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## Chairman's report

Greetings,

This is my last article as your Chairman. These past 2 years have gone by quickly. I could not have made it through the challenges presented to the Board without the help of the Board members. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them now.

Vice Chairman Steve Confino: Although our time together on the Board was brief, you taught me the difference between being a member of the Blue Knights® and being committed to the Blue Knights®. Your commitment to the Blue Knights® is only surpassed by your love of the Blue Knights®. From the first day you were appointed Florida State Rep (East Coast), you demonstrated the zeal and desire to succeed better than anyone I have ever worked with in my 18 years in the Blue Knights®. When you were selected by the Board to be Vice Chairman, you continued to show professionalism and commitment in every assignment you received. You are an asset to the Blue Knights®, and to the SRC Board.

Secretary Rory Mac Connell: When I decided to run for Chairman, I asked you to consider running for Secretary. I knew that you would make an excellent Secretary, and more importantly allow me to mentor you to step up and run for Chairman. You are an asset to the Board by your commitment and dedication to the Blue Knights®, and your ability to identify Conference issues and bylaws that need to be evaluated and updated.

I am proud that you chose to run (unopposed) for Chairman. You will be an excellent SRC Chairman and Board Leader.

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Have you noticed the changes to the SRC Website? Sign in!!  
[www.bk-src.org](http://www.bk-src.org)

We are on facebook now join the trend try it out.



Treasurer Larry Meyer: As the keeper of the treasury, you demonstrated the ability to meet the financial challenges, while maintaining a mild and professional demeanor. Your commitment to the Blue Knights® is admirable. Your ability to manage the treasury is excellent. I know I speak for the rest of the Board when I say "Thanks for a job well done." Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

International Rep Brad Tollefson: When I became Chairman I knew that the International Rep position was in good hands. You are an astute leader with excellent knowledge and understanding of the International Bylaws. I have always marveled at your ability to bring stability and professionalism to the International Rep position. You did a great job representing the SRC on the International Board. I thank you for your dedication and guidance. I wish you all the best in the future.

Although my term in office was challenging, I enjoyed every minute of the last 2 years. I know that I leave the office with my head held high and in good hands.

Thanks to all the SRC presidents for allowing me to enjoy my time in office. The SRC is a great Conference. I know that the new Board will bring our Conference to the next level.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve.  
Ride with Pride

Fraternally

*Dennis*





## Vice Chairman's report

Greetings Brother and Sister Blue Knights®,

Our parents were right when they told us that "time goes by faster as you get older". So here we are again, time for another edition of the SRC newsletter. First and foremost, I would like to say that I am proud to be serving you as your SRC Vice Chairman and hope that I have your confidence and vote during the election at the SRC in Pine Mountain, GA this October. I look forward to working with our chapters and the membership in keeping this conference and the Blue Knights® the best LE MC in the world.

In the next few months you will see a new Executive Board take office. Except for our current Secretary Rory who will be moving into the SRC Chairman position and me if re-elected, our current board will be stepping down. I would like to thank our outgoing Chairman Dennis, outgoing International Rep. Brad and outgoing Treasurer Larry for all the work they have done while in office.

Moving forward, September 11, 2015 is approaching fast. Being a 9/11 First Responder and dealing with the loss of several close friends during the attacks along with watching my fellow First Responders continue to suffer from the effects of 9/11, for me makes this day a day of respect and reflection.

As a Law Enforcement organization, a brotherhood comprised of First Responders many of which are also veterans, I ask that you take a moment and remember all those people that were murdered that day by the act of several terrorist cowards. May God bless them and keep their families and friends safe and may he bless those that continue to fight for our country.

Some of our members will participate and/or attend a public memorial service, some will ride and proudly flying the flag of our great country in a display of unity, respect and patriotism and some, including myself will meet with a few other responders at the ocean to lay a wreath, shed a few tears and thank god for all that we have while remembering that awful day, the day that changed the lives of ALL AMERICANS. Whatever you decide to do on 9/11, do it and be proud to be an AMERICAN and most of all, always remember, NEVER FORGET!

In closing, I hope to see most of you in October at the SRC...Stay Safe....and Ride with Pride...

With Respect,

Steven Confino President, Blue Knights® LE MC FL-X  
Vice Chairman, Southern Regional Conference  
Chairman, International Public Relations Committee

"Working together, to respond as one





## TREASURE REPORT

I want to thank everyone for the support that you have given me as the treasurer of the Southern Regional Conference.

It has been a pleasure to serve you.  
I hope to see everyone at the fall conference in Pine Mountain, Georgia.

Larry Meyer

Treasurer of the

Southern Regional Conference



## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT—

SEE MINUTES OF SRC MEETING

For extensive report on last International Executives board meeting. SEE International web site for updated minutes.





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summer is fading fast, here in Florida it is rain, and rain, and more rain. I know the southern region has been getting its fair share of fluids. Let us make sure our bikes are ready for riding in it when you head out. Check that tread if you need tires, go get them, this is not the conditions to ride bologna skins in.....

Well my time as your Secretary is coming to a close, boy did it fly by and I am looking forward with extreme anticipation to work with the new board members coming on this October.

This is my last newsletter as your Secretary, I hope it has been informative to the SRC and I am glad to have provided what information I could to you by being your publisher these last 2 years.

I know Justin is already working on learning the program and will keep it running.

I want to thank Larry Meyer and Brad Tollefson for their commitment to the SRC Board over their tenure in office.

A special thank you to Dennis Deppert for his guidance and tutoring of me in the Secretary's position these last 2 years.

As he has been SRC Secretary and now Chairman of this conference I know we have a better conference because of him. I hope that I can do as well as he has the years he served on this board.

