

THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2023



Life is ten percent what happens to you, and ninety percent how you respond to it. Charles Swindoll

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE

Christmas Party

December 9, 2023

Featured in
this edition



Poker Chip drawing was held. Ken Smith's name was drawn. Since Ken was present he won the \$5. (Donated back to club)

By being present at the monthly Blue Knight Chapter meeting you become eligible for the drawing. If you are present, you win the amount in the pot. If you are not present \$5 is added to the pot. Currently the amount is \$5.



THE BLUE KNIGHTS



The Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., is an International fraternal organization comprised of law enforcement officers and their families who are also motorcycle enthusiasts.

Headquartered in Bangor, Maine, the Blue Knights® operates under an international constitution and bylaws within an organizational structure of an international board of directors and eleven regional conferences, each conference including a number of local chapters. The Blue Knights® promotes safe and responsible motorcycling and sponsors fund raising in support of numerous charities.

The inception of the Blue Knights® came in April 1974 when a Bangor Maine, police officer had the idea of forming a motorcycle club for people in law enforcement. Since then, the club has grown to become the foremost and largest international law enforcement motorcycle club. Today, there are over twenty thousand Blue Knights® worldwide in six hundred in six hundred chapters in the twenty-nine countries and one commonwealth.



OUR CHAPTER IN SAN DIEGO

CALIFORNIA VI



Chapter California VI was formed in 1987 by a group of seventeen San Diego area law enforcement officers, some retired and some on active duty. We have been chartered since January 1988, making us one of the oldest currently existing Blue Knights® chapters in California. Our members are full-time, part-time and retired law enforcement officers from local, county, state and federal levels.

We are presently one of the largest chapters in the Southwest Conference, with over 40 members on our rolls. Chapter California VI members strive to promote a positive image both of law enforcement and motorcycling. We are active in community service projects, and each year we donate to local charities.

Chapter meetings are held at 0900 on the second Saturday of the month at the Broken Yolk Restaurant, 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, CA. (Unless that is a holiday weekend) After the breakfast and one hour meeting, we go for a ride.

Persons interested in becoming a member may contact Vice President Ray Juanengo by email at: BlueKnightsCAVI.VP@gmail.com



CALIFORNIA VI OFFICERS AND STAFF



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Ken Smith

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Marcus Sanchez

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Mike Manen

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Arturo Romero

GREETER

Tina Lopotosky

PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights®



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Smith President

Greetings my fellow Blue Knights!



Well, we did it, we made it through another successful year for our Chapter! How were we successful? Well, we started off with our Christmas party at Embassy Suites which was a huge success, and swore in the current board, including yours truly. I am still humbled and hold your trust and well-being most dear to me.

We added new members and held onto our current roster. We had a great showing at the Winter Gathering in Arizona. Beautiful weather and riding, and unmatched camaraderie was had by all who attended.

We launched our Newsletter which you are reading RIGHT NOW, thanks to the stalwart and expert leadership and editing by none other than Richard Bennett. His monthly offerings have caught the attention of the Southwest Conference (SWC) and International. THIS is how a newsletter is done!

Next, we had our SWC in Las Vegas. We had a great number of members from our Chapter attend this year. We also have our very own Alan Wheeler who took home the coveted Blue Knight of the Year for the SWC!!

We had two members step up for extra duties, Mike Wagner as our new secretary, and Mike Manen as our new Safety Officer.

The coup de gras this year has to be our first annual Grant V Frey Memorial Ride. So many members and their spouses stepped up to help, and even though the weather was not superb, we had a great turnout, a great ride, and a GREAT event. Our Chapter even made a little money! A few potential honorary members are now in the works from this event and other outings we have ridden in. If you check our website calendar you can see how many rides our Chapter has advertised and/or ridden in. Quite the task!

Our annual gun raffle had to be tweaked, due to changing California laws possibly making our Chapter liable for gun sales gone awry. Our board worked hard to come up with three great

prize alternatives and ticket sales are underway. We really need a last push to sell the remaining tickets so the Chapter does not lose money, so if you haven't volunteered to sell a book or buy a book, PLEASE DO SO ASAP! Dec 9th is the drawing date.

