

The

Mid-Knight News

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Editor:

Hello spring!! It looks like spring might be around for a few weeks, then it will be summer or winter again. I have had the bike out a few times, but when the temperature is warm enough to go for a ride, we have 40 mph winds. We also went from drought conditions to flooding, but that's just spring time in the Ozarks.

Well, the International election is upon us. The election for the International Board will take place this spring. Do your part and investigate the qualifications of each candidate and then take the time to vote. Those we elect to run our club will decide the direction the club goes so we need to make sure we elect the best candidate.

Moving on to Conference news, this year we are not having a Spring Conference, we are having a Spring business meeting, which will be held July 18th to the 20th in Lawrence, KS. Registration and hotel information is listed later in this newsletter. As far as the Fall Conference, it will be held in Rochester, MN from September 4th to the 7th. Registration, as well as hotel information, is also available later in this newsletter.



Until then!!

*Stay Safe
Rick*



From the M.W.R.C. Chairman Tom Luellen

I've lived in my house for 22 years. There is a patch of daffodils that, for us, are volunteer as they pop up each March on their own. I'm sure they are a holdover from the garden of a previous occupant but we don't care. For a couple of weeks each spring they add a very vibrant yellow to the backyard, only to be felled by one last cold snap. A prime example of nature at work. But, I digress. Ladies and gentlemen of the MWRC, spring is here. I know that not only from the aforementioned daffodils, but I'm seeing emails and posts about the first travels of the year. Always a welcome sight. I hope you all have safe and fun travels in 2025.

I checked in with Laura Potter who told me Duane has moved to using only a cane to walk around, which is welcome progress. That has allowed them to venture out of the house to begin to resume some normal activity. I know we'll all keep praying for more good progress.

By now you know that this is an election year. All four International Executive Board positions are up for election and the electronic ballots will be out soon. They will go to the email address in your profile in the Members Only section of the Int'l website so make sure to check there.

Our MWRC calendar for this year includes our first scaled down get together, the business meeting in Lawrence. I am anxious to see how this works out, and I trust KS III will take good care of us. I am also looking forward to being in southern Minnesota in September for our Fall Conference. The weather there that time of year has the potential to be spectacular.

My virtual door is always open so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Until we meet again,



RWP!

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**From the M.W.R.C.
Vice-Chairman
Mark Smoot**

Happy spring! Have you knocked the rust off, yourself I mean? I know you'd never let the bike show any rust.

Get out and get those engines roaring! Let the world see our pride. While you're at it, talk to other bikers and let them know who we are. When you run into a fellow LEO rider, hand them an application. Invite them to join you on a Chapter ride.

I recently learned we no longer have any Chapters in Manitoba :(If you find yourself in that province, do a little recruiting. I have one member from a neighboring province, John Dryden, who has agreed to do some recruiting for us. If you need recruiting info, or a new Chapter package, you can contact International or me.

Even if you're not planning a trip to Canada, get out and enjoy your local highways and byways. Shine the bike and go show it off. This country has plenty of awesome roads and sights. Get out and enjoy them.

Kristie and I are heading down to Baton Rouge in a few days for the SRC and a side trip to New Orleans. We're also planning to ride a portion of Route 66 after the Spring Business Meeting. Maybe you can share a few of those miles. Get out and enjoy!

I'll see y'all in Kansas!

Ride With Pride
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**From the M.W.R.C.
Interim
Secretary / Treasurer
Lloyd Youel**

Lloyd Youel, your Interim Secretary Treasurer here. Just a reminder, it is time to pay your Midwest Regional Conference dues. Currently about half of the chapters have paid their dues. Please get them to me as soon as possible. If

anyone needs to get in touch with me in the meantime, my cell phone number is 316-737-4942 and my email address is lloyd.youel@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone in July and then again in September in Minnesota.

Ride with Pride,
Lloyd Youel
Interim Secretary



From the M.W.R.C. International Representative Doug Casteel

Since the last newsletter I have represented you at the Southern Regional Conference and the March Blue Knights® International Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom. The

highlights of the BOD meeting are as follows:

International Honorary Members Maggie Gallant, King Albert II of Belgium, Terry Pendleton, Fred Noe, Joe Ball, Christine Fulton, and WI Gov. Scott Walker were all confirmed.

