

SRC HERALD



Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

July 2016

International Convention 2017

Dates:

16-21 July, 2017

Chapter:

WI VI - Milwaukee, WIS

Host Hotel:

Hilton Milwaukee City Center

509 W. Wisconsin Ave.,

Milwaukee, WIS 53203

(414) 271-7250

Note: No reservations can be made until 25 July 2016.

Room Rate:

\$109.00 / night plus applicable taxes and fees includes parking.

Registration:

\$135.00 / adult for the week - prior to 6 June 2017 after \$155.00 / adult

Convention Website:

<http://www.brewcityknights.com>

Contact:

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International Convention 2018

SRC bound –not since Orlando 1992- our own GA XVI President Randy Hoagland presented the proposal for the convention bid. GA XVI has been awarded the convention to be held at Stone Mountain GA Marriott convention center July 2018.

MORE INFO AT THE SRC Lafayette LA.

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From the Chairman: Rory Mac Connell

Greetings SRC,

The SRC fund raiser for this year, it is for a donated Ruger AR 556 rifle, some have asked if we had an issue within the conference that caused us to need a fund raiser. NO that is not the case, the thought behind this was this, from me. We are having an International Building fund raiser to build an addition on the HQ or purchase a new building for the HQ in Maine. This idea was presented to the SRC from me, it was approved at conference level, and International level.

Well I thought with the rules of the fund raiser being, ALL must make a contribution to go on the recognition wall. That if we had a raffle we could use the proceeds to have the conference listed. Then the founding fathers that have made the SRC their home,

Ed Gallant, Chuck Schuman and Wayne Lebrée, now residing in heaven one. If we sold all the tickets \$7,000 we could have a Platinum plus spot for all 4, at a cost of \$4,400. With the raffle adding a small amount to the SRC treasurer and covering the donation to the building fund.

Well we still have a lot of tickets left to sell. I had hoped to sell them at the International, but the chapter and PA law said you need a special permit to hold any type of raffle in the state. So we didn't have a permit and abided by the laws of Pennsylvania. We were not the only group to have a raffle item that we could not sell tickets to. Your state reps and board members have tickets \$10 each only 700 printed. We will draw at the SRC in Lafayette. They can be sold to any person legally capable of possessing a rifle, back ground check and transfer per that states law from Florida.

Let us keep the communication flowing.... SRC Facebook, twitter and our web page www.bksrc.org check in, log in, share the photo's we have a very active conference and we love seeing all the chapters working in the community and doing great rides and events.

The web page is changing...constant upgrades by Terry to improve and move ahead with the technology, it is an ongoing process, with a members only section, this means you need to register with Terry on the site and he will confirm your member status. Log in get cleared and let us build our members section. First YOU have to log in and request the member access. This is to increase ability on our mobile devices, the future.

SRC WEB - CHAPTER MAP Terry needs you to confirm your location please get on and do that.

International mailbox – Corporate email accounts-

EVERY CHAPTER HAS ONE- you need to open the email box first -- go to this site

<https://login.secureserver.net/>

Then your email address first is your chapter

EXAMPLE --- (small letters) - flxviii@blueknights.org

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I want to thank all the conference members for the support you have given me while I ran for BOG Chairman. I am excited that I have been voted to take on this important roll. As I stated at the last meeting, I will continue to be an SRC Blue Knight® always representing from the SRC. I will handle both positions till the next SRC election and make a decision on the future when it is required for me to do so.

Hope to see you in Lafayette LA for the next SRC meeting.

Rory Mac Connell
Blue Knights® ILEMC
Southern Regional Conference Chairman
BOG Chairman
"Ride With Pride"
RIDE SAFE, RIDE HARD, RIDE OFTEN



[From the Vice-Chair: Steve Confino](#)

Greetings Blue Knights®,

First, I would like to congratulate our SRC Chairman on his election to the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Good Job Rory.

The membership for the SRC has stayed about the same since the last SRC conference. I would like to remind all our chapters that recruitment and retention is vital to our organization. If anyone has any ideas on ways to attract new members contact me. There are also materials available from Blue Knights® International to assist the chapters with membership drives. I have found that my chapter attracts new members when we are wearing our colors and attending events.

If anyone has any questions about the qualification of a person seeking membership in the Blue Knight® contact me to discuss his/her qualifications. As always, I am available 24/7 to answer any questions.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next SRC, until then Stay Safe.....

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"



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From the Secretary: Justin Hartley

I hope everyone is out enjoying the summer. I haven't been getting as many ride notifications as I was earlier in the year, but if you have one, get it to me so I can get it shared. While I would love to be out riding my bike more often, I unfortunately have been stuck behind a desk at work or remodeling a house for a baby boy set to join us in October. Being said, I have found a few hours to get out and enjoy the wonderful humidity that only northeastern Alabama can offer.

