



MESSAGES FROM THE RGC From the RGC Chairman

Greetings from South Texas! I hope that this message finds you and your family in the best of health and surrounded by those you love. Congratulations to TX 13 for an outstanding conference. Your hard work and dedication truly paid off; you should be proud of yourselves. Also, congratulations to the reelected conference board and the new addition to the staff, Roger Byars, International Representative.

Now that the conference has passed, we are back in full gear and moving forward by continuing the projects that we have on the table and engaging our State Reps to venture out and recruit new members. In speaking with some chapter Presidents, we will begin to look at avenues in which to help chapters that could use a little assistance with recruiting. I know the Vice-chairman will work hand-in-hand with the various state reps to ensure a positive outcome.

With the summer months approaching fast, be safe on the road and make sure to dress appropriately. If you have older folks in your chapter, pay special attention to them to ensure that no medical assistance is needed. Always remember to hydrate before and during rides. Unless you live in South Texas, there is no need to be riding around in 120° weather, LOL!

I am always available, day or night. If you are planning to attend the International convention in Georgia, I just might see you there. We are merely a phone call away. Be safe on the road and RIDE WITH PRIDE!

Tony Cabrera
RGC Chairman



Anthony "Ninja
Turtle" Cabrera

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IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS

Gene Nelson	TX VI	1988
Joe W. Stewart	TX VI	1988
Ronald G Giese	TX VII	1991
Ronald J. Douglas	TX III	1992
Robert V. Bradford	TX VI	1995

From the RGC Secretary

Hello Brother and Sister Knights. Let me start off by saying thank you to Shane Poole and all the members of Texas 13 for hosting an awesome Rio Grande Conference in San



Jose "Joker" Torres

are wondering if she got the purse....she got three in San Marcos... lol. If you all ever need anything I am a phone call, text, messenger or Facebook message away. As always brothers and sisters Ride With Pride.

Marcos. It looks like everyone in attendance had an awesome time. I know that the rides were well planned and the police escort was great. For those of you that don't know I am an active member and current Secretary of Texas II. I travel 50+ miles to attend our meetings and other events. As you know, we recently had elections for the R.G.C. Board and I want to thank you for choosing me as your Secretary for a second term. For those of you who attended the Galveston Conference and

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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.

IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS [CONT.]

Donald B. Longone	TX IV	1995
Kirt B. Watkins	TX VIII	1995
Robert L. Gray	TX VIII	1996
Chris A. Whittington	TX VII	1996
Jack R Beckham	TX IX	1997
Kenneth Halfhill	TX IV	1999
Robert A Madrid	TX III	1999
Boyce D. Hart	TX IX	2000
Rick L. Riggs	AR III	2000
Randy Sellars	AR II	2000
Bill W. Sportsman	TX VIII	2000
Ralph David Lynn, Jr.	TX VII	2001
Francis A. Meeks	AR VI	2001
Daniel E. Phillips	TX III	2001
David D. Barnett	TX VII	2002
Denny M. Long	TX XVII	2002
Dan H. Moser	TX XXI	2002
David R. Smith	TX VII	2002
Albert R. Jones	TX III	2003
Edward (Eddy) C. Miller	TX XVII	2003
James G. Obrien	TX XVI	2003
Don Underwood	TX I	2004
William C. Farrell	TX I	2005
J. D. Johnson	TX XVII	2005
James Rainbolt	AR I	2005
Lloyd A. Rogers	TX I	2005
William L. Shively	TX XXVI	2005
William Tucker	TX X	2005
Sandra Lane	TX XXXI	2006
Billy McKinney	TX I	2006
Dennis Zborek	AR V	2006
Robert W. Black	AR VI	2006
Ben Cash	TX XIV	2007
Paul S. Habelt	TX XXVIII	2007
Robert (Ted) Hargis	TX VII	2007
David Camben	TX XVI	2007
Wm (Allen) Comeau	TX III	2008
Feldon J. Cranfill	TX XXXIII	2008
Frank H. Creath	TX XXXIV	2008
Leroy R. Rodriguez	TX XII	2008
Gary B. Scott	TX XI	2008
Raymond Ross	TX XXXIX	2008
Ken Sims	TX XXXI	2008
Andrea L. Smith	TX XXXIII	2008
Jeffrey H. Wyers	TX XXXI	2008
Arthur L. Guy	TX XXI	2009
Thomas Adams	TX XIV	2009
Daniel High	TX XVII	2009

