McDonald reiterates the events leading to his shooting on July 12, 1986.**
- 5. V.P. Lipsey reminded members that more participation is needed at rides/ events and attendance is paramount for the upcoming nominations and voting for board positions in September and October with voting in November.**
- 6. A plaque was presented to Pastor Joe McKelvey for his role in coordinating the May 20th joint bike blessing event at the Christian Faith Fellowship Family Church.**
- 7. Prior discussions regarding a member who presently has no motorcycle has been resolved at this time. That member's intent is to purchase a motorcycle as soon as possible.**
- 8. President Raymo advised member Cueves that he did not want to go forth with an issue that divided the membership and that until issues with International, has put a hold on sell items for COPSRUN .**

New Business:

9. **President made announcement of upcoming events and rides from other chapters and organizations; list made available to all members for review. He also mentioned his experiences while attending some recent rides, which were very positive.**
10. **Recognition for July and August birthdays are as follows:
Happy Birthday: Lawrence Newman & Carl Raymo – July / Steve Gloss, Ray Davis & Rich Demaris – August.**
11. **Letter of thanks and appreciation was sent by an observer (Elmendorf) regarding the Knight's participation at a July 22nd ride for John Gurda, a critical burn victim, being treated at the Westchester Medical Center. This person as well as many others, were impressed with the dedication and professionalism extended to that event (in heavy rain). It boosted moral and hope for the family and victim. Thanks to all who participated.**
12. **Letter of thanks received from Veterans Cemetery Assoc.. They were highly impressed and thankful for the Knight's assistance in raising and retiring the flags on the 4th of July. They have requested that we extend our services on Veteran's Day as well. Volunteers will be accepted to fulfill the request.**
13. **Sgt. Mazzola stated that participation is needed for the Aug. 27th Ed Ryan run and that the Summer Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 16th (Newburgh). Call Tommy for more details.**
14. **Treasurer's report was given by Dave Howard, for more information please contact Dave .**
15. **Committee Reports: None at this time.**
16. **Ed Burgos announced that he will represent the Blue Knights at the "Ride for Kids" and reminded all of the times and cost of \$35. These children are victim to Brain Tumors and need the support.**
17. **President Raymo announced that Blue Knight License Plates are available via application through the Paul Maurice ,New York II. Those interested can see him for the details or get on the Tri -State Web-Site.**
18. **President Raymo reminded all of upcoming rides and read them from our ride schedule. (9/9 NY II Pig Roast, 9/22-24 NY 17 Clifton Wine tasting, 9/23 NJ II 14th Beef Steak Dinner, 9/22 NY 12 3rd Ride for Samantha, 8/12-13 NY II NYC Suicide Run, 9/? VA II Blue Ridge Mtn Rally, 8/22 NJ V Wildwood, 8/27 Sgt. Ed Ryan Run).**

19. **President Raymo announced that Russ Harper – Tri-State Chair is running for International Treasurer.**
20. **Ken Lopez advised that the Americade event was a worthwhile ride and urged more participation.**
21. **Ed Burgos requested that his Martial Arts Web site be linked to the BK NYIII Website. Discussion to continue?**

22. **Motion to accept new members are as follows: Please Welcome**

New Members -

**Greg Toussaint – Motioned by Len Curcio / 2nd by Ken Lopez - All in favor.
George Patsolas – Motioned by Bob Ferragat/ 2nd by Frank Basile –
All in favor**

Honorary Member-

Jerry Casterlin – Motioned by “Dad”/ 2nd by Ed Burgos – All in favor

Motions unanimously passed for the above.

23. **Guest speaker – Bob Nevola – Primerica Financial Services, presentation to members regarding personal finances. (800) 352-6141.**
24. **Carl Raymo advised Pastor Joe McKelvey that he may submit for Honorary membership pending a vacancy or new position for 2007.**
25. **2055hrs - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Pascal and 2nd by Ken Lopez unanimously passed without comment.**

I would like to thank Len Curcio for filling in for the Secretary .