It's been a rough year for Law Enforcement. I've heard several chapters talk about not wearing their vest with patches on rides. I can't speak for everyone, but this is a time to fly them proudly and let everyone know Law Enforcement, both active and retired, are not going to back down when the going gets tough. We need to show everyone we are still here. To those of us who are still having to work, take care of your buddy and make sure the entire shift can go home at the end of tour.

I'm making plans to attend the Fall 2016 SRC and the 2017 International Convention. I hope many of you are doing the same. Until then, keep the ride notifications coming and I'll keep sending them out.

Justin Hartley

From the Treasurer: Al Fryer

Blue Knight Brothers & Sister,

I would like to start off by saying my heart is deeply saddened by the recent shootings in Dallas, TX and Baton Rouge, LA where a total of eight (8) Law Enforcement Officers have paid the ultimate sacrifice serving their communities. We will continue to pray for our men and women who continue to work under these tough times and those who were affected by these horrible events. Please stay safe and have a safe shift!

Regarding our books everything is in order and as of 07/18/16 we have no checks out and our books are balanced. If anyone has any questions regarding our books feel free to contact me.

I'm looking forward to seeing y'all at the SRC Fall Conference in Lafayette, LA, hosted by LAXIV. We have been to Lafayette before and I'm sure LAXIV will not let us down and I'm looking forward to another great time! This year our chapter is also looking forward to the Angola Prison Rodeo that many members are attending after the conference.

Reminder that if anyone needs SRC Patches or Pins please contact me and I'll be more than happy to send you some (\$5 each).

Looking forward to seeing y'all there!

Respectfully,
Al Fryer II

SRC Treasurer

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From the International Rep: Bob Awtry

Brothers and Sisters Blue Knights of the Southern Regional Conference,

Since last I reported, several things of mention have or are about to happen in the SRC.

The first news is that our Chairman, Rory Mac Connell, was elected at Chairman of the International Board of Governors, which is compiled of all of the Chapter Presidents in **BK Int.** Congratulations to Rory. This in effect gives him a "seat at the table" and that is good for the SRC.

Rory also gave a report on a new assignment given to him and that was to start and oversee a Blue Knights International Headquarters Association, Inc., which is to primarily raise funds for a new or renewed headquarters for **BK Int.** You will hear more about this, but I encourage each Chapter to participate. The SRC is already raising money through our Conference-wide raffle, which ends at the SRC Meeting in Lafayette in a few months.

At the **International Convention in Harrisburg, PA**, we learned that **BK Int.** Has 18,301 members, 626 Chapters, with a net increase of 1537 members and 14 new Chapters. That is good news for our Club. Keep up the good work.

As your **International Rep**, I reported that we are working hard to assist Blue Knights with a variety of things and that we have assisted in re-activating three Chapters, which had not renewed for some time. We are also working with LEOs in Puerto Rico, to re-establish a Chapter there.

The Fall/2016 SRC meeting is in Lafayette, LA, on Sept.29-Oct. 2, hosted by those great guys and gals at LA XIV. It will be fun and there will be good food, so I hope to see all of you there.

The last news, which is really the best news for Georgia and the SRC is that the 2018 International Convention was awarded to GA XVI and will be held July 15-20, 2018 at Stone Mountain, GA (and yes that is **outside** of Atlanta). Make plans now! There will be much more to come soon.

Please continue to support our Chapters, their rides and members. Please contribute to the Special Fund (\$25/Chapter/year) as it is a worthy thing.

The Summer is upon on, Ride With Pride, but do so well hydrated and safely. Please call on me if I can assist you or your Chapter in any way

Bob Awtry, President, GA XVIII

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Knights of the Round Table

BKFL XXXI, Blackwater Chapter will be hosting the KORT Event this year from Navarre Beach Florida the last weekend in October 27th thru 30th. We are negotiating with Hotels now so those that wish to come early a special event rate will be \$69 a night for Queen & King Rooms Suites \$89 a Host Hotel and over flow Hotel will hopefully be directly across Hwy 98. The contract won't be finalized till next Friday as we are trying to get over flow hotel in line for block out dates. We have Host Hotel with this lower rate can come in on 26th and stay thru 31st. Host Hotel event reservation will block date is the is good if made by Oct 14th. I am not putting out hotel info to take reservation because we have not been able to get with manager till next week. Those that are here early enough to go on rides and sight seeing and go to Bike Night at Pensacola Fl. They are adjusting their schedule to accommodate us. There will be a ride on Friday thru rural parts of North Santa Rosa Couture and along our beach front. Saturday competition will be on the beach Gulfside to determine e who is the best Knight and which Club takes home the title.

