

Blue Knights

Chapter New York III

Newsletter

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Attendees:

The following were present for the January 06, 2004 Membership meeting which was held at the Denny's Restaurant, Route 9, Poughkeepsie, N.Y (*This includes family and friends of our membership*):

J.J. Lynch, David McDonald, Bill Pomeroy, Kim Pomeroy, Ryan Pomeroy, David Howard, Carl Raymo, Al Kenwood, Gerry Fornino, Ray Davis, Cindy Davis, Peter Miller, Fred Ross, Steve Bekesy, Vicky Vega, Tom Mazzola, Willie Hernandez and Bob Coletta

Meeting Called to Order:

President Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. All stood for the Pledge of allegiance and remained standing for a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven 1 and all of our Armed Forces.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report-

A motion was made by Al Kenwood and seconded by Dave Howard to accept the minutes as written in the December Newsletter. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report-

The treasurer, Bill Pomeroy, presented a report on the club's finances. Motion to accept the report was made by Ray

Davis and seconded by Pete Miller. Passed Unanimously. A copy of this report can be obtained from the treasurer.

Quartermasters Report-

The quartermaster was not present.

Annual 50/50:

President Lynch announced that the winner of this year's 50/50 raffle was Cindy Davis. Ray Davis sold the winning ticket. John Phillips sold the most tickets. The 50/50 was picked last month at the Christmas party.

DUES:

President Lynch would like to remind everyone that your **2004** dues are due **now!** They were due on December 31, 2003. The dues are \$36.00 and can be given or mailed to our treasurer Bill Pomeroy. President Lynch said that he would file the clubs renewal by the end of this month! If you haven't renewed by then, you will no longer be a member! There are approximately 18 members that we are waiting for. If you know someone who hasn't renewed, reach out and encourage him or her to renew. Our club is made great by its members, let's not lose any!

QUARTERMASTER:

President Lynch wants the membership to know that we are looking for a new chapter quartermaster. The position will require that you are available to come to meetings and chapter events. The most important requirement is that you want to do it! If you are interested in this position, please contact President Lynch.

Board of Directors Meeting:

A New York III Board of director's meeting has been scheduled for January 20th at 7 P.M. It will be held at the home of J.J. Lynch.

International Board Ruling:

A member of a Pennsylvania chapter was arrested and charged with three Felonies related to a business he was running. He was subsequently convicted of these charges. Mr. O'Shea was a retired LEO and was running a security business. He apparently had

people who were working "off the books" on his payroll. The IRS conducted an investigation and he was arrested, charged and convicted. Due to the fact that many members of the Blue Knights are active duty LEO and may not associate with known felons, his chapter had suspended him for two years. Tri-State became aware of this and referred the matter to International. Tri-State made the recommendation that Mr. O'Shea be made a member **not** in good standing. International held a special meeting and made a ruling. The ruling is that Mr. O'Shea has been removed as a member of the Blue Knights. However, he did not receive a designation as a member not in good standing. He was just removed from the roster of Blue Knights. President Lynch will provide us with any new developments, as they become available.

Sergeant-At-Arms:

J.J. repeated the announcement that he 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! Good thing your uniform already has stripes!

New Member:

The application of **Tom Mazzola** was voted on for membership. Tom had just completed his three events/meetings with us. He is a Sergeant in the MTA Police and he currently rides a Honda Shadow American Classic. A vote was held and Tom was unanimously voted in! **Congratulations Tom** and welcome to the greatest motorcycle club in the world!

Bike Blessing:

The NYIII bike blessing is scheduled for 05/02/04. Al Kenwood attended the AMA sanction meeting on December 14th and the AMA has approved us for the insurance on this event. The Bike Blessing will be held at the Pleasant Valley Park. We were locked into this site due to our need to inform the AMA where the event would be held for insurance purposes and appropriate distance from other AMA events. Concerns about washing facilities have been voiced and are being looked into. President Lynch said that Sal is looking into a portable wash station from port-a-potty. We will see if this will be a feasible solution.

Bike Blessing Chairperson:

A **chairperson** is **still needed** for this event. The chairperson will coordinate all of the happenings of that day. Doing such things as knowing how much food will we have, how much water, ice etc. If you would like to chair the event please contact J.J. and let him know ASAP. The location is the Pleasant Valley Park. The club is really in need for someone to step up and chair this event.

