



MESSAGES FROM THE RGC

From the RGC Chairman

Howdy RGC! I hope that this message finds you, your family, and your chapter in the best of health in this riding season. First of all, I would like to thank you all for the continued opportunity to serve as your Chairman. The Conference Board continues to evolve and excel to ensure that our conference remains up-to-date with the organization. Your commitment to your respective chapters, and this conference, truly makes the Blue Knights a great organization to be a part of. So, I thank you for your continued support.



*Anthony "Ninja Turtle"
Cabrera*

It was great seeing everyone at the conference in April. I was afforded the opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends as well as new friends! Though the weather played a part in Galveston, nonetheless, I trust that everyone had a great time. Thank you to Texas 7, and Texas 31, for their hospitality and hard work to host a great conference. For those that still do not know, we have a new chapter in our midst, Texas 47, out of Shiner, Texas!!

Communication is key to ensure the success of our conference. I am happy to report that the corporate email issue has significantly dropped. There are still a few chapters that need to come online but for the most part, we are doing very well in that department. If you are unsure as to how to access the corporate email account or are having issues with passwords, please contact the International Webmaster at webmaster@blueknights.org Remember to include

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EVENTS CALENDAR

2016

July 9 - Memorial Ride to Corpus Christi, TX
Hosted by TX XLII, Brownsville, TX
In Memory of Jose Luis "Deputy Dog" Hernandez. https://twitter.com/blue_xlii

2017

**April 1 or 8 - 3rd Annual Jaime Padron
Mem.Ironbutt Run, San Angelo, TX**
Hosted by TX XXXV, San Angelo, TX
www.blueknights texas35.com

May 11-13 - RGC Conf., San Antonio, TX
Hosted by TX XII, Helotes, TX
www.bktxxii.com

Please submit your Chapter's upcoming events to rgcnews@outlook.com.

your chapter title and number so that the Webmaster knows exactly what to work on. Here is the webpage to access the corporate email account: email.blueknights.org. Your username is your chapter (e.g. tx15@blueknights.org). Please let us know if any other issues arise.

The Conference shooting team continues to represent the organization at various matches across the country. I will be attending the International convention and will be competing at the sanctioned shooting competition there. The team has expanded across five conferences already and continues to grow steadily.

Should you find yourself in South Texas for any reason, feel free to give me a call anytime! I am always available for any concerns you may have. May your leather be soft, your fuel tanks topped off, and your destination be unknown because, in the end, it's not about the destination, it's about the ride!

Ride With Pride!

Honor First!

Anthony Cabrera
RGC Chairman



From the RGC Secretary

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ello fellow Brother and Sister Blue Knights! I would like to start off by saying thank you for allowing me to serve as your RGC Secretary.



Jose A. Torres, "Joker"

My name is Jose "Joker" Torres, but you can call me Joey. I was initially a member of Texas XLII, since 2010, where I served and performed several duties within the chapter. As a member of Texas XLII, I held the offices of Director, Road Captain, Secretary, Vice President and President. I am currently a member of Texas II.

I was born and raised in Brownsville, Texas. Some of you might refer to it as the armpit of Texas. My wife of 16 years and I have 5 wonderful boys.

If you're wondering if we had a television, the answer is yes, but we also had free cable...lol. I was a Brownsville Police Department Explorer when I was in high school, and I was fortunate to be the first Explorer to receive the Post Explorer of the Year award, in 1994. In 1996, I was hired by the Brownsville I.S.D. Police/Security Dept. as a Security Officer. While working there, I was assigned to our Communications Department, Bicycle Division, and Traffic

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Department. In 2004, I was hired by the Department of Homeland Security as a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer. During my tenure, I have served in several extra duties such as: Explorer Advisor, Honor Guard, etc. My wife and I have had the honor and pleasure of meeting and making GREAT friends in the time we have been members. The Blue Knights, to me, is more than just a club, it is a family.

I look forward to serving you all as your RGC Secretary. I am very excited to be a part of our future, and am ready to go forward to make RGC better and larger. I am only a phone call away if I may ever be of assistance to you.