Our next Christmas Party is coming up so get your ticket orders in soon! We need at least 30 tix in order to keep the Chapter in the black and keep this annual tradition going. It's a really fun night with great raffle prizes and a rousing white elephant gift exchange. Patti and I introduced the party to the Left Right Center game and what a blast! This year should be even more fun!

I was able to finally get our t-shirt order in stock and the hoodie and wick-away riding shirts are underway! The samples were loved by all, and maybe with a little magic we might have them for the Xmas Party. Our Chapter will be looking good when we show up in groups to events in this gear!

Due to a geographic change of our VP, Ray Juanengo stepped up as our new VP and Bill Crow, our Director Emeritus, has agreed to come out of retirement to assume the role of Director once again. We are truly lucky in the Chapter to have the leadership of John Lopotosky, Bill Crow, Richard Bennett, Alan Wheeler and Ray Juanengo (Ray sponsored me into this Chapter btw!). Their guidance, camaraderie and sheer amount of work they do is a testament of the success of this Chapter, and keeping me in line!

Finally, our Lord and Lady Knight of Year nominations are coming in. If you have a last-minute nomination, please let me know ASAP.

For any of you who have been putting in work and helping to keep and make this Chapter what it is, I am sorry if I did not mention you by name. Most of you I know really don't want the accolades and quietly just keep giving. For all of you, I thank you, am eternally grateful, and cannot wait to see what the next year brings.

Stay safe, stay vigilant and RWP!

Ken



VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ray Juanengo, Vice President



Blue Knights CA VI visit to the Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista



After our monthly chapter meeting (11/11/23), which by happenstance was also Veterans Day, a large group of us gathered and rode over to the Veterans Home of California in Chula Vista. The chapter had purchased \$700 worth of gift cards to donate to the resident veterans and we were looking forward to making their day. It's also worth noting that a guest and friend of the club, Mike Brashars and his wife added another \$200 worth of gift cards for the cause. The ride was led by President Ken Smith and the ride sweeper was Director Richard Bennett. We were also joined by Mark Shaffer and Little Chopper the Biker Dog.

Once at the veteran's home, we were greeted by residents eager to see and talk to us about our motorcycles. A short while later we were also met at the veteran's home by riders from the El Cajon HOG Chapter as well as riders from the San Diego Indian dealership. Between the three organizations, we donated over \$2100 in gift cards to the veteran's home.



All in all, we made the day for many of the residents at the veteran's home. They got to peruse motorcycles, visit with Chopper the Biker Dog and recount some good memories with the riders that came out to visit them. It was the kind of day that made you proud to be a Blue Knight.

Ride with Pride Brothers and Sisters!



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Mike Wagner, Secretary



**November 11, 2023
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Chapter President Ken Smith at 0903 Hours

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alex Cross

Moment of Silence for Members of Heaven I
Recognition of Fallen Chapter Members.

Introductions/Guests: Mike Tracy and Victor Grijalva

Blue Knights Pledge

"As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights."

President Ken Smith

1. Has Raffle Tickets for November General Meeting. Miguel Martinez is in charge of the raffle tickets. Club members need to sell more raffle tickets.
2. Xmas Party. Xmas committee needs menu items to get an accurate count of members planning on attending the Xmas party. A sign-up list will be provided.
3. Jerseys/Hoodies. Swatches for the Hoodies and Jerseys. Hoodies, Jerseys and T-Shirt will be displayed at the membership meeting. T-Shirts \$38.00 Hoodies \$78.00 and need 36 orders.

Vice President Alan Wheeler

1. Idea of co-mingling the VP duties and the title while he resides in AZ (plans to return in late May 2024). Will agree with what the board decides. Ray has offered to step-up and assume the VP duties for CAVI while Allen is gone for six months. There were conversations between Ken, Allen and Ray. Per procedures, on November 7, 2023 President Ken Smith sent an email to all members that there are two immediate positions to fill, Vice President and Director. The positions plan to be filled at the General Meeting held this Saturday, November 11, 2023. Per ratification the Vice Presidents position is filled by Ray Juanengo and the Directors position is filled by Bill Crow.

Treasurer Chuck Belletti

Gave report to members.

