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Chairman—Mike Shockley



Greetings

I hope this message finds everyone well and enjoying the cooler Fall temperatures. As of the end of September slightly more than half the Chapters had cast a vote in the SRC election. I believe this is a positive indication that overall, we will have a good representation of chapters voting by the time the ballot closes on October 19th. For those chapters that have not voted, please do so. Contrary to what a few naysayers believe and spew on social media, the SRC is doing well. We are back to pre-pandemic level in the number of chapters (78), and the number of total members is increasing. We are consistent with the growth of other conferences. Best of all we are adapting to change in a post-pandemic world and harsh economic environment. In what seems to be a trend in post-pandemic times is chapters are less inclined to step up to host an SRC conference. Substantial price increases and less availability in the hospitality industry (lodging and food) is a likely culprit impacting chapter willingness to host events. The SRC Board will advise and assist any chapter wishing to make a bid to host a conference. If I am fortunate

enough to remain your chairman in the next term, I am looking forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions to move the SRC forward. As always, let's ride together with pride and put brotherhood before politics.

Mike Shockley SRC Chairman msshockley@gmail.com





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Vice Chairman—Randy Hoagland



As you know I am running for the SRC Vice Chairmans Position, and as I have said before I would appreciate your support and vote for me. I have seen a lot of things happening in our conference and I want to work on some of those things to better enhance our conference.

I have talked to Presidents and members and some things that has been brought to our attention are some of my goals as well as the Boards to work on. After talking to members and Presidents, one of the big things is communications. We as the Board, work for you. I want to be able to reach out to the Presidents and personally talk to each one of you and give you the opportunity to let me know what problems, questions, or suggestions you might have. I will have an open line communication to you all so that you can call, write, or text me and I will bring it to the board so that you will be heard.

Next is Retention and Recruitment. I want to work with the State Reps as well as the Chapter Presidents on ideas and suggestions on how to build our membership back up, not only for the conference, but your chapters as well. I will be looking at ways to help with membership from Regular all the way to Honorary. I want to submit to the Board the possibility of putting together a committee to talk with the Presidents and get some ideas from the more successful chapters all the way down to chapters struggling to keep membership up. Then put all this together and get information out to chapters for recruitment and retention.

Next, I am looking at a proposal to submit for building our Band-Aid fund up so that when we need to be able to help our members in emergency situations, we have the funds to help them. These are just a few of the things I will be working on for you and your chapters.

I feel these are just some of the issues that we are facing right now in the SRC. This is also an issue throughout Blue Knights International. We as Conference Boards need to reach out to other conferences and communicate with them as well. We need to build throughout the organization. Remember: "A table cannot support its guests with just one leg. All four legs must be there to make it a solid platform for us to all come together to break bread."

Randy "PAPA SMURF" Hoagland

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Secretary — Justin Hartley



I have met many great friends since joining the Blue Knights in 2010. I have taken my family to many rides and events in that time as well. I have missed birthdays as well as sporting events to fulfill my duties for the club. I often wonder if it was the right decision. I see lots of negativity concerning the Blue Knights on Facebook coming from members. It saddens me to think I have given up my family for an organization to do this to itself. I have remained a Blue Knight because I believe in what the organization has done, and has yet to do for so many Law Enforcement Officers. All of this back and forth nonsense needs to stop. If you want to know why young members join and quit shortly there after, look at the crap being put out there. All of the old men complaining at SRCs makes it hard

for me to encourage young members to keep coming back. There is so much more we could be doing to work on the problems everyone is talking about, but not a lot of action is taking place.

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I still enjoy talking to everyone at SRCs and helping others out when I can. I hope I have earned your trust and your vote in the up coming election.

Justin Hartley





Safety Officer — Norman Miller



Five Essential Pieces of Riding Gear

There is a huge amount of gear on the market, some of which is no-brainer essential, some is only applicable in certain riding conditions, and some is extravagant and arguably not needed at all. The great thing is, what you choose to wear when you are riding is entirely up to you, except for a helmet which is pretty much law in most parts of the world, and no one will criticize you for wearing too much: if that's what makes you feel safe, then go for it. For those who aren't too sure, here are some tips on what you really should have.

1. Helmet: Even if you live somewhere where helmet laws don't exist, why would you not want to protect the most important part of your body? It doesn't matter how short the journey; a helmet is literally the difference between life and death. There are now helmets for every manner and type of riding: road, off-road, modern, retro, sports, cruiser: open face, full-face, and modular. Also, many helmet designs now come in varying shell sizes, so it is virtually impossible to find a helmet that won't fit perfectly. Some paint designs are gaudy, others restrained, and the only consideration is, 'can I afford it?'. Luckily, there is a helmet that will meet safety standards for every budget.