Ride With Pride

Jose A. "Joker" Torres
RGC Secretary



From the RGC Treasurer

What an honor to be addressing you as the new RGC Treasurer. Just to introduce myself, I am the current President of Texas XLVI, Rowlett, TX. Blue Knights Texas XLVI formed in April 2013. We are a very active chapter and we ride every chance we get, and if the weather cooperates. I'm sure that at some point we will be saying we need rain, but for the most part we could use a break in the rain so we can enjoy riding.

Although I ran unopposed for the position of RGC Treasurer, I take the position very seriously and I will work hard to accurately keep and report account information.



Rick Caillet

RGC 2016 has come and gone and we are now looking forward to RGC 2017, in San Antonio next May, hosted by Texas XII, Helotes, Texas. It was great seeing everyone during RGC 2016 in Galveston this year. Our funds look good. Hope to see everyone on the road soon.

Ride with Pride

Rick Caillet
RGC Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS



Gene Nelson	Texas VI	1988
Joe W. Stewart	Texas VI	1988
Ronald J. Douglas	Texas III	1992
Robert V. Bradford	Texas VI	1995
Donald B. Longone	Texas IV	1995
Kirt B. Watkins	Texas VIII	1995
Robert L. Gray	Texas VIII	1996
Chris A. Whittington	Texas VII	1996
Jack R. Beckham	Texas IX	1997
Kenneth Halfhill	Texas IV	1999
Boxce B. Hart	Texas IX	2000
Rick L. Riggs	Arkansas III	2000
Randy Sellars	Arkansas II	2000
Bill W. Sportsman	Texas VIII	2000
Ralph David Lynn, Jr.	Texas VII	2001
Francis A. Meeks	Arkansas VI	2001
David D. Barnett	Texas VII	2002
Denny M. Long	Texas XVII	2002
Dan H. Moser	Texas XXI	2002
David R. Smith	Texas VII	2002
Don Underwood	Texas I	2004
William C. Farrell	Texas I	2005
J. D. Johnson	Texas XVII	2005
James Rainbolt	Arkansas I	2005
Lloyd A. Rogers	Texas I	2005
William L. Shively	Texas XXVI	2005
William Tucker	Texas X	2005
Sandra Lane	Texas XXXI	2006
Billy McKinney	Texas I	2006
Dennis Zborek	Arkansas V	2006
Wayne Black	Arkansas VI	2006
Ben Cash	Texas XIV	2007
Paul Halbet	Texas XXVIII	2007

From the RGC Chaplain

Dear Fellow Knights: It was not until my days at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, in Austin, that I had any real appreciation of history, except that of Texas. Texas held my interest because it was somewhat of a family religion, being seventh generation Texan. During college, I found history text books to be the best sleep aid ever. History put me to sleep, every time. Seminary changed all that. I came to realize that it is important to know history in order to understand who you are and where you are going. That idea re-surfaced while preparing this offering for the RGC Newsletter. The question of what it means to be a "Knight", historically speaking, came to mind.

According to most sources, a Knight was one who was appointed by a noble to fight for the well-being of the realm. The Knights of old were not mere archers, foot-soldiers or standard bearers; they were highly skilled horsemen who were valued in battle as the best of warriors. At the same time, Knights were expected to live the virtues of chivalry: faith, hope, charity, justice, strength, moderation and loyalty. I think that these same virtues are present in what it means to be a Blue Knight. Before you decide that this is too lofty, think about it; highly skilled in battle, valued as the best of warriors, and living out the virtues of chivalry in a modern sense. I do not think that is over-stated. Members of the public, who have a fairly clear picture of what law enforcement does, understand these things.

When we were in Galveston, for RGC, there was a middle-aged couple in an elevator with my wife and me. The lady looked a bit worried and moved toward the corner of the elevator, behind her husband. After all, leather vests, chains, and jeans can only mean motorcycle hoodlums, right? I told them that they would be seeing a large number of us in the motel over the next few days. I do not think they were happy to hear that. Then I said that everyone they would see was in law enforcement. The lady's entire affect changed, she relaxed and told me that she had never felt so safe. The Knights were in town! No need to worry.