Fraternally

*Rory Mac Connell*

*"Ride With Pride"*





## WEB MASTERS REPORT

I hope all are have a fun and save summer. To let you know, now that I have converted the SRC to mobile compatible, I have increased the ability of members to obtain more information. My next venture is the building the SRC's Facebook presence. The main face book address is

<https://www.facebook.com/bksrc> . What I would like to find out is what chapters are also hosting Facebook accounts so I can obtain faster information to disseminate to the region. Please email me at [terrystciii@comcast.net](mailto:terrystciii@comcast.net) with your sites.

Below is the SRC weekly states for the week of 9-20-2015.  
This is the average weekly activity.

LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	TREND
45	15	200.0%
521	199	161.8%
65	30	116.7%
978	969	0.9%

I've also added Facebook integration to the SRC forum where posting on our website can also be posted. The forum calendar app is also Google integrated so that when you post an event to the calendar and add an address, a link to Google maps will appear.

It is my wish that I can provide more avenues of communication to your fellow knights.

Terry Williamson  
SRC Webmaster







## Candidate for Vice Chairman's position campaign flier



I would like to take a moment of your time and introduce myself to those members that I have yet to meet. I am the father of 3 beautiful children and the husband of a very understanding wife. Together we travel and participate with SRC chapter events whenever possible.

I currently serve as the President of Blue Knights® Florida – X. I am also the Chairman of the newly formed International Public Relations Committee and serve as the current Vice Chairman of the Southern Regional Conference.

My Law Enforcement career began serving in the United States Coast Guard and continued with the New York City Police Department. During my service, I worked closely with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Defense Intelligence Agency.

While employed with the New York City Police Department, my assignments included: Undercover Narcotics, Auto Crime, Organized Crime Investigation Division, FBI Joint Organized Crime Task Force and the Counter Terrorism Bureau.

In 2006, I retired from the New York City Police Department's Counter Terrorism Bureau as a Detective 2nd Grade and relocated to Port Saint Lucie Florida where I started and continue to operate a very successful Private Investigation Agency.

I joined the Blue Knights® to continue to enjoy the company of likeminded people. My time with this great organization has enabled me to discover new places and meet brothers and sisters from all over the world. I am very dedicated to this organization and would be honored to continue to serve as your Vice Chairman. I am asking for your vote in October and if I am elected I look forward to working with each chapter in ensuring that the SRC and the Blue Knights® organization continue to be a strong and vibrant Law Enforcement motorcycle club.

With Respect,

Steven Confino





Brother and Sister Knights,

My name is Tim Willis and I would like to be you're next Southern Regional Conference Vice Chairman.

For those who don't know me, I am a founding member of Alabama VII and since its beginning in 2004 I have served as either the Chapter President or Immediate Past President. I have been in law enforcement since enlisting in the Army at 18 as an M.P. Before separating from the Army I was hired by the Huntsville Police Dept. in Huntsville, AL. where I have served for the past 24 years in various units from traffic to investigations. My wife and I have been married 25 years and we have 1 son who has already married and moved off to start his own family. In my spare time, when not riding to or taking part in a Blue Knights function, I am an advanced motorcycle skills instructor.

Without being too long winded I would like to say that I believe my past demonstrates that I am dedicated to the path I choose as well as showing that I will do the best I can as your Conference Vice Chairman. When elections are held this Fall in Pine Mountain, GA. I hope that I have your vote.

Ride with Pride,

Tim Willis



Letter from the Vice Chairman

Greetings Blue Knights®,

Unified Toy Drive – One of the many events that most chapters of the Blue Knights® participate in each year is a “TOY DRIVE”. The many Toy Drives that are held throughout the country, all have proven to be a fantastic way to raise toys for families in our communities that are in need of assistance.

As Active & Retired members of the Law Enforcement community, we all know the importance of providing assistance when needed. Last year, **Ed Forte**, FL-X along with several members of the Blue Knights® identified a way that our organization can assist the families of our fallen Brothers and Sisters, having a direct and immediate impact on the children of our fallen heroes.

This toy drive operates under the direction of Barry Shepherd, the Executive Director of the American Police Hall of Fame (APHF) and responds to the needs of the families of our fallen throughout the United States.

For the past few years, members of FL-X and FL-XII and FL –IV delivered toys and funds to this program, each working as its own chapter. Last year, it was suggested that the chapters of the Blue Knights® work as one to create ONE BIG TOY DRIVE under the banner of the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

So here we are, with Florida’s BK-X, BK-XII and BK-IV running with this idea to make ONE BIG TOY DRIVE, we are asking that the rest of the chapters join in. As stated above, this Toy Drive, although located in Florida provides services to the families of any fallen officer within the United States, affording the members of each chapter a central point to donate to the all the families of our fallen.

We are not limiting this drive to only Florida Chapters, but merely starting with baby steps to help ensure consistency and continuity. We welcome any and all chapters of the Blue Knights®, whether they are domestic or European to assist in this event; after all we are a fraternity of Law Enforcement Officers, a Brotherhood and Sisterhood, second to none.

We are in the process of identifying ways that this program can assist the families of our fallen Brothers and sisters internationally. If any of our International chapters knows of any organization within your country that assists fallen officers, please contact John Bommarito FL-X e-mail: [baldbiker@att.net](mailto:baldbiker@att.net) or Jim Paddock BK-XII e-mail: [jpthessassin@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jpthessassin@cfl.rr.com) so that we can assist you in making that organization the target of a toy run with all the BK chapters in your area. In closing, I would like to say thank you for all the support, without you we have no club.

This year, we are looking to deliver the donations to the SRC on November 23, 2014. It would be great if all the participating chapters can meet

With Respect,

Steven Confino

Vice Chairman, Southern Regional Conference  
International Public Relations Committee

The Blue Knights® International LE MC Inc.  
**“Uniting together, to respond as one”**



## Blue Knights® of the SRC

We are coming to the end of the first half of our year, if you have not dedicated your donations for this year and may be thinking about a charity.