1. Total gift cards given to Veterans Home: 144 cards worth \$720.00

Secretary Mike Wagner

1. Working on updating our current club roster.
2. Updated club roster sent to all board members.

Past President John Lopotosky -

1. Chapter 2024 renewal status. Currently 18 members have paid their dues. 22 members still need to pay their dues. Dues can be paid by cash, checks or using the square. There would be an extra \$5.00 charged for using the square. Chapter renewals are due by December 9, 2023.

Chapter Directors:

Ray Juanengo

1. Visit to the Veterans Home of California confirmed. The Veterans Home of California is looking forward to our visit.
2. Are any members doing the Toys for Tots ride out of El Cajon/El Patron HD on November 19, 2023?
3. Possibility of adding a new member from Arizona X – moving to Virginia.

Richard Bennett (Newsletter Editor)

1. AMR - Richard wanted to change the name to Travel to Veterans Home.
2. Newsletter Items- We need to do another Spotlight Person article.
3. Update on Christmas Party - Application forms will be put in the November News Letter. Increase in costs include tips and use of banquet room.

Mike Harrison – American Legion Post 460 participating in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade.

1. Dave DeLong (perspective new member) would be riding along to the Veterans Home of California. He is donating 20 gift cards to be given to veterans.

Bill Crow – Happy Veterans Day to all Veterans.

Staff:

Safety Officer– Mike Manen – November 18, 2023 Coronado PD will be hosting a Safety Course “Live to Ride”.

Webmaster – Stephen Roche

1. He wanted to let everyone know in the last 11 months the website has had 4,154 visitors. In the last 30 days the website has had 166 site visitors.

Arturo Romero (Quarter Master) Has patches and T-shirts for sale.

Marcus Sanchez – Ride Coordinator: Be careful and safe.

Michelle Juanengo (Morale/Welfare Coordinator) Need more participants for the Xmas Party. Need at least 30 members and guests.

Jorge Ortiz – SWC International Rep

Good of the order:

1. There was an incident on the USS Midway pertaining to Veterans Day. There should be no homeless veterans in the United States. We need to take care of our Veterans. John Lopotosky mentioned to include the Tampa Bay PD in our prayers. Miguel Martinez still has plenty books of Raffle Tickets.

Poker Chip Drawing: \$5 donated to club by Ken Smith.

50 – 25/25 Winners: Alan Cutsinger \$25.00; Mike Manen \$25.00

Motion to Adjourn by: Bill Crow Seconded by: Ray Juanengo

Meeting Adjourned at: 0947 A.M.

Next Meeting:

1900 Hours – Christmas Party, Embassy Suites, 4550 La Jolla Village Dr. San Diego, California

EDITORS NOTE: Congratulations to Ray Juanengo for becoming our Vice President. Ray was selected after Alan Wheeler stepped down to reside in Arizona.

Alan Wheeler is a 13-year member of our Chapter, and continues to serve as a regular member. Alan and his wife Betsy have generously contributed to our Chapter during his tenure. From creating and leading interesting After-Meeting rides to annually offering their home for the summer “picnic”, Alan and Betsy have been outstanding examples of the Blue Knight family. We are lucky to have them.

This year Alan was selected as Blue Knight of the Year in Chapter VI and at the Southwest Conference. Betsy was chosen as the Lady Knight of the Year for our Chapter, also in 2022. Well deserved recognition to both of them for the years of contributions to the Blue Knights.

Ray Juanengo is a 9-year member of our Chapter. He and his wife Michelle have been active in Chapter events the whole time. Ray has been a Chapter Director, and is also a member of the Vulcan Riders. He frequently contributes to the Knightly News about motorcycle events. Michelle is our Morale and Welfare contact, and has been instrumental in facilitating our Christmas party. We are lucky to have them as well.

On behalf of our Chapter, I offer my heartfelt thanks to Alan, Betsy, Ray and Michelle for their participation and leadership of Blue Knights California VI.



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer



Ride to Live in Coronado



AHHHHH.... southern California, no place like it. You can ride most of the year, go to the beach most of the year and just relax. So, there I was in Coronado minding my own business, lying on the beach, feeling the sun and breeze. Did I mention the sound of the surf? Very relaxing.

That's when my ideal moment went south. What...am I being hassled by the man?!?! Two of Coronado's finest are telling me to not get up and to stay down on the ground. Had I committed some crime against society?

