

**BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER**  
**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm by **Chapter President Fred Allen** with prayer led **by Rev. Bernard Taylor** in the main meeting room of F.O.P. Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro, MD. **President Allen** called for a moment of silence in remembrance of those in Heaven I, after which he read the BK Pledge.
- Special guest Past MD 1 and Int'l. President J.D. Perkins was recognized and made an appeal for members to assist with some charitable initiatives sponsored by his church, Union Wesley A.M.E.Z. Church, Michigan Avenue, NE. Event featuring a JAZZ CONCERT will be held Sat, 10/9/19. Motion made, seconded and approved for the Chapter to donate \$200 to this cause in support of Veterans. Individuals also donated privately.
- Minutes from September meeting, taken by Cheryl Crawley, were read by Cheryl and approved with minor changes.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Vice-President **Byron Hope** tendered a written report. Balance in main checking is \$5874.31; in Industrial Savings \$1,859.10; and in Cap One Savings is \$10,501.19. His report is attached.
- Elections for 2019-20 Officers. Donald Thigpen noted that all positions are unopposed: **President – BYRON HOPE; Vice-President – CHERYL CRAWLEY; Secretary – HASSAN EL-AMIN; Treasurer – JERRY MACK; Directors (3) – EARL GATEWOOD, RON POWELL, VERNON WEBB.**

Motion made and seconded that the uncontested slate be adopted and all nominees be elected to their respective positions. Motion carried unanimously.

- President's report: There was excellent participation for ride to Front Royal Police Foundation—up to 13 riders and MD 1 member Kevin Folkes sent

written “Thank You” note expressing his appreciation for the Chapter’s support and helping raise \$2,100.

- Maldonado Night: President Allen read over ALL the award categories, and called for nominees. Discussion then led by Chair Earl Gatewood. Moved, seconded and approved that our menu will be the same as last year. Also moved, seconded and approved after discussion that the ticket price will be the same as last year: \$25.00.
- Crab Feast (Ron Powell, Chairman). Planning moving ahead. Next committee meeting (date?)
- Chapter Rides (See Flyers):
- 2020 Mason Dixon Conference Feb 14 -16, Danville, VA
- Salvation Army Toy Ride and other rides
- FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER
  - **Bill Cunningham** is still in National Rehab (Room 320), per **Rev. Turner**, doing better and better.
  - Regarding **BOB HALL’s** memorial, **Stephanie**, **Bob Hall’s** wife, was very pleased with MD I’s support and with the service. President Allen led round of applause for **Rev. Taylor**.

15. WEBMASTER’S REPORT – Of note: Increased inquiries from overseas members. See attached detailed summary.

16. 50/50 – \$56; \$28 Won by **Donald Thigpen, Esq.!**

17. From the International: **John Bull, Int’l. Treasurer**. Bessie Smalls now out of prison (she served about 9 mos. total); mediation and civil suit unlikely to produce any \$.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m. with prayer led by Rev. Taylor.

Record Attendance: 23. Sign-in Sheet Attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan El-Amin, Secretary

Approved NOVEMBER 12, 2019