Internet Committee: Joe Ball advised there have been some updates to the website. Members can create a unique sign in password now. You can also add a photo in the members section where you can update your information. This will help the office when you contact them to put a face to the members, and also with Heaven I listings.

NAVPO: Cal Ennals advised the membership numbers will be in his written report submitted to the secretary. He has secured a discount with Cardo Communication Systems where the membership will receive 20% off and an additional 10% royalty will go to the Blue Knights®. He has ordered the 2025 10,000-mile patches and there are currently 48 people signed up.

President: DJ Alvarez advised the FL lawsuit has been withdrawn. There was some discussion about the accidental death insurance program, and you don't have to put your phone number on the card they send you. If they are calling you and you tell them you don't want to buy anything and they persist, then contact the international office so they can contact the company. The salespeople are tracked as who they contact, and they have fired an overly aggressive salesperson in the past. Since its inception the policy has paid out approximately one half million dollars. TX XXXI is making DJ Daniels, who is battling cancer, an honorary member. He is requesting patches and challenge coins to be sent to DJ Alvarez PO Box 3234, Galveston TX 77552.

Treasurer: John Bull reopened the 2025 budget to amend it with the money saved from the magazine contract change. With the following monies put into the listed categories: \$864.00 Air and Travel, \$2,000.00 Scholarships, \$4,800.00 Convention Registration, \$1,150.00 President Entertainment, \$200.00 Chaplain, \$500.00 Travel Meals, and \$300.00 Safety Committee.

Office Manager: Jana Clark advised 4 chapters requested to renew with less than 6 members with all being approved. 7 Chapters totaling 83 members advised they are not renewing for 2025. The members of those chapters will be contacted in an attempt to retain their membership.

Board of Governors: Pam McClaren advised there are currently no bids for the 2027 International Convention and the deadline for submission is May 1st. Although since the meeting, a Germany Chapter has advised they will submit a bid.

Proposal 2025-0001 to allow Corrections Officers without powers of arrest to become Blue Knights®. The motion failed with 4 yeas, 11 nays, and 1 abstention, with me voting no.

Proposal 2025-0002 to define a Governmental Correctional Institute or Facility was withdrawn.

Proposal 2025-0003 to establish an international application form for executive board elections. The motion passed with 15 yeas, and 1 nay, with me voting yes.

Proposal 2025-0004 to change the membership classifications for regular and associate members. The motion failed with 5 yeas, and 11 nays, with me voting no.

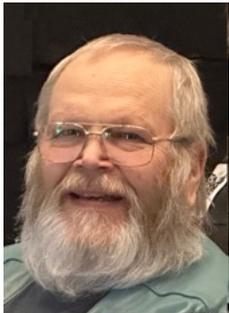
The input I received from the conference regarding the proposal was pretty much split down the middle. Therefore, I based my votes on the discussions and erred to the side of maintaining the high standards of the organization, regarding the powers of arrest criteria.

The next BOD meeting will be on Monday, May 12th, 2025, at 1300 hours ET. The deadline for submissions was April 12th, 2025, at 1600 hours ET.

As always, if you have any questions or I can help with something, I am available via the contact information listed below.

Ride with Pride,

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**From the M.W.R.C.
Web-Master
Wayne Schwartz**

Well, here we are in the middle of April and I guess for most of us riding season has arrived. I hope everyone is ready and raring to get back on the road. The website is doing well and has had a lot of activity. Be sure to check it out for information on the upcoming 2025 MWRC Spring Business Meeting to be held in Lawrence, KS in the middle of July. Hotel information is listed as well as a fillable Registration Form. Likewise, information is posted for the 2025 MWRC Fall Conference to be held in Rochester, MN in early September. This includes the hotel listing with a direct link to the MWRC Blue Knights special rate. There is also a fillable Registration Form for this conference as well. With the new year there may be some changes with your chapter's mailing address. If so, let me know so I can update your chapter information so those folks out there that may be looking to make contact with you can do so. As always, if your chapter has a member transfer on to Heaven I be sure to pass that information on to me so I can add your member to our Heaven I page. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Spring and Fall Conferences and until then, be careful and stay safe, and as always,

Ride with Pride,

Wayne Schwartz
MWRC Webmaster
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**From the M.W.R.C.
Safety Officer
Scott Grabowski**

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Riding is a thrill, no doubt — it's freedom on two wheels, it's therapy for the soul. But freedom without preparation can be a gamble.

