

THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

(Albert Einstein)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Featured in
this edition



Poker Chip drawing was held. Rick Carlson's name was drawn. Since was not present he did not win the \$5.

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 \$10.



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



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[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



It's pumpkin spice for everyone, lol! Well, hello Blue Knights far and wide and welcome to October. Yes, we are overrun with Pumpkin spice everything here in SoCal, but not to worry, the stores have already put up their Christmas stuff, so that fad goes by the wayside pronto.

Speaking of going by the wayside. Now is not the time to let that happen to your participation in our Chapter. We have so much going on, and so much to look forward to, everyone will get maximum enjoyment! As we get closer to our Christmas party and the Southwest Conference (SWC 2026), it becomes more imperative we get ALL hands on deck.

As for the Christmas Party, please sign up so we know you're coming! We need a good head count. Each year the party gets bigger and better and this year will be no exception. The sign-up list was circulated at the last General Member Meeting, but feel free to let any of us board members know, and we will make sure you get on the list.

The party is Dec 13th so don't go booking any conflicts, keep the date on your calendars OPEN. If we hear the ol' lame excuses like 'oh, it's my neighbor's dog's birthday and we're committed to the party so we can't make it', don't be surprised if our after-meeting ride shows up at your house en masse, to convince you and the dog otherwise. We're just silly enough to do it.

The SWC will also have little fun jobs for everyone in the Chapter, so be ready to jump in and do your part. I've even volunteered my wife Patti for jobs at the SWC without asking first, and she's been to 2 other conferences prior, and is excited to help host this one. Looks like I got away with it this time!

This conference is truly shaping up to be one for the records books, with Blue Knights coming from international leadership, as well as from Europe and beyond. This Chapter is what we make of it, and while we realize life happens, we really do miss having you at meetings and rides where we

derive the most fun and camaraderie. You cannot put a price on that; nor can you underestimate how powerfully important the impact could have in your life. Good memories stay with you always. The SWC takes that concept and amplifies it by 100.

We swore in two new members last Saturday, and I was contacted by a former member who also has put in his application to return. We should be re-swearing him in at the November meeting. Truly great things for our Chapter. We hope to spotlight one or both of the new members in the Newsletter, but barring that, please come to the next meeting and meet them yourself!

The other two mission critical things going on right now are membership renewals and raffle ticket sales. Renewal is easy; get your money in, and be done! The raffle ticket sales are a little more effort.

We still have several books of tix that need selling, and each member of the chapter is tasked with selling at least one book. While raffling guns was far more glamorous, our prizes of cold hard cash, in these expensive times, is also a good selling point. We want all the tickets sold by the end of November. We do not want a repeat issue like last year of counting out ticket returns at the actual Christmas party. That seriously cuts in on the time we need to have fun and celebrate, not work. The ticket sales are what offset the cost of the party, as well as helps us have monies to donate to our charities. If you have not obtained a book of tix, please contact Michelle Juanengo or any board member, and we will get those tickets in your hand asap.

We will hopefully be riding to the Veterans Home in Chula Vista for our November After Meeting Ride. Please be ready to make a little donation for the Vets prior to the ride so we can purchase the \$5 Walmart gift cards they love so much.

Whew! That's a lot! Hope to see many of you at the CAL X ride in two weeks, and more of you at our next meeting. Stay safe, stay vigilant, and as always, Ride With Pride!!!



VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ray Juanengo, Vice President



Gratitude

How many of us take a moment during the day to enjoy our good fortunes? Take for instance our situation, specifically our geographical situation. Notwithstanding the rain which (at the time of this writing) we're forecasted to receive, we as a club are really fortunate to reside in the Southern California area. We can ride twelve months out of the year, and I know many of us actually do.

Beyond that, many of us, including me, find ourselves able to enjoy a life of retirement. It's wonderful, but I know we've earned it (some are still earning it) because the law enforcement profession is truly demanding. It takes a deep toll on your health and family life. If you've retired relatively unscathed, I'm glad for you. Take time to smell the roses. You are truly blessed.