2. Jacket: Two roles here: protection from the elements, impact, and abrasion, and comfort; the more comfortable you are, the better your concentration will be. Nothing is worse when riding your bike than being either too hot or too cold (or too wet!) Luckily, modern jackets often have one or two zip-out layers, a thermal and a waterproof, to make them versatile, so you don't need to spend hundreds of dollars on more than one jacket. Leather has largely been superseded by textiles, for the better, and many have built-in armor on the back, shoulders, and elbows, as well as multiple pockets and flaps for ventilation. Leather is still the best for abrasion resistance, but jackets made from leather are relatively inflexible in terms of the weather conditions they can adapt to.

3. Gloves: Again, it is tempting in hot weather to forego wearing gloves, but it could be argued that, after your head, your hands are the most useful piece of your anatomy and to damage them beyond repair is to handicap you for the rest of your life. As with jackets, gloves come in many different styles to suit the type of riding you will be doing, or the climate in which you are riding. Leather and textiles are equally popular, and the best will have hard plastic pucks at the likely abrasion points, such as the knuckles or



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right glove for the occasion can make all the difference to your riding day.

4. Armored Jeans: If most of your riding is in the urban environment, and you are in and out of work, shops, bars, or restaurants, then you don't always want to look as if you've just jumped off a motorcycle. Apparel manufacturers have caught onto this, and now you have a wide choice of denim jeans which have sewn-in abrasion resistant panels in the areas most likely to be affected when sliding down the road: backside, hips, and knees. Because outwardly they look like normal, everyday jeans, they are acceptable to wear anywhere. They are also great to wear while touring as they are so much more comfortable and cooler to wear if you want to get off the bike and walk around.

5. Boots: Almost every comment above is also relevant when talking about boots: style, impact, and abrasion resistance, weather resistant, and so on. If you can keep your extremities warm when riding in cold weather, your core will remain that much warmer, helping resist fatigue, and aiding concentration. Again, the market has fragmented enormously, so you can tailor your purchase to the exact type of riding you will be doing. In the same way as riding jeans, there are many smart-looking riding boots that can easily be worn in a social setting while still offering the necessary protection in the event of an accident.



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Hello fellow Blue Knights. I hope this finds you all well. The summer months are coming to a close, the leaves will be falling from the trees soon and the cold winter months will be arriving in the North Georgia Mountains.

Chapter GA XXII has had a great summer taking rides through the North Georgia Mountains and enjoying the beauty we are Blessed to live in. Our monthly meetings are on the third Friday at the Blairsville restaurant where we have a back room to ourselves and enjoy a great breakfast. We have great attendance at our meetings as our Chapter continues to thrive. In July some of our members participated in a ride to the Hiawassee Dam. We stopped at the Dam to take a break and to take in its beauty. While there, we took time to do some much needed training in an empty parking lot, on parking the motorcycles in a nice straight line by filing in one by one next to each other. Six repetitive drills and we got it down pretty well. It takes a little practice but it really looks professional when done right. Take some time to conduct Safety training drills, you'll be a better rider for it!

GA XXII is proud of member Keith Moniz who rode in the Wilbur Berry Annual Memorial Ride in Statesboro Ga. Sgt. Berry was killed in the line of duty May 19, 2001 and each year he is honored with a Memorial Ride. Thank You to Keith for representing our Chapter. Another Chapter lunch ride was to The Cove Fish Camp in Morganton Ga.. On Sept 15th, GA XXII Honorary Member Tom Orchanian participated in the Trail of Tears Ride. Thank You Tom for representing our Chapter. Sept 23rd we will be doing a lunch ride to Wildcat BBQ in Suches Ga. where we will meet up with members from GA XI and GA XVI. We always enjoy the camaraderie with Blue Knights from other Chapters.

Our Chapter President Eddie Henderson, his wife Candy, Ga XXII member Don Powell and his wife Cathy got together and took what you might say was "A nice Little Ride". They left Blairsville Georgia on a day in July and 39 days, 21 States and 9,178 miles later they returned to Blairsville. Wow, what a ride! A Cross Country motorcycle trip was on Eddie's bucket list and he did it! Thank the good Lord for keeping them safe. Some of the stops were Sturgis S.D., The Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Bear Tooth Pass, Glacier National Park, Custer State Park and many more.

Kudos to the four of them!

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BLUE KNIGHTS SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENC

BAND-AID FUND



The Band-Aid Fund Needs Donations!

