MESSAGE FROM THE RGC CHAIRMAN

ANTHONY “NINJA TURTLE” CABRERA

Merry Christmas Blue Knights! I trust that as of the writing of this article each one of your families are having a great time with family and friends enjoying the season's greetings. This past year has brought us new changes and new challenges which lay ahead and we will ensure that this conference continues to grow and positively impact our communities across our respective states. Always remember to fly your colors high and proud!

The New Year is upon us. I can only hope that we can achieve and surpass the goals that we have done in 2014! We come from all walks of life and we have the ability to help change and make a difference within your respective chapters. Here's to a new year with new friendships that will last us a lifetime. Should you have a need to contact me, I am always available via phone, text, email or simply come on by! May you all have a Merry Christmas and a very, very, Happy New Year! See you on the blacktop!!!

Chairman Anthony Cabrera
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Here we are in the middle of winter, which even for our Southern brothers means there are not a lot of riding days this time of year.

But, it is a good time for recruiting new members and especially renewing existing members. Remember if your chapter doesn’t renew before February 1st, you pay a penalty of $5.00 per member.

While I am on the topic of renewals, I need all chapters to insure that all members are classified correctly, i.e. Regular members meet all requirements for a regular member, Associate Members meet all the requirements for an associate member, etc. One of the things we have come across this year are members on the roll that do not own a motorcycle. A requirement for all levels of membership is that you must own a motorcycle or purchase one within 6 months. It appears we have a number of members across the RGC that have not owned a motorcycle for much longer than 6 months. Blue Knights International is attempting to clean up the records worldwide, and we in the RGC need to make sure we have cleaned our house before International comes down with a mandatory audit.

Like I said above, the winter time is a good time to recruit new members. A good start to attracting new members is to invite them to meetings and any type of event or gathering you might have throughout the winter. Don’t wait for the next ride, when those are available that will “seal the deal”.

I hope everyone had wonderful
holidays and stayed safe and sound.

Everyone be safe and.........Ride With Pride!

MESSAGE FROM THE RGC SECRETARY AND “TEMPORARY” NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Earl “Bulldog” Wade

Brothers and Sister,

It has been a trying year not only for the Blue Knights, but to all LEOs. We have seen several thing happen around the Country and World that has caused us all to think hard about our chosen profession. I know I have woke up many of days and thought maybe it’s time to hang up the spurs and retire, but I still love my job and enjoy the thought that if I reach out and just help one person it is still worth all the bad press, complaints and stress it causes me. I know there are far more citizens that love and appreciate us than the few that try to stir the pot and portray Police as all bad. Sadly several leaders have also spoken poorly against Law Enforcement without having or ignoring the complete facts. It is a very dangerous time we work in and everyone is watching and scrutinizing our every move without the slight ideal on what it takes to make the decisions we make in the milliseconds we must make them in, knowing innocent lives and our hang in the balance.

I remember what my FTO (Field Training Officer) told me those many years ago. Your number one priority is to go home every day at the end of your shift and if you do that everything else will work out.

I hope everyone took time this year and remember all the people that we have to be thankful for and remember that is the reason we do our jobs to keep them safe. I know I am truly blessed to have the friends and family with me. I truly see my Blue Knights as a larger extension of my family. I hope everyone had a good year and the Lord blessed you all with happiness.

As always I and my fellow RGC Executive Officer are here to assist you anytime you need it just call, text or email us. Let us all get out there and “RIDE WITH PRIDE”!

Our Newsletter Editor resigned and we are in need of a replacement Editor so if anyone is interested in being the editor of the RGC Newsletter let me know. I am far
from an expert at this, but will do my best till we find a fulltime editor to take it over.

Earl “Bulldog” Wade

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MESSAGE from the RGC Chaplain

Chaplain Paul “Chappy” Worley

Dear Fellow Knights,

It is the end of the year. It has been a tumultuous year in law enforcement, to say the least.