In the end, I guess I'm asking you to reflect and enjoy life. If you're retired, go ride your motorcycle. If you're still working, I hope you get a chance to ride to work every now and then. There's nothing better than ending a long day at work with a motorcycle ride home. We really are truly blessed. Be safe out there and ride with pride!

Ray Juanengo
Vice President
Blue Knights CA VI



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Mike Wagner, Secretary

October 11, 2025
MINUTES



Call to Order: Chapter President Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 0901 hours

Pledge of Allegiance given by Mike Wagner

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

Morning Prayer given by Randy Alldredge

Introductions/Guests: Ken Smith swore in two new Blue Knight members Michael Daly and Brian Duncan. Richard Bennett was presented by Ken Smith his 35-year pin as a Blue Knight member.

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 - Present

1. Picnic Review. Overall, the annual picnic was another great success.
2. Everyone needs to sell all their raffle tickets by December. If a member has not received a book of tickets get with Michelle Juanengo. He informed all members to get their raffle tickets sold.
3. There are two new members.
4. There is a new catering manager at Embassy Suites. Everything is getting set up for the Christmas Party. The dinner will be buffet style.
5. Veterans Day, do we ride on the day or on our own? It was suggested the AMR on November 8, 2025 will be to the Veterans home in Chula Vista.
6. Blue Knight Lord and Lady for the Year for Cal 6 AND submissions for SWC. The monthly newsletter has details for the write-ups. Possibility of providing the Lady of the Year something different than a plaque, like crystal ware or a vase.

Vice President Ray Juanengo - Present

1. He mentioned to everyone about Blue Knights CA X's Annual Poker Run at El Centro, CA on October 25, 2025. It was suggested by Betsy Wheeler all riders would meet at 1 pm at the Chevron Station located on Tavern Road.

Secretary Mike Wagner - Present

1. Need application information for the two new members to add to the club roster.
2. Informed all members to make sure their data is correct on the clubs Blue Knight Roster.

Treasurer Chuck Belletti - Excused (Bill Crow briefed the membership)

Immediate Past President - John Lopotosky - Present

1. Will provide an updated list on Saturday for renewals. 23 members out of 43 members have already paid for their annual renewals.
2. Informed the membership they can order badges. The original price was \$140.00. The price now is \$120.00. Forms will be sent out for anyone interested in acquiring a personal badge.
3. The club will purchase 5 sets of reflective patches \$100.00 each. Quarter Master Alex Cross has two front sets \$18.00 each and felt patches costing \$45.00 each.
4. A Christmas Party Sign-Up Sheet was passed among the members to see who plans on attending the Christmas Party on December 13, 2025.

Chapter Directors:

Director and News Editor Richard Bennett - Present

1. **Quartermaster:** Get him more involved.
2. **Christmas Party:** Need details. Member cost, non-member guest. How to pay. Whom to pay. When to pay. Deadline? Buffet or plated? Meal choices. (Usual meat, fish?). Possibility of making the members fees as affordable as possible. Looking at the cost for members \$50.00 and a non-member \$85.00.
3. **Spotlight Article:** Been awhile since last one. Suggestions for next BK? Any volunteers? BOD members should ask potential BKs and let me know. Looking at getting a new member to provide a spotlight article.
4. **Call for articles:** Several events have occurred since last month. Send me your write-up; I will include in October edition if I get them before Oct. 14th. Lots of photos, please. The sooner the better for submissions.
5. Even though he is listed as a CO-Chairman of the SWC; he stated Mike and Sistiana Bulluso along with Alan and Betsy Wheeler have done an outstanding job in the organization and planning of the SWC for 2026 in San Diego, California. He also informed all members they will be asked to stand up and volunteer to make the 2026 SWC one of the best conferences ever held.
6. Applications for Blue Knight Lord and Lady of the Year for CA VI will be in the monthly newsletter.
7. He mentioned the Blue Knights from CA IV had an outstanding Memorial Fundraiser Benefit Run on September 27, 2025 at Redlands, CA.