Donations should be mailed to:

SRC Treasurer Al Fryer 5900 Huntington Creek Blvd Pensacola, FL 32526



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Ernie Morgan-Alabama VII



At its height Alabama VII had between 40-45 members in 2016. That included several who were Charter members of the chapter as well as four Honorary members. However, several factors contributed to a decreasing membership including the untimely deaths of four members who transferred to Heaven One in a short period of time. Other members sold their bikes or left the Chapter for various reasons. Around 2020 Chapter elections were held and some new Directors were selected for leadership positions. Membership had dwindled to around 19-20 members at this time and a renewed emphasis was placed on recruiting new members as well as reaching out to former members to encourage them to return. We reached out to Blue Knights International as well as to the SRC to request recruiting pamphlets and posters. All Directors became actively involved in recruiting. We visited local law enforcement agencies to place our Blue Knights posters and pamphlets not only in the Huntsville, Alabama area but also reached out to smaller departments in the area as well as across the nearby state line of Tennessee and this was very successful. We also updated our Facebook presence as well as developed a new website for the Chapter. Both of these efforts paid immediate benefits as we had 2-3 prospective members reach out to us about joining Alabama VII. When speaking to prospective new members we stressed that while we are a Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club we are also a family oriented club where family members are not only welcome but they are encouraged to attend rides and other Chapter activities. We also actively recruited former members which has resulted in three rejoining the Chapter and becoming very active. We changed our monthly meetings to a bi-monthly format which seems to have also resulted in better attendance. One of the last things said at each meeting is that each member is encouraged to be active recruiters for the chapter and that anyone can schedule and lead a ride. All of this has resulted in our membership growing from around 19-20 members to the 36 members that we now have. So we have grown by 17 members while only losing 1-member last year who sold his motorcycle and moved out of state. We are also expecting to gain one more member with a transfer from an Oklahoma chapter in the next few weeks. Our recruiting is a constant within the chapter as I've had more than a couple of members tell me that they are working to get a new member signed up. So for Alabama VII recruiting is an everyday thing involving every member of the Chapter.

Ride With Pride Alabama VII.

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Jonathan Richards—LA III



A group of Blue Knights and their spouses from BK LA III enjoyed a trip to the NC, TN, GA mountains September 19th - September 24th. The group enjoyed rides including the Tail of the Dragon and many others in the area. Attached please find photos of the trip for your use in the SRC Herald Newsletter.

Ride Safe,

Jonathan Richards BK LA III Secretary



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Florida I



Members of FL1 had a great ride to Whitey's Fish Camp on Saturday September 16, 2023. This was the first ride opportunity since the Florida temperature loosened its hold on 90 degree weather.

L to Rt. Bill and Nancy Bowen, Don and Donna Suereth (President and First Lady of Florida Chapter I), Ride Captain Bob Daniels and Dan Boothby







Florida XXXIII 911 memorial wall escort, in Ocala Fl



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RE-ELECT BOBAWTREY SRC INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



As your SRC International Representative and a member of the International Board of Directors, I have always used my guidance and vote, as I thought the SRC would benefit from it. I feel that in my 15 years of being part of the SRC and living in the SRC, I do understand the wants and needs of all its members, not just the few who are loudest, when they talk.

Having said all of that, I wish to ask for your vote to allow me to continue to be your SRC International Representative for the next two years. There are chapters to be chartered and work to be done and I would like to complete what we have started. All that I have done for the SRC was for the SRC members, not for myself, but for each of you that contacted me and asked for help or guidance.

Major Accomplishments:

*As your SRC International Representative, we have started 8 new chapters, which is more than any other conference in North America.

*As your International Elections Chairman, we have handled two International Elections and were able to get the State of Maine to allow us to start voting by email, which had never been done. We had to get the law changed to accomplish this and we did, saving our Club \$25,000 during the last election.

BACKGROUND

- * 15 Years in the SRC:
- * SRC International Representative
- * Chapter President
- * Ride Captain & Safety Officer



When I joined Blue Knights, 15 years ago, I joined the Southern Regional Conference. I have put over 250,000 miles on Harley Davidson and Indian Motorcycles. While traveling from coast to coast, from Maine to Montana, we have made many new friends in Blue Knights. We rode, fished, and ate together and always had a great time. We talked about our motorcycles, rides that we had made and rides we were planning to make in the future. There was never any negativity or back biting of any member. In the last few years, that has become common, and we must put an end to it if we are going to save our great Club.

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Larry Bubba Dunn

for Vice Chairman SRC

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Hello to all my Brother and Sister Blue Knights

I am Larry (Bubba) Dunn and I'm running for the position of Vice Chairman Southern Regional Conference (SRC). I ask for your vote to be the next Vice Chairman of the SRC. I will work with the SRC board and all members within the SRC and continue to work with Blue Knights International.

