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From the editor:

The Conference elections were held at the Fall 2022 MWRC in St. Joseph, MO. I am sure by now everyone knows who won. If not, some of the articles in the Mid-Knight News, will let you know all the happenings at the Conference.

I would like to thank the old board for their service to the Conference, as well welcome the new board. With the new executive board, also came a couple of other changes. I am no longer the Conference Safety Officer and my sole duties now will consist of the quarterly issues of the Mid-Knight News. I hope you like the new look.

Most of the photos in this newsletter were from the Fall 2022 MWRC hosted by MO X and were posted on the MWRC Webpage.

As this is the last issue before the holidays, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New year!

Thanks
Rick McCrea
Editor



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

Greetings, brother and sister Knights. As you've probably heard by now, the MWRC board is a little different after the meeting two weeks ago in St. Joseph. I'm excited about serving as your chairman for the next two years, and my first order of business is to thank Brian Gadd for his years of service to the conference. Although I suspect that you're looking forward to being able to simply relax at a conference, rest assured, I'll probably be calling you from time to time to pick your brain. I also want to welcome Duane Potter to the board as your secretary/treasurer. You hit the ground running organizing a new mailing address and bank account, keep up the good work. I'm glad that Bobby Clark and Doug Casteel are returning as your vice-chairman and International Representative. I re-appointed Wayne Schwartz at the webmaster to keep up the best website among the Knights. Rick McCrea decided we needed some new blood as your MWRC Safety Officer, so I asked Scott Grabowski of MN IV to take over that position and he agreed. Luckily, Rick agreed to keep writing our newsletter so you can look forward to reading those quarterly. I've also contacted all the State Reps and asked them to stay on. However, I need to fill the vacant North Dakota Rep position so stay tuned for that.

I know we're embarking on the time of year where we won't do much riding in the MWRC, but there's riding to be done if you know where to look. I'll be flying to Phoenix in late November for AZ VI's November Knights. Knowing a guy who

lives there and happens to have two bikes helps. If you have a mind to, scour the inter-webs for events in southern regions and figure it out. After that, I'm looking forward to our conferences in Coralville and Chesterfield next year. I know both those chapters will put on a good show.

I want to mention something that everyone may not know. Any member can represent your chapter at our meetings. If a chapter president cannot attend, they can designate another member of their chapter to serve in their place. We have a blank proxy letter on the Midwest website (look under the links tab) which is simple to complete. You may have to take the bull by the horns, fill this out yourself, and get your president to sign it. I bring this up as I know of at least one chapter who had a member in St. Joe but did not sign in as a voting member during the Saturday meeting. We can't expect everyone to make every meeting so spreading the workload around will help. Please use the letter when you need to.



My virtual door is always open. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Until June...

RWP!!

Tom Luellen
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Greeting MWRC,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve another term as your Vice Chairman. I have had a great time thus far and have met a lot of new faces serving as the Vice Chairman. I would also again like to congratulate Tom Luellen on his new position as Chairman and Duane Potter as the new Secretary/Treasurer. And then I would like to thank Brian Gadd for his service and dedication as the Chairman and wish him the best of luck on whatever he decides to do next in the organization.



**From the M.W.R.C.
Vice-Chairman
Bobby Clark**

If you were at the fall conference in St. Joseph, you know that it was a great time and their chapter did a great job in hosting. If you were not there, you missed a great time and great riding weather.

Unfortunately, it is almost that time of year again around the Midwest where motorcycling slows down, as do all things involving motorcycles. For me, this is the worst time of year and it seems like a long winter before we can get back on the bikes. Please remember when putting the bikes away, you do a few things to them before leaving them for the winter. Make sure to either take the battery out or put a trickle charger on it. Fill the tank with gas and add stabilizer to the tank. Also remember to run the bike for approximately five minutes to get the stabilizer run through the engine. And one more thing that I like to do is, to try and get the bike off the tires on some sort of motorcycle jack. This will ensure that you did not get flat spots on the tires while they sit for several months.



Finally, I want to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy holidays.

RWP!!
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Greetings fellow Blue Knights! For those that don't know me, I am Duane Potter, your newly elected Secretary/Treasurer. I am the past President of Kansas V in Wichita, Kansas. I am retired from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office after serving the citizens of Sedgwick County for 20 years.



From the M.W.R.C. Secretary / Treasurer Duane Potter

Speaking of elections, I'd like to congratulate Tom Luellen on his being elected as Chairman, Bobby Clark being re-elected as our Vice-Chairman, and Doug Casteel being re-elected as our International Representative.

