

# MASON DIXON DISPATCH

THE OFFICIAL MDC NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Conference Meetings

- **Winter Conference-2012** will be hosted by **VA-III** in **Richmond, VA** 18-20 February 2012
- **Spring Conference-2012** will be hosted by **NC-XXI** in **Rocky Mount, NC** 25-27 May 2012
- **Fall Conference-2012** will be in **Hosted by VA-II** in **Culpeper, VA** 31 Aug-3 Sept 2012

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## Happy New Year

A new year is here! This is your fresh start, your time to begin anew and with renewed vigor. It's a time to make resolutions, visualize goals, and move forward toward success, growth, and change.

Did you ever wonder why people kiss at midnight on New Years? Or why people scream when the clock strikes twelve? Yes, sometimes it's because they have consumed a little too much champagne, but did you know it's also a tradition which has developed over the years due to superstition. Here are some New Years traditions explained, and the history behind them:

1. **The Midnight Kiss:** The reason you are supposedly supposed to kiss someone at midnight, is because otherwise it is believed that the rest of the year means you will face a year of coldness and lack of affection.

2. **Food:** Some believe that if you eat black-eyed peas on New Years Day it will attract good luck and fortune. Most down here in the Mason Dixon Conference eat ham hocks, collard greens or even cabbage to bring in "luck". The food to stay away from? Chicken or turkey. It is believed that eating poultry will bring misfortune.



3. **New Clothes:** It is believed that if you do not wear new clothes on January 1st, you will not be receiving many new garments in the new year. Red clothing is preferred for New Year's Day since red is considered a happy color, and is sure to attract a brighter future for the wearer.

4. **Making Noise At Midnight:** On New Year's Eve when the clock strikes midnight people blow on horns, cheer, set off fireworks. Why? It is believed that the loud noise scares away evil spirits. So, not only are you ringing in the new year but you will be starting the new year free from evil.

5. **Direction of The Wind:** The direction of the wind on New Year's morning is said to predict prophesies about the coming year. Wind from the south, expect money and happiness. Wind from the north, foresees a year of foul weather. Wind from the east brings famine and bad luck, while wind from the west brings milk and fish. No wind = joy and prosperity throughout the year.

5. **Motorcycle Polar Bear Rides:** Riding on New Years is supposed to set the pace for MORE riding all year.

*Happy New Years  
from the  
Mason Dixon Conference*

## Chairman's Message

Another successful Conference by Virginia II has come and gone and I would like to thank Virginia II for a great weekend. As everyone is aware, the Blue Knights and the Mason Dixon Conference lost not only a member, but also a friend and ambassador in the passing of Frank Gillespie on Friday night. On behalf of the Board, I would also like to commend Virginia II in the way they handled this difficult situation. Virginia II arranged to have a motorcycle escort for Frank from the hotel to the Hospital. They also took care of Frank's family when they arrived in Culpeper.

If I only have half of the adventures Frank had riding all over the country then I think you can agree I will have lived a full life. Frank was a one of a kind individual who will be greatly missed by all. I had the pleasure of sitting with Frank on Friday night and we were talking about the International next year in Tyler and the next in Hot Springs. Frank was telling me which way to go as to avoid heavy traffic. He was also telling Darlene and I what was worth seeing and what was not. I think everyone can agree Frank was a human GPS when it came to getting somewhere and having a good time doing it.

The first time I met Frank was at the International in Louisville, KY in 2000. He was sitting in the lobby of the hotel and talking to a group sitting with him. The

thing I noticed most was everyone who passed would say hello and Frank would say hi back to each person by name. I am sure that even now Frank has already picked out a comfortable chair and is holding court with St. Peter and the members of Heaven One.

On a lighter note, the Board tried to keep the meeting on Sunday short and sweet. As you may remember, we changed the way the Ride List is put together. We voted in Rocky Mount to move the compiling of the list from the Winter Conference to the Fall Conference. This was done in order to allow chapters to get their rides on the list for the early part of the year. The ride list will be published in January.

Darlene and I would also like to thank everyone who stopped by the Mason Dixon Open House at the International Convention. I can't take credit for the great food, but I hope that everyone had a good time and got plenty to eat. By my count, we had just about two hundred stop by and meet the members of the Board. I would also like to thank the members of the International Board who



stopped and visited with us. The new order of Challenge Coins is in...please send all coin orders to Keith Chase, our Secretary. Additionally, VA-II has placed the coins on their website and you can pay for them with paypal or your credit card.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at one of the MDC Conference meetings.