Qualifications:

- Current President FLBK XXXII Space Coast
- Member of Blue Knights since April 2004
- Founding member of NC XVIII and FL XXXII
- Former member of FL XII
- Held positions of Vice President and President for over 16 years
- Chaired the Fall SRC Presidents meeting 2022 in Titusville, FL
- Attended the SRC events in Pine Mountain, GA; Helen, GA; Alabama Presidents' Meeting, and more
- Former US ARMY Green Beret, Vietnam Veteran
- Retired Chief Warrant Officer, United States Coast Guard, 30 Years of service, including 28 years of arrest authority as provided under Title 14 USC § 703, 19 USC § 1401, and 19 USC § 1589a. Title 14 USC § 522 gives law enforcement powers to all Coast Guard commissioned offers, warrant officers, and petty officers
- Owner and/or founder of several businesses including Bubba's Carolina Jerky, Won N Dunn Tack and Awards, and Dunn's Coffee Shop (4 locations)



With over twenty-eight years of law enforcement arrest authority along with twenty years of business ownership experience I have the knowledge to understand building relationships with suppliers, customers, staff, media, and government entities. Even more important is that I possess the knowledge and experience of turning those relationships into partnerships to benefit not only our organization but the community and our charitable efforts.



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Endorsed by Founding Father and First Intl' President Sir Chuck Shuman

RIDE WITH PRIDE

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Blue Knight for 23 years Current Vice President of Florida XVI Past President NYVII Past Director NYVII

The SRC needs someone who will listen and vote the way the majority of the chapter Presidents want them to. Not the way International or anyone else wants me to.

The Presidents and members come first.

I'm a 9/11 disabled responder. While others ran from the fight, myself and so many others ran towards it.

You can reach me by phone or email at:

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Bruce Verrette for SRC Chairman

I joined the Blue Knights in November 2002 with the Louisiana II chapter. In 2005 I became the chapter President for 4 years. In May of 2009 I chartered a new chapter in the city of Gretna Louisiana, Louisiana XII, which is just across the river from New Orleans, and I am still the Chapter President. I was elected your Southern Regional Conference Vice Chairman in 2011 and was the Vice Chairman until 2014 when I voluntarily stepped down from due to medical issues. I am back 100 %. I retired from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in 2017 after 27 years of service. I am still with the Sheriff's office in a reserve capacity. In the Fall of 2022, I successfully submitted a proposal to have our SRC elections handled electronically. I want to be your chairman of the SRC to ensure that we continue to follow all the bylaws and be transparent in any dealings within the conference, and to get back to the basics of motorcycle riding and camaraderie. I feel that with my past experience as Vice Chairman on the SRC Board I am more than gualified to handle the duties of the Chairman and promise to do the members of the SRC proud. I also pledge to step down as chapter President in order to devote my time to be an effective Chairman of the SRC. I will do my best to keep politics out of the Conference and try to unite us like we once were. Remember, you the Presidents control the Board, and the Board is there to serve you, not the other way around. Please vote for me in the Fall 2023 Electronic Election. I can be reached by phone at 504-382-0128 or by email at iwilcuffu@aol.com.

Ride with Pride

Bruce Verrette



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I am Michael S. (Mike) Shockley. I am a life-long resident of the state of Georgia and live about 75 miles northeast of Atlanta near Athens, the home of the University of Georgia. I am a former Major with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department. I attended the University of Georgía, and I am a graduate of the 201st Session of the FBI National Academy. I am retired with a total of 34 years in law enforcement. I am a former Detective and past president of the Georgia Auto Theft Intelligence Council. As well, I am a long-time member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). I served the last 12 years of my career on my department's Executive Leadership Team and was Commander of the Information Management Division.

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Prior to my law enforcement career, I worked at a motorcycle dealership for approximately seven years, the last three holding the position of Service Manager. I renewed my interest in motorcycling in 2002. Since that time, I have ridden in all but two states in the continental United States, as well as in Canada.

I joined the Blue Knights while seeking a connection between the two things that are a substantial part of my life, law enforcement and motorcycling. I served as Secretary, Vice President and President of my Chapter, GA XI. My chapter had the honor of hosting the 2022 Fall SRC in Helen, GA. In 2016 I became a Georgia State Rep, and in 2019 I became SRC Vice-Chairman. In February of 2023, in an unexpected turn of events, I became SRC Chairman.