Short answer, no. Just prior to this rude interruption I was actually vertical on my motorcycle participating in the Ride to Live Course put on by the Coronado Police Dept. This course was mainly dealing with slow speed maneuvering through intersections, U turns, and tight circles. They also did braking maneuvers and roadway hazard avoidance. It's a full day of riding with lunch, drinks, and snacks provided, and best of all it's free.

I would recommend this course no matter your level of expertise.

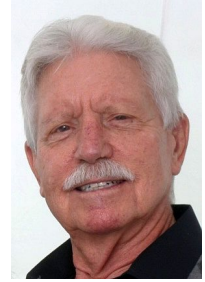
For more information, and to register for the course, go to: <https://www.coronado.ca.us>



Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge.

Noah Webster



Learn to Ride; Ride to Learn

A long-time police sergeant and friend of mine once asked if there was one policeman who I thought was the “best officer” I worked with in my career. Even though I spent 40 years with the Police Department, the answer came easily: Jake Eckles.

Jake grew up in Southeastern San Diego, attending Lincoln High School before joining the San Diego Police Department. He was about two years older than me, and was assigned to the Logan Heights area. In the early 1960’s the southeastern part of San Diego was the most active. Policemen wore helmets, and only southeastern San Diego had two-officer cars.

Jake was the senior officer in our car. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a lovely wife and two happy, healthy children. We lived just a few blocks from each other, so we car-pooled to work. We were partners, and we were friends.

Jake taught me a lot about police work, human nature, and life. We hurried to all our radio calls, hoping to get there in time to make a difference. Jake wore the traditional leather jacket, carried his own long baton and had some lead-lined gloves for when times got serious. He preferred to reason with violent people, but would not hesitate to get physical when all else failed. I never saw Jake lose a fight.

Many times, on the way to jail with a prisoner, Jake would review the man’s troubles. He would look for the causes and try to find ways the man could stay out of trouble in the future. It was common for prisoners to apologize to Jake for what they had done, and promise to stay out of trouble. And they often did.

Jake knew almost everyone on his beat. The people that he helped remembered him, for better or worse. On one occasion we were sent to serve an arrest warrant in Logan Heights. It was a black family that Jake knew, and the subject of the warrant was a giant of a man, about seven feet tall with no extra fat.

We waited until after everyone was asleep, then knocked on the door. The old woman that answered directed us to the suspects’ bedroom. When I saw the size of the man, I wished we had four more of us. Jake spoke to the man, giving him time to wake up, understand the situation, and stay calm. When the man stood up, his head nearly touched the ceiling, and standing there in his boxer shorts I could see he worked at hard labor jobs. Jake kept the man calm, and when I was instructed to handcuff him, he complied. I was surprised that his wrists were so large the handcuffs wouldn’t fit. Jake talked the man into coming to the police car and riding peacefully to the station with no restraints. Along the way, he developed rapport, as was often the case. I learned a lesson in tact and humility from that encounter that served me well the rest of my career.

Later that month we saw the man working as a jail trusty at the Pistol Range. He was pushing a wheelbarrow that looked like it was child-size next to his huge frame. The man saw Jake, called out his name and gave him a friendly wave. Jake talked with him, and when they parted, both men were smiling.

Jake talked to battered women, convincing them to reveal hidden narcotics that would put the batterer in jail (domestic violence was a civil matter back then). He disarmed a teen-age girl who nicked his arm with a steak

knife, then turned her over to her mother instead of taking her to Juvenile Hall. He was tough, and he was compassionate; qualities I tried to emulate.

That summer Jake bought a motorcycle. He had a new Honda 350 Scrambler, the kind with high pipes and dual-purpose tires. He had never ridden a motorcycle before, but enjoyed my tales of dirt bike rides and aspirations of becoming a motorcycle officer. I think he may have wanted to be a “motor cop” someday too. Jake learned to ride by trial and error, practicing on streets around our neighborhood. He used the Honda to commute to work and back.

On his way home from work one summer day, Jake ran off the road and died. Witnesses say he had some oil cans tied to the passenger seat, and he was trying to secure them while riding down the road. He was turned around on the seat, not watching where he was going. Federal Boulevard curved to the left, and Jake went straight. At 45 miles per hour, Jake flew through the air and landed on his face in a streambed filled with large rocks. He died at the scene. Jake was 25 years old.