It makes me proud to wear the title, "Blue Knight". That lady in Galveston said it well, not so much in words, but by attitude. We still represent the best of those who protect and serve. I think it is important to be reminded that there are those who consider LEO's to be modern day Knights. Isn't it great to be able to have such a brotherhood, those who also love to ride the modern day (steel) warhorse? Celebrate and be proud. That is who you are.

Ride with Pride,

Paul "Chappy" Worley
RGC Chaplain

IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS [CONT.]

Ted Hargis	Texas VII	2007
David Camben	Texas XVI	2007
Feldon (Joe) Cranfill	Texas XXXIII	2008
Ken Sims	Texas XXXI	2008
Jeffrey Wyers	Texas XXXI	2008
Frank Creath	Texas XXXIV	2008
Leroy Rodriguez	Texas XII	2008
Bruce Scott	Texas XI	2008
Raymond Ross	Texas XXXIX	2008
Arthur Guy	Texas XXI	2009
Robert Elliott	Texas XXXI	2009
Diana Bowers	Texas IV	2009
Don Moore	Texas XXXI	2009
Robert E. Murphy	Texas I	2009
James "Red" York	Texas XXVIII	2010
Gary Wayne		
"GW" Wilkins	Texas VII	2010
Bob McQuary	Texas XLIII	2010
James Parmley	Texas XXI	2010
Cloratho Reamy	Texas XXI	2010
Andrew Rameas	Texas XVI	2010
Roger Stout	Texas XVI	2011
Frank Scott	Texas VI	2011
Ken Stewart	Texas XLI	2011
Ken Jackson	Texas XXII	2011
Robert "Bob" Elkin	Texas XIII	2011
Jerry Hineline	Texas XI	2011
Frank Lindsey	Texas XXXIV	2011
Jamie Padron	Texas XXXV	2012
Gordon McGuire	Texas XVI	2012
Les Ferguson	Texas XXXIV	2012
Will Rider	Texas XXXIV	2012
Randy Thiem	Texas XXXIV	2012
Scott "Big Daddy"		
Russell	Texas XII	2013
Jim Judd	Texas XXIII	2013
Dan Spinks	Texas XXVII	2013
Tom Fleming	Arkansas V	2013
Bobby Mooney	Arkansas VI	2013
David Glenn	Texas XVII	2014

From the RGC Newsletter Editor

This is YOUR Newsletter! I'd love to see contributions from each chapter in the RGC, but that's a big ask – with jobs, families, and motorcycles [not necessarily in that order], commitments fill most of our free time. I know there is real talent out there – writers, photographers, poets, and other artists. Do you have a great story that no one outside of your Chapter has heard? You might even embellish, just a bit! [Maybe change a few names... you know why.]

Content depends on you - I am responsible for the layout. Let me know what you think, and any ideas you have for improvement. As Editor, I may also make grammar, spelling, crops, and other style changes, but I promise to do my best to protect the essence of your submittal.

I am asking each chapter to send me a copy of their patch artwork [the original, high quality image file, if possible] so I can display these in future issues. If you want your Chapter's contact information, listed, please also send that.

Please submit all content at least two-weeks prior to the start of each quarter – early is better than late - to rgcnews@outlook.com.

Thanks, and... Ride with Pride.

Steven Epstein
RGC Newsletter Editor

IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS [CONT.]

Lee Dixon	Texas XVI	2014
Bernardo Perez	Texas XV	2015
David Wilson	Texas XXXVIII	2015
William (Bill) Thorn	Texas XI	2015
John Thomas	Texas VIII	2015
Roy Lindsay	Texas I	2015
John O. Lara	Texas II	2015
James P. Hurley	Texas I	2015
Jose Hernandez, Jr.	Texas XLII	2015
Tim Hammond	Texas XLVI	2015
Walter Fox	Texas III	2015
Thomas Joe Burton	Texas XX	2015
Wayne Brown	Texas IV	2015
Jeffrey Berry	XIII	2015
Dick Erwin	Texas XXI	2016
Richard Amon	Texas XX	2016



EXTRA! EXTRA!

