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BLUE KNIGHTS[®]FLXVIII NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

Message from your President

Greetings Fellow Knights,

As we head into March we see Spring quickly approaching. For us it just means more beautiful weather, however our time of dry cooler days are quickly expiring. Come out this month and take advantage of this great riding weather. Air up the tires and blow off the dust. Lets Ride!

Our Thunder By The Bay weekend was very rewarding not only with the profits made by our raffle but the time we spent at the Haven during our ride for charity. It was amazing to pull into the campus and see all the kids with signs and the band rocking out. All the riders were taken back by all the love and enthusiasm. The Haven also had a special dedication of a play area in the name of our brother Rory MacConnell who transferred to Heaven one.

Rory MacConnell was dedicated and passionate about raising funds for children especially all the children who benefit from the Suncoast Charities for Children. Everyone Rory worked with throughout the years loved his energy and attitude when it came to raising money. The few rides that have been dedicated in his name and this village play area are testaments of how much he was loved and respected in the community.

As Blue Knights we all could learn from the dedication Rory had for this club, chapter, each member, and the community. If it needed to be done Rory would do it no questions or excuses. Ride on in Heaven one Brother you are truly missed.

> **Ride with Pride** Patrick Gibbons President, FLXVIII



March Ride and Event Schedule

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNERS WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE RIDES ARE SUBJECT TO MOTHER NATURE'S APPROVAL

Saturday 3/1 — 9:30 AM

Lunch Ride to Snook Haven 5000 E Venice Ave Venice 34292. Meet up at the Dunkin Donuts 5641 Clark Rd SRQ. We will take a nice ride to our lunch destination. All are welcome for lunch and you can meet us at Snook's

Tuesday 3/4 — 5:30 PM

Dine at the Shrine / Hot Sands Tiki Bar 600 N Beneva RD, Sarasota

Tuesday 3/4 — 7:00 PM

Monthly Chapter Meeting. 2nd floor of the Shrine 600 N Beneva RD, Sarasota.

Saturday 3/7— 9:00 AM



"Shootout with Bobby G." **Knight Trail Park** 3445 Rustic Rd Nokomis 34275. WE CAN GRAB LUNCH AFTERWARDS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL BGROTZ2@YAHOO.COM AND COPY PRES. GIBBONS AT GIBY1969@COMCAST.NET

Saturday 3/15 — 9:30 AM

Long ride to lunch at "Jaxons " 443 Lake Placid 33852 (9:30am meet up / gas up) at Wawa 14510 SR70E / Lorraine LWR. KSU 9:45am

Saturday 3/22

"Back road ride out east" followed by lunch at New York pizza. Meeting location is Lorraine and 70. Kickstands up at 10:00AM. Bobby G will be the road captain. Please email Bob <u>@bgrotz2@yahoo.com</u> if you plan on making the ride.

> Thursday 3/27 — 11:30am lunch at Mission BBQ 5231 University PKWY



OUR PLEDGE

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In the Chapter Market

Jim Ryan — Woodworking made to order. Tell me what you want, size, and specific wood (if requested) and I will make it. Very reasonable prices. 941-313-1363 or jryanretired@aol.com



2006 Yamaha Road Star Midnight 170000. 25000 miles. Just \$4000.00. Contact Jim Ryan



2016 Harley Davidson FLSTFBS "Fatboy" All Black, 25645 Miles. Price - \$ 17,000.00. Purchased from Rossiter's HD August 15, 2022 and has been garage kept everyday. Price includes a brand new windshield still in the box, never opened. Contact John Emrick at 410-991-8161 (okay to leave a message) or mddre3077@aol.com





George Anderson has a set of custom ladies brown half leather chaps for sale.

He paid \$160 from a craftsman in Colorado! Shortly after purchasing them his wife decided to stop riding, so these are in near new condition

Please let George know if you are interested.

gande1942@gmail.com



Send your sale items to add to our market





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In the Chapter Market

Friend of John Churismo wants to sell his 2021 HD Road Glide. It has low mileage and it is in excellent condition, I know that to be a fact. It is a Black Beauty. He's asking \$24,500. Could you please sound out a blast to all that you can. Any interested party

2021 Harley Davidson Road Glide Limited 15,165 miles. Excellent condition!

- Stage 1 kit
- CB RADIO (2 sets of antennas)
- Full bike cover
- Under-seat fan kit
- Two windshields
- High-intensity brake light
- Chrome front forks
- lowered shocks (+ originals)

The bike has almost new tires. Just completed 15,000 mi service.

Original price over \$30,000.

The bike is in new condition!

You can contact him directly. Lee Pinkard ... pinkardl@verizon.net

- Dual turn signal/ driving lights
- Loud horn kit
- Security system
- Two flag kits
- Road pegs
- Harley Hammock seat (+ original)









You Cannot Eat Cottage Cheese After 6pm on Sundays

Sometimes it is hard to comprehend the purpose of laws when you read them. This Tampa Bay law is one of the weird Florida laws that makes us wonder who exactly oversees making these laws? What do they have against cottage cheese?

