



Chairman's Corner

The Mobile, Alabama Southern Regional Conference meeting was big success bringing together the Presidents from throughout the southern states. Don & Doug coordinated the members of Alabama II that all deserve a hearty Thank You for a job well done. This was our second time in Mobile and again, the good times kept coming with scenic rides, door prizes, a Chinese auction, a 50/50, plentiful beverages, absolutely nothing was left to chance for the attendee's pleasure. The business meeting included a few International administrative issues such as approving internet Executive Board meeting minutes in exchange for increasing the Recruitment and Retention reimbursement to \$1,000 per year. The Presidents also approved an **optional** higher Chapter dues maximum to \$50. But you guys can read about the business in the minutes.

The minutes won't have the latest details on the April 19-21, 2012 SRC meeting hosted by Florida XII in Cocoa Beach, Florida, (waterfront) which can visit (cut & paste) at: [Live Web Cam - Best Western Oceanfront Hotel & Suites Cocoa Beach, FL](#) and can be viewed at [Blue Knights® - SRC](#) as well. For even more information, you can visit Florida Chapter XII's website at: [Home - Blue Knights Florida Chapter 12](#). The April 2012 SRC Presidents Meeting will feature the opening of the First Blue Knights Hall of Fame at the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum, so attendance will be higher than usual. Jay Martin, President, and his Chapter are finalizing an array of non-traditional activities like a day cruise, the Ron Jon Surf shop, local area discounts, a gun raffle, 50/50, etc. along with a Special Ride being approved. Pre-registration is requested and the first 100 pre-registrants will receive an optional incentive (gift) This SRC meeting will be one for the record books!

In October, the "**Knights of the Round Table Tournament**" was held in Gettysburg, Pa. and finally, the third year was won by the Blue Knights. Kenny Craig, Pa. XXV won the overall and was named the, "Best Knight" taking home the Scepter to be displayed in the headquarters of Chief David Arnold, Chambersburg, Pa. A complete story was published by local news and can be read at: http://www.publicopiniononline.com/localnews/ci_19169434. The event was full of surprises and laughs at every chance. Anyone challenging a judge's rule had to appeal to the group by "loudly" singing *"I'm a little teapot..."*. The motorcycle "Horseshoes" were actually toilet seats thrown onto a plastic tubes. Everything was a laugh a minute, including the fire truck pull, which decided who went in which order

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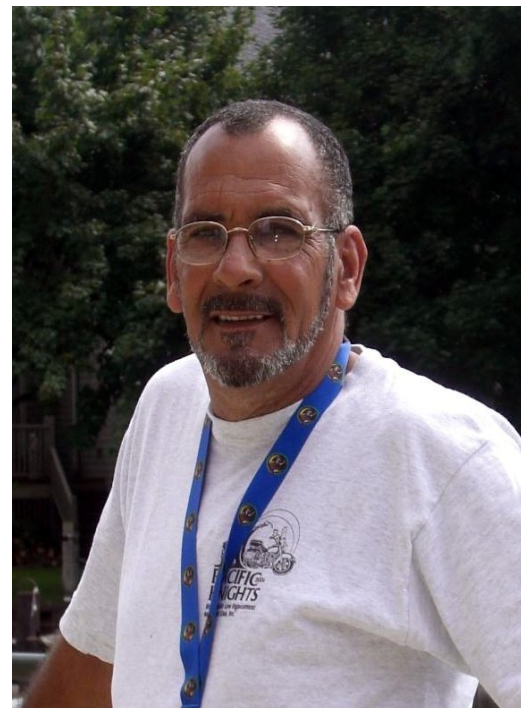


of the skills competition. The attendees suggested a more Southern venue for next year and Pa. XXV is considering Asheville, North Carolina, a little earlier, for warmer weather. Without exception, everybody had a good time and is looking forward to regaining the title for next year!

Have a Most Happy Thanksgiving, and enjoy your families during this coming Holiday season, saying a prayer for those that made the ultimate sacrifice or transferred to Heaven One. God Bless.