From the RGC Treasurer



Rick Caillet

The RGC 2018 Conference has come and gone. I wasn't able to attend this year due to my daughter graduating from Texas Tech and her Commencement Ceremony the same weekend as the RGC Conference. I couldn't miss that!! I understand that Texas XIII, Austin, did an outstanding job putting RGC 2018 together and San Marcos was a great place to have it. Thank you Texas XIII for all your hard work.

Every chapter that was represented at the President's meeting during RGC 2018 received a copy of our Financial Report. During the Conference this year the RGC had sales of \$364.00. Our funds look good.

Looks like I will be the RGC Treasurer for the next two (2) years. I enjoy the Blue Knights and find this is a way for me to give back to the organization.

If any RGC chapter Treasurer needs help with record keeping, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have a couple of forms that I have created to help my chapter's Treasurer and one to help me keep up with the RGC financial records, either can be completed on a computer or printed and completed by hand.

If your chapter has lost its non-profit status with the IRS and you need assistance getting it back, I have the forms I can email. I think once you see the forms, completing them is fairly self-explanatory. If not, I can refer you to someone that can assist in completing the forms.

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Hope to see everyone on the road soon.

Ride with Pride
Rick Caillet
Rio Grande Conference
Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS [CONT.]

Robert L. Elliott	TX XXXI	2009
Diana L. Bowers	TX IV	2009
Donald E. Moore	TX XXXI	2009
Bob Murphy	TX I	2009
Frank Oneal	TX XXIII	2009
James W. Childress	TX XLI	2010
James "Red" York	TX XXVIII	2010
Gary Wayne "GW" Wilkins	TX XVII	2010
Bobby McQuary	TX XLIII	2010
James Parmley	TX XXI	2010
Cloratho Reamy	TX XXI	2010
Andrew Rameas	TX XVI	2010
James "Red" York	TX XXVIII	2010
Roger Stout	TX XVI	2011
Frankie Scott	TX VI	2011
Ronnie England	TX X	2011
Marvin "Marty" Ermis, Jr.	TX XXXI	2011
Ken Stewart	TX XLI	2011
Ken Jackson	TX XXII	2011
Robert Elkin	TX VII	2011
Gerald Hiline	TX XI	2011
Frank Lindsey	TX XXXIV	2011
Gordon McGuire	TX XVI	2012
Leslie Ferguson	TX XXXIV	2012
Leland Riggs	TX XXI	2012
Ray Bylar	TX XII	2012
Jaime Padron	TX XXXV	2012
Joe Landers	AR III	2012
William Rider	TX XXXIV	2012
Doug Whitaker	TX XX	2012
Alfred Penland	TX VI	2012
Randy Thiem	TX XXXIV	2012
Keith Corbin	TX I	2013
Mark Gilliam	TX VII	2013
Scott "Big Daddy" Russell	TX XII	2013
James Judd	TX XXIII	2013
Jimmy Rudd	TX XXIII	2013
Daniel Spinks, Sr.	TX XXVII	2013
Tim Shearer	TX XVIII	2013
Tomas Fleming	AR V	2013
Bobby Mooney	AR VI	2013
Del Raney	TX III	2013
John Westbrook	TX XLIII	2013
Billy M. Farrell	TX XXI	2014
Doug P. Lacombe	TX XXXI	2014
David Glenn	TX XVII	2014

From the RGC International Representative

I was elected to the position of Rio Grande Conference International Representative at the Rio Grande Conference in May 2018.

I have been a Blue Knight member, with Texas XXXI, since 2014. I have been very active, and have held such positions as: President, Texas XXXI (currently), Chapter Vice President, Chapter Road Captain, the "original" RGC Safety Officer, and most recently, International Safety Officer. It has been my honor and pleasure to attend 14 RGCs and 8 International Conventions, with plans already in place to represent the RGC at the 2018 International Convention in Stone Mountain, Ga.

