

# ***BLUE KNIGHTS***

## ***CHAPTER NEW YORK III***

### ***NEWSLETTER***

#### **Attendees:**

The following were present for the February 1, 2005 Membership meeting which was held at the Denny's Restaurant, Route 9, Poughkeepsie, NY (This includes family and friends of our membership).

Bob Coletta, Lucy Coletta, Carl Raymo, Tom Mazzola, Bill Pomeroy, Kim Pomeroy, Sal Napolitano, David McDonald, Keith Lipsey, Dave Howard, Lou Nazzaro, Tim McGuire, Bob Ferrigan, Rich Ramsell, Travis Zehr, Elliott Velger, Fran Lipsey, Chuck Tuttle, Al Kenwood, Dave Kaufman, Willie Hernandez, Ron Fabrizio, Jane Fabrizio

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

President Raymo called the meeting to order at 1914 hours. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and remained standing for a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven I and all of our Armed Forces.

#### **Officer Reports**

##### *Secretary's Report*

A motion was made by Sal Napolitano and seconded by Lou Nazzaro to accept the minutes as published in the January newsletter. The motion was passed unanimously.

##### *Treasurer's Report*

Postponed until next month due to books left at home by treasurer, Bill Pomeroy.

##### *Quartermaster's Report*

Postponed until next month due to absence of quartermaster, Ray Davis.

#### **Rolling Thunder/Bike Blessing**

Tom Mazzola presented guidelines concerning the ride for the day of the bike blessing that we are sharing with Rolling Thunder. He raised concerns about members riding through Cold Spring and the feedback from the Mayor that residents showed resistance of the bike ride going through their town. Tom also stated that he had utmost respect for Sean and his position as chairperson of the ride that he would be able to work something out to smooth things over with the Mayor and the town. He felt the ride would proceed without incidence.

### **Rolling Thunder Ride Cont'd**

Tom also voiced concerns with certain intersections throughout the ride. He stated that he would like to see traffic enforcement by either State or Local authorities. **Outriding** is out of the question during this event. President, Carl Raymo, stated that any questions or concerns should be directed to the chairperson of the event which is Tom.

### **2005 Installation Dinner**

The original dinner date of January 22 was canceled due to inclement weather. The rescheduled date is February 26<sup>th</sup> at Coco's in Hyde Park at 7:00 P.M. Please inform Sal Napolitano, 635-5256 before February 24<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on attending.

### **Sunshine Club**

Cindy Davis volunteered through a phone conversation with President, Carl Raymo, to take over the Sunshine Club duties. She would comply with all guidelines set by the membership. It was decided that Cindy would be asked, if she still were interested, to take over the job that Sandy Masopust resigned from.

### **Ride Schedule**

Chaired by Bill Pomeroy will be held Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at Denny's in Newburgh. All interested members inform Bill that you will be attending the meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

A check was sent out for dues for membership to the International on January 5, 2005.

Wade Hinden's membership was discussed and it was decided that he would not be considered a member unless he owned a bike as the by-laws state. His check for his dues will be returned to him.

Membership cards will be sent as of this mailing to all members not present at the meeting.

### **New Business**

Ron Fabrizio of NY 14 has asked any interested members to provide unpaid security at the Heart Walk on February 23, 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>, at O.L. of Lourdes H.S. He can be reached at 629-6479 if you wish to work this event. This can be used as a deduction on your income tax as a charity donation.

Sal Napolitano visited Don Cassavant and reported he is doing well and should come home February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Prayers are needed for Anne Ferrigan who will be hospitalized on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

National Police Week in May is being sponsored by Blue Knights I, Maryland, on May 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Candlelight Vigil, May 14 is the Law Ride, May 15 is the Picnic in the Park.

Any interested can contact membership for more information.

Americade is sold out at host hotel.

The blue vests can be purchased through International or Quebec 12. Blue is not necessary, black or denim is acceptable. Name tags can be purchased through Rhode Island I. All information can be found by logging on to [www.BlueKnights.org](http://www.BlueKnights.org).

Tim McGuire stated Armed Forces Appreciation Day is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, in Kingston at the Ames Plaza. 8:30 A.M. sign in; 10:30 A.M. ride. More information to follow at next month's meeting.

Midnight Run sponsored by the Nanuet, NY Motorcycle Club is Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> sign in at 11:00 A.M. 12:00 midnight ride. Contact: Dave McDonald for all interested.

Biker Blood Drive Sunday, February 20 at the Long Island City Harley Davidson. Contact: President, Carl Raymo for more information.

Westbury Bowl Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Dave McDonald for more information.

Bill Pomeroy put a shout out for anyone interested in riding during the Marlboro Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact him if interested.

**50/50 Raffle**

Won by President, Carl Raymo

**Meeting Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by President, Carl Raymo and seconded by Bob Ferrigan at 2020 hours. Passed unanimously.

Bob Coletta, Secretary, NYIII

*Secretary's Note:*

I will be unable to attend the Installation Dinner on February 26<sup>th</sup> due to another commitment being sworn in as Lieutenant. Please use a proxy to swear me in as your secretary.