

The KC Metro Chapter of the Blue Knights held its March meeting at 720 Shawnee, Leavenworth, Kansas. Mary and Lou LaDuron hosted the meeting with breakfast of biscuits and gravy with fruit and coffee. Present at the meeting was 21 members and guests and Cosmo.

The meeting was opened by Treasurer Richard Weidemeyer acting as Sergeant at Arms. The meeting was opened at 11:23 AM on March 16, 2014.

President Rodney Phillips thanked Lou and Mary for their excellent reception. He reported that the newsletter was nearly done but had not had any articles submitted.

President Phillips reminded us that on May 4th we have our annual commitment to the City Union Mission. We gather each year to work the event. Our mission is to provide security for the funds taken at the registration. We need a good representation as always. We are provided a lunch and the patch for the first year and an annual tab thereafter. We will meet at the City Union Mission at 8:00 AM.

Vice-President Tim Hicks reminded us that May 3rd would be our Law Enforcement Ride to Jefferson City. Please wear our white shirts with patches (our uniform). We will meet at Perkins across from Troop A Headquarters on Route 50 in Lee's Summit. Breakfast is the usual event with kickstands up at 7:00 AM for the ride to Jefferson City. We will have the wreath there. The ceremony begins at 10:00 AM at the Capital.

Secretary Richard Gooch reported that he had taken a day trip to Marceline, Missouri. He met a police officer there who inquired how to start a Blue Knight Chapter. Officer Anthony Stacy's name and email was given to President Phillips. Gooch made the suggestion that we make a ride to Marceline where we can meet with Officer Stacy.

Gooch reported he would not be present for the April meeting due to a work conflict.

Treasurer Richard Weidemeyer reported we have money. Richard passed out our new membership cards to those at the meeting. We just renewed our mail box. The cost of the mail box is going up each year.

A motion was made and passed to contribute \$25.00 to the Law Enforcement Memorial and contribute \$100 dollars to the City Union Mission Bikers with a Mission.

Richard announced that in the future we will have a roster present so we can sign in to the meetings. It is only to better keep a record of those who attend and we can see who needs to be contacted to see if we can get those not attending to the meetings. Those present liked the idea.

Road Captain Mark Adams presented the report on the upcoming ride for the Police Athletic League (PAL). The meeting was held with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department for planning. A route was planned, but it is still not confirmed. The ride is about a hundred and five miles through the country which should make for a very nice outing. We will need to make a test ride in the near future. The PAL ride will be on June 8th and is stressed that we have a good representation.

Adams spoke of the Recruitment Ride to be held on March 29th, which will meet at the Quick Trip in Smithville. The meeting will take place with kickstands up at 10:00 AM. Bring someone we would like to encourage to become a Blue Knight.

The Fallen Officer Memorial Ride by the St. Joseph Chapter will be held on June 28th. The ride will meet begin at the college and proceed from that point. Last year it was an excellent ride and we had a very good representation. We would like to have a good group again this year. We will meet at the Quick Trip in Smithville and ride up as a group. The time of the leaving Smithville will be announced.

No **Social Directors** Report.

No **Quartermaster's** Report.

Safety Officer Stan Rodgers did not have anything this time.

Past President's had no report.

For the Good of the Chapter: Elaine Rodgers suggested we organize a ride to find members who have not been attending. Tim Hicks suggested we issue "subpoenas to require" members presence at a meeting. Both were to get members who have not been attending back with us at our monthly meetings.

Richard Weidemeyer brought up that it had been suggested we change our meeting dates. He said he had at least one that said he had problems meeting on Sundays because of church obligations and he could not meet on Mondays due to family obligations. We discussed the situation and for the present we would not change. We did discuss the possibility of meeting later on Sundays but will remain as traditional for the present.

We will begin looking for a co-chaplain. The person should be a pastor and ride a motorcycle. This is not to replace our current chaplain but to have a second chaplain.

The next meeting will be on April 21, 2014, at 6:00PM. Be aware this is the Monday following Easter Sunday. Stan Rodgers will see if we can meet at Ryans at 75th and Neiman on the Kansas side. The confirmation will be announced.

Lou and Mary LaDuron announced the donations for breakfast would be donated by them to the chapter. Thank you Mary and Lou for the excellent breakfast and donation to the chapter.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Gooch, Secretary