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SUBJECT: Cancellation of 2020 Blue Ridge Rally in Culpeper, Virginia

Unfortunately, the Executive Board of the Blue Knights Virginia-II Chapter posts it regrets that a decision has been made to cancel the 44th Annual Blue Ridge Rally, scheduled for 2020 Labor Day Weekend.

We are devastated to share this news with you. “The Blue Ridge Rally” is our history, it is always a great time spent with friends and this is the first time in 44 years that the Labor Day Weekend Rally will not take place (*in a traditional format...see below*). We are now working through the ramifications of this unprecedented situation.

With the continued increase in COVID-19 cases around the United States, the guidelines the hotel industry are now facing, social distancing and mask wearing mandates and issues, restrictions on food preparation/serving, and more importantly the safety of our fellow Blue Knights, we feel it is best that we not host the event this year. We recognize this will also have an impact on the MDC’s Fall Meeting which we are addressing with the MDC Board.

In order to maintain tradition and continue the annual standing of the “Longest Running Rally in the history of the Blue Knights”, members of Virginia-II will host a live “Virtual Happy Hour” from the Best Western Culpeper Inn on Saturday, 5 September 2020 at 6:00pm. This will be a no-host event, broadcasted live via ZOOM and anyone is welcome to attend via the Zoom app or in-person. Anyone attending “in-person” is required to make their own accommodations, bring their own food/beverage and plan to comply with Virginia COVID-19 rules in effect at the time of the broadcast. Peppers will be open for menu serve from 11a-8p.

To attend via zoom:

Blue Knights Virginia-II is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Virtual Happy Hour.

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81634331074?pwd=T3I3cnNHTHlOdmZ4aThjSFQvVzBHZz09>

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The 45th Annual Blue Ridge Rally will be scheduled, using the same theme, for 3-6 September, 2021.

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We have worked with the hotel for everyone that is currently holding a reservation at the Best Western Culpeper Inn for the 2020 event to cancel the reservations and carry them forward to 2021. They will not be able to carry the list over until after Labor Day weekend. There is no need to call to cancel reservations. We do ask that if you were planning to attend this year and know you will not attend next year, call the hotel sometime after Labor Day Weekend and let them know as this will free up rooms for others waiting. Additionally, contact the hotel at 540-825-1253 after Labor Day Weekend to confirm your room for 2021.

All pre-registrations and pre-event t-shirts sales monies will be refunded. We have been holding off depositing checks in event this became the case. I will reach out to all pre-registrants to advise of the refunds and/or void out checks.

Because there is a full year between the event, we will not hold any monies or carry over the pre-registrations to the following year.

We understand the gravity of the situation for all the Knights and families who utilize the Blue Ridge Rally to catch up with old friends and meet new ones, but we feel the safety of the group at large is paramount.

Thank you for your understanding!

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