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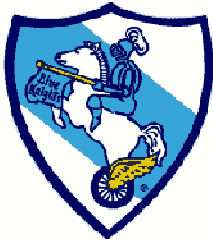
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From Your Secretary/Treasurer March 2010

Faith and begorrah laddies and lasses, can you believe 'tis March already! And we all know what that means; St. Patrick's Day; the celebration of the patron saint of corned beef and green beer. The beauty of the Emerald Isle (and a few pints of Guinness) was my inspiration for this month's newsletter. So *Erin Go Braless!*

Sing along with me: "*When I.R.S. eyes are smiling.*" What in the name of Sister Mary Elephant am I talking about? Well, 'tis a wee musical reminder that **all** chapters must file their 990-N E-Card with the IRS by April 15, 2010. The 990-N is required for any organization that claims to be non profit, and must be submitted to keep your status intact. You can find the link to the e-card on the official government site: WWW.IRS.GOV. Like most government web sites, this one takes a few minutes to maneuver around, but the actual e-card is easily submitted once you find it. You will need your chapter's EIN number to complete this card. Failure to submit your 990-N three consecutive years can result in losing your non profit status.

And what would St. Patrick's be without a bit of the green? In this case, I mean Green Bay, the site of the 2010 Spring GLRC (April 30-May 2). I recently spoke with Wisconsin State Rep Dane Nelsen about the upcoming convention, and he's filled me in on what will be one great party. WI X is planning a tailgate party, and Saturday night's entertainment will be by Chris Carey, one hell of a fiddle player. And while it's not Irish, I'm told there'll be plenty of the (in)famous WI X Apple Pie on hand to make you see leprechauns and make you feel plenty green in the morning. At this point registrations are few, so please get your registrations in as soon as possible.

Well Danny Boy, the pipes the pipes are calling, so I fear we must part for now. Happy St. Patrick's Day!! See you all very soon in Green Bay.

Lost in America,

"Wrongway" Denney McSwiggin
GLRC Secretary/Treasurer





*Random thoughts and deep musings
From the Mind of Wrongway*

If my teaser about the 2010 Spring GLRC didn't inspire you, here's some additional information forwarded to me by Wisconsin State Rep and event chairman Dane Nelsen of WI X (Green Bay): The 2010 Spring GLRC is getting closer. April 30-May 2 in Green Bay WI. Registrations are starting to come in and we are continuing to work to put together a great convention for you at a great price. In addition to the info on the flyer/registration form (available on line) we are working to add even more for your enjoyment. We'll have two hospitality rooms (smoking and across the hallway non-smoking). In addition to free beer (4-5 different flavors) we will also have free wines and cocktails and munchies. We'll have live entertainment Saturday night. For those interested, we are arranging a personally guided tour of Lambeau Field (small additional cost) and scheduled transportation and free match plays for Oneida Casino. We will also have several raffles including a 50/50 each night, a gun raffle and a raffle to win your room "comped" for the weekend (1st prize) and one person's registration fee refunded (2nd prize). We have 80 rooms blocked until March 30, 2010. We can add more prior to that if needed, but no guarantees you will get a room after that date. So get your registrations in and room reservations completed ASAP. Like Lt. Aldo Ray says in *Inglorious Basterds*: "Sound good?" Yes sir! This'll be a GLRC you won't want to miss.

I received this sobering information from Ted Englebart, one of the directors of WI VI (Metro Milwaukee). It's gleaned from the NLEOMF web site:

2009 was indeed a tale of two trends in U.S. law enforcement fatalities. Fewer officers died in the line of duty in 2009 (124 as of yesterday) than in any year since 1959. However, the numbers of officers who were shot and killed surged 23 percent this year, driven in part by five separate incidents in which multiple officers were gunned down by one offender. Those are among the key findings of a new report released today by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, in conjunction with Concerns of Police Survivors.

"This year's overall, 7 percent reduction in law enforcement deaths was driven largely by a steep, 21 percent drop in the number of officers killed in traffic-related incidents," reported **NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig W. Floyd**. "However, that bit of good news was overshadowed by an alarming surge in the number of officers killed by gunfire."

Other findings of the preliminary 2009 law enforcement officer's fatality report:

- Nearly one-third of this year's 48 firearms-related fatalities—15 deaths in all—occurred in just five incidents in which more than one officer was shot by a single gunman. These tragedies took place in Lakewood, WA (4 deaths); Oakland, CA (4); Pittsburgh, PA (3); Okaloosa County, FL (2), and Seminole County, OK (2). 2009 saw the most multiple-fatality law enforcement deaths since 1981.
- The law enforcement heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2009 came from 35 states and Puerto Rico. For the third year in a row, Texas, Florida and California had the most fatalities—a combined figure of 28, or 23 percent of the national total.
- Six federal law enforcement officers died in 2009, including three special agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration who were killed in an October helicopter crash in Afghanistan while conducting counter-narcotics operations.
- The average age of the officers killed this year was 39; they averaged 10.5 years of law enforcement service.
- All but one of the officers killed this year were men; the one female was **Officer Tina Griswold**, one of the four Lakewood (WA) officers ambushed in November. By contrast, nearly 10 percent of the officers killed in all of 2008 were women, the highest percentage in history.