Then Please take a look at the C.O.P.S. organization.

Florida XVIII every year makes a donation to the Blue Knights® International COPSRUN (fund address below), but they also have local chapters, it is that chapters responsibility to get the families to police week in Washington DC.

Once there the national will take these survivors under their wings and provide them with the weeks activities.

The International C.O.P.S. provide services that are available all year long for the survivors, this is just one, on the video below.

Please view the YouTube on this charity.

Thank You

*Rory Mac Connell*

*Blue Knights® ILEMC*

*President FL XVIII*

*Southern Regional Conference Secretary*

*International Honorary Committee*

please send your donation to : BLUE KNIGHTS COPSRUN PO Box 732,  
Otisville, NY 10963

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?  
feature=player\\_embedded&v=OvCwQmX\\_8CA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=OvCwQmX_8CA)



The Fall SRC is only 1 month away. We will have three great escorted rides to places that are unique to Georgia.

There will be 8 unescorted rides, with maps and GPS locations. For the wives, we have super shopping locations, antiques, a day spa and other fun places. Callaway Gardens has opened their doors( actually gates) to us and we will be able to see one of a kind locations, including the Discovery Center, the Cecil Day Butterfly Center and the peaceful and tranquil gardens, all on our motorcycles.

We have some very special guests, the entire town is having a Blue Knights Day and the mountain top riding on the ridge is one of a kind.

Need I say more?

Join us for this exciting and wonderful experience. There will be outstanding gifts, door prizes and vendors supreme.

And best of all, it will be fun, brotherhood and memories made with other Blue Knights from everywhere.

If you have not already done so, please go to our webpage, [www.fallsrcpinemoutainga.org](http://www.fallsrcpinemoutainga.org). Also, we have a Facebook page.

Mountain Creek Inn (855-635-3230), for reservations.

We have extended the late registration date till Sept. 1st so get those last minutes forms and checks in.

"Blue Knights Fall SRC 2015", like it and we will post photos, updates, ride info and other good stuff as we have it. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me or call me on my cellphone. 705-773-5250.  
Ride With Pride

Bob Awtrey, President  
GA XVIII, SRC Safety Officer

"Ride With Pride"



SRC FALL REGISTRATION FORM

**Blue Knights SRC Fall Conference**

**Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia 31822**

**Oct. 1-4, 2015, Hosted by GA XVIII**

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ BK Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ MC Ride Distance \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone & Contact \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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**Early registration** (before 9-1-15) \$85/Member, \$160/couple -includes T-shirts

**Late registration** (after 9-1-15) \$95/Member, \$ 170/couple

Amount sent \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: GA XVIII.**

**Mail to:** BK GA XVIII, 3025 Piedmont Lake Road, Pine Mountain, GA  
31822

**Rate does not include Walking Dead Tour on Oct 1 @ 10 am to Senoia, GA  
(we will pay there, \$20/person donation to Bomber Girls MC)**

**Host Resort: Callaway Gardens Mountain Creek Inn, 17800 U.S.Highway  
27, Pine Mountain, Georgia, 31822. Room Rate: \$83/night, includes breakfast  
Call 855-635-3230 for Reservations ( rate available Sept.30-Oct.4, 2015)**



# BLUE KNIGHTS® SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Ride to Senoia to meet the "Walkers"(\$20/donation)

Friday, Oct. 2 - Escorted ride to the National Infantry Museum,  
Columbus, GA, President's Meeting, Beach Party

Saturday, Oct. 3 - Escorted ride to Warm Springs, GA, to FDR's  
"Little White House", Motorcycle Museums,  
Banquet and meeting

Sunday, Oct. 4 - Biker Church, Departure

Daily activities are on website, [www.fallsrccpinemountainga.org](http://www.fallsrccpinemountainga.org)