I bring to the position almost 40 years in law enforcement, with many years as a Police Commander/Administrator. I retired as Chief of Police for the Texas Southern University Police Department in 2015. I believe my greatest strength that I bring to the table is my ability to communicate effectively, both in speaking and writing. I have worked hard to establish a good reputation with others throughout, not only the RGC, but other Conferences and at the International level. I look forward to working with all RGC members for Conference improvements that will benefit all members of the RGC.



I ask that any RGC member, with what he or she believes is a good suggestion, recommendation or program to improve our Conference, contact me. I believe that we have truly awesome members in the RGC, and that if we aren't always looking to the future for improvement, then we are "falling behind". Some of my long range goals, with support from you, is to bring

the question of Conference By-laws to fruition, to present changes to the International By-laws that will expand the requirements to be a Blue Knights member, and to look at establishing an annual RGC budget, giving our members more input on how RGC funds are used.

My deepest appreciation to all those that supported me during this recent election, and to those who participated in the process. "Your Chapter, Your Conference, Your Voice!"

Roger "Crash" Byars
RGC International Representative
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IN MEMORY OF RGC HEAVEN I TRANSFERS [CONT.]

Walter Buster Hummel	TX III	2014
Wayland Dixon	TX XVI	2014
Stephen Karpuleon	TX XXIII	2014
Freddy Thrash	TX II	2014
David Brown	TX XVIII	2014
Walter Thompson	TX XXXIX	2014
William (Bill) Thorn	TX XI	2015
John O. Lara	TX II	2015
John C. Thomas	TX VIII	2015
Walter Fox	TX III	2015
Thomas Joe Burton	TX XX	2015
Wayne Brown	TX IV	2015
Jeffrey Berry	TX XIII	2015
Tim Hammond	TX XLVI	2015
Jose Hernandez, Jr.	TX XLII	2015
David Wilson	TX XXXVIII	2015
Roy Lindsay	TX I	2015
James P. Hurley	TX I	2015
Bernardo Perez	TX XV	2015
Richard Amon	TX XX	2016
Dick Erwin	TX XXI	2016
Sergio A. Amar	TX II	2016
M. Stan Corbitt	TX XVI	2016
Monte C. Grimes	TX XXI	2016
Ramon Menchaca	TX XII	2016
Robert Dennis	TX VII	2016
Michael Campbell	TX XXXV	2017
Michael Robert Maloy	TX IV	2017
Monty Dale Platt	TX X	2017
Chester Hornowski	AR V	2017
Jeffrey Osterhout	TX XIV	2017
Julian Garza, Jr.	TX IV	2017
Charles Wright, Sr.	TX XX	2018
W.R. "Butch" Blackmon	TX VII	2018

Any omissions are unintended. Names in blue do not appear on Intl. Heaven I Memorial. Chapter Presidents should contact Intl. to confirm eligibility so these names can remain listed here.



From the RGC Newsletter Editor

In this issue, Part 3 of Shrug's adventures, some updates to the RGC Officer's list, and contributions from Officers and a few Chapters. I'm trying to post current and correct information on the Chapters list and the Heaven I roster, but the information I have doesn't coincide perfectly with that on the International website. If you know of corrections, please send those to me.

I continue to ask for contributions to the Newsletter; only a few have responded. I try to fill the pages with interesting articles, but I can't do it alone. RGC Safety Officer Tink has done a great job with his "Tink's Tips". Shrug's story is a terrific read, but it will end next issue. If you have stories to tell, products to recommend or review, safety and technique information, events for the Calender, or anything Blue Knights, Motorcycle, or otherwise appropriate for our Newsletter, please share it.

TXI has gone a different direction, this quarter. Rather than the usual local Chapter interest photos and rides, of interest mainly to just those Chapter members, Gene has changed it up a bit. Please read his post and let me know what you think.

Please, also, feel free to send me "Letters to the Editor" type communications - either for posting, or just to let me know what you think the Newsletter needs to improve, or what it does right. Your input is the only way I can make it better. This publication is a lot of work, but worth it if it is read.