As I write this, the funeral of Officer Rafael Ramos of NYPD, assassinated by a mad man, is being conducted. His death and the death of his partner, Officer Wenjian Liu, seem to me to be the pinnacle of the degradation of public civility and the lack of respect for the law enforcement. These are subjects very near and dear to my heart. My son is a police officer, SAPD officers are my 'blue parish' and you are my best riding companions. All of you are my family, blood and blue. None of you deserves any less than respect and gratitude.

I pray for you each day. You are utmost in my thoughts. In short, you are some of the most important people in my world. That is not to mention that I really enjoy riding with you. That brings me to the second point I want to make: the term "knight" is not one we wear without consideration of the standards we maintain. To uphold the highest standards, to "Ride with Pride", describes who we are and what we represent. That is the reason the each time I don my 'colors' for a club ride, I feel a tremendous sense of purpose and pride.

As law enforcement officers, you know who and what you are. You did not get into this vocation because you thought it would be a way to get rich or the road high places in society. You became a law enforcement officer for much the same reason that I became an Episcopal priest: you were 'called' and you wanted to make the world a better place. It is a noble thing to do. Maybe some do not understand this. But, we know. The saying goes that 'from the inside, you cannot explain it; from the outside, you cannot understand it'.

My hope and prayer for each of you in 2015 is that you will be safe, covered by God's presence and that you will continue to Ride with Pride in all aspects of your life. I am honored to be a part of this great fraternity.

Blessings to you and yours,

Chappy
MESSAGE from RGC Treasurer

Nothing submitted.

MESSAGE from RGC International Representative

Hello Fellow Blue Knights,
I hope that you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year brings you good health and happiness.

Chuck Doran
RGC INT. Representative

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**RGC Chapter’s updates**

**Arkansas VI Heber Springs**

The Blue Knights AR-VI Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club donated $765.00 to the Arkansas Dream Center that was raised through a recent raffle. Club President Ron Wildman said "the Dream Center's Christmas message of restoring dreams and asking for donations to help the parents of over 500 kids in Cleburne County with Christmas gifts for their children made it an easy choice for the Club's decision of who the money would go to."

**Texas IV San Antonio**

The special needs residence of the MRDC is always happy to see the Motorcycles along with San Antonio PD (Blue Eagle) Helicopter landing with Blue Santa.
Texas IV President Reisz stepped up, after finding out that the VFW could no longer handle the logistic of the event, and volunteered to take the event over so the special needs residences at the MRDC will continue to hear the motorcycles roar in bearing gifts for all.

Texas IV also held their annual Christmas Dinner/Party at the VFW 8541. The chapter had a large turn out and a tasteful dinner was served follow by the yearly ride attendance raffle of a Mossberg Shotgun to a lucky member.

Texas IV President Ben “Trooper” Reisz reflected on the year and took a moment to thank those that worked the hardest for our chapter.
A good time was had by all, right Stinky!

Earl “Bulldog” Wade
Immediate Past President TX IV

Texas V Grand Prairie

Larry Green
El Gee
President TX V

Texas V is alive……and doing well!

Even though we have had a relatively mild winter so far in North Texas, with all the holiday festivities it is a very busy time of year for everyone. So we haven’t had any major rides, but we did have a great time at our annual Christmas party and had a great turnout.

This year we collected toys for the Grand Prairie Santa Cop program and everyone attending the party was very generous bringing new toys for the kids.

Our members were able to put out collection boxes at several businesses for toy collections. At one of our collection points, Longhorn Harley Davidson was able to collect two pickup loads of toys to donate to the GPPD Santa Cop program!
We had a “work” night at the Santa Cop Warehouse packing all the goodies up for distribution to the families. A lot of Santa’s Elves looked suspiciously like Texas V Blue Knights.

Many thanks to Cindy Waterston of Longhorn Harley Davidson (above) for all of her help with the collections!