**Mountain Creek Inn host hotel at the Calloway Gardens  
1-855-635-3230**

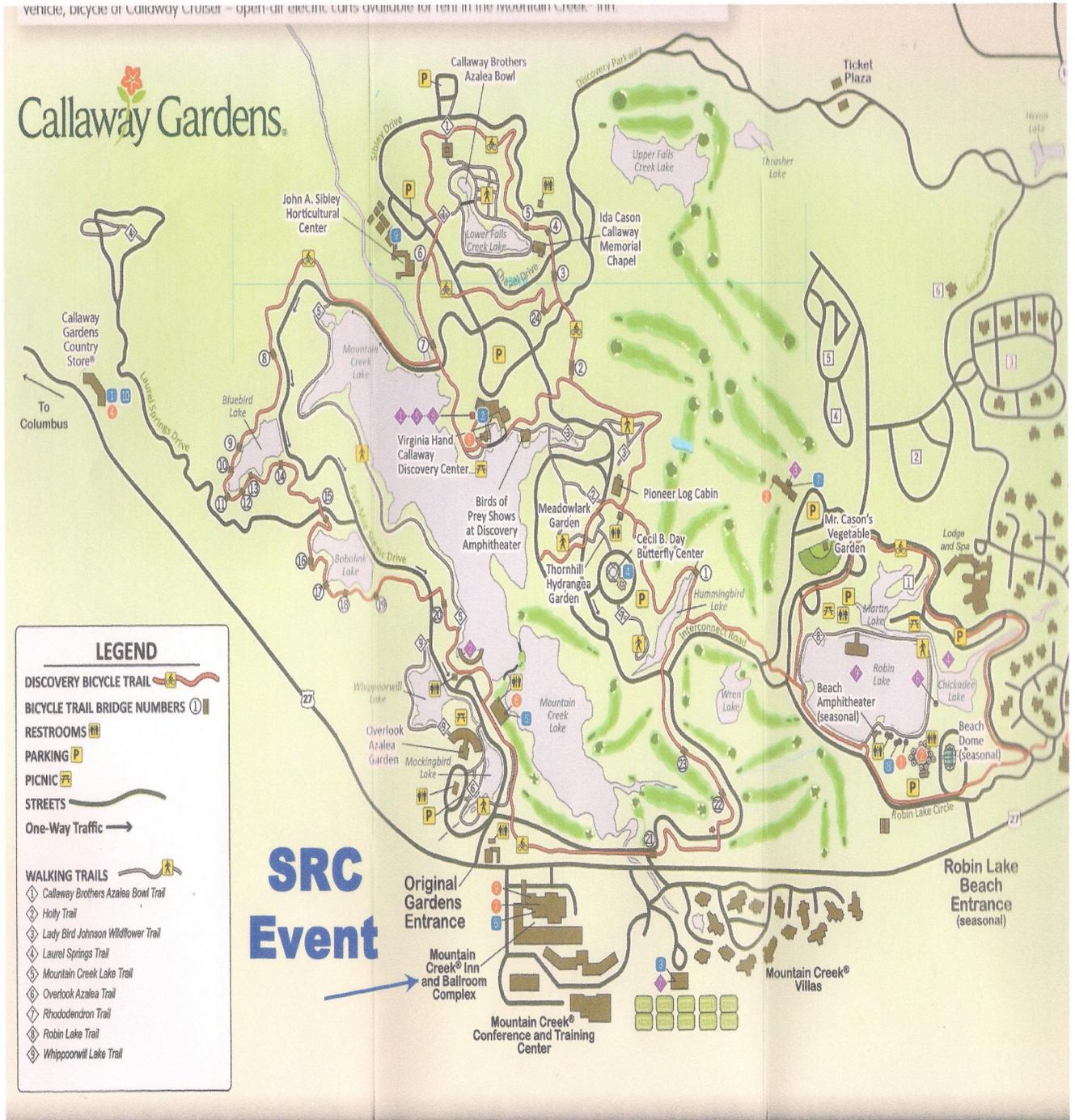
**GA XVIII Email [ga18@blueknights.org](mailto:ga18@blueknights.org)**

**GA XVIII Phone 706-773-5250**

The Pine Mountain RV Campground has offered to group the BKs and Offer them 25% off the reg fees. Any member can email or call me and I will help them.



MAP OF AREA FOR FALL SRC





## Spring SRC

### SRC membership:

Spring SRC is set for April 28-May 1, 2016 at the Ashbury Hotel and Suites in Mobile. Hotel rates start at \$65.00 (plus tax) for a single outside room and go up to \$100 (for the suites). Registration will be \$65.00 in advance and \$75.00 if late.

Rides are in the planning process but will most likely include the Pensacola NAS Museum and Biloxi Casinos since they have been popular in the past. Mobile is due to open a new museum called the Gulfquest (which bills itself as the national maritime museum) at the end of 2015, so that along with the USS Alabama will probably be on the ride agenda. Other rides are also being considered. T-shirts are being designed.

For those who have been to the Ashbury, the hospitality room is a 3000 square foot space where we can set up chapter tables as well as have plenty of room for socializing.

Ashbury Suites phone number is 251-344-8030.

Website is [www.ashburyhotel.com](http://www.ashburyhotel.com)

I checked with the hotel and reservations can be made now, although they were not sure whether they could be made over the website this far in advance.

I expect to bring informational brochures on the hotel, registration forms and maybe even a T-shirt design to the fall conference in GA.

Doug Lamplugh

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President Alabama II

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## SAFETY BRIEF

### Something else to think about!

#### Those pesky tires

Think about the most important piece of equipment on your bike. Comfortable seat, silky smooth throttle, quad disc abs brakes, a gazillion cc's of power? Well, actually, all of the functions of a bike depend on the same piece of equipment to make them operate properly. Those quad Brembo brakes would be of little use without tires to transfer their stopping ability to the ground. That amazing amount of engine torque wouldn't be of much use if it couldn't be turned into acceleration. Hence, the discussion turns to our tires. They really serve a much greater function than supporting those stunning new chrome wheels.

Recently, I was made aware of the importance of all the design, testing and research that goes into our tires, when I had a rear blowout on my Road King at 70 mph on the interstate. Since that was something we don't get to practice very often, thank-you very much, it certainly was an interesting experience ( I didn't mention nerve racking, harrowing, that certain "drawn up" feeling, etc.). Actually, I was relieved that all of the techniques I had learned about stopping an automobile with a blown tire also worked with a motorcycle. "a good grip on the bars, allow the bike to slow to a speed where you can apply light rear brake, till you come to a stop."

The modern tires for motorcycles are designed for superior grip at small lean angles, excellent traction for takeoff or landing and with extra features for run flat conditions, just in case. Take care of them.

Air them up correctly (try Nitrogen –you will like it), check them regularly for wear and problems and **never, never** put on a used, damaged or repaired tire. Those stunning new chrome wheels will be upset when they get scratched.



**Proposal 02—2015**

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BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.**

**SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL**

**Proposal Number 02 - 2015**

**Background:** The current By-Laws in place state that anyone considering running for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman or International Representative **MUST** either be a current chapter President or a Past chapter President. The position of Secretary and Treasurer **MAY** be held by a regular member from within the conference.

Nomination letters must be submitted to the current SRC Secretary either by mail or email and vetted 30 days prior to the nomination meeting.

The nomination must be from a chapter President other than the submitting current President, if for a submission for a Past President then that current chapter President may endorse this submission letter.

Nowhere in this is a provision for a member who may make a last minute decision to run for SRC board position to do so.

It is written in it that **“There will be no write in ballot selections or open nominations from the floor at the SRC Presidents meeting. Submissions for all positions must have a notice submitted as directed in this bulletin.”**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this proposal is to allow for a qualified member to make a last minute decision to run for a position on the SRC Executive Board. It would also allow for a member to be nominated from the floor should there be no nomination letters sent in for any position prior to the Presidents meeting.