So, what can we actually do to stop a tragedy before it ever has a chance to happen?

Check Your Tires – Every Ride, Every Time

Tire pressure isn't just a number — it's your first line of defense. Proper pressure means more grip, better handling, longer tire life, and a safer ride.

Gear Up Like You Mean It

Helmets save lives. The data doesn't lie — states with helmet laws see far fewer fatalities per crash than those without. And while we're talking gear... that t-shirt and jeans combo? It might look cool, but it won't last half a second sliding on pavement. Your skin deserves better.

Train Like Your Life Depends On It – Because It Might

Practice enhances muscle memory. Quick stops, swerves, cornering — these aren't just techniques, they're survival skills. Don't wait for that left-turning car or that flying debris to test you. Find a parking lot, take a riding class, stay sharp. You'll ride better and maybe even save on insurance while you're at it.

Mind Right, Ride Right

Riding clears your mind, but you need a clear mind to ride. If you're rushing, angry, or distracted — maybe today's not the day to hop on. Mental focus is non-negotiable on two wheels.

Ride Smart – Ride with Strategy

Have a plan every time you're out. Use the 2-4-12 rule — Always know your escape routes. Make yourself visible — reflective gear, extra lights, high-viz clothing. Don't sit in someone's blind spot and expect them to see you.

Bottom line — you can still have all the fun and freedom the road offers. Just don't let your guard down. Because the moment you do... might be the moment you don't get back up.

Stay sharp. Stay safe. Practice often.

Ride With Pride

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Update on the Fall 2025 MWRC



The 2025 Fall Conference is approaching fast. Minnesota Chapters are ready and looking forward to seeing everyone from the Midwest Conference and beyond. We have put an ad in the Sword and Shield magazine that just came out. Randy Gracy was so helpful in putting it together and it can be found on page 7 of your latest edition. Did you know you can advertise your conference for just \$195.00 for a full-page ad?

Get your hotel room or rooms soon. You can always cancel for free before September 1st if something comes up. At only \$89.00 a night plus tax. Rates are guaranteed until July 20th. You may call the hotel directly at (507) 289-8866 and ask for the Blue Knights rate or simply copy and paste the following link to go directly to the Best Western Blue Knights reservation site:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24148.html?groupId=E37WL1D2

Only 45 individuals have registered for the conference as of this writing. Registration can be made through the MWRC events page (www.blueknightsmwrc.com/events) going to the MWRC Fall 2025 Conference by clicking on the Fillable Registration Form. Fill it out and print it and send it in to Wayne Schwartz with your \$99.00 registration fee, dinner choice, (Walleye, Chicken, or Pork or a gluten/vegetarian meal) T-shirt sizes, and proper dollar amount. On August 4th the registration goes up to \$119.00. Shirt orders must also be in by August 4th. **No** shirts will be sold at the conference.

This will be a fun-filled conference with many raffle prizes, 50 / 50 each night, and gun raffles. The hospitality room is available Thursday, Friday and Saturday until midnight with beer, water and soda. Planned rides, Friday night meal and banquet. Shopping at the Apache Mall just blocks away.

Come out and meet new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of those you have known forever. Minnesota is a great place to see and visit in the fall season and enjoy the adventures of the Blue Knights, the greatest law enforcement motorcycle club in the world.

This is the only traditional conference in the MWRC this year, so come out and enjoy what Minnesota offers in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes." You won't regret it.

Mid-Knight News Requirements

The Mid-Knight News is published quarterly. The deadlines are January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, with the projected publication being February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Any member of the Blue Knights MWRC can submit an article for publication. However, the article must be sent from the Chapter Corporate e-mail. This ensures chapter approval of the article and its contents.

Articles should be submitted in MS "WORD" in Arial 12 - point with justified left and right margins. Please try to limit your article to one page. Photos may also be submitted, but please send them in a "jpeg" format.

CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

In order for a chapter to remain in good standing with the Conference, each chapter must pay dues of one dollar per member with a maximum of twenty-five to the Conference on an annual basis.

The dues must be paid before the chapter will be allowed to vote at the MWRC business meeting.