What if you are from Wisconsin, are you exempt?

Rodney Stearns



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"Wear with Pride"

"Ride with Pride" is a common phrase amongst those that enjoy the depths of wind on their face while cruising with their uniquely personalized motorcycles...a population of only three percent of the registered vehicles in the United States. Pride is also synonymous with dignity and honor, words that carry significant meaning, but unfortunately, are often merely a punch line in a comment or an unfastened thought completely void of action.

The Blue Knights are representatives of "pride" in the motorcycling community of Law Enforcement and Corrections professionals. However, there is much more to it than representation. The Blue Knights motif also honors the sacrifices of those working as protectors of a society in less than favorable and certainly volatile environments. Conditions that create sleepless nights, traumatic reminders, stressors, and medical issues, just to name a few.

So, with the Blue Knights we become fierce representatives of honor, not by words but actions that remind us of the very fabric stitched to create this symbolic protector, a Knight, bonded by the last breath of those before us. We are commissioned to honor those that have worn or currently wear that shield, the sheepdogs, and we should do that by not tarnishing it with unnecessary privileges.

When we drape these honorable colors across our shoulders, we must assume the duty and responsibility for all that it represents and act accordingly. We cannot assume it is an entitlement for grossly violating laws and taking unnecessary risks. We should be an example for all others to aspire. We want others to look at that symbol with enthusiasm to be involved rather than be alarmed by an action they observed. To do otherwise would truly misjudge the purpose of the membership. Our phrase should not only include "ride with pride" but also "wear with pride." Everything we do and how we act is reflective of this distinguished group and those before us.

Rodney Stearns

and

Tracey Dunn







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"THUNDER BY THE BAY" RAFFLE WINNER !!







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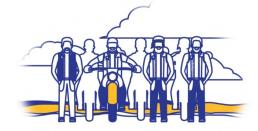








March Chapter Meeting



THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS 7:00PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2025 2ND FLOOR OF THE SAHIB SHRINE 600N BENEVA RD SARASOTA.

COME OUT EARLY, HAVE DINNER AND CHAT WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Job Opportunity

School District of Manatee County - School Guardian Program

Position Title: Safety Guardian- PIPELINE

Guardian training and certification with the Sheriff's Office starts in July for the next school year.

So, what is a School Guardian? Armed security that protects students and staff at an assigned school. The main function of a guardian is to stop and abate an active shooter situation. The program looks for experienced security personnel usually retired law enforcement / military background as a priority. The schedule follows that same as teacher, 196 workdays a year, with summers off, Thanksgiving week off, two week Christmas break and One week for Spring Break. Participants in the Florida (FRS) Retirement System, where you are vested after 8 years of service.

If anyone is interested in applying for the school guardian positions, we were approved to hire 19 more guardians. Application link is below;

Human Resources / Careers

If this interest anyone , you can contact Jimmy Kirkpatrick for more Information.





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Meeting Call to Order: by President Gibbons @ 7:07pm

In attendance: Executive officers: 2 Officers: 2 Members: 12 Guests: 2 (No quorum)

Pledge of Allegiance: <u>led by</u> President Gibbons

Invocation: by John Chiusano

Welcoming Remarks: by President Gibbons.

Guest: Jerry Miller from PA22

PRESIDENTS REPORT: PATRICK GIBBONS

- Membership cards should be available at the March meeting or you can send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will mail it to you.
- Thunder By the Bay 2/14, 2/15, 2/16. Set up 2/13 we will need help for the set up 2/13 and the breakdown on 2/16. I will be sending out a volunteer work sheet to help staff the booth for ticket sales / Grill raffle. The ride will be on the 16th, Sunday as usual. We are leading the ride. Gun Raffle going very extremely well.
- Members are encouraged to recruit potential members.
- You are all welcome to come up with ideas to earn funds for our charities.
- Discussed having a pizza party at the Shrine but Shrine would not allow.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: JIM THOMAS N/A

• New chapter shirts – contact Jim Thomas if you are interested in ordering. (newsletter has additional details)

TREASURERS REPORT: JOHN EMRICK N/A

- Motion to accepted January treasurers report: Motion Brian MacConnell, 2nd Ralph Smith, all approved
- Financial Position: Accounts doing well, influx of money because dues money.
- Beware of scam emails (see email sent by President Gibbons)
- For specific financial details contact our Treasurer.

SECRETARY / WEBMASTER'S REPORT: DOMENIC CECCANECCHIO

- Motion to accept January minutes Don Parker, 2nd Brian MacConnell, all approved.
- Members asked to sell advertising for the newsletter.
- SAFETY OFFICER: Jim Kelly installed as new safety officer (former Boston PD Lieutenant)

Discussed motorcycle visibility (recommended "Bright Ass Light")

CHAPLIN: JAMES KIRKPATRICK: N/A

SRC / INTERNATIONAL REPORT:

SRC Spring Conference in Baton Rouge, LA (see newsletter for details)

NEW BUSINESS

- Cecce presented President Gibbons with the framed original chapter charter
- Ralph Smith suggested purchase of 10 beach chairs for the trailer. Motion to purchase Brian MacConnell,
- 2nd Dom Ceccanecchio. Maximum approved \$300.

