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COMMENTS

You may notice some substantial differences between this month's newsletter and the last offerings.

First, the name change. The SRC supplied a wonderful newsletter many years ago entitled *The Herald*. In this "rebirth" I hope to attain that level of communications with the SRC membership and other Blue Knights and civilian supporters.

Secondly, the overall format has changed as upon my return from the recent Fall SRC in New Orleans, I met with a dead motherboard and lost many of the programs on my hdd. I have spent many hours reconstructing some

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And third, as this is now my official offering of a newsletter as your elected SRC Secretary, I wanted it to appear more permanent.

But again, much of the content will depend on you the member and supplier of the info.

Remember your first meeting with computers—"Garbage in, Garbage out" - sec.

SRC BUSINESS

It was brought to the attention of the previous Board of the SRC that over the past decade certain actions of the Board had caused the incorporation status of the SRC to be in question. Additionally, it was brought to their attention that these same problems may have brought some serious tax questions to the forefront. The Board was asked to address these items but failed to do so. This causes

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the newly seated Board to address the problems to the best of their ability. A cursory review of the situation appears that the SRC has lost its incorporation from lack of filing annual reports properly with the secretary of state, and is presently open to federal and state income tax exposures.

The Newly Elected Board will be addressing and correcting this problem as a first priority.— sec

MORE SRC BUSINESS

Due to the situation caused by this problem, the SRC is operating under the Blue Knights, Inc. International Bylaws and not under the SRC bylaws.— sec.

Several suggestions have been made by the newly elected officers to try and correct and overcome these problems but nothing has been decided yet. You will be kept informed. These are major problems but should be correctable now that the board is addressing them.-sec

Annual Business Meeting Minutes October 11, 2007

Call to Order @ 8:47PM by Chairman Pinkerton

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Moment of Silence for fallen brothers

and remembrance of our troops.

Chairman welcomed and acknowledged thanks for all in attendance and that all Chapters should have received a copy of the minutes and a proposed meeting agenda from Sec. Riggs back at the end of May 2007.

Several Chapters represented that they had NOT received any correspondence but the Chair explained that was usual and someone in each Chapter must have it and didn't pass it along. Pinkerton continued by explaining that Sec. Riggs was unable to attend due to an illness in the family and a personal commitment and that the Chair appointed Peter Domiziano to take minutes "pro tems". He also related the regrets of the Conference Vice Chairman not in attendance due severe illness.

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Roll Call Attendance was conducted and it was verified that 18 of 70 chapters were properly represented at the meeting. *(as there was no agenda copy, no list of chapter presidents, Pinkerton verified by personal knowledge the authority of all those attending as Chapter representatives-sec)* and with letters for GAV and FL III presented.

Guest International Officers were introduced. Intl. President Ripsch gave a short welcome and commented on the importance of always following the bylaws and being sure to be familiar with them. Founding father, Ed Gallant said hello.

Secretary's Report was acknowledged by motion as "acceptable as published" by an Alabama Chapter seconded by a Mississippi Chapter and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report was handed out by Treasurer and after reading excerpts a motion to accept was made by MS II, seconded by AL II and unanimously accepted. *(hard copy available-sec)*

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Web Master's Report was given by webmaster who related the activity was high on the site specially the map and events sections. Many Chapters are taking advantage of the publicity for rides and the communications afforded by the site. Additionally the webmaster related that he was stepping down in one year due to other commitments and wanted someone to volunteer to take it over. Training would be available if necessary.

Vice Chairman's Report not made again due to illness of Vice Chair.

International Rep's Report was handed out by Inter Rep who read that their were now 74 Chapters and 2377 members in the SRC. *(hard copy available-sec) (appears to be discrepancy in total number of Chapters (74 or 70) and will be clarified by next meeting – sec)*

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Chairman's Report – Chair thanked everyone for their support, gave a synopsis of his past positions with the Conference, his accomplishments, and explained why he was not running for reelection.

