



# Blue Knights

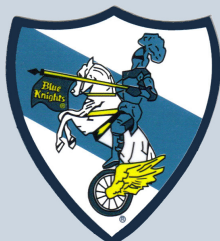
## New York Chapter II - "Da Bronx"

### History

- International Est. 1974
- NYII Est. 1975
- Membership at this time is 83
- Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at MVPs (formerly Frenchy's), located at 3392 East Tremont Ave., at the corner of Bruckner Blvd.

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# NYII News

## April Meeting Minutes

We have found two meeting locations: the Polish American Club on Lafayette Avenue & Dean St., and Michaels Club (was known as the Wedge Inn) on Boston Road / Hutchinson River Parkway. The choice of the new location will be decided at the meeting on May 11, 2009. The May meeting will still be held at MVP's.

Vinny Doria was happy to see some of the Blue Knights visit him at home, and is looking forward to having more visits. The Vinny Doria Trike Fund raffle tickets should be available by the May meeting. It will cost \$15,000.00 to convert his motorcycle to a trike, and we are well on our way with \$435.00 and climbing.

Gene, our Treasurer, has our membership cards. There are still some who have not paid their dues, please pay your \$55.00 to Gene at the next meeting.

A fund has been set for the death of a police officer's wife who died during childbirth. BKNYII will send \$500.00 toward this charity.

The Blue Knights are incorporating a new chapter in Hungary. They are called the Blue Lights at this time.

NYII sends our condolences to Luis Rivera and his family on the passing of his father.

NYII also sends condolences to Ray O'Hara, President of NYXII, and his family on the passing of his daughter.

Nat won the 50/50 and donated \$30.00 to the Vinny Doria Fund.

**We have printed over 2,000  
Suicide Run Flyers**

Please stop by **Maggie's store** and pick up some for your next ride or for your own personal distribution to local businesses

## Upcoming Events

**National Police Week** - May 10 - 16 in Washington, DC.

**Americade** - June 1 - 7. Contact Curtis for a room or if you would like to ride up with him.

**Maryland Crab Feast** - July 31- Aug 2. Contact Curtis or Eddie.

**Pig Roast** sponsored by BK OHill at the end of August. Some of our members are planning to attend.

The Columbia Association is having its **2nd Annual Ride for Kids** on Sunday, September 20, 2009 in honor of Detective Vendetti. Detective Vendetti was one of the founding fathers of the BKNYII Chapter and who died in the line of duty. The ride will start at the globe in Flushing Meadows Park and finish in Brooklyn. More details to come.

Check our [Events Page](#) for updated information on Blue Knight Sponsored Rides.

BKNYII would like to send get well wishes to Bernie Chandler (Maryland VI). Bernie had a motorcycle accident, was hospitalized and is now at home recovering from some breaks, fractures, bruises, sprains and pains. Many of you know the Chandler family; they have been supporting our Suicide Run for many years. His wife, Debbie, and their daughter, Leisa, help out with registration, 50-50s, and just about everywhere they are needed when we have our event.

We hope Bernie has a speedy recovery.

## NYII Secretary's Corner

by John "JT" Torres

Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas or articles that you would like published in the Newsletter or on the Website. My email address is [JAT343@aol.com](mailto:JAT343@aol.com), my cell number is 347-242-7525 and home number is 718-901-3004.

Ride with Pride!



**We're the good  
guys!**

The Blue Knights is a family oriented organization. Spouses and children often accompany our members to the various rides and functions.

**Among the Blue Knight  
members**

*"There are no  
strangers, only friends  
you haven't met."*

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With  
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# Blue Knights International

## Chapter Information

### New York II - DA BRONX

**President**

Ed Cutinello

**Vice President**

Curtis Whitehead

**Treasurer**

Gene Cassara

**Secretary**

John "JT" Torres

**Sergeant of Arms**

Jose "Rambo" Baez

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articles and suggestions**

In the spring of 1974, several law enforcement officers\* from the Bangor, Maine (USA) area met and formed a small, local motorcycle club. The rest, as they say, is history. Soon, Blue Knight chapters were being formed in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and beyond. With the addition of Canada, and later Australia, the Blue Knights became an international organization.

\*Our Founding Fathers are: Joel Rudom, Bill Robinson, Doug Miner, Ed Gallant, Mike Hall, Chuck Gesner, Wayne Labree, Chuck Shuman

As of July 2006, we have 572 chapters and over 19,000 members in 28 countries.

According to the By-Laws, our purposes and goals are to:

1. Provide for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, entertainment, education, physical, mental and social benefit of its members and the general public.
2. To promote and advance the sport of motorcycling and the safety of motorcycling.
3. To serve the interests of motorcycle owners and users.
4. To promote by example and any other acceptable means, safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles.
5. To develop a fraternal spirit between law enforcement personnel and the general public.

Many Blue Knights work long and hard to raise money for various charities. Especially near to our hearts is helping children. Make-a-Wish Foundation, Toys for Tots, D.A.R.E., and Concerns of Police Survivors are some examples of our favorites.

As of 30 September 2006 Blue Knights have donated to numerous charities; contributing time in the amount of 156,555 man hours.