I would like once again to challenge our Arkansas Chapters to make an appearance in the next Newsletter. We know you've got some beautiful roads up there, and we'd like to hear about them.

One last note - I'd like to post your Chapter logo on the page with your Chapter submission - Please send a .png version with transparent background. This might be the file you sent to your t-shirt printer. If you don't know how to do this, please send me the best you can and I'll try to convert it

As always - be safe on the road and, Ride with Pride.

Sincerely,
Steven "The Joker" Epstein
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EVENTS CALENDAR

2018

July 7

3rd Annual Ride in Memory of 7/7

Benefitting Dallas Fallen Officer Foundation

Stokers - 9304 Harry Hines Blvd.,
Dallas, TX 75235

KSU 10:00am - \$20.00 per rider / Fully Escorted

July 7

Kaufman County Emergency Children's Shelter - Christmas in July

Sponsored by the Texas Motorcycle Riders Association [no details available]

TX XLVI will meet at Hobby Lobby
2004 S Goliad St., Rockwall TX at
9:30am, KSU 10:00am

July 15

Blue Knights International Convention

Stone Mountain, GA - Hosted by GA XVI - www.bkic2018.com

Sept 23

Bikes for Tykes Teddy Bear Ride

Benefitting The Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County

<https://rockwallcac.org/event/3rd-annual-teddy-bear-ride/>

October 6

1st Ann. Brick Street Bike Show

Benefitting Brent Thompson Memorial Bronze Statue Fund. Brent Thompson was one the five Officers killed in the line of duty during the events in Dallas on 07/07/2016.

Hosted by TX XLIII - www.bktx43.com
N. Commerce St., Downtown Corsicana

October 11-14

Knights of the Round Table

River Terrace Resort and Convention Center in Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Hosted by Red Knights TN7 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/199930414088291/>

November 1-4

Lone Star Rally

Galveston, TX - www.lonestarrally.com

Tink Tips: Our Brothers Keeper



Harry "Tink" Beil

It was August 13th, 1979 when I first arrived at the Dallas Police Academy Training Center, accompanied by 30 other Dallas Police Recruits. We were asked to bring our spouses or significant others for the first 3 days of indoctrination. I don't believe anyone could have been prepared for the horror and reality of what would occur those first 3 days. For 3 full days we were taken down a road, one by one, of every Dallas Police Officer who had died in the line of duty. It became personal as we were shown pictures of them and their

families. We were told about each of their strengths and weaknesses, accomplishments and failures. Each story well designed, pain stakenly pieced together to provide you a picture of each of them as if you'd known them your entire career. Then just as we got to know and like them, we were taken through their last day on-duty, and what lead up to their deaths that day and the mistakes each of them had made that contributed to their deaths. Lastly, we were shown horrific crime scene photos of them lying dead. It would be difficult to see anyone like this, but these were no longer strangers, and it was painful to see them like this. Within the first 3 days 10% to 20% of every Dallas Police Academy class resigns. As for those of us who stayed, the stories of those deaths, and what we learned from their mistakes helped to keep us alive our entire career.

As your RGC Safety Officer, my obligation to you is to do what I can to make sure you make it home safe. I'm not looking to place blame or point any fingers, nor to tell you how to ride. I've learned from losing many friends that mistakes made, brought to light, save lives. This past few months leading up to, and during RGC we had several Knights involved in accidents. What seemed to make the difference in these outcomes was the type, and amount of safety riding gear that each wore. One of these Knights believed so strongly that his riding gear is the only reason he lived through his crash that he sent it all to RGC for me to place on the safety table at the convention hall. I was totally taken by surprise to witness how many people not only stopped to look at his gear, but how much seeing these items affected them and



their attitudes about what gear they'd be wearing in the future. I've included a photo of Brian's gear, at his request. I encourage each of you, not just your Chapter Safety Officer to take the extra time to let your brothers know how important they are to you, and to do what you can to promote their safety. I've also learned that it's better to say something to someone to encourage better safety than to have something happen to them and regret it later.

