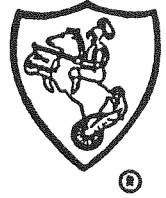




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Happy New Year to each and everyone. I hope that 2010 will be filled with love, happiness and that it will truly be a prosperous year for each of us. If you will recall, my new year's resolutions in 2009 was to lose weight and do better about getting the newsletters written. I lost 25 pounds and I did get more newsletters written but there is still room for a lot of improvement. I made the same resolutions for 2010 as I did last year. Wish me luck.

The monthly meeting was opened with prayer by Gordon Carnes. Ruben welcomed a Blue Knight guest from KY XI, David Thurman and his friend and driver Fred Marcum. David was involved in a motorcycle wreck last fall. Ruben was at the Mason Dixon Conference in Culpepper, VA when he received the information. They did a fund raiser for David and raised \$750. Our chapter matched that amount. The West Virginia chapter said they would match any amount raised. I'm a little unsure, but I think WV donated \$2000 for a total of \$3500. David came to personally thank our chapter for their generosity and support and to express gratitude to all the Blue Knights family.

Ruben gave another update on the ring status. At this time, I have the names of thirteen members that have expressed an interest in having the ring made. We will keep you posted but if you want further information, you can contact Ruben.

The Polar Bear ride was enjoyed by all that participated but I've been told, 5 year old Hunter enjoyed it the most. Those that rode was Ron Dobbs, his son Hunter, Johnny Meredith and Ruben. Ruben just wanted an excuse to try out his new heated gear that he got for Christmas.

Kris Middleton had ear surgery to try and improve a deafness that was caused by a explosion while stationed in Iraq (I think Iraq). At last report, he was still in a lot of pain. There is no report on the success of the surgery. On a lighter note, Kris and his wife asked if I could eat lunch with their daughter, Macie at her school on Grandparents' Day. I was honored to be asked and I had a very enjoyable time.

Make a note on your calendars about the Mason Dixon Conference over Memorial Day weekend. The conference will be in Townsend, TN hosted by TN III. We've made our reservations and I'm hoping our son and his family will be able to attend this event with us.

The next big event is the International Convention in Billings, Montana. The dates are July 18/23, 2010. We've made reservations for us and our son's family. Ruben is talking of leaving the convention a day early and traveling up to Alaska. We're hoping our son will have the extra time to go also.

I will be mailing the renewal packet to the International on January 28th. If you know of anyone who hasn't paid their dues, please tell them to mail it in. If I don't have your money by that date, your name will not be added to that list. If we want to keep all our honoraries, it is imperative that we maintain at least 70 regular and associate members.

Ruben reported that he talked with Robert Wilson's daughter Denise. The family was all doing ok. They all managed to be together for Christmas and New Years.

Emery Stanchin's father passed away. He was 93 years old. I'm sorry to inform you that former honorary member of KY II, Joe Schlatter passed away Thursday, January 21st. We pray that God will be with these families in their time of sorrow and ease the pain that comes from losing a loved one. My thought for today is something I read on the internet and would like to share it with you:

Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems only yesterday that I was young and starting my married life. But in a way, it seems like eons ago and I wonder where all the years went. I have glimpses of how it was back then, with all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. Where did the years go? Where did my youth go? I remember seeing older people and thinking that those old people were years away from me and that winter was so far off. But here it is...my friends are retired and getting really gray. They move slower and I see an older person now instead of the young and vibrant person I once knew. I now realize that we are those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to do the things I once did. I know that winter has come and I'm not sure how long it will last but I know that when it's over, it is over. There are things I wish I hadn't done....things I should have done...but there are many things I'm happy to have done.

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you that it will be here before you know it. If there are things you want to accomplish, don't put it off. Life goes by so quickly. You can never be sure whether this is your winter or not. You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life, so live for God today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember.

Life is a gift from God. The way you live your life is your gift to God.

We attended our 33 year old niece's funeral Friday. She left behind two young children. Remember her family in your prayers.

Stan Heslep won \$26.00 in the monthly 50/50 drawing.

Our next meeting will be February 2nd at 1900 hours. We meet at the Best Western in Shepherdsville. Until we meet again, be safe and always Ride With Pride.

Jeanette Gardner
Secretary Blue Knights KYII