**RIDE WITH PRIDE!**  
**John Bull, Chairman**

### 2012 Checklist

- Submit Renewal Package to International by 31 Jan
- Pay MDC Dues by 31 Jan (\$25.00)
- Meet the Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations with the IRS — Form 990-N (e-Postcard)
- Register for the MDC Conference Meetings (Presidents Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day Week-ends)
- RIDE WITH PRIDE

### Blue Knights Group Policy from American Income Life Insurance

The Blue Knights have joined with American Income Life Insurance Company to provide the Members and Immediate Family Members with a group insurance policy (\$3000) for Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage.

The coverage is **FREE** to **ALL** Members and Immediate Family Members (world-wide) and is in effect immediately.

#### Procedure to report a death:

1. A Chapter Officer (Preferably the President) notifies the International Office Executive Director of the Death of the Member or Immediate Family Member.
2. A Chapter Officer advises the family that a death certificate needs to be sent to the

International Office.

3. The International Office Staff will notify the Insurance company and provide them the death certificate.

4. The Insurance company, after proof of death is recorded, will disperse a \$3000.00 check to the International Office.

5. After receiving the check, the International Office will notify the Chapter Officer of the check receipt and mail it as directed by the Chapter Officer (direct to the family beneficiary or to the chapter so the chapter can present it to the family).

**ALL** members will receive a mailing from the Insurance company about the benefit. There will be a card in the

mailing for all to fill out ...if you wish. The card is very important to return but is your choice, of course.

**The card:** If you mail the card back to the Insurance Company, your listed beneficiary will get the check upon a death...If you Do Not mail the card back, a check will be issued to the estate of the deceased.

If you have not received a card and letter...notify the International Office.



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**Among the Blue Knights members...**

***“There are no strangers, only friends you haven't met”***

**Blue Knights**  
Mason Dixon Conference



# The 78 Chapters of the Mason Dixon Foot Print



Delaware	- 1 Chapter -	• DE I - Bear		
Kentucky	-15 Chapters-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KY I - Owensboro</li> <li>• KY II - Elizabethtown</li> <li>• KY III - Lexington</li> <li>• KY IV - Lagrange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KY V - Paducah</li> <li>• KY VI - Columbia</li> <li>• KY VII - Louisville</li> <li>• KY VIII - Ashland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KY IX - Henderson</li> <li>• KY XI - Stanford</li> <li>• KY XII - Villa Hills</li> <li>• KY XV - W. Liberty</li> </ul>
Maryland	-8 Chapters-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD-I - Bladensburg</li> <li>• MD-II - Smithsburg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD-III - Glen Burnie</li> <li>• MD-IV - LaPlata</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD-V - Berlin</li> <li>• MD-VI - Rising Sun</li> <li>• MD-VIII - Rockville</li> <li>• MD-IX - Sykesville</li> </ul>
North Carolina	-23 Chapters-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC I - New Bern</li> <li>• NC II - Raleigh</li> <li>• NC III - Charlotte</li> <li>• NC IV - Brown Summit</li> <li>• NC V - Southport</li> <li>• NC VI - Butner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC VII - Jacksonville</li> <li>• NC VIII - Greenville</li> <li>• NC IX - Goldsboro</li> <li>• NC XI - Claremont</li> <li>• NC XII - Clayton</li> <li>• NC XIII - Fayetteville</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC XIV - Gastonia</li> <li>• NC XV - Elizabeth City</li> <li>• NC XVI - Monroe</li> <li>• NC XVII - Wilmington</li> <li>• NC XVIII - Morehead</li> <li>• NC XIX - Winston-Salem</li> <li>• NC XX - Hamlet</li> <li>• NC XXI - Rocky Mount</li> <li>• NC XXII - Windsor</li> <li>• NC XXIII - Morganton</li> <li>• NC XXIV - Lenoir</li> </ul>
Tennessee	-10 Chapters-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TN-I - Memphis</li> <li>• TN-III - Knoxville</li> <li>• TN-IV - Columbia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TN-V - Nashville</li> <li>• TN-VI - Johnson City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TN-VII - Cleveland</li> <li>• TN-VIII - Clarksville</li> <li>• TN-IX - Upper Cumberland</li> <li>• TN-XI - Madisonville</li> <li>• TN-XII - Chuckey</li> </ul>
Virginia	-16 Chapters-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VA I - Woodbridge</li> <li>• VA II - Merrifield</li> <li>• VA III - Richmond</li> <li>• VA IV - South Hill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VA V - Chesapeake</li> <li>• VA VI - Roanoke</li> <li>• VA VII - Suffolk</li> <li>• VA VIII - New Kent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VA X - Yorktown</li> <li>• VA XI - Lynchburg</li> <li>• VA XIII - Danville</li> <li>• VA XIV - Wise</li> <li>• VA XVI - Woodstock</li> <li>• VA XVII - Colonial Heights</li> <li>• VA XVIII - Rocky Mount</li> <li>• VA XIX - Lancaster</li> </ul>
West Virginia	-5 Chapters-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WV-I - S. Charleston</li> <li>• WV-II - Anmoore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WV-IV - Wellsburg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WV-III - Huntington</li> <li>• WV-V - Martinsburg</li> </ul>

