

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by **Chapter President Fred Allen** with prayer led by **Rev. Paula Lester** in the main meeting room of F.O.P. Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro, MD. **President Allen** observed a moment of silence then read the BK Pledge.
2. Special Guest, **charter member and former Int'l. President J.D. Perkins** thanked everyone who participated in Law Ride this past weekend. This coming Sunday is Men's Day at his church at Union Wesley AME Church beginning at 10 am. Can meet at Silver Diner at Beltway 6040 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt MD 20770@ 9:00 am.
3. Secretary's Report by **Judge El-Amin**: Minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved with minor changes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Byron Hope** forgot to bring the report; prepared but left it at home. No significant developments and he'll bring written report next month. He's still taking registration money for the M-D Conference.
5. Quartermaster's Report by **Kenny Boone**. Passed out draft of newly designed chapter patch to be made by Collison Enterprises. (Copy attached). Extensive discussion ensued.
6. Crab Feast – Chair **Cheryl Crawley** absent but President Allen distributed proposed shirt designs. One was Black with pink accents, supporting breast cancer, the other Orange with Red and Blue accents. After extensive discussion, the members voted to approve the Black shirts with PINK highlights. We'll instruct silk-screener to put "Staff" or something else on sleeves. Given the market, we must wait until about 2 weeks out before we get the PRICE on the crabs. The Chair is reportedly considering 3 different vendors.
7. International Elections. Ballots explained by Fed Allen. **John Bull, Int'l. Treasurer** is running unopposed. ELECTIONS ARE IN PROGRESS! Balloting is being handled by contractor completely independent of BK Administration. President, with John Bull's assistance, discussed candidates.

Mike Williams enthusiastically endorsed **Dominic Squillace** for International VicePresident.

8. Vote to sponsor one more ad (@\$225) for Crab Feast in the Sword & Shield Magazine.
9. Webmaster's Report: 196 hits to Website last month. See report from **Robert Freeman**. Hits from So. America, Thailand, France.
10. Upcoming Conventions: **John Bull**: For International in NY II, Aug 4 -9, less than 300 have registered. Deadlined extended due to low registration. So far NO CHAPTER has put in a bid for 2021 International. BOG will decide where to have it if no chapter volunteers. Ireland wants Int'l to allow booking even before this year's Int'l conference because hotels in Ireland fill up early. His recommendation: don't fly directly to Ireland. Fly to London first, then to Ireland.

Next ride will be June 1 to Wood Grille in Charlottesville, VA; Americade June 3, Chapter Breakfast June 9, WWII Wild & Wonderful, June 7-9, June 22 Seppi's; 29th to

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Mike Williams reports that **Johnny Pechenko NC 12** was rear-ended by truck while he was sitting at a traffic light. Very seriously injured. Mike himself has surgical procedure tomorrow that may determine whether he can continue to ride. **Tank** is still laid up at home convalescing, trying to stay strong. Cell Tel. No. 301-357-5144; good idea to call him. Rio Grande chapter: John Bull reports that this past weekend was in Tyler TX and there was fatality on interstate. **Raoul Danby** Texas IV was killed when tractor-trailer blew a tire and lost control.

One lesson to take from this collision is that you need to pass 18 wheelers as quickly as possible

James Graves announced that due to health reasons he can't ride bike anymore and sold his motorcycle.

50-50, collected by BOD member **Earl Gatewood**: \$62 collected, \$31 won by **Robert Freeman**, who donated his \$31 back to chapter. President said we could use money to send to Texas for flowers.

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer by **Rev. Paula Lester (or Rev. Taylor?)** at 8:45 Pp.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan A. El-Amin
Secretary

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