

# *Blue Knights*

## *Chapter New York III*

### *Newsletter*

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#### **Attendees:**

The following were present for the May 04, 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, David Howard, Carl Raymo, Al Kenwood, Ray Davis, Willie Hernandez, Sal Napolitano, Chuck Tuttle, Scott Butler, Elliott Velger, Bob Coletta, Keith Lipsey and Fran Lipsey. (*If I missed you, you forgot to sign the sign-in sheet!*)

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

President Lynch called the meeting to order at 1910 hours. 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 Sal Napolitano and seconded by Bill Pomeroy to accept the minutes as written in the April Newsletter. Passed unanimously.

##### *Treasurer Report-*

The treasurer, Bill Pomeroy, presented a report on the club's finances. This report included a recap of the Bike Blessing's expenses and receipts. Bill would like to know if you know of any contributors to the Bike Blessing. We would like to send them certificates of appreciation. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to our own Chuck Tuttle.

Chuck was able to secure an amazing amount of donations for the bike blessing. Chuck's efforts were a huge reason the event went so well. Thanks again Chuck! A copy of the treasurer's report can be obtained from Bill Pomeroy.

##### *Quartermasters Report-*

The quartermaster Ray Davis presented his report. Ray apologized that he does not yet have the prices on the various re-stock efforts that are currently on going. Ray also announced that he and Cindy donated the cost of the trophies for the Bike Blessing. Thanks Ray and Cindy!

##### *Board of Director's Report-*

President Lynch discussed a situation that affects the club. If you wish to know about this, please contact J.J. or any member who was at the meeting. A formal motion was made regarding this situation. Due to the sensitive nature of this matter, we will not be publishing it in the newsletter.

### **Bike Blessing Report:**

The Bike Blessing went well. Sal thanks all the members who participated for all the work they did in making this event a success. Although the weather was poor, we had a reasonably good turnout. Thanks go out to Dave Howard who again put out a great ride. Another thank you to Chuck Tuttle for his amazing work at gathering contributions for us. A large thank you goes out to Blue Knights **Chapter NY XXX**. They showed up in force to support our event and they looked marvelous. Thank goodness that Al Kenwood had his trailer. He was able to tow a disabled bike back to Yonkers. (Another example of why I consider this the greatest motorcycle club in the world) Any member who knows of person(s) who contributed to this event, contact Bill Pomeroy and he will make up a certificate of appreciation from our club.

### **Uniform Committee:**

Sal Napolitano is turning in the samples of the uniform. If you would like to see examples of it, contact Sal and he will direct you to the Army/Navy store that we are using.

### **50/50 RAFFLE 2004:**

President Lynch began a discussion to decide if we want to continue doing a Year End 50/50 raffle to raise funds for the club. After various points were made, a motion to hold a 50/50 this year was made by Sal Napolitano, seconded by Dave Howard. 2,000 tickets will be sold. Passed unanimously. Scott Butler volunteered to chair the 50/50 committee this year. He will coordinate the ticket sales etc.

### **Christmas Party 2004:**

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 11, 2004. It will be held at the Washington Hollow Gun club again. More details to follow.

### **TRI-STATE PROPOSAL:**

As reported last month, there is going to be a couple of new proposals going to the board of

governors at the International Convention which will deal with Corrections Officers and Blue Knight membership classifications.

These proposals are to deal with Corrections Officers who have lost their power of arrest. One proposal is to make them Associate members. The associate member's section of the Constitution Articles of Incorporation would be changed to reflect their lack of arrest powers. Another proposal would grandfather in all the Correction Officers who are currently Blue Knights and have lost their arrest powers. No new members without arrest powers would be allowed. Another proposal is that the power of arrest clause is there for a reason. This makes the club unique and should **not** be changed. President Lynch would like to hear how we feel about this from our members. He wants to get a consensus from the membership and will vote for the proposal that our club agrees with. If you have an opinion on this issue, come to the next meeting or contact J.J. and let him know how you feel.

Some changes to the Tri-State by-laws are being made. Most of these changes are grammatical in nature or are updates to allow e-mail in addition to written letters. For additional information, contact J.J.

NY XI will host the 2005 Tri-State Presidents meeting. It was to be hosted by a New Jersey chapter, but no chapter in NJ came up to bat. Tri-State will afford NJ chapters an opportunity to host this event. If no one wants it, NY XI will be named the host.

### **ILL MEMBERS:**

Don Cassavant is ill and was recently in the hospital with pneumonia. He is home now. Well wishes by phone or letter would be appreciated.

Debbie Raymo will be facing hospitalization and treatment at Sloan/Kettering in the near future. Please keep her in your prayers. Well wishes would be appreciated

### **NY III Club Barbecue:**

We will be holding a summer barbecue/picnic on August 29 at the Washington Hollow Gun Club. Elliot Velger will co-chair this event with Wade Hinden.

## **Carlie's Crusade:**

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Members of NY III turned out to support Keith "No K" Lipsey and his Carlie's Crusade. Keith started a campaign to educate children on avoidance and escape from would-be abductors. This program was dedicated to the memory of Carlie Brucia. She was the eleven-year-old girl who was abducted in Sarasota, Florida and the crime was captured on videotape. That was the last time she was seen alive. Keith's program teaches children to REACT to dangerous situations. REACT stands for Release, Escape, take Action, and use Counter Tactics. A program honoring the Brucia family was held and attended by area notables. Anyone interested in assisting or contributing to this campaign, please contact Keith Lipsey. (For those who read the evening's flyer - proofreaders may be necessary!)(Repeat after me - Blue Knights with a K)

All joking aside, this is a worthy program with a worthy goal - the protection of our children. Great job Keith. Let us know how we can help!

## **Meeting Adjourned:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David McDonald and seconded by Sal Napolitano. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

## **50/50:**

Scott Butler was the winner of this month's 50/50 held at the end of the meeting.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following members for May and June:

Keith Schmitt – May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Earl Bowman – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Willy Hernandez – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Reinmuth – May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Mazzola – May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wade Hinden - June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Pomeroy - June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Louis Nazzaro - June 28<sup>th</sup>

## **Upcoming Event Reminder:**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Chapter meeting - NYIII – Directors at 6 P.M. – membership at 7 P.M. at Denny's in Poughkeepsie

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**- Rolling Thunder, Stewart Airport

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**- Ride to Intrepid Air/Sea/Space museum

## **MOTORCYCLE TIP OF THE MONTH:**

Bring a spare key! On a recent ride, one of our members broke his key in the trunk lock of his bike. Having a spare key on hand can avoid disaster. This is true especially if you are far from home.

## **From the Secretary:**

Yes, this is the **MAY** newsletter and not June's newsletter. I must apologize to everyone for the lateness of this newsletter. I have been under the weather and I guess I have been spinning my wheels this month. I will endeavor to have next month's newsletter out in a timely manner. If you can, the best way to stay informed is to come to the monthly meeting. It's also a good way to make sure your opinion is heard!

As Always,

Ride with Pride,

Dave McDonald, Secretary, NYIII