AMA Chairperson:

President Lynch is looking for someone to be a **chairperson** for the **AMA**. The only responsibility that person will have is the AMA. They will attend pre-sanction/sanction meetings, make sure that proper paperwork is filed with the AMA, and keep track of our AMA members. The club really needs someone to coordinate these tasks. If

you think you could do this job, please contact J.J. ASAP

Fund Raising:

President Lynch is looking into an alternative to our yearly 50/50 fundraiser. One option is a calendar book lotto. You buy a book that has a number on it. If that number is picked, you win a monetary amount based on the day of the week or if it is a holiday etc. Your number is for the full year. This fundraiser is being used by a variety of different groups.

Treasurer Bill Pomeroy questioned the legality of this "lotto" or "daily number" type fundraiser. Dave Howard questioned how much money goes to the company that runs the administration end of it. President Lynch said he will research it further and is attempting to contact the person(s) who run this for other charities. More details will come.

President Lynch is also looking into the possibility of raffling a Quad from Moroney's Motorcycles. This will take further research and President Lynch will present further info to the membership in the future.

Installation Dinner:

The installation dinner for this year's officers will be held at 6 P.M. on January 24 at the Stage Stop restaurant in Standfordville. Please come out and celebrate with your new club officers. Contact Dave Howard if you are coming or if you need directions.

Americade:

If you are interested in attending this year's Americade and need a room, contact the Blue Knights N.Y. 6 website. We are not sure if they are booked up at the Georgia Inn, but rooms are going quickly. It's a nice place to stay and there is a banquet etc. Contact them **ASAP**.

2004 Tri-State Conference:

If you are interested in attending the 2004 Tri-State conference in Seaside Heights, New Jersey President Lynch has application forms. It will be held on October 8th to October 11th. It will be held at the Hershey Motel. If you wish to book a room you must contact the Hotel separately from NJ XI. Further details are available on the application form.

2004 International Convention:

The 2004 International convention will be held in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec on July 18th to July 22nd, 2004. If you are interested in attending, President Lynch has the registration form.

Blue Knights License Plates:

President Lynch has applications for **both** motorcycle and vehicle Blue Knight plates. Bill Pomeroy will be putting the application on the website, but President Lynch has copies available. The form needs to be notarized. If you don't know a notary, bring the form to a meeting and President Lynch will notarize it for you. Just another good reason to attend the meetings!

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 our 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, a banquet and at least two breakfasts or be near a location that can do so. If you have any ideas, please call or e-mail J.J.

New Chapter:

One of our members has chartered a new Blue Knights Chapter. "Thor" Johnson has chartered N.Y. XXX. The new chapter will be centered out of the Margretville, New York area. "Thor" is going to hold his meetings temporarily at his home in Kingston. He will move the meetings once the riding season starts. President Lynch said that "Thor" has promised not to recruit in the NY III area. However, "Thor" said that two or three members of NY III have approached him and inquired about joining NY XXX. President Lynch told Thor that any member who feels that the new chapter would be more convenient should feel free to change. We would rather have people active in the Blue Knights than unhappy and inactive. He wished "Thor" good luck with his new chapter.

Rolling Thunder:

President Lynch received a letter from NY 14 President Ron Fabrizio requesting our assistance in the Rolling Thunder Ride. It will be held on Sunday June 13th. They are requesting volunteers to be outriders – road guards. It should be noted that is the Sunday of Americade. It was really appreciated last year and a good time was had for all.

After the Holidays Party:

NY 14 is sponsoring a “After the Holidays – Holiday party” to honor all Law Enforcement and Military personnel and their families. It will be held at 6 P.M. at the VFW Post # 2946. There is no cost. Contact Ron Fabrizio at NY14 for further information.

Roadside Assistance:

International has started a Blue Knight roadside assistance group. If you are interested in helping out, you can submit your name to Don Parker (NY International Rep) and tell them what you would be willing to do. Such as trailering a bike, fix flats, bring tools, lodge a member overnight, take a person to a service station etc. This is for Blue Knights only. You can also go to the International Website and submit your information to the roadside program.

Upcoming Events:

January 20th – BOD meeting at JJ Lynch’s house. 7 P.M.

January 24th – Installation Dinner at Stage Stop restaurant, Stanfordville. 6 P.M.

February 3rd – General Membership meeting at Denny’s Restaurant, Poughkeepsie. 7 P.M.

May 2nd – NY III Bike Blessing at Pleasant Valley Recreation Park

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ray Davis and seconded by Dave Howard. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2054 hours.

From the Secretary:

I had hoped to add a few new columns to the Chapter Newsletter this month. Unfortunately time and life caught up to me. SO... next month look for a few new columns such as birthday announcements, motorcycle tips and a event calendar

As Always,

Ride with Pride,
Dave McDonald, Secretary, NYIII