

# *Blue Knights*

## *Chapter New York III*

### *Newsletter*

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#### **Attendees:**

The following were present for the December 02, 2003 Christmas Party which was held at the Washington Hollow Gun Club (*This includes family and friends of our membership*):

J.J. Lynch, Jean Lynch, Mike Downey, Carol Wheeler, Charlie Kolaitis, Helen “*the Boss*” Kolaitis, David McDonald, Laura Shear McDonald, Mike Downey, Carol Wheeler, Joseph Doherty, Bob Ferrigan, Don Cassavant, Janet Cassavant, Jeanne Doherty, Dave Howard, Mary Howard, Stephanie Howard, Michael Spann, Phil Cioffi, Raquel Cioffi, Elliott Velger, Alyse Velger, Matthew Velger, Willie Hernandez, Vicky Vega, Steve Bekesy, Kim Pomeroy, Bill Pomeroy, Dave Kaufman, Richard Demarais, Anita Demarais, Val Demarais, Alan Kenwood and Linda Kenwood.

#### **Informal Meeting:**

President Lynch called for a short and informal meeting at the beginning of the Christmas party to cover a number of topics of importance to the membership. As this was an informal meeting, there were neither motions nor voting.

#### **DUES:**

President Lynch would like to remind everyone that your 2004 dues are due now! The dues are \$36.00 and can be given or mailed to our treasurer Bill Pomeroy.

#### **Death in the Family:**

Kieron “Thor” Johnson called President Lynch to tell him that his father had died. (The funeral was on November 29<sup>th</sup>) The chapter will be sending a basket to Thor and his family. We extend our deepest condolences to our Blue Knight brother and his family.

## **New Chapter:**

In a related note, “Thor” also said that he is attempting to charter a new Blue Knights chapter. The paper work is being submitted to Tri-State. The new chapter will be centered out of the Margretville, New York area. President Lynch wished “Thor” good luck with his new chapter.

## **American Motorcycle Association:**

President Lynch attended the pre-sanctioning meeting with the AMA to lock in 05/02/04 for our bike blessing. We need to be sanctioned by the AMA to be able to secure their insurance for our event. There will be a final sanction meeting on 12/13/03. We need someone to go to this meeting for our chapter. (*Editors note – Vice-President Kenwood attended this event for us.*)

President Lynch has requested that everyone who is an AMA member to please tell him your AMA membership number. We need 10 AMA members in our group to enable us to secure AMA insurance for our bike blessing at a reduced rate.

## **Make a Wish:**

We received a letter of thanks from the Make-a-Wish foundation for our donation. Our funds will be used to help an ailing boy from Westchester who just wants to be on the Beach alone. The Make-a-Wish foundation is going to send him to the Island of St. Martens.

## **Poughkeepsie Journal:**

A picture of our donation to Make-a-Wish will be appearing in the Poughkeepsie Journal. President Lynch will let us know (via e-mail) when it is going to be published.

## **2004 Board of Officers:**

The following officers have been elected for 2004:

President – J.J. Lynch

Vice-President – AL Kenwood

Secretary – Dave McDonald

Treasurer – Bill Pomeroy

Road Captain – Ed Burgos

Director (One) – Sal Napolitano

J.J. has appointed Willie Hernandez as our Sergeant-at-Arms. Willie’s dedication to our chapter is an example for all to see. He can be seen at nearly every meeting or function. Great job Willie!!!

## **Bike Blessing:**

The NYIII bike blessing is scheduled for 05/02/04. A chairperson is still needed for this event. If you would like to chair the event please contact J.J. and let him know. The tentative location is still the Pleasant Valley Park for now. We are exploring other possible locations. Alternate locations mentioned were LaGrange Park and a location in Millbrook. Many members present commented on the great route that Dave Howard has mapped out the last two years. We would like to try and keep that route intact if possible and any site chosen will need to consider that factor.

## **2005 Tri-State Conference:**

We will be co-sponsoring the 2005 Tri-State conference with NY18. This will be held during the Columbus Day weekend. The event will span Friday night through Monday morning. NY18 has a line on a hotel in the Suffren, New York area. We are asking our membership for any ideas or location in this area. The location would need to be able to handle approximately 150 to 200 people for that four-day weekend. The location will also need to handle a dinner-dance Saturday night or be near a location that can do so. If you have any ideas, please call or e-mail J.J.

## **Installation Dinner:**

We need to hold a vote on a location for the 2004 installation dinner. Dave Howard mentioned the "Stagestop" diner. We weren't happy the last time we used that location. However, Dave said the manager wants to make amends. If you have any thoughts on this, you need to attend the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting or let someone know who is going to that meeting. The location of the dinner will be voted on at that meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Poughkeepsie Denny's on Route 9. The meeting will be at 7 O'clock for the general membership.

## **From the Secretary-Elect:**

I just wanted to thank Our 2003 Secretary Carl Raymo for the terrific job he has done for us this year. I really have some large shoes to fill in following the great job done by Carl. I hope to add a few new touches to the Chapter Newsletter when I officially start in January. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call from me. I'm going to be asking our membership for a variety of information to include in various articles or announcements. I also would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

As Always,

Ride with Pride,

Dave McDonald, *Secretary-elect, NYIII*