Director Mike Harrison - Present

Director Emeritus Bill Crow - Present

Director Arturo Romero - Not Present

Staff:

Quarter Master Alex Cross - Present

1. Displayed all Quarter Master items.

Webmaster - Stephen Roche - Not Present

Ride Coordinator Michael Belluso - Present

1. Michael and Sistiana Belluso hosted a SWC Committee meeting on October 4, 2025. The meeting took place at their residence in Poway.
2. Minutes of the meeting to be put together and sent out to the members. Additionally, there will be Sign-Up Sheets in the future.
3. Will submit an article about the SWC to be published in the Blue Knights International Sword & Shield Magazine. Possibility of having the article in the 1st issue in 2026.
4. So far it is a great start, and everything is moving forward. Betsy Wheeler displayed all her art work made up for the SWC so members could select which logo's to be placed on the front and back of shirts the club will be using and selling for the SWC.
5. Mike Belluso stated he met with the representative for the Handlery Hotel and the space between the two rows of buildings will be ours to use, and will be called "Handcuff Alley".
6. Sistiana Belluso mentioned if anyone has any ideas to make this SWC even better to email her. She mentioned Golf Carts will be used to shuttle riders from the parking areas to the registration area and bartenders will be needed along with other positions to fill. Jorge Ortiz mentioned the club needs to have a registered trademark.
7. After Meeting Ride to Bates Nut Farm. Alex Cross stated there is a \$10.00 parking fee.

Safety Officer Mike Manen - Present

Alan Wheeler - Present

1. He mentioned Betsy and him would be traveling back to Arizona in two weeks.

(Morale Welfare Coordinator) Michelle Juanengo - Present

1. She mentioned she still has 100 raffle tickets left to sell. She would like to see each member turn in their money on November 8, 2025 at the general meeting.

(Greeter/Raffle Sales/Welfare Coordinator) Tina Lopotosky - Present

1. Tina and John mentioned Cynthia Wharton is doing fine after her motorcycle was hit by a car.

SWC International Rep Jorge Ortiz - Present

1. He thanked our new members Michael Daly and Brian Duncan.
2. He also mentioned the Blue Knights have 11 conferences internationally. The 11 conferences are in 34 countries and territories. There are 600 chapters with over 15,000 members. The SWC is the smallest conference.

Poker Chip Drawing: Richard Carlson was not present. Next month's drawing will be for \$10.00

50-25-25 Winners: 1st: Charlie Ruiz \$43.00 2nd Wendy Cross \$43.00

Good of the Order: Betsy Wheeler passed out her art work so members could indicate which logo they would like to see on the front and back of shirts printed for the SWC. Charlie Ruiz mentioned he has not been around for a while; but we are his family, and he is glad to be back with the club.

Motion to Adjourn by: First by: Bill Crow

Seconded by: Alex Cross

Meeting Adjourned at 0958 hours

Next General Meeting: On November 8, 2025 at the Broken Yoke Café located at 1851 Garnet Avenue. The meeting starts at 0900.



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer



Weekend ride to Redlands

Photos provided by participants

On September 26, 2025, a group of folks from CA VI rode up to Redlands to support CA IV with their annual ride on Saturday. As usual on a Friday afternoon traffic was terrible, a two-hour ride turned into four hours and that was with lane splitting.

After settling into the hotel, we went to the local Claim Jumper and had dinner, very nice! While relaxing at the hotel watching the rain, we all lamented that we all had covers for our bikes....at home. Saturday morning you couldn't ask for better riding weather, cool and cloudy.



California 6 members at Redlands



CHP Cadets

The California Highway Patrol and their Explorers provided the Colors for the opening ceremony, very impressive. CA IV gave the Explorers a donation of \$2000; go CA IV!



CA IV President Dave Navarro, CHP and Marta & Jesus Duran

Blue Knights CA IV put on a nice ride as usual, through the local mountains and a great turn out of riders.



