

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm by **Chapter President Fred Allen** with prayer led by Rev. Paula Lester in auxiliary first floor meeting room of F.O.P. Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro, MD.
2. No new memberships to be discussed.
3. Secretary's Report by **Judge El-Amin**: Minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved with the necessary changes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Byron Hope absent**; Read by President; \$12,157.25 in Industrial Bank main checking account. \$1,279 in Industrial Savings; \$10,370.63 in Capital One Savings. Some expenditures enumerated; detailed monthly report is attached. Report included \$2025 paid to International for Dues.
5. President's Report by **Fred Allen**.

Mason/Dixon Conference Highlights. Conference Chairman Ronnie Young reports 2,799 members. Only 13 Chapters present. **Bessie** Smalls pleaded "No Contest to Felony Theft." She received Six years, one year of confinement; \$120,00 restitution. We received \$100,000 that was "found". International now has some money in the bank; we're in the "black". [Later – VA IX has been awarded M/D Winter Conference, in Danville, VA]

6. Crab Feast – August 2, 3 and 4. **Cheryl Crawley** is Chair. Going to use same Caterer as last year. "S & G Caterers"; same menu as last year. Vendors invited. Crab source? Still checking them out. One crab vendor prepares their crabs onsite. Now decided on MGM for Friday night entertainment. Aluminum pans to put used crabs into. Cloth napkins instead of paper towels. Members: Register early if You're going to work. Need prizes for door prizes. Large prizes (Webmaster Robert Freeman's Air B&B. Blue and white coffee cups, pens, other give-aways to stuff our Blue-and-white "crab logo" gift bags that we bought from Safeway. Query: do we have any challenge coins? Quartermaster reportedly

answered via cell phone—we have 30. Workers will have black t-shirts with pink lettering and logo.

8. President's Report, Continued: **Mason/Dixon Conference**. Sixty (60) rooms have been booked. U. of MD changed their graduation dates to our weekend and now hotel rates have shot up. T-Shirts selected.

9. **First Ride of the Year: Ride to the Tide April 14**. 500+ slots filled, 1000 cut-off. Meet at 06:30 am. Departure at 7:00. [Someone brought up VFW Ride from Brandywine but it's not yet organized. Motion and seconded to NOT officially participate.] Bike Clean-Up and Bike Blessing will be together, May 4, at Best Acres, with Rain Date May 11, 2019. Other rides, Annual Officer Down (4/13); N.C. XIII Home Grown Heroes/Fallen Officer Memorial Ride (Saturday 5/4/19); 2019 International (August 4 – 9); Annual Suicide Run (August 9 -11); 2019 Law Ride and Wreath Laying. Don't forget Ride to Seppi's, June 22, 2019.

Webmaster's Report, **Robert Freeman**: Website Items and Announcements, all posted on Website. At February's end, we had 280 visits to Website (he broke them down by State—MD and VA had most.)

For the Good of the Order.

10. **Grady**: FOP 12 has NEW facility nearby. Maybe we should check with them for an alternative meeting site.

11. **Rob Stewart** modeled shirt with new proposed patch with sword sticking out.

12. "50/50" tonight, collected by **George Winkey**. \$54 total, won by **Judge El-Amin**. The Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:44 p.m. with prayer led by **Rev. Lester**. Recorded attendance: 23 members, attendance list attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan A. El-Amin
Secretary

Approved: APRIL 9,2019