Spring 2008 Host's Update FL XVII president thanked everyone for allowing FL XVII to host the upcoming event and hoped all would attend. He explained the tentative agenda and handed out registration forms and added they were available for download at both www.bk-src.org and www.bk-fl17.org websites.

FL IX president explained the combined proposal of FL IX and XXI for a **challenge trophy** and that it met with mixed reviews. He wished all would come up

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with some ideas to make it progress for future action. A couple of recommendations were made including changing the requirements so that ANY size chapter could compete such as including a formula for distance traveled with number of members. FL IX stated they would continue to work on this proposal and report back in the future.

FL IX also invited all to attend Biketoberfest with info passed and available on SRC website.

FL IX added the news that one of their members had been recently killed a m/c accident.

Alex Ramirez (FL IV) presented information that the National Law Enforcement Officers Museum (<http://www.nleomf.com/TheMuseum/museum.htm>) has established a virtual display of information on all Law Enforcement Officers and will be associated with the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC and has asked that the BLUE KNIGHTS, as they were

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acknowledged as the largest fraternal law enforcement motorcycle club in the world, sign up. Alex asked that all go to the website www.officerrollcall.com to register. (\$25.00 donation is required for this action-sec.)

AL II related that they were working on a proposal for hosting the Spring '09 SRC in Mobile Alabama.

FL XXVI related that they were working on a proposal to host the Spring '09 SRC in Pensacola Florida.

The Chair asked for any BIDS to host the Fall '08 SRC meeting

NONE were offered or presented.

(The two chapters voicing their intentions for Spring '09, said they would try and get something together for a Fall '08 Bid and the new executive committee of the SRC would be in the loop and advise the membership of progress-sec)

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The Chair asked for any discussion on the present election of SRC officers. The Chair again explained why he, the Secretary, and Vice Chairman were not seeking reelection. A short discussion was conducted and it was concluded that to the satisfaction of all in attendance, nominations were already closed and as all positions on the Executive Board were nominations without opposition, that a single vote be made by the Secretary representing the unanimous approval of the members.

The Chair identified the nominees and the positions: International Representative-Don Quintus, Chairman-Alex Ramirez, Vice Chairman-Ray Nation, Secretary-Peter Domiziano, and Treasurer-Bill Solen.

The Chair stated that as he was NOT a candidate

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for office and as the Secretary was absent from the meeting and, as he was also the representative of his chapter at this meeting he would fulfill the requirement and make the vote for the meeting. The attendees verbally affirmed agreement; Pinkerton cast the vote for all SRC Executive positions representing the members in attendance affirming the unanimous consensus of those members.

All nominees were therefore elected for the 2008 through 2009 years to their respective offices.

Chairman accepted a motion to close the meeting by a FL Chapter seconded by another FL chapter and the meeting closed with unanimous approval at 10:35PM.

Fairly represented minutes by Peter Domiziano, Sec. Pro-temps and elect

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Finally . . . I apologize to those who may have submitted flyers for not including reprints in this newsletter. But please utilize the SRC website to check for upcoming rides and events as I do try and keep *that* current with the news that is submitted to me.

Hopefully in the next month or so, I will be able to have completely rebuilt my files and programs but until then I hope this rendition of the Herald suffices to remind all SRC members to keep in touch! Keep in touch with me, keep in touch with each other, keep in touch with other chapters, conferences and of course . . . Keep in touch with yourself!

The next Herald will contain the most up-to-date contact lists I possess. I have nearly completed the rebuild of that data but did not want to have it partially available in this rendition.

I am also planning on having ALL those lists available for download from the SRC website.

Be sure and check the International Minutes from the most recent Board of Directors meeting for very important information about annual income tax filings for ALL Blue Knight Chapters. This will insure your compliance with Federal Law and compliance as a Tax Exempt Lodge of the Blue Knights, International Inc.