Harry Beil
RGC Safety Officer
TX-XXXIX / Dallas Police Retired

November 25

Coats for Kids Ride

From Cycle Center of Denton, 521 Acme St. to American Eagle Harley Davidson. Texas Flood [Stevie Ray Vaughan cover band [excellent band (ed.)] will play - KSU 2:00pm - Escorted ride through Denton Co. - <http://coatsforkidsride.com/index.html>

2019

Rio Grande Conference

Tyler, TX

If there are any events you'd like to see listed here please send details to me - rgcnews@outlook.com. If you notice, most of the posted events are in the Editor's area.

-Ed.

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Chapter Cities [per International Website]

AR I	BENTON AR	TX XX	WICHITA FALLS TX
AR II	HARRISON AR	TX XXI	WAXAHACHIE TX
AR III	LOWELL AR	TX XXIII	BRADY TX
AR IV	PINE BLUFF AR	TX XXV	SCHERTZ TX
AR V	MOUNTAIN HOME AR	TX XXVI	BIG SPRING TX
AR VI	HEBER SPRINGS AR	TX XXVII	LAKE DALLAS TX
TX I	HURST TX	TX XXVIII	ATHENS TX
TX II	MCALLEN TX	TX XXIX	TEXARKANA TX
TX IV	SAN ANTONIO TX	TX XXX	SALADO TX
TX V	GRAND PRAIRIE TX	TX XXXI	GALVESTON TX
TX VI	ANGLETON TX	TX XXXIV	TYLER TX
TX VII	LAPORTE TX	TX XXXV	SAN ANGELO TX
TX VIII	COMMERCE TX	TX XXXVI	CORPUS CHRISTI TX
TX IX	RANSOM CANYON TX	TX XXXVIII	PLANO TX
TX X	AMARILLO TX	TX XXXIX	MESQUITE TX
TX XI	WACO TX	TX XL	BAY CITY TX
TX XII	SAN ANTONIO TX	TX XLI	GRANDBURY
TX XIII	AUSTIN 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 XLVIII	CUERO TX
TX XIX	ORANGE TX	TX XLIX	KINGSLAND TX

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This list is based on the International website list. Please contact International if the information is incorrect or missing. Please let me know if you find typographical errors. - Editor

CHAPTER NEWS

TEXAS I - Hurst, TX



It's been awhile since we have posted an article but we are still out here – strong and kicking! We ended the 2017 year with 27 events, not including our monthly meetings. So far this year we have gathered for 12 events and we have half-a-dozen more already posted on our website, including the International Convention in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Texas #1 is a riding club! It looks like it's gonna be a very hot summer this year so we are making sure that all of our members are prepared to handle the heat. We are suggesting the “wet” vests, neck cool collars and lots of stops for water and a/c businesses. A stretch of riding shouldn't be more than an hour before a stop to keep from overheating. Our group is a bunch of “older folks” (retired type), as most of the other clubs, so don't push it when you're trying to “enjoy” a good day of riding. Watch each other for signs of heat effects and force a stop when necessary, not as scheduled!

Instead of posting a lot of pictures of our events as I usually do, I'm gonna get on a soapbox for a minute.

Something that has been an issue for some time now is communication between the chapters. Every chapter has a default e-mail address from the International server, i.e. – tx1@blueknights.org . Every chapter Secretary should have the password and check this address at least weekly for information from the International office and/or other chapters about rides to their area. This e-mail address is on a limited space server so it needs to be cleared frequently. So, if there is mail that is needed to refer to at a later date, forward it to your personal address, then delete it. Another issue with communication is telephone contact between chapters for emergency situations and assistance. How difficult would it be for each chapter President, or his designee, to forward a list of chapter executive officer names and phone numbers to the International Representative so a contact list could be made of all RGC chapters to disseminate to all of the chapters for travel purposes? Case in point – I had a member from the Ft. Worth area get a flat tire on I-20 in East Texas, 100 miles from home. He called back to one of our chapter members for a trailer and waited on the side of the road for over three hours before getting assistance. He would have been safer and more comfortable if he had had a number for someone around Tyler to at least assist him with a cool, air-conditioned car to sit in, with a big cup of water or soft drink and flashers signaling traffic zipping by to be careful while passing OR the local member having a trailer to get him moved to the nearest dealership, gas station or large parking lot for safety and comfort. Other incidents could be worse if there was an accident involved. Think about it, this is an organization of brothers and sisters and “no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet.”

