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## The Chairman: Jim Trachta

Greeting All,

Things are going very well in the SRC these days. The Board is focusing on communication between chapters. We are looking for chapters to reach out to each other to support rides and events. Chapters who never even knew about each other are now riding together.

Presidents, Please send me your ride and event flyers for the SRC UPDATE, together we will make the SRC "second to none".

We have made two new Georgia State Reps and a SRC Chaplain, We are focused in assisting all chapters in anyway we can without interfering with their operations. Any questions on chapter business, rides or events please reach out to any Board Member.

Our Spring SRC in New Orleans is fast approaching. Please if you haven't made plans yet think about it. This time it will be hosted by Louisiana II, March 12 to March 15, 2020. This is a great time to meet and hang out with fellow Blue Knights and build the Brotherhood.

We have started our "SRC BAND AID FUND" to assist members with medical bills from motorcycle accidents. The fund is being supported by donations and selling raffle tickets. To buy tickets or to make a straight donation, please reach out to me directly via email or phone.

I thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the SRC in New Orleans.

Be Safe and RWP,

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## Vice-Chairman : Mike Shockley

Greetings fellow Blue Knights of the SRC,

Our Spring SRC is coming up in March and I look forward to seeing everyone at the event. With less than 50 days until Spring (March 21) and 36 days until Day Light Savings Time (March 8), here in the Southeast we can all begin to ride more comfortably in warmer temperatures and more daylight. There will be a lot of Blue Knights rides and events to choose from in the SRC. I hope everyone will continue to report their rides and events to Chairman Jim Trachta for the monthly SRC Update.

The annual dues renewal process is coming to an end and I am happy to say there have been considerably less problems reported as a we finish our second year of the electronic renewal process. To the best of my knowledge, most all of the SRC chapters have renewed and we have been, and continue to be, working with the chapters that need assistance. It will be interesting to see the final numbers once the International Office has entered all the data. It is my goal that at the end of my 2-year term as your Vice-Chairman we show an increase in SRC membership.

I want to emphasize our two upcoming main SRC events for 2020. The Spring SRC event in Kenner, LA (New Orleans) March 12-15, 2020 hosted by LA II. The host hotel is the Crown Plaza New Orleans-Airport. If you have not already done so, please get your registrations in and your rooms booked as soon as possible. And, our Fall SRC event in Helen, GA September 24-27, 2020 at Unicoi State Park and Lodge hosted by GA XI. Registration and lodging details for Helen will be available very soon.

Ride safe and ride with pride!

Mike Shockley  
SRC Vice-Chairman  
President, GA XI





## From The SRC Secretary: Justin Hartley

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To those of you who make New Years Resolutions, how many have kept to them so far? The weather here in northern Alabama has been bi-polar. One day its 70, the next its 35. I was able to organize a north Alabama New Years Day ride where a large group of us were able to enjoy a good meal together.

I have every SRC Bulletin from 2019, and a few others from previous years. If you ever have a question about what a bulletin was, let me know and I will send it to you. I also have up-to-date SRC By-laws if you need them. I do my best to make sure every chapter gets them as they're updated, but old email address prevent that from happening. I will not put that stuff on Facebook or other social media.

I'm ready to get to New Orleans in March. I never have a bad time when I make it to Louisiana.

Justin Hartley,  
SRC Secretary





## Secretary: Al Fryer

Hello to all of our Fellow Blue Knights!

Unfortunately, I had to cancel my reservation this year with the 2020 SRC Conference in New Orleans, LA due to a good friend of mine who is getting married and I'm going to be his Best Man! I asked his future wife if she could change the date and she didn't think that was too funny! I know LA II Chapter will do an amazing job with the conference as they have in the past and I'm truly going to miss it and the Fellowship!

As of this report all of our accounts are up to date! I will be submitting my Treasures Report to the conference along with the totals for the Checking, Money Market, Disaster Relief Fund and SRC Bandaid fund Accounts. As I have stated in the past if anyone ever has any questions regarding any of these accounts please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I have records of all transactions that deal with the SRC Account.

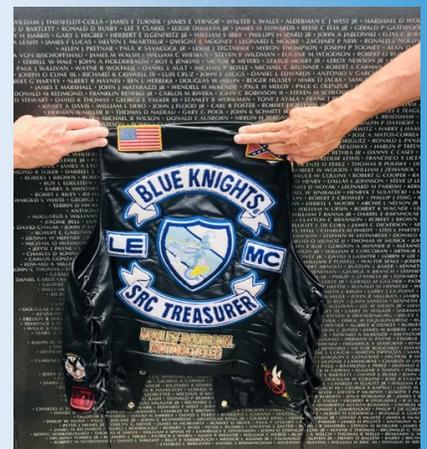
A reminder for chapters to file you 990N and Non-Profit Corporation Status.

As most of our Members are aware, Ed Gallant was recently hospitalized when he fell. Although Ed has been showing some signs of improvement Ed & Maggie still need prayers for speedy recovery. We also have other members and families who are also going through tough times battling medical issues so please keep them in your Thought's & Prayer's also!

My wife and I will continue to Pray for our Brothers and Sisters who protect us every day along with our Military and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders!

