

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm by **Chapter President Freddy Allen** with prayer led **by M-D Chaplain Mike Williams** in the main meeting room of F.O.P. Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro, MD. **President Allen** called for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of those in Heaven I, after which he read the Blue Knights Pledge.
- Minutes from October 15, 2019, meeting was read by **Judge El-Amin** and approved as read.
- V-P's report: **Byron Hope** reported that the Chapter Breakfast this past Saturday was well attended
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Vice-President **Byron Hope** tendered a written report. Balance in main checking is \$4,470.16; in Industrial Savings \$1,859.10; and in Cap One Savings is \$10,501.19. His report is attached. (Same figures as in October).
- No new members or guests.
- Maldonado Night. **Earl Gatewood**, Chair. We have the tickets (Eric Mines produced them): \$25 apiece. Tickets need to be distributed to Board Members for further distribution to members. We'll produce a flyer this year. Ticket information will be posted online by Webmaster Robert Freeman. Another call for Award Nominees; Forms available; Board to consider nominees at its next meeting.
- **President Allen** introduced his design for a proposed new Chapter Patch. Lukewarm reception. Questions: Does it have to be approved by International? Should it be independently trade-marked? Where is it designed to go? Also NEW JACKET being considered.
- Rides: Delaware I Toy Run was this past Sunday 11/10/19.

- New officers sworn in by (Parliamentarian) **Donald Thigpen**. **President – BYRON HOPE; Vice-President – CHERYL CRAWLEY; Secretary – HASSAN EL-AMIN; Treasurer – (Absent) GERI MACK; Directors (3) – EARL GATEWOOD, RON POWELL, VERNON WEBB.** President's Badge and Pen turned over by **President Allen** to new **President, Byron Hope.**
- **Webmaster's Report: Robert Freeman.** "Survey Monkey" was commissioned and developed with only one member's input (**Check 6**) regarding feedback on Crab Feast.

274 People visited Website last month, from 4 continents, including 4 from Africa (Kenya) and 1 from Asia.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike Williams explained that there are many who are in need of visitation and prayer and asked that we be mindful of same.

Per Cheryl Crawley, longtime member **Heywood Isler** needs a handicap ramp for his wife (cost approximately \$1500), and enough for a new wheelchair--a motorized, one if possible (\$400+).

50-50 by **John-John**; \$70 collected. \$35 Won by **J.T. Nelson.**

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:29 p.m. with prayer led by **Rev. Bernard Taylor.**

Record Attendance: 29. Two Sign-in Sheets Attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Hassan El-Amin, Secretary

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