**Proposal:** Nominations for the SRC Executive Board positions may be made by any Conference Chapter President in good standing, to the Conference Secretary, in writing, no later than 60 days prior to the annual conference Presidents meeting. Nominations from the floor at the time of the Presidents meeting will be accepted in the event there are no qualified candidates interested in running for a SRC Executive Board position, or a member decided within the last 60 days that he or she is interested in running for a Board position and he or she didn't do so prior to the 60 days. He or she will have with them a nomination letter provided they meet all the necessary qualifications to hold an SRC Executive Board Position and all nominated members for all the positions are present to accept the nomination.



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**Intent:** To allow for a member to make a last minute decision to run for an SRC Executive Board position and to allow for a position to be filled should there have been no nomination letters for any board position.

**Advantages:** It leaves the decision making up to the current Chapter Presidents in attendance at the SRC nomination meeting as opposed the leaving the decision up the Current SRC Executive Board.

**Disadvantages:** None

Suggested By: Bruce Verrette

Submitted By:	<u>Bruce Verrette</u>	<u>August 11, 2015</u>	<u>President La XII</u>
	NAME	DATE	TITLE/POSITION

**RIDE WITH PRIDE**

**Executive board decision:**

**PRESIDENTS VOTE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

**RIDE WITH PRIDE**

**Proposal 03—2015**



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LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

**SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL**

**Proposal Number 03- 2015**

**Background:** In the last few years we have multiple instances of chapters breaking off to create another chapter. In some cases the original chapter was unaware of this taking place. The international by laws have sections to assist with this item. This item being entered into the SRC by laws and setting forth a procedure to follow will assist the SRC Board and SRC membership in these decisions when needed.

International by Law section 3.12 sub sect. e

**(e)** The Board of Directors may grant to any group of ten (10) or more persons, **who are not presently members of the International, unless released from their chapter**, and who qualify as regular or associate members, a charter for the formation of a chapter of the Blue Knights International® Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. A minimum of eight (8) persons qualifying as regular members is required before a charter will be issued to such a group. A chapter must have a minimum of eight (8) regular members in order to retain their charter from year to year. Exemptions to this requirement must be requested by the chapter in writing to the International Board who may give an exemption on an annual basis. Each new chapter may adopt any legal form of organization but must adopt by laws consistent with the Articles of Incorporation (Constitution) and by laws of the International.

Chapter bylaws shall not be effective until approved by the Board of Directors as being in general conformity with the purposes of the International.

**(e)(1)** A group of less than ten (10) but more than seven (7) may be granted a charter by Blue Knights International with **prior written approval from their area Conference Executive Board**.

**Purpose:** That the SRC create a conference by law to coincide with the International by law concerning the chartering of a new chapter from members of an existing chapter's membership. That we have International by laws requiring certain criteria for this in section 3.12 sub sect. e and e1.

**Intent:** To help guide the SRC board, Chapters and members when a situation arises were members may want or need to create a new chapter. This does not prevent the ability of members to transfer to any existing chapter in the organization, it applies to creating a new chapter with existing members of a current chapter in the same geographical region.



**Proposal 03—2015**

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**SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL**

**Proposal Number 03- 2015**

**Proposal: ADD SRC BY LAW - Article X - Section 1 – Chartering Chapters within the SRC:**

Any SRC chapter requests for issuance of a “new” / “startup” chapter charter with any current members of an existing chapter will need to be pre-approved by the SRC Executive Board prior to a charter request submission to the Blue Knights® International office.

That any / each current member will need a written release from their current chapters President.

That prior written approval from the SRC Executive Board be required for submission to International headquarters with all other required documents needed in requesting the new charter.

This in no way precludes the ability to allow a single member the ability to transfer to any established Blue Knights® chapter.

**Advantages:** The hope is that we will not have the disharmony between neighboring chapters as we have experienced in 4 of our 7 states, these last 8 – 10 years, when creating upstart or new chapters with existing members from existing chapters.

**Disadvantages:** None

Suggested By: Sonny Goodson GA XIX

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell

08/01/15

SRC Secretary / Pres FL XVIII

NAME

DATE

TITLE/POSITION

**Executive board decision:**

PRESIDENTS VOTE:

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

“RIDE WITH PRIDE”



**Proposal 04—2015**

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LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

**SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL**

**Proposal Number 04- 2015**

**Background:** The bylaws of an organization are vague. This is done to allow for interpretation. Some items though, as an organization grows, they need to be refined and more direction given to govern ourselves properly. As we have experienced growth in our organization some of these particular items have been subjected to open interpretation by the membership. This has caused a back lash of different complaints and concerns from and for the protection of some of our chapters. These items have different areas of the bylaws that they may be affected by, and with it a different interpretation on how to address each circumstance by any one individual or chapter.

**Purpose:** To help guide the SRC board, Chapters and members when a situation arises were members may need a definitive guide concerning a particular subject matter in relating to and following the bylaws of the International and SRC.

**Intent:** That the SRC create a conference by law to create a procedural directive attachment to the SRC by laws. This will be a step by step procedure to assist the membership, President's, Chapters and SRC board, in relating to and governing certain procedural criteria as approved by the conference President's.

This will help define in better terms and steps, to assist in the particular subject, making it more into layman terms and more definitive to follow.

Not all by laws require this procedural directive, but in some cases this is needed. This will be enforceable once it is a by law and each item must be presented to the SRC Presidents at either semi-annual SRC Presidents meeting for approval prior to any implementation.

These may be presented as a proposal at the meeting in the same format as required for by law changes and additions, either by the executive board or a chapter President.