**Make plans to attend  
a Conference Meeting**

- Winter Conference 2012 (*President's Day Weekend*): Hosted by VA-III. Info at [www.blueknightsviii.org](http://www.blueknightsviii.org)
- Spring Conference 2012 (*Memorial Day Weekend*): Hosted by NC-XXI. Info at [www.bkncxxi.org](http://www.bkncxxi.org)
- Fall Conference 2012 (*Labor Day Weekend*): Hosted by VA-II. Info [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)

# IRS—Annual Electronic Filing Requirement

## Small Exempt Organizations

### Have you filed your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) with the IRS???

There have been Chapters in and out of the Conference that have found themselves in a little pickle with the IRS because they have not filed the required documentation for the Chapter...The electronic form takes less than 10 minutes to fill out. Below is some information that the Conference Treasurer has pulled together...it is not all inclusive but will put a Chapter in the right direction.

Each Chapter whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less (\$25,000 for tax years ending after December 31, 2007 and before December 31, 2010) are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice. There is no penalty assessment for late filing the e-Postcard, but an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information

returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will **automatically lose its tax-exempt status**. The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

**Due Date of the e-Postcard**  
The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, the e-Postcard is due May 15 of the following year.

### How To File

<http://epostcard.form990.org>. When you access the system, you will leave the IRS site and file the e-Postcard with the IRS through a trusted partner, Urban Institute. The form must be completed and filed electronically.

**There is no paper form.**

### Information You Will Need To File the e-Postcard

The e-Postcard is easy to complete. All you need is eight items of basic information about your organization.

### Who Must File

All tax-exempt organizations

with gross receipts that are normally \$50,000 or less

### Automatic Revocation of Exemption

Most tax-exempt organizations are required to file an annual return or notice with the Internal Revenue Service. Section 6033(j) of the Internal Revenue Code automatically revokes the exemption of any organization that fails to satisfy its filing requirement for three consecutive years. The automatic revocation of exemption is effective as of the due date of the third required annual filing or notice.

### Can the IRS “undo” my organization’s automatic revocation?

No. If an organization does not file an annual return or notice for three consecutive years, the organization is automatically revoked by operation of law, and not by a determination made by the IRS. To have its tax-exempt status reinstated, the organization must file an application for exemption. An organization may also request retroactive reinstatement as part of its application.

### May my organization appeal its automatic revocation?

No, the law provides no appeals process for automatic revocations.

### How do I get my organization’s tax-exempt status reinstated if it was automatically revoked?

An organization must apply to have its tax-exempt status reinstated, even if it was not originally required to file an application for exemption. It must:

- Apply for recognition of tax exemption by filing Form 1024 or a letter, regardless of whether the organization was originally required to apply for exemption.
- Pay the appropriate fee.

### What is “reasonable cause” for failure to file an annual return or notice?

See IRS Notice 2011-44 for an explanation of “reasonable cause” and information on how to request reinstatement of exemption back to the effective date of automatic revocation. For a limited time, small organizations are eligible for transition relief to satisfy the standard for reasonable cause if they meet the criteria in Notice 2011-43.

## REMINDER

Check the International website for participating business that provide discounts to the Blue Knights. While you are there, report your charitable contributions with the on-line reporting form. Don't remember your login?? It is your membership number and then your last name in all CAPS.