As we are winding down 2022, it's time to submit your Chapter's dues. Each Chapter owes \$1.00 per member up to a cap of \$25.00. With Tom moving up to Chairman the mailing address for the Conference has changed to:

MWRC
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What do we all have in common with Coralville, IA? That's an easy one, that's where we will all be June 1st, 2023 for our Spring Conference. No sense in waiting, go ahead and send your registration to IA VI and get your room reserved at the Hyatt. See the MWRC website for all the details.

With that, I'll close with my wish for each of you to have an exciting Halloween, happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas.

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It is that time of year when the riding season is coming to a close for most of us, unless you are a little off kilter like me and ride year round. Get out on some of these nice days with your brother and sister Knights because spring is a long time coming. Since the last newsletter, I attended the Fall MWRC in St Joseph, which was a great time once again. While enroute to St Joe, I missed my first International Board of Directors Meeting since I was elected to represent you. Brian Gadd volunteered to sit in for me.



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

Board of Directors:



President DJ Alvarez reported that the complaint on VA V has been completed but the final report has not been submitted yet.

VPNA Rory MacConnell advised that we have 602 chapters with 15,395 members.

Proposal 2022-0017 Constitutional amendment to require a completed application be submitted along with necessary documents on any change in employment status and or medical exemptions. This was tabled after discussion for the Bylaw Committee to submit a form for self-declaration of medical exemption. Remained on the table until the December meeting.

As of this writing, we are still waiting for the corporate attorney to issue an opinion on whether or not the



current board members can run for their current positions under the new term limit bylaw. She issued one previously, but it was in legalese so I asked for one in plain English.

The next BOD meeting is Dec 3rd, 2022 at Noon EST with an agenda deadline of Nov 2nd at 16:00 hrs. EST.

Ride with Pride,

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

Halloween is almost here so that means a few things – summer and riding season for most of us is quickly coming to an end, that dreaded precipitation known as snow will be falling soon for a lot of us, and colder weather is rapidly approaching! Hope everyone has had a great riding season. Congratulations to our new Executive Board (even if they all ran unopposed) and I would ask all of us to work with them all to help make our conference the best it can be! The website is doing well and getting lots and lots of views. Our website is here for all chapters to use to advertise chapter events. All a chapter needs to do is contact me with your

event information and I will do my best to get the word out to everyone that visits our website of your events. Also please notify me of any changes to your chapter mailing address or URL so I can keep your chapter information current. Be sure to check out the Events page for details and forms for the upcoming Conferences in both the Spring and Fall of 2023. As we won't have another newsletter before the holidays let me wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year! See you all in 2023! Until then, stay safe and always...

Ride with Pride,

Wayne Schwartz
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MWRC Webmaster

From the M.W.R.C. Safety Officer Scott Grabowski

Hello, my name is Scott Grabowski. I have been asked and accepted, to take the position of the MWRC Safety Officer, by Chairman Tom Luellen and the MWRC Board as Rick McCrea has stepped down from this position.

Rick has brought a tremendous amount of information and insight to our members thru the quarterly newsletters and conference safety seminars. I have some very large shoes to fill and hope that I will be able to fill them. I hope Rick continues to answer my calls and emails and doesn't block me.

Missouri X hosted the fall MWRC Conference, which was well organized by MO X. At this Conference, a large parking lot was provided by the Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church for a safety course. Rick set up training for two and three-wheel motorcycles. I assisted with the two-wheel course which consisted of a straight weave, offset weave, slow lane and a right/left turn from a stop. After a few reps and using the correct techniques, everyone got the hang of it and improved their riding skills. Brushing up on these basic skills, in a controlled atmosphere, provides the rider, with critical ways to approach issues out on the open road. Though a few were apprehensive to start, once the first rider went through the course the others tried and they realized quickly how easy it was to improve. I did not see much of the three-wheel session but heard that someone put their Can Am up on just one front tire, which I'm told is **almost** impossible.



Me? I am a member of the MN IV (Twin Cities) chapter. I retired from the Minneapolis PD after 32 years of service. During that time, I was part of the motor unit, until it was disbanded and was also assigned to the Traffic Investigations Unit where I

did accident reconstruction investigations. I am also a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Rider Coach and currently coach for the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center (MMSC) at various colleges.

Quick safety reminder. Fall is here which means leaves will be changing color then falling off the trees. When you are out riding and enjoying the fall colors, remember to take it easy when riding over the leaves especially when they are wet, creating a slippery road condition.

The next Conference, Spring 2023, will be in Coralville, IA and hosted by IA VI. I hope to see you there.