You can mail your dues to:

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Before each newsletter, I send out a request to each of the State Representatives asking them to send me an article for the Mid-Knight News.

Iowa Representative Dave Eyman

No response

Kansas Representative Jim Miller



I hope this finds everyone well. We finally have winter behind us, and it was a bad one here in the Midwest. I am looking forward to everything that summer has to offer.

On March 4th, 2025, I was watching President Trump's address to the joint session of Congress on TV. Davarjaye "DJ" Daniel was in the audience. DJ is a 13-year-old boy from Texas who has dreamed of being a law enforcement officer, but was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer more than six years ago. He is still fighting cancer today. I watched as President Trump surprised DJ by making him an honorary Secret Service member. I watched in tears as the Secret Service Director presented DJ with his Secret Service ID. I cannot begin to explain how I felt and how much that grabbed my heart.

As most of you know, Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club decided to make DJ an Honorary Blue Knight. As soon as I heard this I knew that I had to be there for that. I contacted Blue

Knights International President D.J. Alvarez and told him that I would be there for the ceremony. The plan was to present DJ Daniel with his official Blue Knights vest at the Kemah, TX Police Department on April 5th, 2025. About a week before the ceremony, D.J. Alvarez contacted me. He said they were planning a lunch ride for after the ceremony. He asked me if I would lead the lunch ride, and have DJ Daniel ride with me. My immediate response was, "Absolutely!"

I left for the Houston, TX area on April 4th, and returned on April 6th. The ceremony was awesome. I am so happy I was able to be part of it. I was honored to lead the lunch ride and have DJ Daniel ride with me. DJ is a great kid with an awesome personality and sense of humor.



About a week before the Texas trip, a Blue Knights brother and good friend, Adrian Bevel, came to Lawrence to visit me. Adrian used to be a member of CO IX, but after he retired he moved to TN and is now a member of TN IX. He asked me if I would want to ride with him and TN IX to the South Regional Conference in Baton Rouge, LA. How could I say no? So, after being home from the Texas trip for two days I left for Tennessee and then Louisiana! It was a great time and I met a lot of awesome people. I was gone on that trip from April 9th through April 13th. On the way home, I could not help but think about how blessed I am to be part of such an amazing organization.

“Ride With Pride”

Jim Miller
Kansas State Rep

Minnesota Representative Chris Boerner

Nothing to report

Missouri Representative Don Tyes

Riding season has been here for several months as spring came early in Missouri this year. There has been a tremendous amount of flooding in the southern part of the state. We experienced a hard winter with snow removal causing severe damage to the roads. Motorcyclist and vehicle operators should watch out for pot holes, as they are plentiful.

The 2025 Midwest Regional Spring Business Meeting is being hosted by Kansas III on July 18th – 20th, at the Double Tree Hilton 200 McDonald Drive in Lawrence Kansas. Telephone number 785- 841 - 7077. Please make your reservations if you haven't already.

Also, the Fall Midwest Regional Conference will be held at the Best Western Rochester Hotel Mayo/St. Mary's, 1517 16th Avenue SW, Rochester, Minnesota. Telephone number 507-289-8866. Make your reservations as soon as possible to guarantee your room.

Lastly, on September 27th, 2025, Missouri X will host the 13th Annual Fallen Officers Memorial Ride. Information for the Memorial Ride will be posted on the MWRC webpage. Take the time to help us honor our Fallen Heroes. Hotel information is available if requested.

Ride with Pride,
Donald Tyes, MO X
Missouri State Representative

Nebraska Representative Frank Bergmark

It was a long winter, which was pretty uneventful, with the exception of South Dakota graciously hosting Winter Blahs.

Nebraska I and South Dakota I are meeting in Chamberlain, South Dakota (weather just the white wet icy stuff) permitting on the first weekend in May for our annual ride.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July business meeting and the Fall Conference.

Frank Bergmark
Nebraska I

North Dakota Representative

No report

Oklahoma Representative Tom Ashing

No response

South Dakota Representative Dave Thorsgaard

The Blue Knights of South Dakota I are happy spring has finally arrived! The past few months we have had a few events and are planning many more.