## MDC Ride List 2012

Date	Host Chapter	Location	Details
FEB 17-19	VA-III	Richmond, VA	MDC Winter Conference: Check the Chapter website for registration and info - Info at <a href="http://www.blueknightsva111.org">www.blueknightsva111.org</a>
17 Mar	NC-XVI	Pineville, NC	Officer in Need Ride (3d annual): Registration starts at 9AM • First Bike Out: 10AM • Last Bike Out 11AM. Prizes for best hand • 2nd best hand • worst hand. Starting and Ending Location: Ricky Hendrick Performance Honda/Suzuki 502 N. Polk St Pineville NC. Last year, with your help, we raised enough money to give \$1000.00 to each of two officers. Check the Chapter website for info - <a href="http://www.bknc16.org">www.bknc16.org</a>
APR 22	DE-I	Newark, DE	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ride to the Tide: Supports Delaware Special Olympics DE • Police Escorted Ride • runs from Newark to Lewes • Some details are still pending. Check the Chapter website for info - <a href="http://www.bkdel.org">www.bkdel.org</a>
MAY 12	TN-IV	Maury County, TN	Fallen Heroes Memorial Ride: Registration begins at 9:30am at Harley Davidson of Columbia • Kickstands up at 10:30am • Cost is \$20 per bike and all proceeds go toward building a shelter in a local park to honor the Fallen Peace Officers of Maury County, TN. Check the links for more info <a href="http://www.fallenheroes411.webs.com/">www.fallenheroes411.webs.com/</a> or <a href="http://www.blueknightsniv.webs.com/">www.blueknightsniv.webs.com/</a> Note: This is an annual ride on the Saturday of National Law Enforcement Memorial week.
MAY 19	KY-XI	Burnside, KY	Poker Ride: Co-sponsored by L&N Federal Credit Union to benefit the “Wounded Warrior Project”. Registration times and location to be announced. All rides will be posted on the chapter website, <a href="http://www.blueknightskyxi.us">www.blueknightskyxi.us</a>
MAY 25- 27	NC-XXI	Rocky Mount, NC	MDC Spring Conference: Check the Chapter website for registration and info - <a href="http://www.bkncxxi.org/">http://www.bkncxxi.org/</a>
JUN 16	NC-XIII	Fayetteville, NC	Second Annual Fallen Officer and Wounded Warrior Ride: 8am-1pm • Chapter’s website for more info <a href="http://www.fayettevillencblueknightsxiii.org/">www.fayettevillencblueknightsxiii.org/</a>
JUN 23	KY-XI	Lexington, KY	Benefit Ride for the Kentucky Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors: Registration from 10am-12pm • Registration will be a Gall’s Inc. Showroom, 2680 Palumbo Drive in Lexington. Check out the Chapter’s website for more info <a href="http://www.blueknightskyxi.us">www.blueknightskyxi.us</a>
AUG 3-5	MD-I	Forestville, MD	Crab Fest and Family Weekend: KC #4076 – 3611 Stewart Rd • Severna Park, MD 20747. <b>Crabs start serving at noon on the 4th!</b> Host Hotel is the Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD (intersections of US Routes 301 and 50) • Hotel number (301) 464-0089. For more information: Check out the website at <a href="http://www.MD1BlueKnights.org">www.MD1BlueKnights.org</a>
AUG 18	MD-III	Severna Park, MD	Shrimp Feast/Beef Roast: Columbian Center - 335 Ritchie Highway • Severna Park, MD 21146. \$30.00 per/person or \$240 per table of Eight. MENU: Steamed Shrimp * Pit Beef * Pit Ham * Pit Turkey * Salads * Soft Drinks * Deserts and more • <b>CASH BAR .....No BYOB (County Code) • Event will include • DJ • 50/50 drawing • Money wheel. Check out the website at <a href="http://www.BlueKnights-MDIII.org">www.BlueKnights-MDIII.org</a></b>
AUG 18	KY-XI	Richmond, KY	Annual Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Benefit Ride: registration from 0900 until 1100 hours. Program starts at 1115 and the ride will leave at noon. The Registration and program will be at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial, campus of Eastern Kentucky University, Kit Carson Drive at the Law Enforcement Complex, Richmond, KY. Ride information is posted on the chapter’s website <a href="http://www.blueknightskyxi.us">www.blueknightskyxi.us</a>
AUG 31 – SEP 3	VA-II	Culpeper, VA	MDC Fall Conference: Check the Chapter website for registration and info – <a href="http://www.bkva-ii.org">www.bkva-ii.org</a> Dates are 31 Aug – 3 Sep.
NOV 10	VA-XIII	Danville, VA	Annual Toy Run: Details to be published later. Check the website for more info - <a href="http://www.blueknightsvaxiii.com/">www.blueknightsvaxiii.com/</a>
NOV 11	DE-I	Marshallton, DE	29th Annual Toy Ride: Support the Salvation Army • Mill Creek Fire Hall • 3900 Kirkwood Highway • Marshallton, DE • Registration between 0900 – 1100 hrs • Donations of a new “unwrapped” toy and \$20 per rider/\$10 per passenger.