Ride With Pride

Alexander Ramirez



From The SRC Secretary

Greetings,

The 2012 SRC Executive Officers election took pace at the September 30, 2011 Presidents meeting. The results were:

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| Chairman: | Alex Ramirez (Unopposed) |
| Vice Chairman: | Bruce Verrette, LA XII |
| Secretary: | Jay Loring, AL VIII (Unopposed) |
| Treasurer: | Larry Meyer (Unopposed) |
| Int'l Rep: | Brad Tollefson, LA II |

Congratulations to the new officers. I know that they will represent the Southern Regional Conference with dignity and respect. However, to be successful, they need the support of all the SRC chapter presidents.

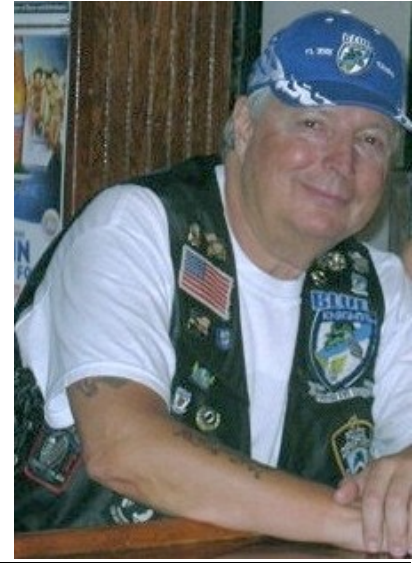


As the outgoing Secretary, I know the importance of communication. Please make sure that you keep your Conference officers in the communication loop. The more they know, the better their decision-making will be.

I'd like to thank all the chapter presidents that supported me during the past two years. But especially, the SRC Board that worked with me to provide the best leadership possible to the conference. We had fun times and tough times, but through it all we hopefully made the correct decisions.

I wish the out-going Vice Chairman Lewis Kelly and Int'l Rep Jay Miranda all the best in the future. You are both dedicated and committed gentlemen. Keep your heads high and always Ride with Pride.

Dennis



From the (new) Vice Chairman

Fellow Knights,

I want to first introduce myself as your newly elected Vice Chairman of the Southern Regional Conference. My name is Bruce Verrette and I'm the current President of Louisiana XII chapter and I look forward to representing you the members as your Vice Chairman for the 2012-2013 term. I want to thank the Presidents who were in attendance at the Fall SRC earlier this month in Mobile Alabama who voted for me and of course it was a pleasure seeing my friends that I look forward to seeing at each conference. I intend to work diligently with the other board members in making this conference a successful one. If anyone needs any assistance from me you can email me at iwilcuffu@aol.com.

Bruce Verrette

Ride With Pride





From the (new) Secretary,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Summer riding season. The new board has been elected and even though I ran unopposed for this position, I will represent you in all issues that the Board is asked to consider. If there is anything I can assist you with, please contact me.

Jay Loring
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Ride with Pride

205-837-2115



2011 Fall SRC Presidents Meeting Minutes

F11.1 Chairman: Alex Ramirez

Called to Order 7:10 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
Introduce Other Conference Officers, Dignitaries & Visitors

SRC Board:

Vice Chairman, Lewis Kelly
Secretary, Dennis Deppert
Treasurer, Larry Meyer
Int'l Rep, Julio (Jay) Miranda

Dignitaries:

Bob Flanagan, Int'l President
DJ Alvarez, Int'l Vice President
Bob Seeley, Chairman, Board of Governors
Roger Byers, Int'l Safety Officer
Bryan Gadd, Mid-West Conference, Int'l Rep

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Welcoming Comments: Alex Ramirez

(AR) Thanked all for attending. He stated that he will keep the meeting as efficient as possible, and asked that only the presidents and chapter representatives sit in the chairs.

Stated that there are three (3) additional proposals that are not on the agenda and will be discussed under new business.

F11.2 Roll Call: Secretary Dennis Deppert

Chapters Represented 27

F11.3 Knights Pledge: Vice Chairman Lewis Kelly

“As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.