In February, we held our annual Winter Blahs. We had a great turn out with Blue Knights from Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota and for the first time in a long time we had guests from Montana I, Bruce Coccoli and his lovely wife Sarah. It was really nice to meet these two and share so many stories.

May always brings the Paxton run led by Frank Bergmark from NE I. This ride started in Paxton, NE and has moved to different locations over the years, Valentine, NE and this year to Chamberlain, SD. It is always the first weekend in May, the same weekend as the Kentucky Derby and we always have a great time with that.

Two days after that is the Law Enforcement Memorial Ride in Pierre, SD. This will be a first for us as we have been asked to lead the procession from the SD LE Academy to the Law Enforcement memorial on the Capital grounds. We are very excited and honored to be a part of this humbling event.

June will be our annual Big Horns run, we are hoping to meet up with Blue Knights from MT I and WY I and possibly some from Colorado.

We will have a good contingent going to the first Presidents meeting in Lawrence, KS and the Fall Conference in Rochester, MN. Hoping to see all of you there and meeting many more.

Until then Ride With Pride!

Dave Thorsgaard

MWRC State Representative BK SD I

Important Safety Bulletin Outlaw Motorcycle Club Activity

(by Jim Miller, Kansas State Rep)

The general manager of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Lawrence, KS contacted me. He wanted to find out what I know about the Hell's Lovers Motorcycle Club. He told me that they had contacted him and wanted to reserve the whole hotel, for what would be a very large group, the weekend of August 1st through August 3rd, 2025.

The Hell's Lovers Motorcycle Club is a multi-ethnic outlaw motorcycle club founded in Chicago, IL in 1967. They claim a membership of over 1,500, with chapters located in various U.S. states, including Illinois, Tennessee, Colorado, Texas, Georgia, and Maryland. They are a structured group with a military style organization.

The Hell's Lovers have been associated with criminal activity such as disorderly conduct, assault, battery, rape, murder, illegal weapons, illegal explosives, drug trafficking, and motorcycle theft.

On May 14th, 2023, gunshots were fired and a bystander suffered critical injuries after a man was involved in a dispute with a group of Hell's Lovers in the parking lot of Victoria's Bar in Topeka, KS. Seven people were arrested by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office in connection with the shooting.

After I gave this information to the DoubleTree general manager, he declined to allow the Hell's Lovers to reserve the hotel. At this time, it is unknown if they found another hotel in Lawrence or are staying in another nearby town.

I want all Blue Knights members to be aware that on or about the first weekend in August a large group of Hell's Lovers may be riding through your area on their way to or through Lawrence, KS.

Be safe!



2025

MIDWEST REGIONAL Conference Business Meeting



HOSTED BY: KANSAS III

Friday, July 18th – Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Host Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Lawrence
200 McDonald Drive Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: 785-841-7077

Room Rate: \$139.00 (King or 2 Queen beds, per night plus tax. Hot Breakfast for up to 4 people (normally \$24.00 per couple) is included with reservation. Rate is good for reservations made through or before 06-18-24. \$249.00 (regular rate) for reservations made after 06-18-24.
Mention Blue Knights to get the discounted rate.

Conference Price: \$50.00 per person thru July 1st, 2025. \$75.00 after July 1st.

Mail Registration Form to:

Michael Underwood (KS III President)
1010 Hickory Ct
Eudora, Kansas 66025
e-mail munderbkks3@gmail.com
Contact # (785) 615-9266

Make checks payable to: Blue Knights Kansas III

Member: _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Chapter: _____

E Mail Address for Registration Confirmation: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per person: \$75.00 after 07/01/25 = \$_____

Long sleeve-Shirts: (S–XL= \$27.00 ea.) (2XL= \$29.00 ea.) (3XL–5XL= \$33.00 ea.)

Long sleeve-Shirt Size: Sm.() Med.() Large() XL() 2XL() 3XL() 4XL() 5XL()

Total Number of T-Shirts:_____ **Total Amount Enclosed:\$**_____

No extra shirts will be sold at the conference.

Your Registration includes:

- Hospitality room Friday, and Saturday (Beer and snacks provided) 4pm-12:00am.
- Lunch ride after the President's meeting to Louisburg KS (lunch on your own)
- Hot Breakfast Buffet Saturday, and Sunday morning.

COME JOIN US!

RIDE WITH PRIDE!

