

Blue Knight Meeting, January 2016

The January monthly meeting was held at Maria's Mexican Restaurant, 1205 Branch Street, Platte City, MO. There were 20 members and guests present. Needless to say we still had a very good turnout. The weather was bad due to snow and extreme cold, but our membership braved the elements.

The meeting was called to order by Sergeant at Arms Dusty Wallace at 11:55AM, President Tim Hicks presided.

President Hicks opened the meeting with the Blue Knight Pledge. He then praised Immediate Past President Rodney Phillips for his leadership as President. President Hicks urged us to remain professionals and not outlaw bikers. With the current atmosphere surrounding police officers we need to remember to make the best presentation to the public.

Jerry Oliver was presented his certificate for riding his motorcycle to Jefferson City during a rain storm. The ride was for the Memorial for departed law enforcement officers.

Club has voted to work with a local veterans home as brought up by Stan Rogers. They have 63 bags for the veterans that help the men and women who following their service to our country have found personal difficulties. The veterans have found themselves homeless and in need. We are attempting through our efforts to let them know that they are remembered and appreciated.

Dusty Wallace brought up the need of veterans at the state veterans home in Cameron. He suggested we save and give our read magazines to the veterans' home in Cameron.

Vice President Bill Evans reported will be going on a recruitment drive and needed photos of blue knights standing with regular police officers so he can make posters or flyers. The idea is to put them on bulletin boards at police departments to alert potential members of our club and the benefits of joining our organization.

Further Vice President Evans wanted to reestablish the dinner rides. Suggestions of where to meet and possibly where to go are welcome. If someone wishes to have a ride contact Tim Hicks so it can be put in the events schedule on the website.

Secretary. Richard Gooch had nothing to report.

Treasurer Richard Weidemeyer reported the renewal package is due so he will get together with President Hicks to work on the membership renewals. If the renewals are not in, continued membership would require a new membership application. Weidemeyer reported Tim Hicks has taken over the web site.

Road Captain Mark Adams advised the 50/50 draw is in the amount of \$24 dollars to the chapter and the winner. The drawing was won by Bill Evans. Adams had no further report.

Past President Rodney Phillips asked for articles and information sent to him so he can get out a newsletter. He has retired from all his law enforcement activities and will continue to publish the chapter newsletter.

Quartermaster was not present due to illness.

Safety Officer. No report.

Sergeant at Arms Dusty Wallace Plans to continue rides around the county ride with him. The plan is to travel around sections of the county until the country has been visited. Anyone wanting to join him is welcome.

For the good of the chapter. Bob Burdiss is having physical problems. Keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Next meeting will be a Monday evening at 7::00 PM. TBA

Respectfully submitted
Richard Gooch, Secretary

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