Read the full NLEOMF Research Bulletin at www.LawMemorial.org/ResearchBulletin, and leave your comments here.

Footnote: Sadly, just hours after the preliminary 2009 report was released, we learned of the latest law enforcement death of 2009: **Pierce County (WA) Deputy Sheriff Kent Mundell** succumbed to gunshot wounds he suffered on December 21 as he and another deputy responded to a domestic disturbance call in Eatonville. He is the sixth officer from the Seattle/Puget Sound area to be gunned down in just the past two months -- a shocking spate of violence against law enforcement.

2010 is an election year within the Blue Knights. Offices at the International level, the Board of Governors, and the GLRC will all be up for election. Michigan State Rep Mike Scarborough sent in this handy information if you are considering a run for office:

The following is taken from the International Bylaws and deals with the election process and must be followed to run for an International Office. **Please note that the dates to notify the International Office are not before March 1, 2010 but not after May 1, 2010.**

SECTION 3.16. ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE, AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Officers shall be elected every two (2) years (odd numbered years) at the election meeting of the International to be held at the International headquarters the second Saturday in January at 09:00 a.m. for the purpose of counting ballots. They shall serve in their offices until the close of business of the meeting at which their successors are elected. If the election of Officers shall be delayed for any reason, an election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient and each Officer shall continue to hold his office until his successor shall be duly elected. All Officers of the International must presently be or have previously served as the President of a local chapter.

1) Any regular member who wishes to be a candidate for an office on the International Executive Committee, President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer must contact the

International Office Manager after March 1st but prior to May 1st of the year prior to the election and request to be placed in consideration for the nomination of that office.

2) At this time, the Office Manager shall fill out a nomination sheet on each candidate and forward it to the Verification Committee, immediately after the filing period closes.

A) To qualify for an office on the International Executive Committee, a candidate must have served, or currently be serving as a Chapter President.

3) These Candidates submitting their names during the period shall have their names listed on the International Election ballot, if they meet the qualification for office as listed above. The candidates shall have an opportunity to place a photo and 200 word biographies, without charge, in the last edition of the “Blue Knights News” preceding the mailing of ballots.

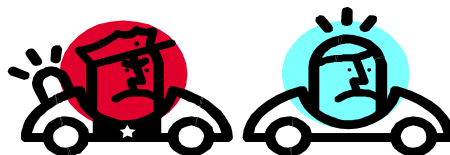
4) Any member who fails to file for International office during the filing period listed above, shall have the opportunity to run as a write-in candidate for the office they wish to pursue, but their name will not be included on the International Election ballot and they shall not be given the opportunity to place a photo and biography in the “Blue Knight News” without charge.

The key thing to remember here is that these guidelines apply for seeking election to an International office. So far I’ve heard of the following people running for International office: Dave Mulford and Peter Domiziano for president, Pat Fox and D.J. Alvarez for VP, Russ Harper for treasurer, and Jack Kaylor for secretary. As more candidates come forward I’ll keep you all informed. If you are considering a run for a GLRC officer position, you simply need to state your intention to run, either in person or by letter of intent at the upcoming Spring GLRC business meeting (May 1) in Green Bay Wisconsin. A nomination and a second are required. GLRC officer elections will be held in Perrysburg Ohio at the Summer GLRC business meeting (August 28).

And speaking of the 2010 Summer GLRC in Perrysburg, did you know that registration forms are currently available on line? The dates for our summer convention are August 27-29, 2010. If you were at the last convention OH II hosted, you’ll remember what a great time it was (and the MOAD at Tony Paco’s Restaurant). So get your forms on the GLRC web site (WWW.BKGLRC.COM) and make plans to attend.

Ride with Pride,

“Wrongway” Dennis



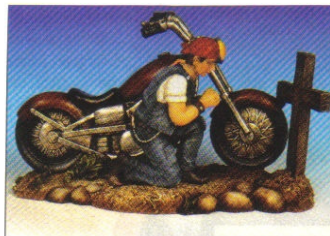
2010 GLRC DUES

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As of March 6, 2010 the above listed chapters have paid their 2010 GLRC dues. Please get your dues in as soon as possible. The Spring GLRC is just around the corner, and your chapter will be unable to vote if your dues aren't paid.