**Proposal: ADD SRC BY LAW - Article XI – SRC Procedural Directives –**

The SRC Procedural Directives will be in addition to the SRC by laws. They will need to be presented by the Executives of the SRC board, or President of an SRC chapter in proposal format to be voted on at a semiannual SRC Presidents meeting.

When adopted by the membership they will be followed as to that particular procedural guideline in regards to the subject matter.



**Proposal 04—2015**

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These will be treated the same as a by law, as far as enforcement from within and subject to the same penalties set forth in Article X of the International bylaws.

These in no way will supersede the Blue Knights® Articles of incorporation, International or SRC by laws.

**Advantages:** That this will assist in better governing of the Chapters and Conference.

**Disadvantages:** NONE

Suggested By: Rory Mac Connell President FL XVIII / SRC Secretary

Submitted By: <u>Rory Mac Connell</u>	08/01/15	SRC Secretary / Pres FL XVIII
NAME	DATE	TITLE/POSITION

**Executive board decision:**

**PRESIDENTS VOTE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

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**Proposal 05—2015**

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**Proposal Number 05- 2015**

**Background:** If proposal 2015 – 04 passes this will be the first Procedural Directive proposal

**Directive # 01 – 2015 - Chartering Chapters:** SEE ATTACHED

This will define the procedure for requesting, receiving, preparing and implementing any requests for a “new” / “upstart” chapter with existing members of a current SRC chapter. The steps required by the International by laws and as implemented in this procedural directive.

**Purpose:** To create a new tool capable of guiding and assisting the membership by defining the by laws step by step to create a secondary language that all may follow concerning the creation of an “upstart” / “new” chapter from an existing one.

**Intent:** To help guide the SRC board, Chapters and members when a situation arises were members may need or want to create a new / upstart chapter with the SRC

**Proposal:** Directive # 01 – 2015 - Chartering Chapters: **SEE ATTACHED**

**Advantages:** That this will assist in better governing of the Chapters and Conference.

**Disadvantages:** NONE

Suggested By: Rory Mac Connell President FL XVIII / SRC Secretary

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell

08/20/15

SRC Secretary / Pres FL XVIII

**NAME**

**DATE**

**TITLE/POSITION**

**Executive board decision:**

**PRESIDENTS VOTE:**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

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**Proposal Number 05- 2015**

**ATTACHMENT**

**Directive # 01 – 2015 - Chartering Chapters:**

The “members” that will be the “charter members” of the new chapter, that are current members of any other chapter, must be in “good standing”.

They must submit a request letter listing each chapter member to be “transferred” to a “startup” or “new” chartering chapter to the executive board of their current chapter prior to a request to the International office for a new chapter charter.

a) If approved by the SRC executive board each member will need individual written release from that member’s current chapter President. This release letter will accompany the members transfer application in the new charter packet.

The maximum regular members to “transfer” to create a “new” chapter shall be “5” from any one chapter at one time. “1” Honorary member and “1” associate member will be the maximum transferees permitted to transfer at the same time for creating said new chapter.

A) This means they must have new members to submit for a new charter from International as 10 are required for a charter.

If the original chapter is large enough and would like to amend the maximum allowed “transfers” this will need to be a written request to the entire SRC board for consideration. All pertinent information to include the chapter’s membership numbers and how many additional transferring members will need to be included in this request. This request will be from the current chapter’s Executive Board.

If charter request is from the current chapter, that chapter President will contact the SRC International Representative, if the IR is notified by the International office of the intent of starting a new chapter with current members of a chapter. Then the “IR” will first contact the SRC Chairman, contact the requesting member, and then contact the Chapter President of said request.

The IR will contact all chapters in the immediate vicinity of the original chapter to insure the proximity-area or distance to each chapter will not be an issue. That the “new” chapter will not disrupt the other chapter’s recruitment abilities and or operation.



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The new chapters registered address and meeting location should be a reasonable distance from all the connecting chapters' territories. - CONSIDERATIONS: The population of the area will also need to be considered, obviously a large metropolitan area could sustain multiple chapters within a smaller mileage radius, as opposed to a smaller populous in rural areas. 1 chapter may be 60 or 70 miles in area, 1 may be 30 miles in area, but each with the same possible membership capabilities. Department sizes and multiple agencies in a smaller geographic area may also be considered in some cases. 3 chapters in a 70 mile area with 3 smaller cities and 3 or 4 departments may create chapters of 10 – 15 members, but they may all be cohesive as a Blue Knights® family in interacting. This as opposed to 1 large chapter of 40 - 50 that has inner chapter struggles.

The "IR" will contact the Chapters full board of director's either through email or direct contact at a meeting to insure that the entire chapter is aware of the intent of some members to create a "new" chapter. This visit may also be delegated to an SRC board executive or State representative to attend a meeting. This to insure the chapter membership is aware of this intent.

The SRC International Representative will inform the SRC Executive Board immediately of any request for a new charter once received from the International office.

Once the total investigation into the charter request is complete the "IR" will email all of the SRC Executive Board of the findings and the "IR" recommendations for that charter. It will take a majority approval of the SRC Executive board to approve the submission of said charter request.

It will be the sole responsibility of the SRC Chairman to notify the International office of an approval on any and all Blue Knights® charter requests received from the International Representative, this may also be accomplished by the chairman directing the IR to present this to the International director for charter creation.