F11.4 Host Chapter Welcoming Comments: Alabama II, President Don Ford

(DF) Thanked all for attending. Hoped everyone was having a great time. Stated that there was approximately 150 members and guests in attendance. He specifically thanked Chapter Vice President Doug Lamplugh for his assistance. Without him, this conference would not have happened.

F11.5 Chairman’s Report: Alex Ramirez

Events, functions and pertinent Chapter information

South Carolina I Election Ballot issue: (attached Memo to Int’l Election Committee₁) Issue related to members not receiving election ballots prior to International election.

Florida IX Trademark Complaint: (attached letter to Rumbling Pride₂) Regarding a public business selling Blue Knight product licensed to Fl. IX without a BK Int’l permit. Problem related to Chapters contracting a vendor to manufacture a sales item, then manufacturing more and selling them independently in competition against Chapter. (See handout form for permit authorization₃)

Tokyo Tragedy efforts: Subsequent Tokyo Tragedy, attempted to set up fundraising for affected law enforcement officers. Japanese (custom) prevented identifying number of officers besides two killed during flooding. Efforts through American Embassy in Tokyo, Japanese Embassy in New York, National Police Federation (sic) in Japan, the Bank of Tokyo, and the I.P.A. failed to secure cooperation.

Alabama Tornadoes: See attached Emergency Disaster Plan Report (5 days)



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Port St. Lucie, Fl. X Escort of World Trade Steel: Prior to September 11 2011, coordinating volunteers, notifying TSC & MDC Regional Conferences, State Police Agencies, and Blue Knights Chapters. One Canadian member driving to NYC, then riding South with escort to Miami, Florida.

Blue Knights Library: (Int'l & BOG Meeting Minutes + magazines) Paper copies being computerized and cataloged. Consisting of two boxes so far.

Space Coast Chapter XII: Blue Knights Hall of Fame: Space Coast Chapter XII, Pres. Jay Martin and his Chapter generated enough community support and recognition that the administration of the American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville, Florida offered to segregate space within their Museum complex for a “**Blue Knights Hall of Fame**”. Negotiations to comply with the BK Constitution & by-laws, along with blessing of the originators of the Blue Knights Hall of Fame, Florida IV, Miami, to be completed by 2012. Congratulations FL.XII on historical BK milestone.

Best Western Inn & Suites Cocoa Beach Resort: In August 2011, the General Manager of the BW Inn & Suites contacted me regarding the Blue Knights SRC.

International Interest in SRC Emergency Disaster Plan: Int'l President has requested an outline of the SRC EDP for review by the Int'l Board for presentation to all Conferences for consideration.

Assisting Fl. XIII Pres. Ron Colson in establishing a new Tallahassee area Chapter.

B. South Carolina III Election Ballot issue

Alex

It has been brought to my attention that prior to the 2011 International election, some of my chapter members didn't receive ballots. I was asked by our chapter president Nathan, if I had, to which I responded that I did. He stated he didn't. After all the internet chatter on the election I asked SCIII members if they received Ballots from International. From a membership of 25+ members, 7 responded they didn't get ballots at all, with myself and another long term member receiving ballots . Of which were returned. This is strange, when coupled with internet posting that other chapter members also not receiving ballots. As you know in our choice profession this sparks suspicion on at least my part of something is not right.

Thanks

Terry

(AR) **At this time the issue has been passed to the Int'l Election Committee for review and action.**

C. Florida IX Trademark Complaint

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Chairman Alexander Ramirez, 6770 Forrest Street, Hollywood, Florida 33024 Office (954) 962-1059 Cell: (954) 328-3591 or BKALEX@aol.com

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August 14, 2011

Kevin Franke, MgrM
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Mr. Franke;

I have received an official registered trademark inquiry regarding your public display of an advertising banner bearing the image of the Blue Knights® International, and selling a small motorcycle flag bearing the image of the Blue Knights® International. The image of the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, and name, "Blue Knights®", are protected Registered Trademark(s) under Federal law. The image and name of the Blue Knights® International are for the exclusive use and enjoyment of duly authorized/chartered Chapters, Regional Conferences, and the International.