By now, most are aware of Anthony Cabrera's efforts, representing TX XV, to have a Blue Knights Int'l LEMC Texas specialty license plate approved. Here's the latest from Anthony:



I received an email just a little bit ago from the specialty plate division of the Texas DMV that the board has approved the new design! This is the final step before our plates can be made! Attached

in the photo is the email that I received today but one hurtle remains.

The DMV requires an \$8000 refundable fee to get the plates going. So I am asking any chapter that can help with a temporary donation to help offset the cost, our chapter treasurer will keep an active list so when TXDOT refunds the fee, every chapter will get their money back. No money will be lost.

Blue Knights New Specialty Plate Approved by the TxDMV Board

Today at 10:02 AM

Hi Anthony,

Great news. The TxDMV board has approved the new specialty plate for the Blue Knights. Before we can continue with putting the plate on a schedule for production, we will need the \$8,000 refundable fee paid. Please make the check or money order out to the TxDMV and mail to the following address:

TxDMV
Attn: Tania Sanders
[4000 Jackson Ave](https://www.txdmv.gov)
[Austin, Texas 78731](https://www.txdmv.gov)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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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."

RGC CHAPTERS

AR I	BENTON AR	TX XXI	WAXAHACHIE TX
AR II	HARRISON AR	TX XXII	LUFKIN TX
AR III	LOWELL AR	TX XXIII	FREDERICKSBURG TX
AR IV	PINE BLUFF AR	TX XXIX	TEXARKANA TX
AR V	MOUNTAIN HOME AR	TX XXV	SCHERTZ TX
AR VI	HEBER SPRINGS AR	TX XXVI	BIG SPRING TX
AR VIII	PALESTINE AR	TX XXVII	LAKE DALLAS TX
TX I	HURST TX	TX XXVIII	ATHENS TX
TX II	MCALLEN TX	TX XXX	ROUND ROCK TX
TX IV	SAN ANTONIO TX	TX XXXI	GALVESTON TX
TX V	GRAND PRAIRIE TX	TX XXXIV	TYLER TX
TX VI	ANGLETON TX	TX XXXV	SAN ANGELO TX
TX VII	HOUSTON TX	TX XXXVI	CORPUS CHRISTI TX
TX VIII	SULPHUR SPRINGS TX	TX XXXVII	EAGLE PASS TX
TX IX	LUBBOCK TX	TX XXXVIII	PLANO TX
TX X	AMARILLO TX	TX XXXIX	MESQUITE TX
TX XI	LORENA TX	TX XL	BAY CITY TX
TX XII	SAN ANTONIO TX	TX XLI	LIPAN TX
TX XIII	BASTROP TX	TX XLII	BROWNSVILLE TX
TX XIV	CORPUS CHRISTI TX	TX XLIII	CORSICANA TX
TX XV	LAREDO TX	TX XLV	FRISCO TX
TX XVI	BELTON TX	TX XLVI	ROWLETT TX
TX XVII	MIDLAND TX	TX XLVII	SHINER TX
TX XVIII	SHERMAN TX		
TX XIX	ORANGE TX		
TX XX	WICHITA FALLS TX		

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CHAPTER NEWS

Texas XXXI - Galveston



Well, the 2016 RGC has come and gone. On behalf of Texas VII and the members of Texas XXXI, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation to all that were able to attend, with a special “thank you” to all the International Officers that were in attendance. We did our best to set the bar high, not only for ourselves, but a challenge to future hosting chapters. We are happy to announce that we had “333” registered attendees. Even though the weather was “iffy” at times, all rides went well, with no serious mishaps. Congratulations to Jim Borza (International Board of Governors Secretary), as the winner of the Motorcycle Skills Competition! With the support of our many contributors and sponsors we were able to give-away close to \$6,000 in “door prizes” and raffle items. We had the opportunity to welcome a brand new chapter (Texas 47) into the Rio Grande Conference, with



Anthony Cabrera, Zachary Kramer [President, Texas 47, Shiner, TX], and D. J. Alvarez toast at the 2016 RGC Conference Banquet.



