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The Chairman: Rory Mac Connell

Greetings SRC members

I hope this finds you all doing well. As we move into summer heat please remember to hydrate and do your safety checks prior to getting the scooter out on the road.

We once again held the SRC Spring meeting in Mobile Alabama, I want to thank Alabama II and President Doug Lamplugh for the work and hospitality shown to all that attended.

We have had the next 2 fall meetings scheduled since Charleston's meeting, but we did not have a spring 2020.

So LA II has graciously stepped up, again, to host in the "BIG EASY" next March. The next 3 meeting locations are set and all the information will be out and posted to www.bksrc.org.

On the SRC elections, we had nominations for the SRC officers, the election will be in person and in ballot format. ONE ballot per chapter in attendance during the Presidents meeting at the Fall SRC in Pine MTN GA.

The candidates are for Chairman Bruce Verrette Louisiana, and Jim Trachta Florida.

For Vice Chairman Mike Shockley Georgia, and JT Wright South Carolina.

All other offices are unopposed, Secretary will cast one vote for those positions.

Bob Awtrey IR, Al Fryer Treasurer, and Justin Hartley Secretary, all unopposed.

We have appointed 2 SRC Safety officers an EAST Sal Anicito FL X deputysal@att.net and a WEST Norman Miller MS XII nwmiller169@gmail.com , and both attended the SRC meeting and met with the International Safety officer "Tink" who came in from Texas for his first SRC.

I want to commend Bob Awtrey our SRC International Representative for chairing the ballot committee and getting the international ballot system finally done to specifications the membership needed, and demanded. He also was directly responsible for the "scrubbed" list which was kicked back addresses by the Post Office. We had about 3 % in the US and that is a great number, he handled the SRC bad addresses and made the corrections with the help of the State Reps. That is in no small part due to the new electronic renewal system, and the Presidents of the Chapter are responsible to get those addresses right. This had to be done as it will also correct the Sword and Shield bad mailings. This will be instrumental to the electronic voting, once approved in the law change in Maine, also handled by Bob Awtrey, we will need all the emails to be correct next year. So Presidents start now make sure you emails are correct for your members.

By now most of the membership should have a ballot, at least the USA and SRC members. I hope that you ALL return the ballot as required in the instructions, and make your vote count. I hope you support me for the International Vice President position, but if not at least get it turned in to be counted. I know Bob and me, as well as many candidates are hoping for 10,000 returns, and I think many will get the vote out. The largest return I know of, I helped to count was over 7,000, the first year it was taken out of Bangor and brought to the International Convention in Hot Springs AK. The deadline to get the ballot returned is August 1st so please get it returned, any questions contact Bob Awtrey directly.

We had International officers, and many of the candidates for Intl office attend and address the Presidents meeting, as well as being available during the weekend. Thank you to them for attending.

As usual Intl President DJ Alvarez attended, he has made almost all the SRC meetings since his election to the International board, and as he is not running, this term, it was his last official SRC meeting as the current President. Thank you DJ for making so many SRC weekends over the years, hope to see you back as Past President.

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Chairman: continued

The SRC map is continually updated by Terry our webmaster, please insure your Chapter is located in the proximity correctly on the map as well as a working contact connection when you click on your chapter. It can be an email or FB page, not just a web site. This will assist everyone looking in an area to reach out to your Chapter off the map. The same please refer anyone looking for a chapter to the www.bksrc.org page and "SRC Chapters" map also scroll down to the bottom of the home page and the map is there.

Thank you to all those that have made contributions to the SRC disaster fund and the Intl Special fund. Please if your chapter can make a donation, the International Board of Governors special fund, it is asked for a \$ 25 donation per chapter, per year.

We have opened a separate account to handle any donations and disbursements to aid after major natural disasters within the Blue Knights family. It has been proposed by the SRC Board that we ask for \$100 per year per Chapter. Those that contribute at least \$100 January thru December, will be entered into a drawing that will have 1 winner to cover the dues of the Chapter for that years International dues from the fund. We need to have at least 10 Chapters per year to contribute to do the raffle.

This will most likely be my last SRC report as your Chairman. I want take this moment to thank you all again for allowing me (the Yankee) to represent this GREAT CONFERENCE, the BEST in the Blue Knights.

I was raised in the SRC as a Blue Knight, and have loved learning the "southern" way, though I still have that Yankee way about me time to time. I have done everything I could for this conference to make it grow and be represented across the organization to the best of my abilities, again thank you all for supporting me these last 6 years.