Al Fryer II

SRC Treasurer





**From International Rep: Bob Awtrey**

## **The Historic Board of Governors Election**

On **May 20, 2020**, the Presidents of each Chapter in our great organization, will be able to participate in an historic and first of it's kind, election for officer selection of the Blue Knights International Board of Governors.

This election is special in many ways for our Club. It is the culmination of nearly two years of planning and working. This includes everything from changing two International Bylaws, one BOG Bylaw and getting a change in the State Law of Maine. The Election Procedures Committee is compiled of members from all over the world and has worked tirelessly and steadily to bring us to this point in time.

We have contracted with Election Trust Inc. This is the same company that helped us complete the last International Election, which many say was the fairest and most valid election in several years. The International Board of Directors has voted to pay for this election, in preparation for the 2021 International Elections for the BOD.

### **The Procedure**

- On **April 30, 2020**, the email addresses of all of the Presidents of the Chapters in good standing (dues paid, renewals properly submitted) will be collected and transmitted to the company securely. On **May 20, 2020**, a secure email will be sent to the address of the President of each Chapter. This email will be self-explanatory and require a further security step that the President must perform before he/she will be able to cast his/her vote. The voting period is from May 20 until midnight, June 18, 2020. The company will do two email blasts during the 30-day voting period to remind each President to cast his/her vote and this will present an opportunity to double check the email address of each President. During the time of the election, a help desk will be maintained during working

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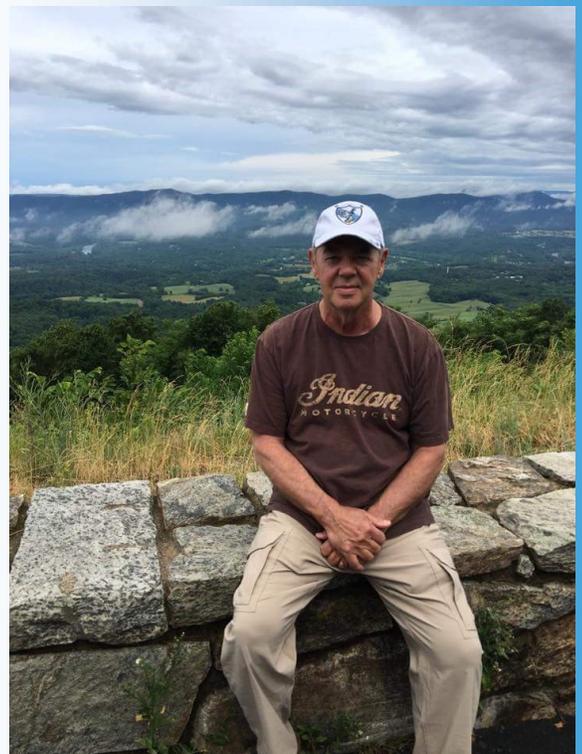


## From International Rep: Bob Awtrey

hours and assistance will be offered to any President who has difficulty in casting his ballot. Additional information will be available through the International Representatives of each Conference. During the time of the election, a help desk will be maintained during working hours and assistance will be offered to any President who has difficulty in casting his ballot. Additional information will be available through the International Representatives of each Conference.

- On **June 19, 2020**, the company will tally the results and report to the Chairman of the Election Procedures Committee, and the final results be then reported to the BOG in Ireland for the announcement of the results at their meeting on June 22, 2020 at the International Convention.

**REMINDER - if you do not have an email address listed on your Chapter roster information next year, you will not get a ballot in the 2021 International Election.**





## From FL XVIII

For the second year in a row Blue Knights FL XXVI chose Epps Christian Center for our Community Thanksgiving Project. The Epps Center, run by Reverend Sylvia Tisdale, distributes Thanksgiving meals for the Council on Aging, and to people in need in the community at no cost.

On 23 November 2019 twelve members from our chapter gathered with other volunteers at the Epps Christian Center to prepare, serve, and deliver over 500 meals. Included in those meals was over \$500 of food supplies donated by our chapter.

Thanks to all the chapter members who contributed to making our Thanksgiving project another successful event.





## From North Alabama

On New Years Day, several chapters from North Alabama were able to get together for what has become a tradition. We met in Albertville, Alabama at Catfish Cabin and had lunch. This is the 5th year of the ride, every year we see the regulars and always have members make their first appearance. This year we had Alabama III, VII, VIII, XV and XVI represented. While we don't get a chance to do this as often as most of us would like, we always enjoy the opportunity to get together and have a good meal among friends.





## From Florida XVI

Members of Florida Chapter XVI visited the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida in Fort Myers, where they presented a \$2000.00 check and thousands of pull-tabs to support the Charities' Mission to provide a Home-Away-From-Home for families of seriously ill children undergoing medical treatment. The pull-tabs are pure aluminum and can be sold as scrap to a local dealer to raise additional monies. Additionally, an anonymous donor graciously matched the Chapter's funds for a total donation of \$4,000.00. To date, Florida Chapter XVI has donated hundreds of pounds of pull tabs and \$8500.00 to the Charity. Special thanks to visiting Blue Knight Brother Karl Grill who donated \$100.00 on behalf of Virginia Chapter II.