OLD BUSINESS:

•Storage locker company has not been determined. \$58 a month has been approved.

•Rory's trailer for sale contact Brian MacConnell.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. George Anderson Geri Buscemi Chris Scardino

50-50 DRAWING: Amount: \$50 Winner: Lou Bavaro \$25

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Time: 7:50PM, Motion: John Chuisano, 2nd: Brian MacConnell, all approved

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, March 4th, 2024

Submitted By: Domenic Ceccanecchio, Secretary BK XVIII





VP Message—Jim Thomas

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Hello brothers and sisters,

I am taking orders for our newly designed chapter tee shirts.

You can order them at our monthly chapter meeting or you can email me your request.

Details:

- \Rightarrow The cost per shirt is \$20 regardless of type or size.
- \Rightarrow We are only purchasing shirts based on your orders.
- \Rightarrow We would like to have payment upfront before we place the order.
- \Rightarrow Colors and sizes are listed below.

Colors:	Pastel Blue / Silver / White		
Men's Tee:	Sleeveless	Long sleeve	Sizes: XS - 4X
Ladies Tee:	Tank	Long sleeve	Sizes: XS - 2X





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CHRIS SCARDINO





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With the conclusion of the Thunder by the Bay, our Blue Knights team, spent time and brotherhood working to raise money to benefit the less unfortunate children in our community. The following article emphasizes the love of Jesus for our Children.

Jesus and Children: A Relationship of Love and Blessing

Jesus Christ, revered as the Son of God and a beacon of divine love, has a profound and tender relationship with children. His teachings and interactions with them reveal His deep affection and high regard for the innocence and purity they embody. Jesus' approach to children is a testament to His inclusive and compassionate nature, emphasizing their importance in the Kingdom of God.

One of the most poignant moments in the Gospels that highlights Jesus' relationship with children is found in Mark 10:13-16. When people brought their children to Jesus to be blessed, the disciples initially rebuked them. However, Jesus' response was clear and decisive: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." He then took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them, and blessed them. This act underscores Jesus' recognition of the inherent value and purity of children, encouraging believers to adopt a childlike faith.

In Matthew 18:1-5, Jesus further emphasizes the significance of children by teaching His disciples a powerful lesson in humility and greatness. When asked who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus called a little child to Him and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Through this teaching, Jesus illustrates that the qualities of humility, innocence, and dependence found in children are essential for spiritual growth and entry into the kingdom of heaven.

Moreover, Jesus' interactions with children are marked by His gentle and nurturing demeanor. He healed children, such as Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:41-42) and the demon-possessed boy (Mark 9:25-27), demonstrating His deep care and compassion for their well-being. These miracles serve as reminders of Jesus' power to bring healing and restoration to the lives of children, offering hope and comfort to families.

Jesus' love for children and His teachings about them continue to inspire and guide believers. By valuing and embracing the qualities of children, followers of Jesus are encouraged to cultivate a spirit of humility, trust, and openness. The relationship between Jesus and children is a beautiful reflection of divine love and serves as a timeless reminder of the importance of nurturing and cherishing the youngest members of society.



Chaplain Jimmy Kirkpatrick

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When Clinton visited the Pope, he noticed a red phone on a small table in the corner of the office.

After several minutes of conversation, Clinton asked the Pope what the red phone was.

The Holy Father told him that it was a very special phone with a direct line to God. However, the Pope told Clinton he rarely used it because it cost \$20,000 a minute from the Vatican.

Clinton accepted this explanation without another thought.

Later, when Clinton visited Ireland, he saw another red phone in the Archbishop's office. Being curious, Clinton asked the Archbishop what it was used for.

The Archbishop told Clinton it was a direct line to God, and he used it whenever he had a puzzling question or concern.

Clinton asked if the calls were quite expensive since the Pope had to pay \$20,000 a minute when he used his red phone in the Vatican.

A GUIDE TO PUTTING YOUR CLOCKS BACK



Irishman finds a Genie lamp and rubs it. Out comes the Genie and asks "Master you have released me from the lamp and I grant you three wishes, what would you like" Irishman scratches his head, then answers "A bottle of Guinness that never gets empty. "Granted master" retorted the Genie and produced the bottle. The man was delighted and got drunk on this one magic Guiness bottle for weeks then he remembered that he had two other wishes. He rubbed the lamp again and the Genie appeared. "Yes master, you have two more wishes, what would you like?" "You know that magic, never ending Guinness bottle" he asks the Genies. "Well, for my



Irishman went to a pet shop and asked how many budgies were in stock. "We have 99" replied the shop owner "Give us the lot" said the Irish man, paid for them and left. He went to a tailors shop and had 99 pockets sewn into a jacket, put a budgie in each pocket, went up to the Post Office Tower and jumped off. He hit the ground with an almighty smack and lay there groaning until a passer-by came and asked him what had happened. "I don't know sur" he replied "but that's the last time I try that budgie jumping"



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