The image of the Blue Knights® International consists of a curved, four pointed, medieval shield with a blue border, encasing a white background with a blue diagonal bar, behind a blue knight on a rearing white horse, holding a lance bearing a flag with the name, "Blue Knights®", and a gold winged motorcycle wheel replacing the horse's rear legs, with the registered trademark "®" below the wheel.

In the course of doing business, a Blue Knights® Chapter can authorize you in writing to manufacture, and/or by written (commission) agreement, sell small registered trademark flags, bearing the image of the Blue Knights® International, for limited periods. In order to resolve this inquiry, I respectfully request that you provide a copy of the written authorization(s) to manufacture and sell Blue Knights® International products, furnished to your company, with the authorizing Blue Knights® Chapter designator, and the chapter contact person. In addition, if there is a commission agreement, a copy of that document as well. (This may be a "Sales Permit" issued by the Blue Knights® International.)

Please mail the requested documents to the address above, ***within thirty days from your receipt of this notice***. Failure to provide these copies will be noted in forwarding this notice to the Blue Knights® International Legal committee for referral as necessary. At the conclusion of this inquiry, I will provide you with a copy of the closure report forwarded to the Blue Knights® International Legal Committee.

Thank you for your cooperation in this significant matter to the Blue Knights® International.

Ride With Pride

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August 14, 2011

Mike Fletcher;
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I know it's been a while, but I admire your personal resolve in keeping the Blue Knights News Magazine coming out quarterly for so many years. You don't hear it enough, but I appreciate your work and you make me proud to be a Blue Knight. I'm writing you about a recent conversation about the Registered Trademark ®.

As you know, the Regional Conferences have a Constitutional responsibility to, "not permit", Registered Trademark violations. I received an official inquiry about a Florida L.L.C. that may be in violation of the BK Registered Trademark. I reviewed the information, citing a chapter's possible involvement, and was advised of two business's selling products bearing the Registered Trademark image of the Blue Knights® International. Enclosed is a copy of the first letter to one of those companies, **Rumbling Pride, L.L.C.**, and the second is the **Bretmor Headwear** Company. In conversation, he added that Bretmor Head wear, is even advertized in the BK International Magazine! I was shocked to find Bretmor on the back cover of the magazine, and on the top of the ad was the name; "**Blue Knights**" without the Registered Trademark! I'm sure it was an oversight that could happen to anyone, but throughout the last BK magazine, the Registered Trademark was missing in several places. I know I don't have to tell you that this would seriously impair the BK International's ability to enforce the Registered Trademark, much less if we ever have to take this to court. As an academic, I understand the copyright © process and it's public access for anyone to defend their position against a trademark infringement suit. To add insult to injury, the products these companies are selling are being sold AT BLUE KNIGHTS® EVENTS at a price **CHEAPER** than the BK Chapter that hired them to manufacture the item in the first place. (specifically Rumbling Pride at the Chesapeake International Convention!)

This is NOT a complaint or something I'm putting on the Internet to point a finger, but what's happened to the vigilance we used to have concerning this critical element of our club? Was this an oversight or is there a detail I'm not aware of. For your information, I've enclosed a copy of the letter sent to Rumbling Pride to see where that goes. Feel free to critique my letter if there's anything I left out to include in the next notice.

I'm sure your little girl is no longer little, but it would be nice to see you at an event down the road. Two years ago I started the first annual motorcycle tournament between the Blue (Police), Red (Firemen), and the Green (Military) Knights clubs, called; "**The Knights of the Round Table Tournament**". The next one is this October 14-16, 2011 in Gettysburg, Pa. hosted by the Red Knights who won last year. The event is A LOT of fun and a nice getaway if you're interested. (www.GOTKT.com) Meanwhile, I still say....

Ride With Pride
Alexander Ramirez, SRC Chairman



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- (AR) **At this time I am in communication with Rumbling Pride, L.L.C., to try to work out an arrangement where the company will consider coordinating with the local Blue Knights chapter, FL V, to see if FL V can sponsor the product being sold and benefit from the arrangement. No decision has been made.**

F11.6 Vice Chairman's Report: Lewis Kelly

- (LK) Handed out safety information and asked Int'l Safety Officer Roger Byers to address the presidents.
- (RB) Thanked Lewis for inviting him to speak. Send regards from the Int'l Safety Committee, who requests feedback from the chapters regarding "What do they need from the Committee?"
- (RB) Spoke about an award he accepted at a Blue Knight event in Texas. The award was not specifically for him, but was presented to the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. It was a community appreciation award for what the Blue Knights do.