If you have any questions or topics, you would like covered, please feel free to email me.

Until next time, RWP, ride safe and- practice often.

Scott Grabowski
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Update on the Spring 2023 Conference

The 2023 MWRC Spring Conference will be upon us before we know it. Thankfully, the 2022 Hawkeyes football season will be but a memory.

The Conference will be June 1st - 4th at Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center located at 300 East 9th Street Coralville, Iowa 52241. Reservations can be made online at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/IOWRC/G-MWTE> or by calling (319) 688-4000 (group code G-MWTE). The group rate is good for the days on either end of the Conference.

The Conference registration form is available at <http://www.blueknightsmwrc.com/Resources/2023SpringMWRCRegist.pdf>.



There is so much to see and do in the area. From the Amana Colonies, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum and the Coralville Reservoir/ Devonian Fossil Gorge. The Antique Car Museum of Iowa and the Iowa Firefighters memorial are a stones throw from the host hotel. You can't forget the Iowa City staples of Pagliai's Pizza, the Hamburg Inn #2 or Dane's dairy.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at seiabkvi@gmail.com or me at (641) 799-2666 or Mark Smoot at (641) 226-0749

Ride with pride,



Update on the Fall 2023 Conference

It's time for the brothers and sisters of the Blue Knights to come back to the "Gateway to the West"! The members of Missouri III - St. Louis Gateway Chapter are excited to announce that we will be hosting you again, this time for the Fall 2023 Mid-West Regional Conference. We will get the business side of things out of the way first.



The 2023 Fall MWRC will be held at the same location as we hosted in 2019, the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis in Chesterfield, MO on September 14th -17th. [Events \(blueknightsmwr.com\)](https://blueknightsmwr.com) This is a fantastic hotel located right along Interstate 64, 22 miles west of the St. Louis Arch. The Double Tree conference coordinator we worked with the last time is still there and happy to be working with our group again. The hotel boasts many great amenities to include a large outdoor pool, full recreation center, hotel bar and full buffet breakfast every day with eggs to order. The best amenity is the location, Chesterfield, MO is a very nice suburb of St. Louis just a short drive from many St. Louis attractions as well as being fifteen minutes from two lane riding in the rolling hills of the Missouri River valley and wine country. The hotel rates are \$119.00 for a King and \$129.00 for two Queens. <https://group.doubletree.com/rw497e> There is a link on the MWRC Events page for the registration form, which will be \$85. <http://www.blueknightsmwr.com/Resources/2023FallMWRC%20Regist.pdf>



We will be ready to receive guests starting on Thursday afternoon September 14th. Our goal is to provide guided rides each day. On Friday, one of the rides will be a newer attraction in eastern Missouri, that many don't know about. It is an identical, full-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Perryville, MO. If you have ever been to D.C., you can appreciate the power of this memorial. If you have never been, this is a unique opportunity to see it. This is not a traveling memorial this is a permanent structure at the beautiful Missouri National Veterans Memorial site. From their website, "Missouri's National Veterans Memorial mission is to preserve military history, honor all who served, educate Americans about the cost of our freedom and provide a place for healing and reflection." The campus is a powerful beacon for all service members or the families of service members. The memorial is approximately 85 miles from the hotel and taking advantage of some back road riding will be less than two hours to get down there. This has the making for an awesome day. [Home » Missouri's National Veterans Memorial \(mnmvmfund.org\)](http://mnmvmfund.org)

We are working with a local motorcycle dealership for a destination ride on Saturday. They are a unique dealership in that they have three showrooms on the property: Harley-Davidson, Indian and Honda/Yamaha/Kawasaki/ Polaris/ etc. Big St. Charles Motorsports covers almost everything on two wheels. As previously mentioned, the Missouri Wine Country rides never fail, we will provide guided rides on Friday and Saturday for those interested. The hospitality room will be open each night with hours to be determined. We are working on plans for a Friday evening

happy hour event and of course the banquet dinner on Saturday night. The traveling cigar company was such a hit we are working to bring another vendor back and possibly a traveling bourbon tasting vendor for Friday's Happy Hour.

We are going to do the very best job we can as we will be one of the final conferences rounding out the first 50 years of the Blue Knights as an organization. We intend to do our founding fathers, and our brothers and sisters lost to Heaven I, proud at this event. We look forward to seeing you, we want to see you and we are proud to have this chance to have you in Missouri III's backyard again. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or issues. I (or my wonderful wife Trina) will get back to you as soon as possible with any questions. blueknightslemc@yahoo.com A Facebook group page will be set up by the Spring newsletter to help with communication and announcements leading up to and during the conference.