As your SRC Chairman I desire to have an open line of communication with chapter Presidents and members. I believe in the STOP, START, CONTINUE retrospective as a useful framework for requesting and delivering feedback. We can reflect on where the SRC has been, where we are currently at, and where we want to go. Hopefully, my leadership model will move us past "the way we have always done it" doctrine.

I will utilize my knowledge and experience from my information technology background to enhance our communication processes. I will improve communications, utilizing all forms of digital communication, including but not limited to social media, our website, and email. I am currently serving as SRC webmaster. I hope to develop an accurate email contact list at the MEMBERS level. As SRC Chairman I will work closely with the SRC

leadership team, Presidents, and members to conduct SRC business in a fair, simple and cost-effective manner. I hope to bring more transparency and fairness to many of our processes. I intend to seek and allow more input from the chapters on proposals and other issues. I plan to create polls and surveys in which real results can be shared with the membership.

At our events and meetings, I hope to foster more tranquility and positive accomplishments. I vow to shield the membership from political agendas and from negativity associated with past resolved issues. I would like to adopt the doctrine of "less politics and more riding".

I support having a strong state representative system. believe that visiting and learning from as many Blue Knights events, Chapters and Conferences as possible is vital to be a good Conference leader. I am 100 % retired, thus I have the time and energy to devote to the Blue Knights and the SRC.





SHOCKL SRC CHAIRMAN

EXPERIENCE

SRC Chairman - February 2023 - Present SRC Vice - Chairman - 2019 - February 2023 President Blue Knights GA XI Former Chapter Secretary and Vice President Former Blue Knights Georgia State Rep Graduate of the FBI National Academy. Former Police Major and Division Commander Extensive Information Technology Background Host of the 2022 Fall SRC in Helen, GA.

VISION

Adopt the Start, Stop, Continue Principle Improved Communications Develop Members Level Email List Improve and Enhance the SRC Website More Input from Chapters Create Polls & Surveys Record and Publish Meetings Less Politics & More Riding

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SRC VICE CHAIRMAN

EXPERIENCE

Appointed Vice-Chairman to complete Mike Shockley's Term Member of Blue Knights since Nov '07 with GA XVI Assisted in getting this chapter chartered Founding Secretary for this chapter Became Chapter President in '09 until '11 Vice President until '12 Re-elected President in '12 to present day SRC Board appointed in '19 as N. Georgia State Rep Certified in Law Enforcement for over 43 years

Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office April '09 - Jan '23

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2018, our chapter hosted the International Convention in Stone Mtn. GA with over 870 members from 9 different countries. I still hear from members all over how it was the best International Convention ever held.

A NEW LEADERSHIP

GOALS

Work side-by-side with the board to help grow the SRC Create a conference that members can enjoy and be proud of Work with chapters and members to grow the conference Work closely with State Reps and Chapter Presidents Work with B.O.G. and B.O.D.

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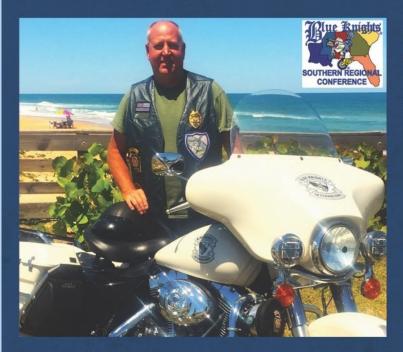
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ELECT JIM BORZA S R C S E C R E T A R Y



MY NAME IS JIM BORZA, A MEMBER OF FL30 AND I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN CONTINUING TO SERVE YOU AS YOUR SECRETARY. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW MY TRAVELS THROUGH LIFE, LET ME HAVE THE PLEASURE OF GIVING YOU A BRIEF HISTORY OF MYSELF.

6 YEARS AS INTERNATIONAL SECETARY 3 YEARS AS THE BOG SECRETARY 30 YEARS SERVICE AWARD UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN PENNSYLVANIA STATE TROOPER, RETIRING AT THE RANK OF TROOPER FIRST CLASS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA SERVED AS CHIEF DEPUTY SHERRIFF FOR ELK COUNTY UNDER OUR ELECTED SHERIFF

MY DEDICATION TO THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION SINCE 1992 SHOWS BY THE 25 International conventions I have attended which includes Austria.

AS SRC SECRETARY I PROMISE TO DELIVER MY FOLLOWING DUTIES to record, publish, and distribute copies of the minutes of Src meetings in a timely manner. To assist the Src chairman in the establishment of agendas for all Src meetings to be accessible to the members for questions, or assitance

I HUMBLY ASK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT TO BE YOUR SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE SECRETARY



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Fall 2023 SRC



For more information : <u>https://www.bkmsii.com/event-details/</u>