At this time, Chairman Ramirez asked Int'l President Bob Flanagan to say a few words.

- (BF) Thanked Chairman for the opportunity to speak to the presidents. Sends regards from the Int'l office staff.

Renewal packages should arrive by October 15. Asked that member's addresses be verified and corrected.

Int'l is conducting a pilot program with a few chapters to see if renewals can be accomplished online. Program should be completed by November 1.

To renew online requires the Chapter President to log into the Blue Knight Int'l website, members only section.

Chapter presidents must verify and authorize the online renewal.

Chapter president can assign the chapter secretary or another member to do the work, but only the chapter president can authorize the online renewal package. No different than the current process.

Recommend using hard copy, mail process until online renewal is totally implemented.

- (BF) As of July 20, 2011, American Life Insurance Company provides \$3,000 accident insurance to all Blue Knights and their immediate family members. No age restriction on children, only that they must be biological or adoptive. Step children are not covered. Significant others are not covered.



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- (BF) Process is for the chapter president to contact Bessie at the Int'l office and inform her of the accidental death; Bessie then requests a copy of the death certificate. Once all necessary documentation is sent to American Life Insurance Company, a check is cut and sent back to Bessie. She will contact the chapter president to determine where the check gets sent.
- (BF) All members world-wide should receive a beneficiary form from American Life by November 1, 2011. Complete the form and send it back as soon as possible.

Chairman Ramirez invited Int'l Vice President D.J. Alvarez to address presidents.

- (DA) Currently there are 2,609 members and 71 chapters in the Southern Regional Conference. There are 20056 members and 658 chapters internationally.

F11.7 Secretary's Report: Dennis Deppert

Approval of Spring President's Meeting Minutes, New Orleans, La. April 15, 2011

- (DD) Motion to approve minutes as published in the Newsletter.
1st: AL IV, 2nd: FL III
Motion passes unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

- (DD) As this is my final report as SRC Secretary, I'd like to thank all the presidents and the Board for their support. I know that my successor Jay Loring will do a great job.
- (DD) Please check the enclosed chapter contact list for errors. State reps should be able to keep up with the chapter contacts, especially now with December elections coming up.
- (AR) Motion to accept Secretary's report.

1st: FL III, seconded by FL XVIII.
Motion passed unanimously.

F11.8 Treasurer's Report: Larry Meyer

Report Financial Report(s) of SRC

- (LM) Presented a detailed typed report with current checking account and money market account balances.
- (AR) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

1st: LA II, seconded by FL III
Motion passed unanimously.

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F11.9 International Representative Report: Julio Miranda

Blue Knights International information:

- (JM) 2012 Int'l Convention will be held in Tyler, Texas. Hosted by Texas Chapter XXXIV, from July 22-27, 2012.
- (JM) We currently are 26 members short of being the second largest conference in the Blue Knights.
- (JM) Newest chapter in the SRC is LA XIII. They were chartered in April and currently have over 40 members.

F11.10 Webmaster's Report: Terry Williamson, S.C. III

- (AR) Stated that Webmaster Terry Williamson is "Under the Weather" and wishes he could be here. He is still at his computer and maintains constant contact with all chapters. He can be reached by telephone with requests for information.

F11.11 Old Business: Alex Ramirez

E.D.P.: Alabama Tornadoes Incident: Alex Ramirez

- (AR) A one page report was prepared during the implementation of the Emergency Disaster Plan, during the Alabama tornadoes. Blue Knight David Sandlin's wife was seriously injured during the tornadoes.

