

Blue Knight Meeting, November 18, 2013 1900hrs

The November Blue Knight meeting was held at The Alamo, Parvin Road, Kansas City, Missouri. There were 17 members and 8 guests present.

The meeting was opened by Sergeant at Arms Dusty Wallace at 7:15PM.

President Rodney Phillips reported the Christmas family needed to be approved by vote of the membership. Jane Hill found a family in Independence. The father, an Independence police officer has throat cancer and off work. The officer is undergoing severe medical treatment. He has a wife, 21 year old and an 8 year son. Also over the weekend a young Independence police officer was deer hunting. After he shot a deer the officer went back to get his 4 wheeler to help extract the deer from the woods. While driving the 4 wheeler back to the site of the deer, a tree fell on him. The young officer died from his injuries. He left a wife, an 8 year old son and a step son, age unknown at this time. Upon recommendation and vote of the membership, both families were accepted as our Christmas families. The amount of allotment for the Christmas families was increased from three hundred to six hundred dollars. We have only a couple of weeks to raise funds for the families, Jane has already begun and is well underway. We then need to take a week to shop and wrap the gifts so to be ready for presentation to the families the week before Christmas. It is the suggestion that we attempt to have the families together at the Independence Police Department for the Christmas giving. Santa and Elf will be present for the event.

A discussion was to have a complete Christmas dinner for the families. We decided to purchase a gift card for each family for the pre-cooked Christmas dinners at Price Chopper or HyVee stores.

Jane Hill discussed the Outlaw Cigar Company's program to send cigars to our overseas military. The program is when someone buys one cigar the Outlaw Cigar Company will send three cigars to military personnel. If we purchase a hundred cigars, three hundred will be sent. Jane advised that the funding is already in place to purchase the cigars at no cost to our club. What we need is the name and address of personnel we wish to have sent the cigar present. Also we would have our name, Blue Knights, KC Metro on the gifts. The Chapter voted to participate in the program.

President Phillips acknowledged the attendance of Tim Guntner's wife Stacy and a new transfer member, Stephanie Ebner. Stephanie transfers to us from PA1 and is a retired Pennsylvania State Trooper.

The December meeting and Christmas Party will be held at Lou and Mary's Insurance and Video offices in Leavenworth on December 28. The party will be after 5PM. A White Elephant gift exchange will be had with a limit of \$10.00.

The recruitment that Jane has been working on will be at the Kansas City South Zone and the Police Academy. The academy after the beginning of the year when the new class has begun.

The Winter Blahs Party or now known as the Pre-season Party will be held on March 1. St. Joseph Missouri 10 and Kansas 8 from Spring Hill will participate with us. We are looking at several locations are being considered but FOP lodges are also being considered. Final decisions will be made in the near future.

The Kansas City PAL ride is being organized for Spring. The ride will be held on June 8, 2014. Missouri 10 will be assisting with the ride on the North end of the ride. President Phillips, Road Captain Mark Adams and Jane Hill are working with the Kansas City Police Department.

We need assistance for ride ideas for the upcoming year. The year's ride schedule will be out shortly but other rides will be added. The Polar Bear Ride will be done on January 1, with clear roads. The ride route is being planned.

Vice President Tim Hicks was not present due to work.

Secretary Richard Gooch had no report.

Treasurer Richard Weidemeyer said we have money. We warned that we have no income at the present time. The minutes taken by the Secretary are placed in the members only portion of the website. The password for the members site is KCMETRO45. We have renewal coming up very shortly.

Road Captain Mark Adams reported that the 50/50 drawing was won by Mike Berry.

Social Director Al Pearson reported that he wanted to thank everyone for their support in the election.

Sergeant At Arms Dusty Wallace had no report.

Quartermaster David Elliott was not present at the meeting.

Safety Officer Stan Rodgers advised that there were a lot of recalls that had been sent out. The information will be in the newsletter.

Past President Mike Berry reported that the Kansas City Gang Unit has had problems with the Blue Knights in the past, but that had been solved. Now they have determined that the Combat Vets should not be told any intelligence. The difference maybe that we are law enforcement and the Combat Vets are civilian.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Richard Gooch, Secretary