Submitted Rory Mac Connell SRC Secretary August 20<sup>th</sup> 2015



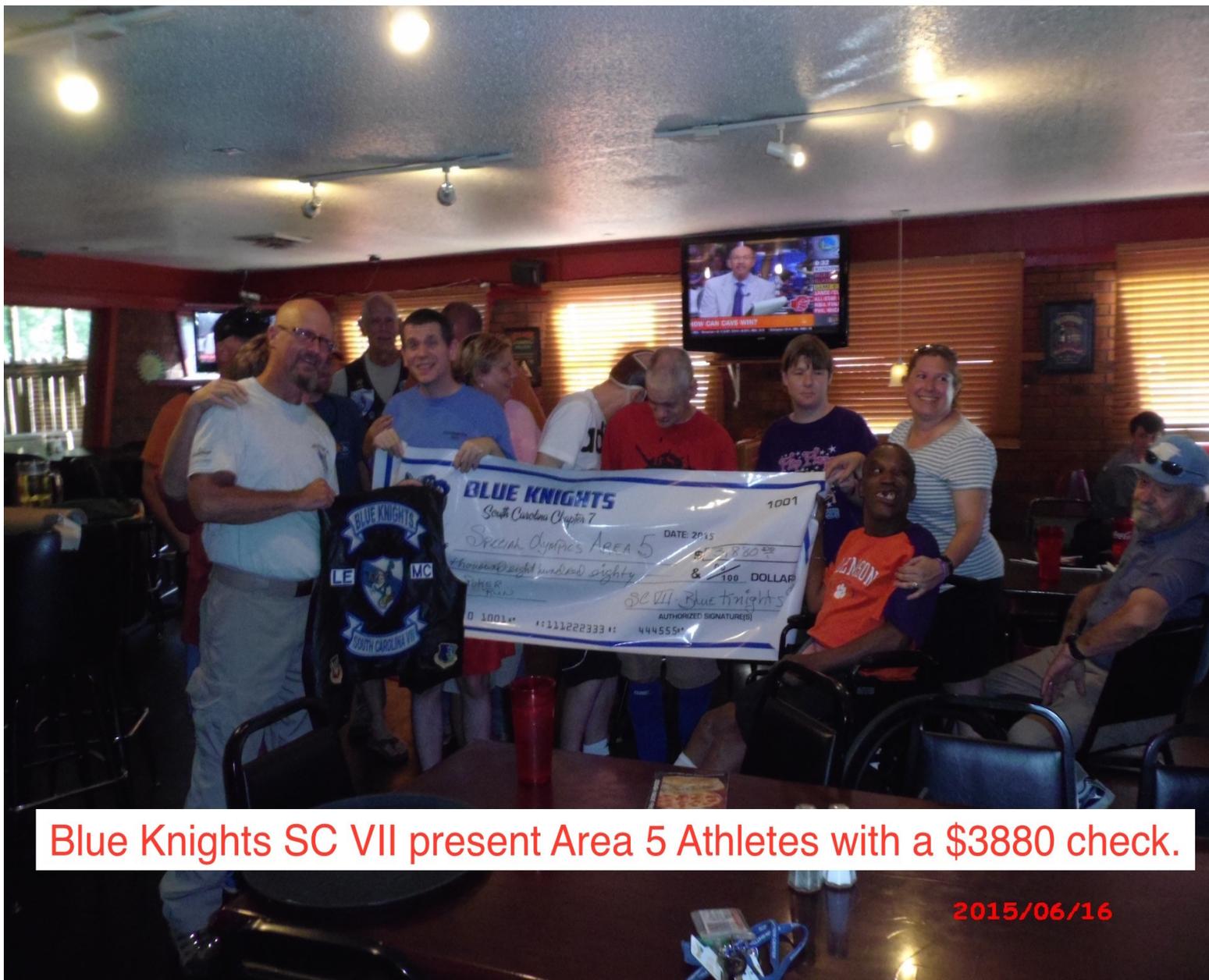
## **Motorcyclists Hit the Road for Special Olympics**

(Greenwood, SC, 18 June 2015)— On April 11th bikers raised money to help Special Olympics Athletes. The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club hosted the event which started at BiLo and ended at the “new” Sports-Break. This event had over 80 riders from the surrounding area.

Terry Greenfield, President of the SC VII Blue Knights, stated, “This was our sixth event and I was very happy with the turn out. The Blue Knights especially thank all our sponsors who helped make this event possible, all the riders who came out to ride and everyone who bought a tee shirt and commemorative pin. We thank all the route-stop business owners and volunteers those who helped.” The ride began at the BI-LO in Coronaca, and had stops at Mike & Rays Pub in Honea Path, The Rough House in Abbeville, Michelle’s Pizza of McCormick and making the final stop at Sports-Break in Greenwood. Here, the riders were entertained with live music from Ashby Stokes. Door prizes were given out by Ashley Bond an Abbeville native and national winner at the Special Olympics Games in New Jersey in 2014.

Best Hand winner, Larry Warner received \$500 and Worst Hand winner, Milton Bussey received a Stockton Tool Kit from Cycle Gear.

Later, Shelby Benson, Director of Area 5, was given a check for \$3,880 to help with operating expenses throughout the year. Over the last five years, the Blue Knights have raised over \$20,000 for Area 5. The Special Olympics mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons eight years of age and older with intellectual & physical disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.



Blue Knights SC VII present Area 5 Athletes with a \$3880 check.

2015/06/16



TL Greenfield, President of SCVII M/C, presents Shelby Benson Director of SOA 5 with a check for \$3880

2015/06/16



Florida XXIX

Florida XXIX Honorary member and “Biker LAW” attorney sponsored the last indoor arena football game for the Orlando Predators, and he asked for the Blue Knights® to assist in the event. We had our rides on display at “PRED -FEST” prior to the game out front of the arena. We then had a rehearsal for the pre game presentation with the “PRED DANCERS” riding in on our bikes prior to the star spangled banner.



Florida XXIX members with FL X, FL XVII, FL XVIII, FL IX -Sir Tom Dean along with SRC Chairman Dennis Deppert, Vice Chairman Steve Confino, Secretary Rory Mac Connell and East FL State Rep Al Hickey all attending the Orlando Predator Arena League game and representing the Blue Knights® for the afternoon outside and in the Amway Arena.



Florida XXIX

# Line up upon arrival at the Amway arena Orlando





Inside arena awaiting pre game ride.