Anthony Cabrera, Mr. Guy Taylor, “DoZer”, and Roger D. Byars

a “toast” with their President, Zachary Kramer. Hopefully, we provided at least one smile to each of our attendees, at some point of the conference. We look forward to seeing a great representation of the Rio Grande Conference at the International convention, not to mention being able to enjoy the hard work of our 2017 RGC host, Texas XII.

"Ride with Pride!"

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TEXAS XXXV - San Angelo



Since the beginning of the year, Blue Knights TX XXXV have been active in paying our respects to our Fallen Brothers.

A long time local San Angelo resident and event organizer passed away after a long battle with cancer. Blue Knights TX XXXV attended a fundraiser for the Brian Daniels Family, and donated \$500.00. We were also able to volunteer our time providing security. The event raised a little over \$100,000.00.

Well it's official, the 3rd Annual Jaime Padron Memorial



Ironbutt Run has concluded. This year showed the largest number of participants - total being 25 riders. All riders, with the exception of 2, completed the run. The 2 riders that did not experienced mechanical issues with their motorcycles. This year's event raised approximately \$3,000.00 to be donated to the Padron Scholarship.

As the Blue Knights Texas XXXV Chapter President, I would like to extend a personal thanks to the individual

riders, the respective rider sponsors, and the Padron family. This event is a group effort and would not be a success without everyone's participation. Mark your calendars, next year's event will be either the 1st, or the 8th of April, 2017.

On 09 Apr, 2016, the Blue Knights TX XXXV attended the Lakeview Little League opening day festival/fundraiser. Even though the event was hampered by rain, we provided pork loin sandwiches to the crowd for a donation. A total of \$540.00 was raised and donated to the Little League Association to assist with operating expenses.




On 30 Apr, 2016, members of the Blue Knights traveled to Abilene, Texas to participate in the Boss Memorial Run, and to support the Survivors of the Fallen Officers, Never Forget the Fallen. Pictured in the center is the Surviving Spouse Donna Davis.

Members of the Blue Knights Texas XXXV had the honor to attend the 15th Annual Ride for the Fallen, along with flying the POMF in honor of Fallen Sgt. Korby Kennedy. This event has been an annual event attended by TX XXXV for the last eight years. NEVER FORGET A FALLEN HERO!!

For the year we have attended 24 various rides, averaging 251 miles per ride with a total of 6017 miles ridden.

Brian C. Bylsma, President
Blue Knights TX XXXV
(San Angelo)

TEXAS XLVI - Rowlett

reetings from Rowlett Chapter XLVI. Wow! Here we are in the second quarter of the year. I don't know about the rest of the chapters, but this has, and continues to be one of the rainiest seasons I can remember. We have, however, been able to get out and about starting with the month of April, when several members attended the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville. This is an annual event and, if you have never attended, this should be on your bucket list. They really go all out to honor our past and present soldiers.



Medal of Honor Parade



Medal of Honor Parade



Medal of Honor Parade



TX XLVI, Rowlett, at RGC Conference in Galveston

We also had several members attend the RGC Conference in Galveston, this year. We had to leave a day early to avoid the flooding and storm that came in on that Sunday. It was a good conference and we all had a really good time.

In May, our very own member Barry Morris (Bear) rode a Bicycle, not a bike, in the Police Unity Tour [From the Sept. 11 Memorial in NYC, to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C.]. Barry has been a part of this

for several years. He came back with a slideshow that would make you misty eyed and so very proud to be a part of the Law Enforcement family. A large amount of money is raised on this ride and goes to the fallen officers' families.

Also in May, our chapter had the honor of sponsoring a "Ride for Vets". Our Brian Wilburn had a vision and, in less than 6 weeks, he made that vision into a reality. The Ride included the Mayor of Rowlett



RGC Conference in Galveston



RGC Conference in Galveston



Rowlett Mayor [passenger] at "Ride For Vets"

riding with us. This ride was on Memorial Day Weekend and we had such a fantastic turnout. This first annual Ride raised over \$1,200.00. The money raised will go to the homeless and needy vets in Rowlett. We received great coverage from the Dallas Morning News as well as the local news of Rowlett.