Riders take a break at a mountain top street fair



Meal time for CA VI members

After the ride we had a good lunch at the Indian Dealership of Redlands, who help put on this ride every year, so many thanks to them. Can't wait till next year!



Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge

Noah Webster

Timing is everything



On a recent Blue Knight after-meeting ride I watched a rider dealing with signal lights. Once, he braked hard to stop for an amber light that had seconds more before changing to red. On another occasion he ran a red light because he didn't stop in time on the amber light. His experience led me to explain how to deal with signal lights. The short answer is timing the signals.

How traffic signals work: History tells us that electric traffic signals have been with us in America for over 100 years. One hundred years of evolution have produced very sophisticated signal lights using modern traffic controls. What began as a method to control traffic in place of a police officer, signal lights have developed into a way to maximize traffic flow and driver safety.



Some of the earliest traffic signals were semaphores operated by a police officer. Evolution produced the three light signals that we are familiar with today: green, amber and red. The lights were universally adopted in Europe concurrently with the United States, and are still the standard today. Signal lights evolved to operate automatically from an on-site control box, thus replacing human traffic direction.

Early signal controls relied upon a set schedule, changing traffic flow on a set pattern. Traffic sensors came later, altering the signals to accommodate approaching traffic. The pressure-treadle, magnetic loop and motion sensor cameras gave signal lights more efficiency. Much to the consternation of motorcyclists, the pressure-treadle and magnetic loop often did not acknowledge vehicle presence. Frustration led riders to eventually run the red light. Today the sensors are more sensitive, and California law allows for riders to proceed if the sensors don't change the light.

Traffic Engineers use traffic studies to maximize safety and traffic flow. Individual traffic control boxes at intersections can be linked and programed to change at a set speed limit. Computers also enable traffic signals to be pre-programed for traffic rush, weekends and late-night traffic.



Signal light timing can be programed based upon ambient traffic conditions. Red and green lights can favor the roadway with the highest vehicle volume to expedite traffic flow. As conditions change, red and green light timing can re-adjust to roadway usage.

Red and green light timing pertain to how long cross traffic is stopped and how long moving traffic can flow. While this is nice to know, the most important light timing for motorists is the *yellow*. Traffic Engineers call this the "yellow change interval" or "yellow clearance". This yellow interval is the most manipulated of all three lights, and the most easily predictable.

Industry standard for duration of the yellow light is one second of light for every 10 MPH of posted roadway speed. Example: in a 35 mile per hour zone, the yellow light duration will be 3.5 seconds. Since this is a universal *standard*, and not a law, there could be some exceptions. Still, to be consistent, most jurisdictions adhere to the standard.



Small door is PD access

To the riders who are having angst about when to stop (or not) when approaching a yellow signal, I offer this suggestion: Know the speed limit, then count 1000-1, 1000-2, 1000-3, etc. to match the posted speed. That gives you a pretty accurate duration of the yellow light before the red light follows.

Now, you can make an informed decision.



ANNUAL SDCMOA EVENT

Photos and story by Rick Carlson



San Diego County Motor Officers Association 23rd annual "Terry Bennett Memorial "Police Motorcycle Training and Competition October 3-4, 2025

The event this year was a great success. There were 91 riders competing and it was very exciting. There were at least 5 states represented and a team came from Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The competition was fierce and exciting. There were a few spills but no injuries, "thank goodness". Crown Point was a great venue for the event, the weather was beautiful and the surroundings were spectacular.

Jerry Kriebble and his crew work so hard to make this a great event. This year he set the course based on Greek Mythology. The course was laid out with areas called the Medusa and Lightning Bolt to name a couple. They lived up to the name with many twists and turns to negotiate with the speed of lightning. A Harley rider set a very fast time this year competing for the best time including the BMWs.

The Blue Knights were represented by Jack Knish and Rick Carlson. Please feel free to join us next year; you will enjoy the experience. The volunteers are a priority with the staff and we were treated very well. Thanks Jerry Kriebble and crew. They have not set a location for next year's event yet but we will be notified and you can make plans to join us.