RIDE WITH PRIDE

Jeff Cook
Vice President BK MO III

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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. This time, I had 5 State Representatives answer the request.

Iowa Representative Dave Eyman

Greetings from the Iowa Representative & Iowa I,

We are just starting to get used to the idea that winter is coming again here in Iowa. Snow shovels and ice melt are making their way to store displays around the area AND we already had snow flurries in the air on 3 separate occasions. None of it stuck to the ground but to keep with a long honored tradition Dave Eyman, Iowa I President (Snowman) did go out and ride in it!! We are scattering around in small groups and solo rides for some last season ride opportunities. Iowa I has logged nearly 1000 miles in a couple weeks with impromptu day trip group rides for lunch and fellowship thanks to the planning talents of Brian Utter, Iowa I Vice President. Iowa I has recruited 3 new members to their chapter and will be transferring 1 other before the end of the year.

Iowa III & Iowa IV
No report available

Iowa VI,

The Iowa VI team is moving ahead and looking at the details in preparation for the Spring 2023 MWRC to be held in Coralville.



Kansas Representative Jim Miller

Greetings from Kansas. I hope everyone had a great summer!

On July 27, 2022, Kansas III attended North Kansas City, MO Police Officer Daniel Vasquez's funeral. Officer Vasquez was shot and killed during a traffic stop on July 19, 2022. Rest in peace Officer Vasquez.



The Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) 16th Annual National Golf Tournament was held on July 31, 2022 at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, MO. Kansas III volunteered and assisted C.O.P.S. with the event. Kansas III members Jeff Miller, Dennis Tate, and Harry Herington (founder of Ride4Cops) also played. Ride4Cops is the premier sponsor of the tournament and sponsored several teams including one for the Missouri Highway Patrol. The RZR you see in the

photo was donated to C.O.P.S. by Polaris and was modified by the Diesel Brothers for a C.O.P.S. fundraising auction. Kansas III member Harry Herington won the RZR in the auction and is now the proud owner. Harry keeps the RZR at the Lake of the Ozarks so it is available to the C.O.P.S. National Office in Camdenton, MO for various functions.



The MWRC Fall 2022 Conference was held in St. Joseph, MO. As always, it was a great time! On the morning of the MO X Fallen Officers Memorial Ride, a strong thunderstorm moved through the area. It moved out just in time to allow the ride to go on as planned. Kansas III won the award for the Most Chapter Members and Guests in attendance. Kansas III Road Captain Jeff Miller won the award for the Youngest Rider in attendance. Thanks again to Don Tyes and all of the MO X members.

"Ride With Pride"

Jim Miller
Kansas State Rep
Kansas III President



Manitoba Representative Peter Savinkoff

No report sent

Minnesota Representative Chris Boerner

No report sent

Missouri Representative Don Tyes



The fall riding season is in full swing. Be sure to watch out for farm implements and wildlife as they are prevalent on the highways this time of year. Enjoy the warm sunshine and mild temperatures but stay alert.



Next up is the Spring Conference in Coralville, Iowa, hosted by Iowa VI, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, June 1st to the 4th, 2023. I hope to see everyone there.

Thanks to all the Blue Knight members and friends who attended the Fall Conference in St. Joseph, Missouri. You all help make this event a big success. We were honored to host the event.



Lastly, I offer congratulations to our new MWRC Board and a thank you to those who previously served.

Donald R. Tyes,
President, MO X
Missouri State Representative, RWP

Nebraska Representative Frank Bergmark

Nothing from Nebraska

North Dakota Representative VACANT

Representative wanted
If interested contact
MWRC Chairman Tom Luellen



Oklahoma Representative Tom Ashing

Blue Knights MWRC newsletter article
October 2022

It has been a while since I had anything worthwhile to contribute and some may question the value of this article. I just wanted all of our old friends to know that OK II is still in existence and carrying on as is OK I, OK IV and OKVIII. Seniority has overtaken a lot of our members and others are beset with medical issues. Both have taken a toll on our biking activities.



From what I understand, we share a common problem with a lot of chapters, that of trying to get younger members to join. It is a major chore just to maintain our members. I wish I had the magic answer.

When a person considers putting away the old "iron horse" for whatever reasons, but then gets together at our conferences with all the younger riders and the engines roar to life, that eternal urge comes back. The need to feel the wind in your face, the sun on your back, the open road and of course the unexpected rain showers and yes even snow at times.

