



Blue Knights

New York Chapter II - "Da Bronx"

History

- International Est. 1974
- NYII Est. 1975
- Membership at this time is 84
- Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at The Polish-American Club, 808 Dean Street

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NY2 News

January Meeting Highlights

The meeting was called to order and started with the pledge of allegiance, and a moment of silence for those that are departed, and troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, etc.

There is still a lot of controversy about the color of Blue Knight vests. Years ago, NYII voted to wear blue vests. Today, NYII does what few other chapters do; we reciprocate the volunteerism of our members by providing a uniform allowance of \$50 towards the purchase of Blue Knight vests, depending on the availability of club funds. This allowance does not impact any of the financial support that we provide to the number of charitable organizations.

The chapter donated \$1000 to Disabled American Veterans.

We want to remind everyone that Police Week is May 9 - 16 in Washington, DC. For more information, go to the events page on our website. At this time, there are no plans to ride to the event as a group.

Harley has announced a recall on 08 and 09 and 10 models. There is a leak that has caused the gas tanks to explode. Also, kickstands need to be replaced as well, due to an issue with the kickstand falling down during rides. If you own a Harley, please take this issue seriously and get your bikes fixed.

Dues will be submitted this week. If you have not paid your dues, please do so tonight.

Frank Ortiz has lights for bikes that ride escort. In order to participate, you must take road guard training. Please contact the board for more information.

January Meeting (cont.)

Starting in May, we want to start the meeting earlier in order to conclude early enough to take a short group ride afterward. There is also interest in setting up a separate "ride night" once a month to support our local sponsors by patronizing their businesses.

If everyone rejoins from last year, we should be 78 members strong. Please start inviting other law enforcement riders to join our club. The more people we have, the better the experience.

Frank Ortiz was named as the chapter Safety Officer.

The Tri-State Conference is held in May 1 in Latham, NY, and sponsored by Chapters VI, VIII, and XXII. Also, last year NYII won the largest chapter award at the MDI Crab Feast. We would like to do that again this year. Please check the chapter website Calendar for more information on these and other events.

Tommy Gill from BK NYVI passed away.

Suicide Run Update: The hotel accommodations are finalized, the parks department should be set this week, and permit applications have been submitted.

Al Greenhouse won the 50/50.

February Meeting Minutes

Due to technical circumstances beyond our control, the February meeting minutes are not yet available. We will post them to the website as soon as we resolve the issues.

March Meeting Minutes

Rambo called the meeting to order and started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Eddie C. Requested a moment of silence for those that are departed, the father of BKNYII member Stew Hanson, and the sudden death of Barbara Cassara's mother in Florida. NYII offers condolences to the family members.

March Meeting Minutes (cont.)

The Executive Board met on Sunday. There was a decision made for those members that joined the Chapter but do not attend any of the meetings, events, and rides. The perception is that these members only joined to obtain the Blue Knight colors so they will be asked to leave the club. Any dues that they may have paid will be prorated and returned.

Frank Ortiz was introduced as the Safety Officer of NYII. Frank stated that the motorcycle safety clinic that NYII has started with the help of former member and police instructor Mr. Manny Rivera. The clinic will start with lectures and outline proper procedures. Riding skills will be addressed when the weather improves. At this time, the clinic will be for NYII members only at no cost. In the future, we may extend it to other chapters.

Our Road Captains are Mike Vrettos and Wilson Ng.

NYII has been approached by NYXVII to assist them in hosting the International Conference in 2011. We have also been asked to help NYXII to host the Tri-state Conference. Montana I will host a Blue Knight convention.

International has updated the Blue Knight International website. Active members will need to use their membership number and their last name (in all caps) in order to access the members' only area.

Beginning in 2011, NYII is trying to reduce the chapter dues to \$40.00 per year.

Meetings will now start at 7:30 sharp to allow time for the motorcycle safety clinic.

All members that wish to ride with NYII will be required to follow the following rules:

1. Must wear DOT approved helmet
2. No sneakers
3. No shorts
4. Must wear blue vest
5. Must have EZ-pass and a full tank of gas upon arriving at the designated meeting location

2010 Suicide Run Update

The permits with the city and parks department have been submitted. We are starting to receive ads for this year's journal. We are looking for an artist to volunteer to design the artwork for the run shirts. Curtis asked if anyone knew of a DJ for the event. We are also looking for members to volunteer to do security on Friday and Saturday at the Crown Plaza. Rooms will be available for the security team at no cost.

Louis Rivera won the 50/50.

Upcoming Events

- April 25 - VFW Post 2064 Poker Run.
- May 1-2 – Tri-state Conference in Latham NY. Some are making it as a one day trip but rooms are available if you are interested in staying overnight.
- June 7-12 – Americade in Lake George, NY. We are starting to make reservations so let Curtis know if you are interested in going.
- July 11 – Copsrun is hosted by Guy Cook of Blue Knights NYXVII. Registration is between 9:00 and 11:00.

Information about upcoming rides and events can be found on the chapter website on the events page <http://blueknightnyii.org/events.htm>. Click on the event to see more information regarding that event.

Contact Donna (donna@blueknightnyii.org) if you know of an event that can be put on the calendar.

NYII Secretary's Corner

by Dominick Principato

As we embark on a new year, we would like to invite all chapter members to renew their investment in the club. There are a number of ways in which you can help: initiate a pick-up ride, submit articles and ideas for the newsletter, or volunteer to lead or support a Suicide Run preparation committee. To continue the enjoyment and camaraderie of your membership experience, please contact me with any ideas or suggestions you may have to make this club the best it can be.

I invite everyone to take a look at our updated website. We have added an events calendar, color coded by event type (NYII events, other chapter events, and non-Blue Knight events). We have also added a Heaven I page which you can get to by clicking on the patch on the homepage. Finally, visit our Sponsors' page to see which companies support our charitable efforts.

Finally, I invite everyone to contact Donna (donna@blueknightnyii.org) with upcoming ride and event information. She has graciously volunteered to manage the club calendar on the website.



**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."***

**Ride
With
Pride!**



Blue Knights International

Chapter Information

New York II - DA BRONX

President

Ed Cutinello

Vice President

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**E-mail Mary O'Toole
(maryo@blueknightnyii.org)
With newsletter 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.