Rehearsal time...





Florida XXIX

The Chairman's new ride at rehearsals





**BULLETIN**

**SRC Bulletin 4-2015**

Dated July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

**SRC Chapters:**

At this past June's meeting of the International Board, they have approved in this year's budget the \$1,000 grant for each conference. These are to be distributed from the International funds to a national/regional 501c3 non profit as decided by each of the 11 conferences. The selection must not be a duplicate from other conferences nor will it be granted consecutive years to the same charity, not an issue as they did not have this last year due to the audit costs.

As we are short on time to decide on the SRC selection this year, we will need ALL and ANY submission by **September 20<sup>th</sup> 2015**.

We will need to have a selection ready for the Fall SRC President's meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015. This will then be submitted to be on the agenda for the International Board meeting in November for the SRC IR to present.

Please refer to "Bulletin" 18 – 2015 for criteria for submission to the SRC Fall meeting as posted on the SRC website.

Thank you

For the SRC Board

SRC Secretary

Rory Mac Connell

"Ride With Pride"

**I have received 3 submissions to date they are on the next pages.**



## SRC Charity submissions

From: Florida Chapter V

This is a letter of intent to enter the drawing for \$1,000.00 being offered by the SRC to be given as a donation to a 501(3)(C) charity, founded in 1976

Our charity is the *Sunshine Foundation Dream Village*, located at 5400 C.R. Rd. 547, Davenport, Florida.

The Sunshine Foundation's mission is to " Answer the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children."

Children must be between the ages of 3 and 18 years of age. Annual household income may not be more than \$75,000. And be a U.S. citizen.

The Sunshine Foundation fulfills the dreams of children severely affected by a chronic illness or physical disability, as listed but not limited to the following:

Cerebral Palsy	Trauma from abuse
Down Syndrome	Osteogenesis Imperfecta
Spina Bifida	Impaired Vision
Sever Autism	Hearing Impaired
Hydrocephalus	Spastic Quadriplegia
M. S.	Prader- Willi syndrome      and many others

The Sunshine Foundation Dream Village consist of a 22 acre resort, near the central Florida attractions. There are 9 "Dream Cottages provided to accompany the child and family for their "once in a lifetime family vacation."

Over 83% of all donations are allocated to the childrens programs, earning the distinction of being the only A rated wish granting charity in the U.S. by [www.charitywatch.com](http://www.charitywatch.com).

Further information on Sunshine Foundation may be found at:

[www.sunshinefoundation.org](http://www.sunshinefoundation.org)

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Minchew, Pres.

John Buchholtz, V.P,

Randy West, Sec/Treas.



**SRC CHARITY Florida XXIX**

**SRC Presidents:**

Florida XVIII members are requesting that the SRC charity for the 2015 International \$1,000.00 be given to the Blue Knights® COPS RUN.

This is our charity, started by founder Dick Delrossi, former Mass. Member, who is now a member of Florida XVIII.

I would hope that all our members have some knowledge of the national Concerns of Police Survivors® a 501 C 3 non profit.

They are the survivors of our slain law enforcement officers. It is run by those survivors for the survivors. The programs are free to all survivors that wish to participate with the organization.

The BK COPS RUN is an internal charity, each year Blue Knights® members, chapters, conferences and International donate to the BK COPS RUN a 501c3 non profit. Then at National Police week the Blue Knights® COPS RUN board members present 1 check from all the Blue Knights® at the host hotel for the C.O.P.S. in Washington DC.

International previously donated a large amount to COPS RUN but with the new criteria for donations being divided by conference the totals have gone down in the amount we donate.

Thank you  
Florida XVIII Executive Board

Rory Mac Connell, President  
Paul Englert, Vice President  
Rick Deal, Secretary  
Tony Marone, Treasurer  
Bill Ball, Sargent at Arms



## SRC CHARITY REQUEST SUB-



July 23, 2015

Blue Knights  
Georgia XVIII  
LaGrange, Georgia 31822

Rory MacConnell  
Secretary  
Southern Regional Conference

Dear Rory,

Please let this serve as our request for the donation of \$1,000 from International to a charitable organization.

Our Chapter Charity, **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)** of Troup County, are the folks that are appointed by the Juvenile Court, who go out and get the children and care for them when mom and dad has been arrested. This group, which used to be called Child's Services in Georgia, is a (501-C-3), non-governmental funded, organization and currently sponsors approximately 73 children. All money raised from charity events and donations to our Chapter, go to this group.

Their website is, [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org), and their Director is June Allen. "The mission of CASA is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts. We promote and support quality volunteer representation for children to provide each child a safe, permanent, nurturing home."

They are an outstanding group, that does an outstanding job and would make an outstanding choice for our support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Awtrey".

Bob Awtrey, President  
GA XVIII

Executive Board \_\_\_\_\_



International Proposal

BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL  
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AGENDA PROPOSAL

Proposal

**Purpose:** We have 3 founding fathers remaining, in the past they have a room and the registration for International convention paid by International. As the time goes by we are watching them pass to heaven one. In an effort to assist them to be available to attend as many of the yearly International Conventions I am submitting the following:

**Proposal:** That International reimburse travel expenses (not meals) for each of the 3 last founding fathers up to \$1,000.00 U.S. That they may submit the receipts to the International for this reimbursement. If any funds remain after August 30<sup>th</sup> they are to revert back to the International accounts. That this be a yearly item as long as we have remaining founding fathers.

**Intent:** To assist the remaining Founding Fathers financially in traveling to and from the International convention.

**Advantages:** This may allow the final Founding Fathers more ability to attend the International convention in the coming years by assisting them financially.

**Disadvantages:** None

Suggested By: Florida XVIII

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell	08/26/2014	President FL XVIII
NAME	DATE	TITLE/POSITION

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