**Blue Knights
Kansas III**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change.
The final schedule will be in your registration packet when you arrive.

Friday:	4:00 pm-9:00 pm	Registration desk open (Dinner on your own)
(July 18th)	4:00 pm-12:00 am	Hospitality suite open Beer and snacks provided
Saturday:		
(July 19th)	7:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast Buffet (provided with room reservations)
	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration desk open
	9:00 am – 11:00 am	MWRC business meeting
	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Group ride to Timber Creek Bar & Grill Louisburg KS
	4:00 pm – 12:00 am	Hospitality suite open
Sunday:	7:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast Buffet (provided)
(July 20th)	7:00 am – 11:00 am	Hotel Check-out and Departure

Tee-shirt design



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MWRC

2025 FALL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2025



Host Hotel

Best Western-Rochester Mayo Clinic/St. Mary's Hotel
1517 16th St SW, Rochester, MN

Reservations

\$89/night

Hotel includes: free breakfast, Microwave/Refrigerator, coffee maker in each room.

Registration

\$99 per person

Registration includes a meal on Friday evening, Saturday Banquet, rides, Hospitality room open 3 nights until Midnight. 50/50, Raffles and lots of good conversation and fellowship with other Blue Knights.

Minnesota, the Land of 10,000 Lakes

Roll into Rochester for the 2025 MWRC Fall Conference. Home of the renowned Mayo Clinic. The Rochester area has some great m/c roads and places to visit. The Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN is along the Mississippi River and a casual ride through rolling hills.

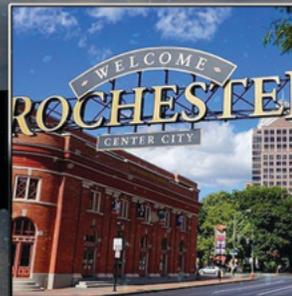
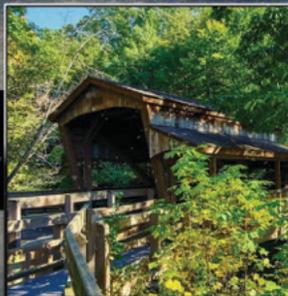
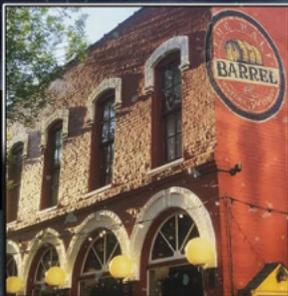
Also nearby is the Amish area near Lanesboro, MN. Just to name a couple.

Both are inside an hour ride.

www.BlueKnightsMWRC.com

Go to the MWRC website and click on the events section for the fillable registration page. There is also a link taking you directly to the hotel Blue Knight special pricing. Three (3) meal choices and you can order your T-shirts with the registration.

MWRC Website: blueknightsmwrc.com



STANDING RULES FOR THE MWRC



1. Carrying firearms at MWRC events after consuming alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Event hosts are required to provide secure storage for firearms if requested by any attendee.

2. All members are entitled to make motions and participate in discussions during Conference meetings. However, only the President (or Regular Member appointed by the President) of each MWRC Chapter in good standing will be allowed to vote on items of business and candidates for office at Conference meetings. Any Chapter which has not paid its annual dues shall not be considered in good standing.



3. MWRC officers shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary / Treasurer, and International Representative. The officers shall serve two (2) year terms and shall be elected at the Fall Conference meeting during even numbered years. Candidates must declare (in writing) the office they seek to the MWRC Secretary / Treasurer prior to the adjournment of the Spring meeting of the election year. No later than August 1st of the election year the MWRC Secretary / Treasurer will provide the President of each MWRC Chapter with a list of the candidates for each office. This is meant to allow the Chapter President to confer with his membership prior to the voting.



4. Each Chapter in the MWRC shall pay annual dues to the Conference in the amount of \$1.00 (US) per chapter member, up to a maximum of \$25.00 (US) per year.



5. Bids to host MWRC conferences may be accepted up to two (2) years in advance.

6. All participants in parades or group rides, at any Blue Knights® Midwest Regional Conference event, must wear an approved motorcycle helmet.



7. The MWRC board will notify any active chapter within 50 miles prior to authorizing a charter to any new chapter, however final determination and approval will reside with the board