View the New/Improved/Updated  
Conference Website



[www.BKMDC.org](http://www.BKMDC.org)

## MDC Safety Article

This subject is like all safety articles I have written, what I am about to write is only a suggestion.

If you would like to research the law concerning the headlight modulator, the code is sec. 571.108 Standard No. 108. This law is legal in all 50 states.

I've had the modulator on my last three motorcycles....I won't ride a bike without one. It has saved me and my bike from so many mishaps.

I've talked to a lot of Blue Knights at conferences about the modulator... Some like them, but most appear not to.

Have you ever been on a ride and the following things have happened to you? The bike in front of you keeps applying brakes

when not needed, the motorcycle in front of keeps changing lanes when you are riding in a staggered formation, or how about the bike in front of you keeps speeding up and slowing down for no apparent reason. What I'm trying to say is that the modulator can be used to keep your group, when on a ride, safer if the person leading the group has a modulator on. Now, if a person riding in the middle of the group has it on it can be very distracting to everyone. However, if the tail gunner/drag person, in the rear, has one it is very helpful for the leader of the group. When the leader needs to change lanes the person in the rear moves into the lane needed and turns on the headlight modulator letting the whole group know it is clear to move into that lane. The tail

gunner then needs to turn the modulator back off. I have done this in past group rides and it has worked very well.

One of the good things I've discovered about the modulator, when out riding by myself, is a lot of times four wheelers will start to pull out in front of you and they will see the flashing headlight and not pull out.

When you're out riding by yourself, which I do a lot, you need all the help you can get. The main thing you have to remember is that you can abuse anything.

If anybody wants information about the brands of modulators, please contact me. There are some modulators on the market that are illegal. I know one that if you blow your horn, the

headlight flashes, which is illegal.

The modulators only work on bright lights, so if you don't want it on during the day, just have your lights on dim.

They are very easy to install. All you have to do is unplug the port from the back of your headlights, plug the modulator into the back of the headlight and plug your headlight into the back of the modulator plug. You'll have a photocell cable that you need to attach where the sunlight can shine on the photocell. That completes the installation.

Ride Safe and Ride with Pride...

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## VA-V Extended the Southern Hospitality

### 2011 Convention

The VA-V Chapter did a great job in hosting the 37th International Convention, in Chesapeake, VA from 17-21 July.

While the days were grueling hot, the Chapter managed to show the "good ole Southern Hospitality". Dubbed "Best of 37 in Twenty-Eleven" it was evident of all of the hard work the Chapter accomplished in order to make the Convention a success.

Not sure how, if you have ever heard Ronnie Young

sing, but he was the big winner at the Tuesday night karaoke contest.

Thanks to all of the members of VA-V for showing what the Mason Dixon Conference can do.

### JOB WELL DONE

*Looking forward to the Texas heat this Summer...remember, it is a "DRY HEAT".*



**May the wind always be in your face and the breath of a sweet woman always on your neck...**

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The Mason Dixon Conference is comprised of the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Our conference is home to 78 chapters in the Mason Dixon Area.

## *“Ride With Pride”*

### Texas-XXXIV to Host the 2012 International Convention Tyler, Texas ——— 23-27 July 2012

Texas-XXXIV offers their typical “Howdy” from the Chapter members and city of Tyler, Texas. The Chapter and city are excited to be hosting the 2012 International Convention. According to the information packet “Tyler is a vibrant city located in the heart of Texas, known as America’s Rose Capital.” Tyler offers a unique experience...from the tall pines that surround the country side to the sparkling lakes and cool breezes, you will feel right at home. Tyler is located 90 miles from Dallas or Shreveport.

The full week’s registration includes a true Texas BBQ; Lakeside Fish Fry; Banquet Dinner, Hospitality Room; Live Entertainment; Conference T-Shirt and Pin; Souvenirs, Awards and Door Prizes for \$105 (pre-registration by 1 Jul 2012). On-site registration will be \$135. Day and children’s rates are

available. The host hotel is Holiday Inn S. Broadway for \$94 per night.

The chapter has compiled a litany of information on its website [www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html](http://www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html) and the registration form can be found there, as well.

The city’s Convention and Visitors Bureau is fully engaged, with the Chapter, in planning the Convention.

***Make your plans now  
to be in Tyler, Texas***



***RIDE WITH PRIDE***