Roy Mac Connell

Blue Knights® ILEMC

Chairman, Southern Regional Conference

RIDE SAFE, RIDE HARD, RIDE OFTEN and always

"Ride With Pride"





Vice-Chairman

Hello Knights,

I would like to take a moment to welcome our newest Florida State Representative Brother Albert Riccio, Vice President of FL III. Albert was highly recommended by the President of Florida IX, Jim Trachta and was voted in shortly after by your SRC Executive Board.

In addition, your SRC Executive Board has appointed two new Safety Officers, Sal Anicito, Blue Knights Florida-X and Norman Miller, Mississippi-XII. Both individuals have many years of motorcycle/safety experience.

On another note, I have decided not to run for any position within the SRC. This decision was not easy since my love for this organization is very strong. Due to un-foreseen personal reasons, I realized that I would not be able to continue to give my full attention to the responsibilities of being on the SRC Board and felt it proper to step down at this time.

With the upcoming elections for the SRC Board, I am sure whoever is voted into the Chairman and Vice Chairman position will do a great job. Good Luck to all the candidates.

I will continue to serve as your Vice Chairman for the remainder of my term and as always am available anytime to discuss issues your chapter or your members may have.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next SRC.

Stay Safe,

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"





From The SRC Secretary

I hope this message finds everyone enjoying their riding season thus far. Along with riding I have been doing quite a bit of competitive road running, to include running in the Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run, and spending time with my family. I have been riding a good bit too. The SRC in Mobile was a great opportunity for catch up with old friends and meet new faces. If you don't attend SRCs or other chapter's events you loose out on what the Blue Knights® really mean. If you're not into the politics and other nuisances that go along with the conference level, remember, the chapter level is where most of the enjoyment is to be had in our club.

The next few SRCs are going to be some great ones. These are the type of locations to encourage your members to go to. The experiences in Pine Mountain, GA, New Orleans (Kenner), LA, and north Georgia are some of the better spots in our conference.

If you or your chapter have anything that you would like spread across the conference, send it to me and I will send it out. If you know of a chapter not getting emails from the conference, make sure they get me their email so I can add them to the master list.

And Finally, the SRC Board has decided to do another fundraiser this year for the disaster relief fund. I sent out a Bulletin out a few months back, but I will touch on it again. Chapters donate \$100.00 toward the fund. Come renewal time, every chapter that donates to the fund will have its name placed into a hat and one chapter will be drawn. The chapter that is drawn will be the winner of up to \$500.00 toward their chapter renewals. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, ask me.

I hope everyone has a great time riding with your chapters this year.

Justin Hartley
SRC secretary





From The SRC Treasurer

Blue Knight Brothers & Sister,

We had a great time at the SRC Spring Conference in Mobile, AL! Great job Doug Lamphugh and the Members of ALII! We (FLXXVI) are also glad that we could help with one of their rides that went to the NAS Naval Museum.

We would still like to remind our members that if anyone would like to make a donation to the SRC Disaster Relief Fund, please make your check payable to Al Fryer II/SRC Treasurer. In the comment section of the check note the reason for the donation/contribution, i.e. SRC Disaster Relief Fund or specific disaster i.e. (Puerto Rico I, Hurricane "Harvey", etc.). My address is:

Al FryerII/ SRC Treasurer
5900 Huntington Creek Blvd.
Pensacola, Florida 32526

Our most recent donation was \$1,000.00 to a Member who suffered major flooding in City of Bellevue, IA, who lost everything!

We will continue to Pray for those members that have been affected by recent Hurricanes, Tornadoes and Flooding.

As of this writing, we have received the latest statements from Wells Fargo Bank and all of our books are up to date. If you would like additional information regarding these transactions please contact me.

My family and I will continue to pray for the safety of our Brothers & Sisters who walk the Thin Blue-Line, our Military and First Responders. Lets also remember the Service Men & Women during this Memorial Day Weekend and take a few minutes to Pray for those who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice for our Freedom!

Al Fryer
SRC Treasurer
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The SRC has official SRC Patches and Pins for sale. They are \$4 each.





From the International Rep

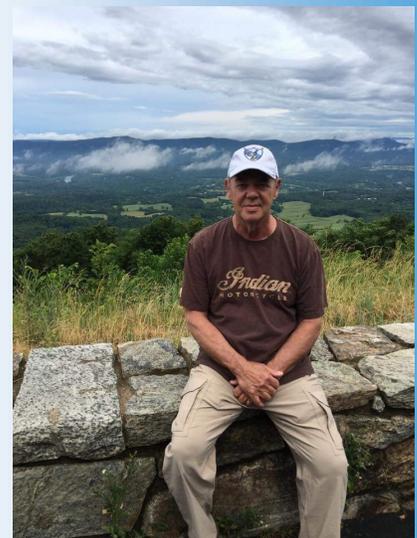
From the SRC Int. Rep.