Thirdly and lastly, will someone step up to the plate who has some computer knowledge and take over our website? We need an updated calendar of events for all members to review and plan rides to join others in a timely manner. Chapters need to send event notices and photos of fun activities or charitable events to be posted for deserved recognition. Show off your good work and the fun your chapter is having where-ever it takes place. Maybe some other clubs would like to visit the same places but are unaware of the activity or opportunity.

So, down from the soapbox, clean up that e-mail address and send that contact information to Roger “Crash” Byars, your new International Representative, at rgc.rep@blueknights.org . HEY ROGER! GET READY TO GO TO WORK!!!! WE NEED YA TO START GETTING OUR CONFERENCE ORGANIZED, BUDDY!

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, and “RIDE WITH PRIDE,”

Gene Fuqua
Secretary
BKTX#1



TEXAS XLVI - Rowlett

The summer weather in North Texas hasn't kept TX XLVI off the street! But while the rest of us were riding-to-eat, our own Gary "Stargeezer" Grant had taken to the highway and, by the time you read this, will have returned from his solo ride to Atlantic Friendship Weekend 2018, hosted by Blue Knights Nova Scotia I, at the Atlantica Oak Island Resort in Western Shore, Nova Scotia, Canada! Needless to say, this was a serious

undertaking, and I look forward to hearing all about the trip. Maybe I can convince him to write down a tale or three, and share some pics for the next Newsletter.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch... RGC 2018 has come and gone. Rick "Tin Man" Caillet, XLVI's President and RGC's Treasurer, had to choose between his daughter's college graduation, and the Conference... I think everyone of us would have made the same choice; congratulations, Rick! In his place, Rick sent XLVI's Vice-president Mike "Ghost" Jones to represent the Chapter - I understand he had a great time and took care of business, as well. I expect XLVI will be well represented at next year's Conference, which will be much closer to home.



"Stargeezer" loaded up and heading toward Canada. [photo courtesy of Gary Grant]



Downtown Natchitoches with historic buildings, stores, and shops.

[By Billy Hathorn - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=7580587>]

Texas XLVI is looking forward to October, when a trip to Natchitoches [Nack-a-tish] Louisiana is in the works. Natchitoches is known as, "The Oldest City in Louisiana". There are lots of activities planned, including sight-seeing, touring, shopping, and eating [of course]. One of the attractions of this historic town, during October, is that it may be haunted - so we will be sure our bikes are secured, just in case Nicolas Cage is in town.

Have a safe summer, and Ride with Pride!

Steven "The Joker" Epstein
Secretary, BKTX XLVI, Rowlett, TX

TEXAS XXXV - San Angelo



Mosaic of San Angelo

During the month of April, 2018 Blue Knights Texas XXXV sponsored the 5th Annual Jaime Padron Ironbutt Run. Proceeds from the event were distributed between the San Angelo Area Foundation (Padron Scholarship Fund) and the local Mosaic of San Angelo. Each organization was presented a check for \$1,500.

In May, 2015 local student Zane Huebner, of Wall High School, was awarded \$1,000.00 (Padron Scholarship).



San Angelo Area Foundation

In June, 2018, Blue Knights Texas XXXV presented Alicia Davis a \$500.00 check, during a fundraiser to assist with medical bills.

Members also participated in the 3rd Annual Boss Memorial Ride, in memory of two Correction Officers Killed in a Traffic accident during inclement weather, to help with medical bills.

Brian Bylsma
BKTX XXXV, San Angelo



Alicia Davis Presentation



Boss Memorial Run

THROW MAMA FROM THE BRIDGE

[Part 3 of a 4 part serial by Scott "Shrug" Wilson, TX XLVI]

July 25th, 2010 – Boise to Seattle

This time, the five a.m. wake up call came WAY too early. I crawled out of bed trying to motivate myself with the thought that today was the arrival day. I realized I needed a better breakfast today than I had yesterday. I added a can of Monster energy drink to the menu and headed out.