California had no Motorcycle Safety Foundation schools in the 1960’s. New riders learned by trial and error. Motorcycles were often rented to Sailors, who went weaving down busy streets in downtown San Diego while looking at everything but traffic. Helmets were optional, and collisions were frequent.

I transferred to Traffic Division shortly after Jake’s death, working a variety of assignments before becoming a motorcycle officer. Later, when I was offered the opportunity to work with the San Diego County Safety Council teaching fundamental riding skills to Boy Scout Explorers, I eagerly accepted; it gave me the chance to teach riding skills to new riders.

Today, motorcycle rider training courses are available nation-wide. Motorcycles are also more sophisticated, with improved safety features.

So, what does this have to do with lessons from Jake? Only this: Jake may still be alive if he had an MSF course available when he bought his motorcycle. Competent instruction and safe practicing areas are needed for motorcyclists to learn, survive and enjoy the sport. As motorcycle riders today, we have many more opportunities for safely enjoying our sport, including Experienced Rider and Advanced Skills training.

And this: Jake had a talent for police work and a love of life. He could have taught his skills to many more rookies if he had survived.

And finally, we never know when a “Jake” in our lives may suddenly be gone forever; Appreciate those around you.

These are no longer the 1960.s. Take advantage of training opportunities, and improve your skills!

Ride safely, my friends!



Experienced Rider Course, Motorcycle Safety Foundation



Jake Eckles

Blue Knights, California VI

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Embassy Suites, 4550 La Jolla Village Dr., San Diego



**Same great location as last year!
Easy access by Interstates 5 and 805
Convenient indoor parking
Overnight accommodations on site
Breakfast included in hotel rate
Chapter will underwrite part of dinner cost**

**This is the premier annual event for our Chapter
Wrap up the year with friends
Enjoy the holiday season; dress in your finest attire**

**December membership meeting included
Gift exchange with White Elephant fun
Adult beverages on site
Group photo for great memories**

**Submit your reservations and payment now!
Less than one month away!**



2023 Blue Knights CA VI Christmas Party **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Embassy Suites
4550 La Jolla Village Dr, San Diego, CA 92122
5 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Meals and Gift Exchange Info

This year's meal will be Buffet style.

Gift Exchange

Gift Exchange procedures for Members & guests who wish to participate in this traditional event.

- Bring a wrapped gift in the \$25 range.
- Please no "gag" gifts.
- Be sure the gift is clearly **marked** for a "male" or "female". (Unisex gifts should be marked the same sex as the giver.)
- Present your gift at the sign-in table.
- Print your name on a card (provided).



Reservation Form

Blue Knights, California VI

2023 Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites

4550 La Jolla Village Dr, San Diego, CA

The event will be held in the **Indulge East Room**. Attire is "Holiday Festive" but no weapons or "colors." A short business meeting will be conducted, and we will be announcing the awards for the 2023 Chapter CA VI Blue Knight and Lord/Lady Knight of the Year.

The Christmas Party will include a voluntary gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a "male" or "female" gift to exchange. The suggested gift price is around \$25. **Please, no gag gifts.** (See the included page for gift exchange procedures.)

Parking fees and gratuity are included in the meal price. CA VI is underwriting a portion of the cost for our Blue Knight members

Members are free to book rooms, and can negotiate individually for better rates (AAA, AARP, govt, or other group rates)

Meals this year will be Buffet style.

Blue Knight member: _____	\$ 60	\$ _____
Name of Guest: _____	\$ 60	\$ _____
Additional Guests: _____	@\$85 each	\$ _____
	Total amount:	\$ _____

Make your check to: Blue Knights California VI

Mail your check and this reservation form to:

Blue Knights CA VI
c/o Michelle Juanengo 32822
Forgcroft Street Menifee,
California 92584

Deadline for payment is November 18, 2023. Late reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Blue Knights® Chapter VI Renewal Form Membership Year 2024

The deadline for the Chapter to submit the 2024 dues to International Headquarters is December 31, 2023. Members with a change of jobs, retirement, and membership status changes are required to provide a new application along with this form. Dues are \$25.00 (International) plus \$20.00 (Chapter) for a total of **\$45.00***. Please complete the following information and submit with your check payable to Blue Knights Chapter California VI no later than **December 09, 2023**. Dues received after this date will be accessed a \$5.00 late fee.