In June, several members rode in the Peak to Peak Poker Run, that took riders from Queen Wilhelmina Lodge to Mount Magazine Lodge in Arkansas; a very scenic run, and fun was had by all who attended.

We closed out the month of June with our second tour of meeting up and cleaning our "Adopt A Highway" 2-mile spread, which we fondly call Project 548. Several members showed up to clean up and it was done in record time.



TX XLVI Hosting the 1st Annual "Ride For Vets" in Rowlett, TX



"Ride For Vets"

That is all for this time around, so keep your wheels on the road rolling.

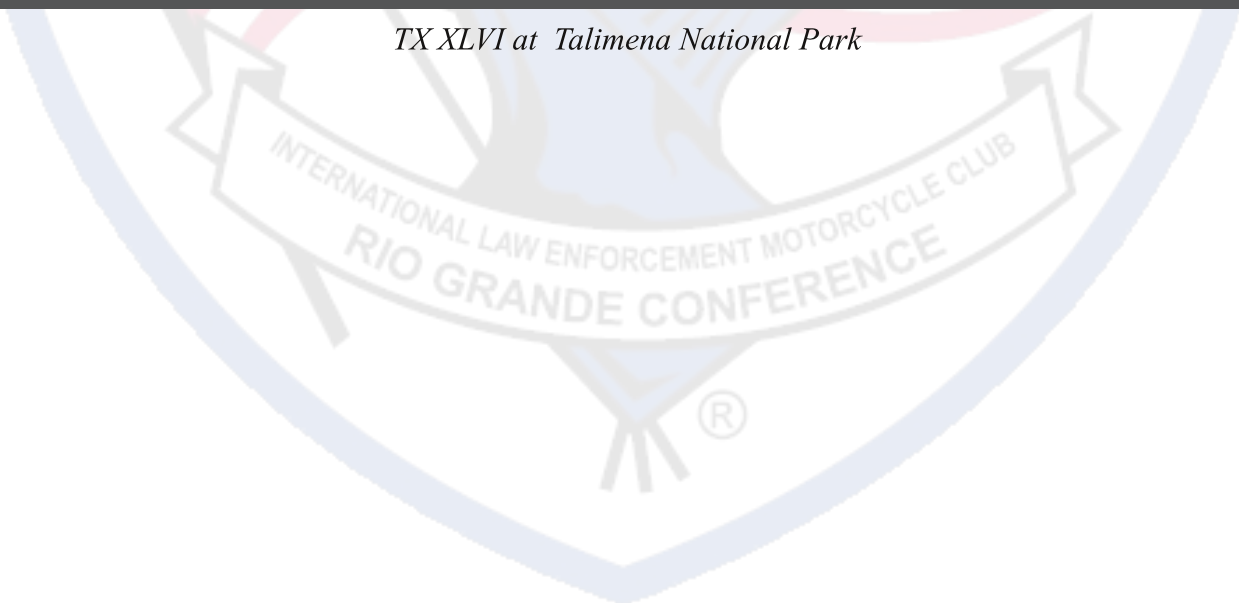
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Name _____
(last) (first)

DOB _____

Address _____

City/State/Prov _____

Postal Code/Zip _____

Country _____ United States

Phone _____

Email Address _____

SECTION 3: MOTORCYCLE INFORMATION

Do you own a motorcycle? ☐ yes ☐ no

Motorcycle Registration Number: _____

Do you have an operator's license? ☐ yes ☐ no

License Number? _____

SECTION 5: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (RETIRES GO TO SECTION 6)

Are you employed by a Government Law Enforcement Agency? ☐ yes ☐ no

Governmental Agency: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State/Prov _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Immediate Supervisor's Name _____

What is your position with the Department? _____

Is this position ☐ Full-time (32 hours or more per week)
☐ Part-time (less than 32 hours per week & minimum 96 hours per year)

Are you empowered by "statute" to have arrest powers at all times while on duty? ☐ yes ☐ no

Do you receive pay or monetary compensation from a Governmental Agency? ☐ yes ☐ no

What type of pay or monetary compensation do you receive? ☐ Paycheck
☐ Workman's Compensation
☐ Other

APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE

By signing here, I _____

Understand that Blue Knights Intl., the local chapter or their designees may contact my department to verify information that may affect my eligibility.