The Boise to Oregon leg was no more picturesque than was the Salt Lake City to Boise leg, but at least I didn't have the sun in my face for hours. Once I hit Oregon, the terrain got much more interesting with twists, turns, and elevation changes aplenty. It kept me alert and really helped to make time and the miles fly by.

At a gas stop/butt cheek relief station in Oregon, an old white church van pulled in behind me at the pump. The driver was an older man in a black suit and his wife looked like one of those old school fundamentalist submissive women with an ankle length skirt and her hair pulled in a tight bun. At a glance, she looked as if she was a black and white character in a color world. As I checked my GPS, I couldn't help but notice the man staring at me intently. I looked up, smiled, and said good



morning to them. Without a pause, he pointed at my license plate (INFDEL) and asked me if it promoted infidelity. I struggled to keep a straight face and responded explaining that the plate was a symbol to certain religious fanatics who despise America, Americans, and Christianity; that I was their enemy and unlike them, I don't hide. I'm pretty sure neither of them got it, but he changed the subject and asked if I rode all the way up from Texas. I told him I was taking my mom to Seattle for her birthday. Looking at the fully loaded passenger seat, his wife asked "Where is she?" I grinned, leaned my head to the side, rolled my eyes towards the tour pack trunk and said "in there".

They said nothing, looked at each other, got back into the van, and drove off.

With a full tank and an empty bladder, I headed out. I was alone on this stretch of road. Not another car or bike in sight. I forgot to change the time on my GPS and satellite radio and anyone who saw Easy Rider knows bikers don't wear watches. It seems like common sense to me that a device like a GPS receiver whose function is to measure latitude, longitude, and TIME would actually know the correct time based on my location and not need my intervention to do it! My point here is I was shocked to be alone on the highway until I realized it wasn't even seven a.m. yet.

I wasn't alone for long. A car was rapidly approaching me from the rear. I could see the headlights appear and then disappear on the hills behind me. The speed limit was 75 mph, which is fast. Plus, there were no speedy cars to follow faster. Thankfully, I wasn't speeding. The approaching vehicle was a State Trooper who tailed me for a few miles before hitting his lights. I pulled over and dismounted, but he sat in his car for a good minute or two before getting out and asking me to step away from the bike. He didn't ask for my license or insurance. He just pointed and asked me what was in my "trunk". I told him it was mostly provisions to travel from Dallas to Seattle for my mother's birthday and offered to open it for him. He preferred to open it himself. Of course it was locked, so I offered the key explaining that it was in my pocket and asked if it was ok to reach for it. He looked in the tour pack and didn't see anything interesting. That was when he noticed my dash and mom's picture on it. That, combined with the lack of body parts in the "trunk" caused him to laugh saying there must have been a misunderstanding. As I mounted up, he told me to watch it ahead in [whatever] county because the local cops were thick with radar. I

never saw the other cops in the next county or even thought about them. I was transfixed wondering what the call to the police from the preacher and his wife must have sounded like.

Sometime thereafter, I passed a sign that read “45th Parallel – Half Way between the Equator and the North Pole”. Hey, when you’re on hour 33 of a 38 hour ride, most anything is exciting. At least it wasn’t one of the dozens of signs I saw along the way that read “This roadway improvement project was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act”. Those signs got me thinking. Somewhere, there’s a bean counter helping the Obama Administration take credit for all the “new” jobs created to make signs telling us about all the jobs they’re creating. But I digress...



I crossed into Washington and felt like I was on the home stretch. The ride through Snoqualmie Pass was awesome. I had driven it before when I was in town working a project for T-Mobile, but experiencing it on a bike weaving in and out of traffic, snaking through the mountains thick with dark green forests and snow capped mountain tops was a real rush. Eventually, I made it past downtown Seattle and out towards British Columbia and made the turn onto Highway 20, which leads across the bridge to the island.

Suddenly, I was here. I ran a fast and furious pace all the way from Dallas and now that I was here, I was in no hurry. In some way, I actually dreaded crossing the bridge. I stopped at a parking cut out to collect my thoughts. I was so excited to have finally made it, so why the hell was I choking up and fighting back tears? This was exactly what mom wanted. It was closure time. I began to think that maybe this closure thing isn’t all it’s cracked up to be.