I think it would be a great place to set up a booth informing the group about the Blue Knights and it would attract a few members, I am sure. The recipients of the donations this year is a foundation for veterans in need called the San Diego Anglers Foundation.

Richard Carlson, Member



Key Ceremony for Marine Corporal Antonio Ortega

By Mike Wagner, Secretary



On September 27, 2025, Rudy Caron and I attended a Key Ceremony with Home for Our Troops at the home for disabled veteran Corporal Antonio Ortega (USMC) at Valley Center, California. Rudy and I both belong to American Legion Chapter 146 located at Oceanside, California. Rudy is the Sergeant-At-Arms for the chapter.

The key ceremony is where the keys to a new home are given to the veteran and his family so they can move in and start a new life in their new custom adapted home. Brigadier General (USA, Retired) Tom Landwermeyer from HFOT presented an electronic key fob to Corporal Ortega, his wife, Cynthia and daughter Isabella.



Before



After (Flag raising)

The event was coordinated by Madalyn Collins who is Community Engagement Coordinator for Home For Our Troops Organization. According to Madalyn, Homes For Our Troops has completed building custom adapted homes for disabled Veterans in forty-six states. Fifty-three homes have been completed in California. Sixty-two projects are currently underway.



Ortega family with Brig. Gen. Landwermeyer



Madalyn Collins, Ortega family, Brig. Gen. Landwermeyer



Mike, Madalyn, and Rudy Caron



Brigadier Gen. Tom Landwermeyer



BK News You Can Use

The Town Crier

Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines



Dear Blue Knights Members,

On this Constitution Day, we pause to honor the fundamental principles that lead our organization. As proud members of the Blue Knights, it is vital that we stay informed and aligned with the values, responsibilities, and procedures outlined in our **Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines**.

We kindly remind all members to **review these documents today**. They serve not only as a framework for our operations but also as a reflection of our shared commitment to integrity, unity, and service.

Understanding our guidelines ensures:

- ☒ Consistent and fair decision-making
- ☒ Respect for our traditions and mission
- ☒ Empowerment of every member to participate fully and responsibly

A Living Document While our Constitution provides structure and clarity, it is not set in stone. Any member may propose amendments or changes through the appropriate channels. This ensures our organization continues to evolve and reflect the needs and values of its members.

Let us use this day to reaffirm our dedication to the principles that make the Blue Knights a distinguished and honorable organization.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment.

Fraternally,

Martin Cuesta

SWC Chairman

Blue Knights

Ride With Pride

Editors note: The documents have been added to the CA VI Website. Please read and copy them for your reference.



Ya' Feelin' Lucky?

(Did I count five tickets, or six?)

**TAKE YOUR CHANCES, YOU MIGHT
GET LUCKY!**

**NOTICE: CORRECT DRAWING DATE IS
DECEMBER 13, 2025**



BLUE KNIGHTS CA VI			
ONLY 500 TICKETS TO BE SOLD			
\$10.00 DONATION			
	1ST PLACE WINNER	2ND PLACE WINNER	3RD PLACE WINNER
	\$1000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
	CASH	CASH	CASH
			
Drawing will be held Dec. 14, 2024 Winners need not be present			
			Name:
			Phone:

**Tickets are on sale now for our annual fund raiser.
Money from the raffle will support local charities.**

**Only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets sell for \$10 each. There is
no limit to the amount of tickets you can buy.**

**Be generous; Increase your chances, and support our Chapter and local
charities at the same time.**

**Tickets may be purchased from CA VI members, or by contacting the Knightly
News at: electrotalk2610@outlook.com**

Winning tickets will be drawn at the **December 13, 2025 Blue Knight meeting. Winners will be notified
by telephone. 2025 Raffle winners will be listed in the January 2026 edition of the Knightly News.**

Reservation Form

Blue Knights, California VI

2025 Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025

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 2025 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 meal descriptions and 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)