During the last several months, we have had a lot going on in Blue Knights. Of course, the elections are in full swing and Ballots now have reached Blue Knights all over the world. I encourage you each to do your do-diligence. Vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. **But be sure** that it is returned, sealed in the proper envelope. Envelopes can be mass mailed (recommend fed ex, etc) if the club wants to pay for return postage.

We had a fun time as usual in Mobile. Doug and his members go all out to show us a good time for a modest fee. The riding and food there is great.

Our next SRC meeting will be in Pine Mountain, GA, Oct. 10-13, at the same resort that we had it several years ago. The Flyer is included, but if you have questions, call Bobby Conway or Me. The Callaway cabins are a great choice if you have a group. Please note, that our conference officers will be elected there at the Presidents meeting. So, Presidents, if you are not coming, please authorize in a letter, for one of your members who is coming to cast your chapter's vote.

Ride With Pride, but ride





Safety

Winter is over (at least for some of us) and it's time to start riding again. Just a quick reminder about how dangerous it can be for us as we take back to traveling the highways.

Motorcyclists Are at Great Risk on Our Roadways.

With thousands of deaths each year, motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes and fatalities.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motorcyclists accounted for nearly 14 percent of all traffic fatalities, while motorcycles make up just 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States.

Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 27 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash, and 5 times more likely to be injured.

Motorcycles Are Hard to Spot and Easy to Hit.

Because they are small and have greater maneuverability than cars and trucks, motorcycles can be difficult to see on the roadway, and motorists have difficulty judging their distance and speed.

In 2015, 54 percent of all motorcycles (2,761) involved in fatal crashes collided with another motor vehicle.

Motorists making left turns at intersections are one of the most common causes of motorcycle crashes, due to motorists' difficulty judging the distance and speed of motorcycles.

Blind spots also increase a motorist's risk of overlooking the presence of a motorcycle. Up to 40 percent of a motor vehicle is in a blind spot, and a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a vehicle's blind spot because of its narrow profile.

There is no statistical advantage for motorcyclists wearing high visibility clothing over any other color of clothing.

Driving a Vehicle is Different than Driving a Motorcycle.

A motorcyclist's "braking" is not always obvious to motorists. Motorcycles decelerate faster than vehicles, so motorcyclists will often downshift instead of applying the brake, especially when driving around a curve. This means the brake lights will not be engaged to signal motorists of deceleration or an upcoming stop.





From the Chapters: LA VIII

Sunday May 5, 2019 LA VIII escorted a ride for SSGT. Tim Chambers, "The Saluting Marine". For the last 18 years Tim has stood on Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. and saluted all of the riders of Rolling Thunder, (a process that lasts four hours), without relief. This event was for a fund raiser for Tim to travel to Washington to perform this honor he gives each and every year. On Monday, May 6, 2019 LA VIII again escorted Tim to the SW Louisiana Veteran's Home so he could pay tribute to veterans.

Gary Lemons
President LA VIII





Florida XVIII

Blue Knights Aid Officer Stephen Grogan

During the 2019 Southern Regional Spring Conference Blue Knights once again stepped up to aid a Police Officer in need.

Pensacola Police Officer Stephen Grogan a husband, and father of 2 young boys, was a Marine Combat Veteran (2007-2014) He joined the Pensacola Police Department in 2016. In July of 2017 Officer Grogan was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM), a form of brain cancer, which is currently Grade 4. Currently there is no known cure. Stephen is also the son of Past Vice President FL XXVI Stephen Grogan Sr.

Because he did not retire from the Marine Corps, is not yet vested with the police department, and because the cancer is not job related, Officer Grogan nor his family are eligible for any type of pension or compensation once Stephen is no longer able to work.

In an effort to help support Officer Grogan during his medical treatments, and support his family a variety of fund raisers were conducted at the Spring SRC conference in Mobile AL. FL XXVI (Pensacola) raffled off a liquor basket which raised a total of \$403. The winner of the basket was AL **Riccio FL III**. AL then put the basket back up for auction, and raised another \$150, from **David Stone OK I**, which AL then donated to Officer Grogan.