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On December the 17th we assisted with the distribution of the toys and food and the police department pickup location. Even though it was cold and wet, there were still a lot of smiles on the family’s faces.
Stay safe and….Ride with Pride

**Texas XI Waco**

Hello from Central Texas. Blue Knights TX XI Waco has been busy the past few months. We elected new officers at our August meeting. The new officers are Brad Crook President, Doyle Brock Vice President, Linda Crook Secretary/Treasurer, Tuck Saunders, Dan Weyenberg and Joe Lambert Directors and Frank Kapavik Safety Officer. Doyle Brock was presented an appreciation plaque for his service as past president of our Chapter.

My wife, Linda, and I attended the Blue Knights 40th Anniversary Cruise that left Cape Canaveral, Florida on September 27. We had a great time meeting new Knights and sightseeing St. Thomas and St. Martin.

We appreciate the great job he has done serving as our President.
We were able to go to the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum in Titusville, Florida and saw the Blue Knights International display at the museum.

Thank you Debbie and Gene Fuqua with D. G. Promotions and BK Florida Chapter 18 for hosting a great trip.

Blue Knights TX XI members attended the Knights of the Roundtable meeting in Kerrville October 16-19.

Had a great time riding the Twisted Sisters route and visiting with Blue, Red and Green Knights during the event.

December has been a busy month with local toy runs for various agencies. Our Chapter gathered toys at our December meeting and presented them to the Toys for Tots Ride at the Harley Davidson of Waco dealership on December 13.
Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25, 2015. Our Chapter is sponsoring our tenth annual Police Memorial Ride. We have named the ride in honor of our past Chaplain, Jerry Hineline, who passed away several years ago. Jerry loved the Blue Knights and was a strong supporter for our Chapter and all the Blue Knights. Registration for the ride starts at 11:00 a.m. at West Station Roadhouse in West, Texas. The ride will start at 1:30 p.m. and will go to Veterans Memorial Park in Lacy Lakeview (Waco). I am attaching a flyer with details on the ride. Come early for fun and fellowship. You will be able to purchase lunch at the West Station. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Brad Crook  
President  
Blue Knights TX XI Waco  
RIDE WITH PRIDE

Texas XXXVI Kingsville

Photo on the Port Aransas Ferry while crossing the pass, photos of a break at an island store.
RGC Chairman was able to collect 3 Cities for his Rio Grande Conference Traveler's Pin on this ride around the Coastal Bend.

Good evening fellow knights. On behalf of Chapter 42 I would like to wish you and your family a Very Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Chapter has been busy this past month. We started off by collecting monetary and unwrapped gifts outside one of the local Wal-Marts in Brownsville, Texas.
As always all donations are returned to less fortunate families in our county area. At the end of this two day toy fundraiser we raised $1,557.00 and about $500 in toys.

Our Chapter had Blue Knights, Lady Blue Knights and Little Blue Knights working hard to make this a GREAT success. On Tuesday December 23, 2014 some of our members rode around Brownsville, Texas and went to the local less fortunate areas and gave out toys to children.

Our first stop was at the Friendship of Women shelter and gave toys to the children there.

We then rode to a homeless shelter and to low income neighborhoods to pass out toys and see Santa in a blue suit step out of a 2014 RED dodge charger (donated by AVIS car Rental
This event was a great success due to the hard work and dedication of all members and families involved.

Once again, we would like to wish all a very Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year!

Jose "Joker" Torres
President TX 42
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blue Knights® Texas Chapter XI
Waco
Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

2015 Jerry Hineline Police Memorial Ride
(In Memory of Blue Knights TX XI Chaplain Jerry Hineline)

Sunday, April 6, 2014
Saturday, April 25, 2015
Registration Starts 11:00 A.M.
Ride Starts 1:30 P.M.
Come early for fun and fellowship
Start Location:
West Station Roadhouse
128 Main Street (Downtown) in West, Texas
I-35 Exit 353 and go East on FM 2114
Final Destination: Veterans Memorial Park
600 N. Patricia Street, Lacy Lakeview (Waco), Texas

Cost: $15.00 per Rider/$5.00 per Passenger