

Blue Knights

Chapter New York III

Newsletter

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Attendees:

The following were present for the October 05, 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, Al Kenwood, Willie Hernandez, Sal Napolitano, Carl Raymo, Bob Ferrigan, Ray Davis, Cindy Davis, Bob Coletta, Lucy Coletta, Tom Mazzola, Don Cassavant, Jan Cassavant, Rich Demarais, Anita Demarais, Earl Bowman and Dave Kaufman. (*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 Bob Ferrigan and seconded by Al Kenwood, to accept the minutes as published in the September newsletter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report-

The treasurer, Bill Pomeroy, presented a report on the club's finances. Motion to accept the report was made by Dave Howard and seconded by Sal Napolitano. Passed Unanimously. A copy of this report can be obtained from the treasurer.

Quartermasters Report-

The quartermaster, Ray Davis, presented his report. Ray has contacted the company from which we buy our flag pins. The company does not keep a list of what companies they sell their pins to. They would have to go into their files and generate a list. This was too big a job for them and they would not do it. The company was **not** interested in buying back the pins. (Even at 50% discount) The company recommended that we sell the pins on Ebay. This was a suggestion at the last meeting.

Ray has done further research into the Company that makes up T-shirts for fund raising. They also do travel mugs. The company has a variety of Police related pictures which can be placed on a 100% cotton T-shirt. We can also get our Blue Knight Logo and additional wording put on the shirt. Ray passed around a variety of picture styles for us to see. The shirts are priced based on the quantity you buy. The more we buy the cheaper the per unit cost is. This discussion was tabled until the November meeting. The membership is asked to bring any picture or T-shirt design to this meeting so that we may decide.

OCT. 24TH 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALE:

On October 24th we will be selling our 50/50 tickets at the Dutchess Mall flea market from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. We are asking that all club members come out and assist in the sale. We will have a table near the entrance to the indoor portion of the flea market. Sal will bring the 50/50 tickets. We would like to thank Steve "Birdman" Glass from Extreme Cycle for helping us secure this location. Any questions please contact Sal Napolitano at 845-635-5256.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership! We have received the renewal package from International. The club must get the dues to International by December 31st. The cost of renewal is \$36 per member. Please make out your check to Blue Knights New York III. If you don't get your dues to the club, you will have to renew on your own and pay a late fee to International.

2004 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday December 11th at the Washington Hollow Gun Club at 6 P.M. This will be a covered dish affair. Lucy Coletta, the wife of Bob Coletta, has volunteered to be the coordinator/chair for this event. She can be contacted at lucycoletta1@Juno.com. She will be reaching out to the membership to coordinate this event. Thanks for volunteering Lucy!

NEW MEMBER

Tim McGuire was unanimously voted in as a member of New York III. Tim works for the Ulster County Sheriff's office. Congratulations Tim and welcome to our club!

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:

Nominations for the clubs 2005 officers were held. The following nominations were made:

For President: Dave McDonald and Carl Raymo

For Vice-President: Dave Howard

For Secretary: NO NOMINATIONS

For Treasurer: Bill Pomeroy

For Director: Bob Ferrigan.

The nominations will be held open till the November 2nd meeting. You still have the opportunity to nominate someone for a club office at that meeting. **Voting** will take place at the **November 2nd** meeting! It is very important that you attend this meeting and vote for your choices to lead this club.

The candidates for president have asked to put in the newsletter the following messages:

FROM CARL RAYMO:

To the membership of New York III, It is that time of the year again when everyone is seeking your support for one elected office or another and I seem to be doing the same thing. I would like to ask each and everyone for your support in the upcoming election.

I would be very proud to be your next President. I have been a member of the Blue Knights since 1991. During this time I have held the following positions, in 1999 Director, in 2000 and 2001 President and in 2003 Secretary. I have attended numerous conventions in Tri-State and at the International level. I believe that my record speaks for itself. Please come out in November and vote. Like the rest of the candidates we are here to serve the membership. If you have any questions please feel free to ask and I will do my best in getting you an honest answer.

Sincerely; Carl Raymo

FROM DAVE McDONALD:

To all the members of New York III, I would like to ask for your vote for President of our club. It has been my pleasure to serve this club as your Secretary this year and I would like to continue to serve this club as your President.

Although relatively new to this club, I believe I have the background and experience to guide this club in the coming year. I am a retired Sergeant from the New York City Police Department. My last command was the Bronx Special Victims Squad where I supervised twenty-five detectives and their cases. We were responsible for investigating all Bronx cases of Felony Sexual crimes and Child Abuse cases of

children less than 11. As a Squad Supervisor, I was responsible to handle case management and guidance of these very sensitive investigations. I also had to handle the scheduling of the Detective's training and vacation. I attended COMSTAT meetings before the Police Commissioner and Chief of Detectives. The reason I tell you this is to assure you that I can handle the many tasks, administrative or otherwise, of being the President of this club.

I am no stranger to running a not-for-profit organization. In the past, I was the leader of a historical recreation and education group. This group had approximately 300 members at that time. We were able to successfully perform public fairs and educational demonstrations during my tenure. I will give this club the same dedication and effort.

I am an avid Biker. I love to ride motorcycles and have just completed an approximately 6900 miles cross-country trip this year. I will enthusiastically promote and support our ride schedule.

I believe that my background gives me the skills necessary to lead this club in the coming year. I promise you that I will give you my best effort and dedication to everything that we do next year.

Sincerely, Dave McDonald

Upcoming Events:

November 2nd – Membership meeting and Election for club officers – 7 P.M. @ Denny's on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Howard and seconded by Dave McDonald. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2043 hours.

50/50:

Rich Demarais was the winner of this month's 50/50 held at the end of the meeting. Rich donated his winnings back to the club! Way to go Rich!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following members for November and December:

November 4th - Richard Pierce

November 14th - Edgar Burgos

November 18th - Robert Boyce

December 7th – Guy Stufano

December 11th – Don Cassavant

December 18th – Jonathan Phillips

From the Secretary:

This is an important meeting coming up in November. You get to vote and choose which direction this club will take for the next year. Please come out and support the candidate(s) of your choice. Let your voice be heard. Your vote could be the difference!

As Always,
Ride with Pride,
Dave McDonald, Secretary, NYIII