If you want to pay via SQUARE, there will be a \$5.00 service charge for a total of \$50.00.

PLEASE PRINT: Changes? Yes or No (circle)

Name: _____ DOB (MM/DD) _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Spouse: _____ DOB (MM/DD) _____
(First Name)

Wedding Anniversary Date (MM/DD): _____

Membership Status: (Regular _____ Associate _____ Honorary _____)

Home Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Are you an AMA member? (Y or N) if yes, what is your AMA # _____

Blue Knights Silver Tier Member? Yes No (circle)

*Make checks payable to: **Blue Knights CA VI** Check No: _____

Cash Payment \$ _____
(If you choose to make an electronic payment contact Chapter President)

May be returned at chapter meeting, via email scan, or mailed to:

Blue Knights CA VI
C/O John Lopotosky
22744 Gierson Ave
Wildomar, CA 92595

blueknightscavi@gmail.com

Nomination CA VI Blue Knight of the Year

Blue Knight of the Year is a member in good standing, has a high participation level in the Chapter and supports its activities. Demonstrating a positive image of the Blue Knights and the motorcycling community. Works at all times to improve relationships between law enforcement community and general public. Maintains fraternal spirit relating to other Blue Knights.

To: President, California VI

Today's date _____

From: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Give examples of:

High participation level in the Chapter

Supports activities

Demonstrates positive image of Blue Knights and motorcycling community

Improves relationships between Law Enforcement and general public

Maintains fraternal spirit relating to other Blue Knights

(Use additional pages, if necessary)

Nomination
CA VI Lord / Lady Blue Knight of the Year

Lord / Lady Knight of the Year given to **spouse or significant other** of a Blue Knight. Has **high participation level in the Chapter, supports activities, supports law enforcement community. Demonstrates a positive image of the Blue Knights, works to improve relationship between motorcycling law enforcement community and public, guided by fraternal spirit relating to Blue Knights.**

To: President, California VI

Today's date _____

From: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Give examples of:

Relationship to Blue Knight member

High participation level in the Chapter

Supports law enforcement community

Demonstrates positive image of the Blue Knights

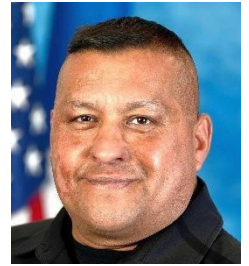
Improves relationship between motorcycling law enforcement community and public

Fraternal spirit relating to Blue Knights

(Use additional pages if necessary)



FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BK CA VI MEMBERS



ARTURO ROMERO



\$45



\$10



\$45



\$10



\$10



\$10



\$5



\$10



\$10

The above items are immediately available from the Quarter Master. Contact Arturo at the monthly meetings or by email.

Submit your Blue Knight articles to the Knightly News

The Knightly News is published monthly by Blue Knights California VI. All members are encouraged to submit articles. Articles deemed appropriate include but are not limited to: articles regarding motorcycle-oriented stories, personal travel, police functions or informational / technical topics.

As a reminder, any submissions of re-printed articles must clearly give credit to the original author. Copyrighted material must have permission of the author to be eligible. This can be remedied by writing up an outline of the article and by referencing the original author.

Articles that are deemed inappropriate for publication include and are not limited to: articles regarding controversial, personal choices, religious positions or advocacy for questionable action. Questions about material that does not fall clearly within the guidelines will be brought to the attention of the Chapter President by the Editor, for a decision of appropriateness. If necessary, the Board may review the article and make a decision to publish or not to publish.

Submit articles to Editor: electrotalk2610@outlook.com

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

SUNDAY WEEK AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



BK News You Can Use

The Town Crier
by Martin Cuesta SWC
Chairman



Greetings Blue Knights,

I would like to start off by saying Happy Birthday to all Marines and to the United States Marine Corps.

To all Veterans, Thank you for your service.

I wanted to let you know the SWC website (<https://bk-swc.org/>) is up and running, so check it out when you get a chance. Also if you have not yet sent in an image of your challenge coin to be used for the link to your chapters website or facebook page, please do so as soon as possible.