CHAPTER MUST COMPLETE

Chapter Name and Number _____

Conference Name _____

Member Sponsored by _____

SECTION 2: PLEASE CHECK THE ONE THAT APPLIES

- ☐ New Member
☐ Transferring Member
☐ Change of Employment Status

Previous Membership Information

Chapters _____

Years of Membership _____

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP STATUS APPLIED FOR

* See back of application for requirements

- ☐ Regular
☐ Associate
☐ Honorary
☐ Special Honorary

SECTION 6: REGULAR, EARLY OR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Did you retire from a Governmental Law Enforcement Agency by reaching the years of service required to retire with a full retirement? ☐ yes ☐ no

Did you take an early retirement? ☐ yes ☐ no
*Attach a copy of your early retirement award letter

Was your retirement disability related? ☐ yes ☐ no
*Attach a copy of your disability retirement letter

Did you retire from the military? ☐ yes ☐ no
*Attach a copy of your DD-214 or equivalent

Governmental Law Enforcement Agency you retired from: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State/Prov _____ Postal Code/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Last Supervisor's Name _____

Position with your Department? _____

Was this position ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

How many years did you serve this department? _____

Number of years with all L.E. Agencies? _____

Were you empowered by "statute" to have arrest powers at all times while on duty? ☐ yes ☐ no

Do you receive a retirement income from a Governmental L.E. Agency? ☐ yes ☐ no

Will you at some time receive a retirement income from a Governmental L.E. Agency? ☐ yes ☐ no

*Documents must be attached.

Print Form

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEMBERS

- Full time employee's of a governmental LEA.(32 hrs./wk min.) Must have Powers of Arrest by Statute while on duty.
- Persons receiving disability income or job re-assignment due to injuries while in law enforcement employment, or who are receiving retirement income for full-time employment, by a govt. LEA are eligible for regular membership.
- Person's who have served 20 yrs or more and have been a Blue Knight for 1 yr or more, who have taken a retirement option and have taken a separation from law enforcement employment, under honorable circumstances and will at some time receive retirement income for full-time employment by a govt. LEA are eligible for Regular Membership.
- Persons who are presently Regular members for 1 yr or more and have served 15 yrs or more with a LEA who have honorably separated from a LEA are eligible for Associate membership. (Proof of honorable separation required)
- Persons who are presently Regular members for 5 yrs or more, and have served 10 yrs or more with a LEA who have honorably separated from a LEA are eligible for Associate membership. (Proof of honorable separation required)

SECTION 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Persons who are employed on a part-time basis (less than 32 hours per week, min of 96 hrs per yr) by a Govt. LEA and receiving monetary compensation for such employment and must have Powers or Arrest by Statute while on duty.
- Persons who have been employed on a part-time basis by a Govt. LEA for 15 yrs or more and have been a Blue Knight for 5 yrs or more and have taken an honorable separation are eligible for Assoc. membership.
- (Proof of honorable separation required)
- A person may also qualify for Assoc. membership, per Article 6, Section 1, paragraph 4 of the Constitution.

***All Regular and Associate members must be licensed to drive a motorcycle by the State/Prov., in which they reside and must own a motorcycle, except persons who qualify but do not own a motorcycle, can become members if they acquire ownership within 6 months of becoming a member.

SECTION 3. HONORARY MEMBERS.

- Honorary members must be persons who have substantially contributed to the promotion of the Corporation and to the purposes for which the Corporation is organized. Honorary membership in any given chapter may not exceed more that ten percent (10%) of the previous year's membership of Regular, Associate and Life members.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBER.

- Persons must be an ordained member of a recognized religious order. There can be only one Chaplain per chapter.

MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS

GOVERNMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT

Any agency that is duly formed and is a State, Province, Nation or Country recognized, whose primary function is to deal directly with the enforcement of criminal and/or vehicle and traffic statutes/laws of their respective jurisdictions or is responsible for the prosecution, incarceration or supervision of offenders.

ARREST AUTHORITY

Employees of a Governmental Law Enforcement Agency or Department who must be empowered "by statute" to arrest offenders (other than as a private citizen) at all times while on duty. Said employees must receive monetary compensation (as defined) from their respective agencies.

MONETARY COMPENSATION

- A salary in its normal meaning or workman's compensation benefits. If a salary is received, it must be paid directly to the employee by their respective Governmental Law Enforcement Agency or Department.
- Salary is deemed to mean money received as compensation for work performed, computed by the hour, day, week, month or year.
- A pension, which shall be considered any plan approved & recognized by a governmental law enforcement agency or department, which provides compensation to an employee when he/she has retired from service whether paid out in instalments or in a lump sum.

MILITARY PERSONNEL DEFINITION

An active member of a National or Federal Government Military Agency whose primary duty (job title or description) is in Law Enforcement, who has the right to detain and has completed a prescribed Military Law Enforcement Training Program and is eligible for Regular Membership. Any Military Personnel that has retired from active duty after serving twenty years or is or will receive Federal or National retirement income, and has the form DD-214 or its equivalent and /or a certified Military History record that identifies the primary duty (job title or description) prior to discharge as Law Enforcement is eligible for Regular Membership. Military Personnel Applicants must meet all qualifications as defined in Article 6 of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BELOW BY CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT OR PRESIDENT

I, _____, Officer of Blue Knights Chapter # _____

State/Prov _____ certify the above applicant to be in fact, employed as he has stated in his application and found his status for membership to be as submitted.

Signature

Date

Position

This is the Official Membership Application for Blue Knights International. Please reproduce but do not modify.

Blue Knights Rio Grande Conference

Traveler's Pin Application



This pin is designed to get **Blue Knights** out to see the Rio Grande Conference (Arkansas, Texas and Mexico) and to earn one you must travel the Rio Grande Conference. Earning the **Rio Grande Conference Traveler's Pin** is half the fun. The following guidelines must be met:

1. A member or family member must first qualify with a registration application and fee of \$15.00 per person.
 2. You must then ride to 20 Cities/Towns in the RGC that has the **First** letters of: **Blue Knights Rio Grande**
 3. Take a date stamped photograph of your bike parked at a city/town limit sign with your license plate and the name of the town clearly visible. You also may have your picture taken in front of a building with the City or Town on it such as the US Post Office or City Hall. You being in the picture will not hurt either!
 4. Date on the picture must be dated the day of or after the date on the attached application.
 5. The Towns and Cities **MUST BE** within Arkansas, Texas or Mexico.
 6. **NO DUPLICATES** can be used for the double letters (IE: R, I, N, E).
 7. Once registered there will be no time limit to complete the ride. Your application will remain on file with the RGC Secretary.
 8. Send the 20 photos to the Rio Grande Conference Secretary by e-mail (secretary.rgc@gmail.com) or US mail, address is listed below. When they are received and verified your pin will be sent to you.
- So break out that Arkansas and Texas Road Maps and hit the highways. Here is a chance to increase your pin collection and earn the bragging rights that come with being a Rio Grande Conference Traveler. In the course of your travels if you see any one in the Law Enforcement Field, tell them about the **Blue Knights** there are still a lot who don't know about the **Blue Knights**, also have those Blue Knights Applications handy. You may sign up a New Member while you are talking with them.

I am interested in becoming one of the elite "Travelers" in the Rio Grande Conference: Date _____

Name _____ Name of Passenger _____

Address _____ Address of Passenger _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # (____) _____ Chapter _____ E-Mail _____

Enclosed a check/money order for \$15.00 for each pin applying for, checks made out to the Rio Grande Conference. Please send to the RGC Secretary listed on the RGC website at www.blueknightsrgc.org.