Spring 2012 SRC Host Update: Alex Ramirez

- (AR) Introduced FL XII President Jay Martin.
- (JM) Host Hotel previously listed did not work out. We will host the spring, 2012 SRC on April 19-22, 2012, in Cocoa Beach, Florida. I will have all the details on the Host Hotel within 30 days. The weekend coincides with the grand opening of the Blue Knight Museum at the American Police Hall & Museum in Titusville.
- (AR) Open up bidding for the fall, 2012 Conference. No bidders.

F11.12 New Business: Alex Ramirez

- (AR) Emergency Proposal to determine if chapters want to receive Int'l Board meeting minutes online. If this happens, there will be an increase of \$500 for the recruitment and retention award. Award will increase to \$1,000.
- (BF) Question/Answer: Includes all minutes from Int'l convention meetings. Minutes will be sent to the



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meetings. Minutes will be sent to the conference reps, who will forward them to the chapters .

Motion passed unanimously.

(AR) Proposal to raise chapter dues limit from \$20 to \$50 per year. Raising dues is at the chapter's discretion. No mandatory increase if proposal passes.

Motion to approve: 1st FL XVII, seconded by FL XVIII.

Discussion: Brad Tollefson, President, LA II questioned the need for the increase.

(JM) Answered, that the European chapters need the increase to pay for increased expenses. Costs to rent meeting halls have increased.

Motion passed unanimously

(AR) Proposal to create a conference-level membership status of "Member at Large". This issue has been floating around for 11/2 years. It relates directly to long-standing members who are no wanted by their chapters or surrounding chapters.

(AR) Discussed two (2) 30+ year members who recently lost their membership because of personal issues with their chapters.

(AR) Motion is to evaluate if the SRC should approach International about keeping senior members who cannot find a chapter. This would require the creation of a "Member at Large" status at the conference level.

Discussion: Rory McConnell, President, FL XVIII questioned whether creating a "Member at Large" membership would actually be creating a "nomad group"?

(AR) Did not think it would but understood the potential conflict.

Various presidents stated that since the chapters have the right to refuse members, why are we discussing creating a place for members that are not acceptable by the chapters.

(AR) Asked for a motion to table discussion. Motion 1st by AL IV, seconded by FL XI. Issue tabled.

Florida XXIX Review of Julio Miranda Complaint (Chapter Request)

Representative from FL XXIX asked to present complaint. Representative asked to defer his presentation until other issues regarding suspension of the Int'l Rep are discussed.

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Report: Julio Miranda Suspension: Alex Ramirez

- (AR) Read all letters and evidence documentation use by the SRC Board to vote for remove Int'l Rep Jay Miranda (JM), from his position. Also read documentation regarding the ballot count process used for the election of Int'l officers.
- (AR) Read documentation that alleged potential election violations with the 2011 Int'l election and possible violation of Main State law. After preparing documents to file against Int'l President Flanagan, contacted President Flanagan to discuss complaint. After Int'l President Flanagan read all the documentation he stated to (AR) that what was alleging never happened and was not true. Int'l President Flanagan explained his involvement in the election process and denied all other allegations against him. He further elaborated on various miss-information that the SRC Rep (Jay Miranda), communicated to the SRC Chairman and Board. Int'l President Flanagan stated that he sent a letter to Int'l Rep Miranda regarding his behavior at the Int'l Board meetings and that he is not properly representing the conference.
- (AR) Elaborated on his conversation with MDC Dan Moesser who also validated that Jay Miranda was not representing the Conference properly.
- (AR) Spoke to Past Int'l President Mike Ripsch regarding his opinion of how Int'l Rep Jay Miranda's is representing the Conference. Past President Ripsch elaborated numerous instances when Int'l Rep Miranda was not doing his job correctly.
- (AR) Explained the customary briefing with the SRC Board, that takes place to clarify issues, before the presidents meeting.
- (AR) After stating allegations against Int'l Rep Miranda at the briefing, in the presence of the rest of the Board, Chairman Ramirez offered Int'l Rep Miranda option to resign. Int'l Rep Miranda adamantly denied accusations and refused to resign. Chairman Ramirez stated that if Int'l Rep Miranda did not resign, he (Chairman Ramirez) would suspend him.
- (DD) Secretary Dennis Deppert informed all persons present that He was aware of a complaint against Int'l Rep Miranda from FL XXIX, regarding (recorded) words stated by Miranda against FL XXIX President O'Reilly that the Secretary personally heard and was upset about. However, Secretary Deppert could not vote to remove Int'l Rep Miranda without first speaking to the three Int'l officers who witnessed alleged allegations. VC Kelly and Treasurer Meyer agreed and Chairman Ramirez stated that he would arrange the meeting.
- (AR) Coordinated brief meeting between SRC Board and Int'l officers, just before the start of the presidents meeting. Int'l officers validated their concerns and complaints against Int'l Rep Miranda which resulted in the SRC Board voting (unanimously), to remove him from office.