I have been blessed to be part of the greatest motorcycling club in the world and I wouldn't trade all the friends I have made, many of which have already transferred to Heaven I, for anything. So, until the day comes, that riding is an impossibility, we shall continue to Ride with Pride.

Hoping to see one and all in Iowa in June.

Tom Ashing, Oklahoma
State Representative



South Dakota Representative Dave Thorsgaard

Blue Knights SD I has been fairly busy the past three months.

In July, we were able to help the Meals on Wheels program by assisting their staff by placing what they called a breakfast bag into the volunteer's vehicles before they delivered them to those in need. This bag contained a bottle of water, fruit cups, dried fruit, 5 different types of microwaveable pasta dishes and a couple of small juice boxes. I don't really know why they called them breakfast boxes when they were more of a lunch item. Just the same it was our pleasure to help the Meals staff and all the volunteer drivers to make this program work and we have helped the Meals program which is part of Feeding South Dakota for about 5 years now. Sad to say this program just keeps getting larger every year. This year alone they have added seven new routes and are in need of volunteer drivers.

August was a very busy month with Sturgis Rally starting the first full week of August and pre- rally starting on August 6th. This is the first year we had been asked to participate in the VIP escort on the 6th and with a bit of help from Brian Gadd we were able to come up with five Blue Knights to ride with the VIP's. They were Dave Mulford, Past Int'l. President,



Chris Boerner, the organizer and SD I member Don Ackerman, Brian Gadd and myself. There were over 100 bikes and riders that left the Sturgis fairgrounds thru downtown Main Street. I got pushed back in the group and was able to see all the bikes winding their way thru town it was quite a sight. On Monday the 8th, again with Brian's help, were able to get a group together for lunch at Sturgis Brewing Co. We had guests from MN II Chris Boerner, Dave Mulford, Past Int'l. Pres from IA III, Dan and Darla Loussaert, IA I, Ruth and Dave Eyman, IA I, Patrick Lenhart, AL XVI,



Brian Gadd, MWRC Chairman, MN I, Wayne Schulz, President WI XV, Michael Greenspan, AL XVI, Sergeant At Arms, Sherri Rost, Chuck James and myself. Good food, great people enjoyable conversation for all.

It has been quite some time since SD I has been able to host visiting Blue Knights during the Sturgis Rally and it was a lot of fun for myself to see so many Blue Knights in a setting other than a conference. I would only ask, if you are planning to make the trip to Sturgis, please let me know sooner than later so we can get events put together without having to scramble. A lot of our members are working 12-hour shifts or have family or friends coming in as well and it would be a lot less stressful to make these work. Like I said, I personally enjoyed seeing all of the Blue Knights that were able to make them with usually less than 24-hour notice.



Also, during the Sturgis Rally, I had the great pleasure of awarding my brother from another mother and very good friend Rob (AKA Shorty) Zilverberg with his 20-year membership certificate and pin. Shorty recently retired from the South Dakota DCI after 20 years and has joined the ranks of Hughes County Sheriff's Office. If you know Shorty, you also know he likes to talk, so here is a tip, I heard from another person, if you get pulled over by Shorty be prepared if he gives you a warning it will be 20 minutes minimum to complete it. Best of luck to both Shorty, and his wife Sue in his new adventure. September found us on the road to St. Joseph, MO for the Fall MWRC. Our President, Ron Schwenka, my wife Ginger and I rode to Grand Island, NE. where we met up with Jo Schroeder, and Frank and Marsha Bergmark. We were able to spend some time with other members of NE I at a meal that night. It is always good to see our friends in Grand Island. After a night's rest at Danny and Janelle Dubbs, Frank and Marsha Bergmark's, Frank led us on a scenic tour of south eastern Nebraska with a stop in Superior, Nebraska for breakfast at the Velvet Rose.

They had just had a vehicle try to drive through the south wall of the building a couple of days before our arrival, fortunately no one was hurt, property damage only but the story was entertaining and the 94-year old will probably lose her license. Shortly after, we were in St. Joe and started seeing many faces we recognized. I say this because I am fairly new on the Conference circuit but it is getting to be a larger circle of friends after each one I am happy to say.

I will give credit to all of those from MO X you put on an excellent conference with the tour the avenues, Jesse James home where he was killed, the Pony Express Museum and so much more. Thank you again for a great time!

Riding season isn't completely over yet but the temperatures are dropping and the sun is going down sooner as well. Perhaps we will see you on the highway or another Blue Knights event, stay safe and always Ride With Pride!

Dave Thorsgaard
BK SD I
MWRC
State Representative



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 Conference 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