Send your **\$20.00** check (made out to the GLRC) to:

Dennis Hafeman
4713 W. Wilbur Av.
Milwaukee, WI 53220



In Memoriam

Dan Adams – OHX

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2010

April 30-May 2: 2010 Spring GLRC, Green Bay WI (hosted by WI X)

May 20-22: 2010 RGC, Hot Springs AK (hosted by All Arkansas)

June 4-7: 2010 European Convention, Oostduinkerke Belgium (hosted by Belgium VI)

June 11-13: 2010 MWRC, St. Joseph MO (hosted by KC Metro)

June 11-13: 2010 Wisconsin State Convention, Lacrosse WI (hosted by WI VIII)

July 17-22: 2010 International Convention, Billings MT (hosted by MT I)

July 24-28: 2010 WCC/SWC, Grand Junction CO (combined conference)

August 27-29: 2010 Summer GLRC, Perrysburg OH (hosted by OH II)

September 10-12: 2010 Fall MWRC, Grand Forks ND (hosted by ND I)

****Please check the web sites of the above listed chapters and conferences for registration forms and prices, and hotel information and room rates****

THIS JUST IN: SPUD RUN 2010

Greetings Spud Runners. In 1992 a couple of Blue Knights invited all Blue Knights to join them at the Super 8 Motel in Boise for a weekend of festivities and friendship. No registration, no organized rides, no pins or T-shirts. 18 people showed up. The following year was moved to an old motel across from the University Inn (where the Starbuck's is now located on University). Several years later, and with greater numbers, the gathering moved to the University Inn. In 2007 the University Inn became the property of Boise State University and we relocated to the Rodeway Inn to maintain a similar environment. Even though numbers have grown to as many as 200 folks attending, the Spud Run remains unchanged as it is "unofficial". Just name a place and folks will be there. Information for 2010 is as follows:

DATES: Arrival Friday May 28 Departure May 30, 2010 Early and late departures are the order of the day, just arrive and enjoy the company of your fellow Blue Knights.

LOCATION: RODEWAY INN 1115 North Curtis Rd, Boise, ID 83706

REGISTRATION: 1-800-727-5002 or 1-208-376-2700. If the hotel is full, it was nearly full by Feb 1st, the hotel will refer you to an alternate hotel and place you on a wait list for vacancies. Alt Hotel is the Plaza Suite at 208-375-7666 and they will honor the Rodeway rate.

RATES: All rooms for Blue Knights will be \$65.95 Arrival or staying an extra day will be at the same room rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancel in last 4 days, 50% first night penalty, cancel within 2 days forfeit first nights payment.

RESTAURANT: Breakfast from 6-9am week days and 7-10 on weekends, included in your room rate

Lunch is on your own, as in the past they are not open for lunch

Dinner from 5-9pm daily

BAR: The bar will be open at 4:00pm daily, the new manager of the bar will open up a non-smoking room adjacent to the main bar for Blue Knights, also a bit quieter for conversation.

POOL: Per member's request, the pool area will be open nightly until midnight.

BBQ: The annual BBQ will be held on Saturday May 29th at 6:00pm, pool side area. Cost is \$15.00 per person. You MUST purchase a BBQ ticket at the hotel registration desk prior to 6:00 pm Friday May 28th in order for the hotel to notify the catering company of the number of meals to prepare for Saturday.

ACTIVITIES: MR. & MRS. POTATOHEAD WINNER PRESENTATION will be held at the conclusion of the BBQ Pool Side area.

From Karl Hutchinson "Unofficial" SPUD RUN Coordinator

To: All Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle club members

**From: The Emerald Society of Illinois Irish American Police Organization)
Jim "Mac" McCarthy Emerald Society Secretary / President BK IL X**

The Emerald Society of Illinois would like to invite all Blue Knights to our St. Patrick' day celebrations.

1) On Friday March 12, 2010 we are holding a reception at Lizzie McNeil's 400 N. McClurg Ct., Chicago Illinois at 7:00 P.M. We will be hosting 50 English Bobbies from the England Emerald Society and several members of the Irish Garda. These guys are coming over here for the parade on Saturday and are looking forward to meeting American law enforcement officers. The reception is from 7 PM until 10 PM. There is a \$30.00 cover charge which covers an open bar and some food. I can almost guarantee that the party will not end at 10:00 (cash bar after 10) and a good time will be had by all. BRING STUFF TO TRADE. These guys like to take home American Law Enforcement memorabilia.

2) Come and march with us in the parade in uniform on Saturday. Meet at the Operating Engineers Hall, Local 399 Hall 2260 S. Grove St., at 10:30 Sat. morning. There will be buses to the parade and back. Stay for the party afterwards at the hall. There's no charge to march and only \$20.00 for marchers in uniform to attend the party afterwards.

There will be places to change out of uniform at the party site.

Hope to see you there

Jim "Mac" McCarthy
President
Blue Knights
Illinois X

Blue Knights MI Chapter XI Pistol Shoot, March 21, 2010 Noon to 5:00 at the Macomb Police Academy Pistol Range, 21901 Dunham Road, Clinton Twp. MI 48036. Contact: Dan Shoener 586-739-1988.

All Blue Knights members invited. 9mm Glocks and leather gear available to use for free if needed. .38, .40, .45, and 9mm ammo is available for sale.

This is a fun, free shoot - not a competition.