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Intl Rep Miranda was given the opportunity to comment on the allegations and removal from office.

- (JM) Denied allegations and gave his version of what transpired during the briefing.
- (JM) Stated that he was informed of his suspension without being given the right to attend the meeting, between the Board and Int'l officers.
- (JM) He believed that his removal from office was based on politics and not facts.
- (JM) Contacted the SRC Board and complained about the Board's actions to remove him. Stating that his removal from office was not right.
- (JM) The SRC Board met in Marianna, FL in July. He was invited to attend, but not to participate in the meeting. At the end of the meeting He was informed of his reinstatement.

LA XII President Bruce Verrette commented:

- (BV) Stated that the SRC presidents voted the Board into office and it is his belief that the presidents should have been notified and allowed to take the necessary action at the presidents meeting.
- (BV) Believed that the Boards actions were inappropriate.
- (AR) Understands (BV) opinion but felt that Int'l Rep Miranda was not truthful to the Board or Chairman and the action to remove him from office, by the Board was necessary and appropriate.
- (AR) Explained his decision to ask former SRC Int'l Rep Don Quintus to step up and temporarily assume the Int'l Rep duties and attend the next Int'l Board meeting.
- (JM) Questioned Chairman Ramirez's authority in appointing Don Quintus without consulting the rest of the Board.
- (AR) Felt he was justified to appoint Don and regretted not discussing it first with the Board.
- (BV) Wanted to know why Int'l Rep Jay Miranda was suspended without an investigation.
- (AR) The need to replace Miranda was immediate.

Secretary Dennis Deppert intervened in the discussion to clarify the suspension/removal issue.

- (DD) Chairman Ramirez did not suspend Int'l Rep Miranda, the SRC Board voted to remove Int'l Rep Miranda from office. He was not suspended. The Board voted after clarification obtained from Int'l officers regarding Miranda's behavior and truthfulness.
- (DD) The Board voted to remove Miranda under Article X. The Board did not believe Miranda's actions constituted removal from the Blue Knights, but did believe that Article X justified their actions to remove him from his elected office. Using Article X allowed Miranda to stay in office until his appeals were heard. The Board believed that this was the way the process would work. We did not know that Chairman Ramirez was appointing Don Quintus as (temporary) Int'l Rep. Had Chairman Ramirez consulted



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consulted with the Board before appointing Quintus; the Board would have clarified their position on using Article X.

- (DD) The Board met in July without Secretary Deppert. Secretary Deppert was represented by personal letter. After discussing the discrepancy in that the Board believed should have occurred and how Chairman Ramirez decided to handle the situation, the Board voted to reinstate Int'l Rep Miranda.

Florida XVIII President Rory McConnell commented.

- (RM) Questioned the Board's actions to remove Miranda from office without conferring with the presidents at the presidents meeting?

SRC Treasurer Larry Meyer commented.

- (LM) Read Article X to clarify the Board's right to remove Miranda from office. He also clarified the Board's understanding of why the presidents were not notified or consulted.
- (DD) Also answered FL XVIII President McConnell's question by stating that at the time of Miranda's removal from office, Board members Deppert, Meyer and Kelly, did not know that the presidents would not be notified.
- (AR) Clarified his determination of what constituted an emergency situation that required Immediate removal of Int'l Rep Miranda.
- (LM) Stated that he believed the Miranda was being removed under Article X.
- (BV) Criticized process and believed that the presidents should have been informed.
- (AR) Discussed past instances and precedents where and Int'l officer was removed by the Int'l Board, and an Int'l Rep were removed by his conference board.
- (DD) Clarified again why the Board voted to remove Miranda from office and subsequently, reinstate him.
- (AR) stated that Miranda had the option to resign and to keep the matter as private as possible. He believes he acted in good faith after Miranda was removed from office by the Board.