I apologize for late notice but have been hard at this. We only have 8 hotels in entire county and only 3 in Navarre. Out of that only 4 will block rooms. This area stays busy with Snow Birds. If anyone has any question they can coach me at this address iceburg6@yahoo.com or my VP at rgcastle@aol.com. My cell is [8505541884](tel:8505541884). I will have hotel and registration info in the coming weeks. We will have a banquet on October 29th and Award Presentation. We are working on a Hospitality room and we are looking to set up a chartered Fishing Trip.

Registration fee will be to cover event shirt and Banquet meal.

Bill Brandenburg

LA VIII: Lake Charles

Recently LA VIII was requested by a local citizen to surprise a young man with Spina Bifida for his 10th birthday. LA VIII along with the local HOG Group had a police escorted ride to his home where both groups presented him with numerous gifts.

Top Row L-R – Marty Martindale, David Chambers, & Diehl

Bottom Row L-R – President, Gary Lemons, Dash Barrett, Pat Dix, & Andy Clackum



AL II: Mobile/ Baldwin Counties

On May 22, 2016, Alabama II competed in a Crawfish Cook-Off to benefit the American Cancer Society at the Fairhope Brewery. For the past 5-6 years, Alabama II has held a crawfish boil at various locations for its members and friends. The last several years it has been held at the Fairhope Brewery. Upon approaching management at the Fairhope Brewery for this year's boil, it was learned that the date was already reserved for the American Cancer Society's Crawfish Cook-Off, which has used the brewery for several years. Brewery Management urged Alabama II to put together a team and cook as part of the cook-off.

On May 22, members of Alabama II arrived at the Fairhope Brewery and met 7 other teams that would be competing. Dividing 1,000 pounds of crawfish and setting up the pots. Alabama II got to the cooking and met all the deadlines, having its crawfish ready for the opening at 2pm. As patrons went through and tasted and filled up bowls for crawfish, Alabama II could smell success. Within 75 minutes, Alabama II's crawfish coolers were empty and patrons continued to come back for more. The next most popular team didn't run out for another half an hour. By 4:30pm, there were still a couple teams that had a few crawfish. Selection of the winning team was by the people attending, who each were given a ticket and were instructed to deposit it into a jar of the team with the best crawfish. After counting the votes Alabama II was declared the winner. According to the American Cancer Society, over 300 people attended.

Doug Lamplugh
AL II



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Motorcyclists Hit the Road for Special Olympics

(Greenwood, SC, 22 May 2016)— On April 9th bikers raised money to help Special Olympics Athletes. The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, SC VII hosted the event which started at BiLo and ended at Carolina Tavern. This event had over 50 riders from the surrounding area.

Meredith “Moose” Duncan, ride coordinator of the SC VII Blue Knights, stated, “This was our seventh event and even though the weather wasn’t the best, we still managed to raise \$7,200 for the athletes.” 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 BiLo in Coronaca, and had stops at RUMORS, who generously donated \$1000, The Whitten Center, The Palms of Newberry, Las Cascades in Ninety Six and making the final stop at Carolina Tavern in Greenwood. 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 \$100. The Greenwood Motorcycle Club also lent a hand in volunteering and raising sponsorship money for the event.

Later, Shelby Benson, Director of Area 5, was given a check for \$7,200 to help with operating expenses throughout the year. Over the last six years, the Blue Knights have raised over \$40,000 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 SCVII Present Shelby Benson a check for \$7200 for 2016 SOA Poker Run

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Blue Knights SC VII give Special Olympics athletes a check for \$7200

2010/12/30



GA XVIII: Troup County

A DAY IN THE SUN

Staff , LaGrange Daily News

This weekend hundreds of folks both local and around the state, came out to Callaway Middle School for "Alyssa Shirey Day" to show support to the sweet little girl who is battling a brain tumor.

The day began with a motorcycle and Jeep benefit ride starting at the Elks Lodge on South Davis Road in LaGrange.

Local Blue Knights, GA XVIII were joined by motorcycle clubs and Jeep aficionados from across the state banded together for a ride benefiting the family of the local cancer victim.

Alyssa herself led the ride in a Jeep driven by Chief Deputy Jon Whitney of the Troup County Sheriff's Office, which took a tour through the Mountville area before heading to the school. Officials from the Sheriff's Office, including Sheriff James Woodruff, escorted the riders blocking of intersections to allow the caravan to continue as a group.

Upon her arrival, Alyssa was greeted with a hero's welcome at the school where tons of fun events were held, each to benefit the Shirey family.

There were games, a bounce castle, vendors, a small classic car show, as well as auctions, both live and silent, each of which the proceeds went to benefit Alyssa.

Sgt. Ken Little, a member of the Troup County Sheriff's Department and local member of Blue Knights GA XVIII advises that all money raised from this event will be given directly to the family of Alyssa Shirey to support her during this very difficult time.