Blue Knight member: _____ \$ 50 \$_____

Name of Guest: _____ \$ 50 \$_____

Additional Guests: _____ @\$85@each\$_____

Total amount: \$_____

Make your check to: Blue Knights California VI

Mail your check and this reservation form to:
Blue Knights c/o Ken Smith
1080 Jessica Lane, Escondido, CA 92027

Payment must be received by December 10, 2025



2025 Blue Knights CA VI Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Embassy Suites

4550 La Jolla Village Dr, San Diego, CA 92122

5 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Meals and Gift Exchange Info

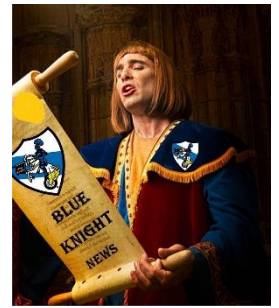
This year's meal will be Buffet style.

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).





Reminders



Membership renewals are due now. Past President Lopotosky is asking to have all members submit by the November meeting.

Annual dues are \$45, which includes International and CA VI amounts. Send your dues to:

BK CA VI c/o John Lopotosky
22744 Gierson Ave.
Wildomar, CA 92595

(Contact John at blueknightscavi@gmail.com for more options)

Nominate a Blue Knight of the Year and a Lord/Lady Blue Knight of the Year.

Nomination forms are included in this edition.

It's easy: Print out the form, fill it out and send it to President Ken Smith. Early action is needed so that appropriate recognition can be made.

Email to: kenstah@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)



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ALEX CROSS



\$45



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\$10

The above items are immediately available from the Quarter Master. Contact Alex 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

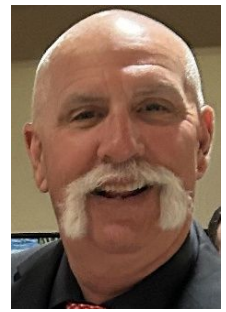
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

FRIDAY WEEK AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



“Worship Corner”

by Randy Alldredge



November; the month to give thanks!

As we all gather this year with our loved ones, family, friends, and club members to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's all pause a moment to reflect on the special things each of us are thankful for. There are so many, and a moment's pause will allow us to identify and recognize the most important things we should give thanks to!

I am thankful for this year, “2025.” It has been an exciting year with many changes in my life. One of my most thankful things about this year is my renewed commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. Although I am probably not the most devoted Christian in the world, God has given me a burning desire to follow His word and become a better Christian and voice for Him (Believe me...it's a work in progress!).

As I embark on this new journey, God has put the desire in my heart to include my Blue Knights' family as a starting point for me to honor Him. For the past year, I have noticed something missing at our meetings and rides. At first, I really didn't recognize what was missing, but I knew in my heart something was.

Several months ago, while preparing for a ride with Michele, as I always do, I said a quick prayer for our safety. It was at that moment I realized what we were missing at our meetings. Because I am not to most devoted Christian around, I struggled with approaching the club with the idea of praying at the meetings and/or before we ride.

Funny thing, God would not let me just blow off this calling. He kept bugging me, usually at 3:00am when I make most of my decisions (A story for another time). Putting doubt aside, I reached out to several club members and received such positive feedback, I knew I was on the right track.

I am excited to include my BK family in this journey. I am thankful for the opportunity to share with you my conviction God has bestowed within me. I am currently attending an online Chaplin's course in hopes of branching out further to touch others. Although this course does not necessarily meet International requirements, it is my first step towards my new commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray my prayers become stronger and stronger as I get closer to God. I pray for us as a club and as individuals. I pray I can be an inspiration to others to follow Him and help lead others to our Lord Jesus Christ. If I reach one person, my journey will be successful!! Someone recently told me, “Even if everyone doesn't believe the way you do, prayers can't hurt, right?”

So, this year, as we all gather to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, I pray all of us remember to celebrate the greatest gift of all — salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Note: If anyone needs special prayer, please email me at ran5150@yahoo.com so I can add you to my prayer list. All prayer requests are confidential.

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