FL XXIX representative Ian Burbidge was asked to explain FL XXIX's complaint.

- (IB) Explained FL XXIX's position why they lodged the complaint against Int'l Rep Miranda and Chairman Ramirez.
- (IB) Played recording of Miranda's comments against FL XXIX past President Ken O'Reilly. Recording clearly identified Int'l Rep Miranda stating to the Int'l Board "I want you to through this guy against the wall."



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At this time FL XXIX Representative Burbidge asked both Int'l Rep Miranda and Chairman Ramirez to leave the room, so the presidents can address his motion for a “non-confidence “vote against both officers.

Both Int'l Rep Miranda and Chairman Ramirez left room after Miranda presented a notarized document from a professional transcriber that stated that the comment made by Miranda at the Int'l Board meeting, about FL XXIX President O'Reilly was “ I don't want you to through this guy against the wall.”

SRC Vice Chairman Lewis Kelly clarified a point regarding his previous review of the audio comment.

(LK) Stated that had he had a recording as clear as the one we just heard, he would have not vindicated the Int'l Rep.

While both officers were out of the room, the results from the SRC election were tabulated by incoming Secretary Jay Loring.

(DD) Took over the duties to preside over the meeting.

(DD) Asked for a motion to allow him to cast one vote for the uncontested offices of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Motion made by AL II, seconded by FL III. Motion passed unanimously.

(DD) Motion on the floor by FL XXIX to vote “no confidence” on the Chairman and Int'l Rep. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

(DD) Asked for a show of hands to vote “no confidence” against the Chairman. 25 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention.

(DD) Asked for a show of hands to vote “no confidence against the Int'l Rep. 23 yes votes, 1 no vote and 2 abstentions.

(DD) Motion made to vote to ask Chairman to resign. Motion seconded. Eleven (11) yes, sixteen (16) no. Motion did not pass.

Election results for contested positions on SRC Executive Board for 2012-2014

(DD)	Vice Chairman:	Bruce Verrette	-	13 votes
		Lewis Kelly	-	11 votes
	Int'l Rep:	Jay Miranda	-	6 votes
		Brad Tollefson	-	18 votes

F11.13 Good & Welfare:

Upcoming Chapter Rides, Functions & Events

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(DD) Due to excessive amount of time taken to conduct the meeting, this topic was not addressed.

F11.14 Motion to Adjourn: 1st: FL XI, seconded by FL XVIII

Time: 11:10 pm



RIDES, EVENTS, NEWS

Blue Knights SC-1

29th annual

“TOYS FOR TOTS”

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Motorcycle Parade

(Police Escorted)



Meeting Place:

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Plant, North Main Street (Hwy21) and I-20 Exit 71
Columbia, S.C.

Time:

Arrive 11:00 a.m., Parade departs at 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment:

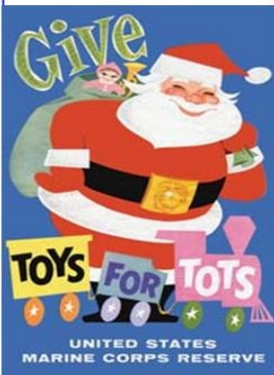
Provided by DJ Mike Lockaby
Mike at Nite, Country Legends, 94.3 FM

Refreshments:

Drinks and snacks by Columbia Power Sports &
Pepsi



Parade will leave the Pepsi Plant at 1 p. m. and travel to
Colonial Life and Accident Co. 1200 Colonial Life Blvd



*Help us kick off the original
U.S. M. C. Reserves
“Toys for Tots”*

Ride Pins

will be available for a \$5.00 donation.

PLEASE

“No Alcohol” “No Alcohol” “No Alcohol” “No Alcohol” “No Alcohol”