It was great to see so many of you at the SWC conference in Las Vegas and at the Colorado State Rally in Gunnison CO this past June. I am looking forward to seeing all of you this coming year. So while on the website, be sure to check out the Events tab. There you will find upcoming events around the SWC conference.

Coming up next week is the November Knights. Hosted by AZ VI. November 17 - 19, 2023. Holiday Inn Express, 9310 Cabela Drive, Glendale AZ 85303. You can call 623-939-8888 for reservations.

Another event that promises a great time riding and hanging out with fellow Blue Knights is the SWC Winter Gathering scheduled for February 2 - 4, 2024, at the Hampton Inn in Lake Havasu City, AZ. Reservation Link: <https://group.hamptoninn.com/6bd1dk>.

You can also find all the information needed to make plans for next years conference. SWC 2024 Colorado Springs, CO. hosted by CO VI ([Blue Knights Colorado Chapter VI](#)). June 16 - 20, 2024 Sunday through Thursday. Online Registration: [2024 SWC Registration Form](#)

You can also find the link to the **The Blue Knights Worldwide Podcast** hosted by CO I President Mark Beluscak and AZ VI President Chet Parker. Thanks to NM VI President Shaun Benavidez for sponsoring the podcast. [Episode 5 Blue Knights From Around The World](#) is currently being broadcasted. Check it out.

Please feel free to share this message and the links above with your chapter members. On behalf of the SWC Board I want to wish everyone has a happy and safe Veterans day weekend. Be sure to reach out to the SWC board if there is anything that we may be able to assist you with.

Ride With Pride.

Martin Cuesta
SWC Chairman

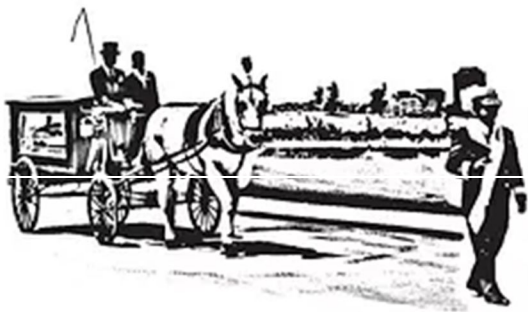
The members of Blue Knights California VI - San Diego, are honored to support the following charities. Donations are encouraged.



<https://thewishesgrantedfoundation.com/>



<https://nextstepservicedogs.org/>



FINAL HONOR
*Horse-Drawn Funeral Carriage
At Miramar National Cemetery*

<https://www.finalhonor.net/>

UPCOMING RIDES



NOVEMBER KNIGHTS
November 16 - 19
2023

BLUE KNIGHTS
ARIZONA VI

** No meeting, No agenda, - Just Brotherhood
** Guided ride with lunch Saturday
** Multiple restaurants, bars and shopping
all walkable from the hotel

THU, NOV 16 - NOV 19
**7th Annual November Knights
Gathering**

Going

10th Annual San Diego Toys for Tots Event
19 November 2023
"It's for the kids"

HOG
El Cajon
Chapter 3203

TOYS FOR TOTS

San Diego
Jeep Club

The El Cajon Harley Owners Group & San Diego Jeep Club
partnering with Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, plus host
and sponsor El Cajon Harley-Davidson, present the
San Diego Annual Toys for Tots Event.

Destination Del Mar Racetrack. Gates open 11:30 AM
<https://www.sandiegotoysfortotsevent.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoToysforTotsEvent/>

El Cajon HOG & Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
present

10th Annual San Diego Toys for Tots Event
19 November 2023

Registration & continental breakfast at El Cajon H-D 621 El Cajon
Blvd, El Cajon, CA 92020 from 8:00 - 10:15 AM.
\$15 and at least one new unwrapped toy per person (take toys to
track). Challenge coin for first 250 paid registrations.
Opportunity drawing & 50/50 ticket sales.
KSU 10:30 AM. Gates open 11:30 AM.
Destination: Del Mar Racetrack, with special access, free parking,
Stretch Run Gate admission with toy donation, use of patio,
opportunity drawing, plus Grandstand seating for horse races,
including Del Mar Toys for Tots Ride.

UPCOMING RIDES

Have a ride or event you would like listed here?
Send your flyer and information to:
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