While stopped before the bridge, I took a few photos for other people and asked them to reciprocate. Looking at my photo, I can see elation, exhaustion, and melancholy all rolled into one. I switched on the video camera and headed across the bridge.

The structure is actually two spans, bridging a quarter mile gap 180 feet above the channel between Fidalgo Island and Whidbey Island. It was named for Joseph Whidbey, who in 1792 sailed the narrow passage that is now called Deception Pass and proved that it was not really a small bay as charted by the Spaniards (hence the name "Deception"), but a deep and turbulent channel which separates the mainland from what they at the time believed was a peninsula (actually Fidalgo Island and Whidbey Island).



Wanting to take it all in, I drove us across as slowly as traffic behind me (and the physics of motion and gravity) would allow. Mom had waited a long time to come back here and there was certainly no rush now. We rode on to her friend Mary Anna’s house for a long awaited reunion. Returning tomorrow for her birthday celebration with her friends will be especially moving and sentimental. We spent the evening reminiscing over old stories about mom and her friends.

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Blue Knights® International

Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. | Official Membership Application

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SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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.



Application for Organizational Membership License Plates

For County Use Only

License No _____

Mo/Yr of Exp _____

Date Issued _____

Instructions

Submit the completed application; payment in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check; and any required attachments to your local county tax assessor-collector's office. **Do not mail cash.** The specialty plate fee is \$30 per year in addition to the annual registration fee. The specialty plate may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee. Fees are not refundable.

NOTE: When the specialty plates are issued, additional fees may be collected to establish a single expiration date for both the specialty plate and the vehicle registration. If you order by mail, please contact your county tax assessor-collector's office in three weeks to verify your plate is ready for issuance.

The vehicle must be for personal use only and have a Texas title and registration in your name. If the vehicle is not titled in your name, attach a statement stating you have legal right of possession and control of the vehicle. If you recently filed an application for title, attach a copy of the title application (VTR-500 RTS) receipt. If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement.

Contact your county tax assessor-collector if you have any questions.

Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	County
Address		City	State	ZIP
Email			Phone Number	

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make	Body Style	Empty Weight (lbs.)
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Vehicle Type

☐ Passenger Car ☐ Truck (up to 18,000 lbs.) ☐ Motorcycle / Moped ☐ Trailer

Plate Type


☐ American Legion ☒ Blue Knights ☐ Omega Psi Phi Fraternity ☐ Texas Association of Realtors (not available for trailers)

Certification – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony.

I certify I am a member of the organization indicated by the specialty plate selected.

Signature _____ Date _____

Personalize Your Plate – To personalize your specialty plate, there will be an additional \$40 fee per year.

- Show personalizations exactly as you want them to appear on your license plate(s). You may list more than one option in the event the personalization you have chosen has been issued.
- A selection that has been issued, is deemed offensive, or conflicts with the license plate numbering system cannot be approved.
- In the blocks below, describe each of your selected personalized letters, numbers, and/or symbols. The available symbols include: a period, a dash, a blank space, a Texas silhouette (use an asterisk "*" to indicate), a heart (use an at "@" to indicate), and a star (use an ampersand "&" to indicate).
- Passenger car, truck, and trailer plates are limited to six (6) characters total for the Blue Knights plate, including punctuation characters; other plates listed are limited to five (5) characters total, including punctuation characters.
- Motorcycle/moped plates are limited to four (4) characters total, including punctuation characters.
- You are not required to use all of the blocks provided.
- The International Symbol of Access  counts as two (2) characters and will be located at the beginning of the plate number. If you are disabled and applying for personalized specialty plates, use a percent "%" to indicate.

Personalization fee will not be refunded once the application is submitted.

1st Choice

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2nd Choice

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3rd Choice

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International Symbol of Access



To display the International Symbol of Access on your license plate, attach a signed *Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and License Plate* (Form VTR-214) to this application to show your eligibility. Contact your county tax assessor-collector if you have any questions.