During the banquet AL II President Doug Lamplugh, and B.O.G. Chairman, Rory MacConnell **challenged** the chapters to step up for Officer Grogan, and said that the chapter that donated the most would be awarded a plaque as highest contributor. A few of the chapters contributing were **FL XVIII** \$200, **FL X** \$200, **MS II** \$200, **AL II** \$250 and **OK I** \$100. The winner of the challenge was Randy Hoagland **GA XVI** with a donation of \$300. **LA II** stepped up and matched GA XVIII with a donation of \$300 also. Apologizes to any chapters that were not mentioned.

In addition to the challenge, a raffle was conducted for BOG Rory MacConnell's rubber chicken which raised an additional \$100.

On top of all of this the hat was passed around the room. At the conclusion of the night the total, including the liquor basket was \$2769, with other chapters saying that they would be sending checks.

At this writing 3 additional checks have been received from **LA VIII** for \$250, **LA XV** for \$250, and **FL IX** for \$200. Finally, the winner of FL XXVI April Chapter meeting 50/50, Lee Gilwreath, donated his winnings \$42 to Grogan, and brought the current total to \$3511. All will be presented to Stephen Grogan & Family at our May Chapter meeting.



FL XVIII: continued

To say I'm Proud and overwhelmed at the generosity of our Blue Knight Chapters, and individuals goes without saying. Brothers and Sisters, you are what makes me so proud to be a member of this organization. So, on behalf of FL XXVI, and the grateful Grogan family Thank You Blue Knights!





BIKERS AGAINST CANCER

6th Annual
**Cullman County
Bosom Buddies Foundation
Charity Motorcycle Ride**

JUNE 15, 2019

Rain date is June 22, 2019

Cullman Regional Medical Center
Professional Office Building #2
1912 AL Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058
(located on the back side of the hospital)

\$25 Rider \ \$10 Passenger
Registration and breakfast will be in the
Colonel Cullman room inside POB2

Onsite Registration 7:30am - 9:00am
(Riders' meeting at 9:00am; KSU at 9:30am)

Police & Blue Knights AL VIII
Escorted Ride

Breakfast sandwiches donated by Chick-fil-A of
Cullman, & Jack's Hamburgers on AL Hwy 157.
Coffee will also be available. Water and a snack
included at rest stop. Lunch provided upon return
to CRMC, in the Colonel Cullman room. Door prize
tickets will be available, as well as 50/50 tickets.

For more information contact
Mary Dyer at (256) 339-0911
Judy Grissom at (256) 347-5993 or
Louise Cole at (256) 708-5301

We will be riding a scenic route
to Guntersville State Park and
return to Cullman Regional
Medical Center. The ride will be
law enforcement escorted by the
Cullman county Sheriff's Office





Knights on the Island - 2019
Sunday September 15th – Tuesday September 17th, 2019
A Multi-Chapter / Multi-State / Multi-Conference Event



Holiday Inn Resort

1000 Beachview Dr North
Jekyll Island, GA 31527
912-635-2211

September 15-17, 2019

Standard Guestroom - \$119.00
Deluxe Guestroom - \$129.00
Suite - \$199.00

Group Code: **BKI**

Reservations can be made ON-LINE at
www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/reservation

Reservations should be made directly (best) to the
resort at 912-635-2211.

Reservations should mention the group
code for a reduced rate.

Non-refundable deposit is required. A single
night can be refunded. The
deposit is also good 3 days
after the event.
Taxes and fees will be

Reservations must be received by the
August 16, 2019.

Meet fellow Blue Knights on the Georgia Coast at Jekyll Island and the Golden Isles for two days of riding, relaxation and comradery. Last year's event was a success despite bad weather, and those who attended wish to return. This year (2019) we are going in September when the weather is typically at its best.

There is no meeting and no registration fee! This is just a gathering of fellow Blue Knights, family and friends. Bring the ladies! The entire Island is a Georgia State Park having one access road and offering a safe, secure environment. For more information on Jekyll Island visit their website at www.jekyllisland.com.

Activities include: A hospitality event at the fire pits on Sunday and Monday night courtesy of the organizers. A dinner ride to a location yet to be determined. Great sights, shopping, recreation and food on the Island.

A room block has been arranged at the newly renovated Holiday Inn Jekyll Island Resort. The hotel is on the beach and has numerous amenities including a restaurant, bar, beach access, a pool, fire pits and access to a fantastic oceanside pedestrian walkway. There is ample paved parking for bikes and trailers.

Consider this an open invitation to ALL Blue Knights, family and friends.

Organized by Jim Trachta and Mike Shockley. For more information contact us or visit the Georgia Chapters website at www.BlueKnightsGa.org.

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