

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 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** called for a moment of silence in remembrance of those in Heaven I, after which he read the BK Pledge.
2. No guests or prospective new members were introduced.
3. Minutes from July meeting were read and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Vice-President **Byron Hope** tendered a written report. Balance in main checking is \$8688.53; in Industrial Savings \$1,309.28; and in Cap One Savings is \$10,390.66. His report is attached. The report includes detailed income and expenditures relating to the Crab Feast.
5. There was extensive discussion about the Crab Feast. The formal look-back meeting has not yet been scheduled. (Note, Crab Feast Chair **Cheryl Crawley** was absent from this Gen Membership Meeting). Treasurer – **VP Byron Hope** declared it too early to give a detailed report but assured us that we DID make money on the Crab Feast. **Mike Turner** has provided some attendance figures and those were “scrubbed” by **Eric Mines**, who gave the following numbers:
 - Entire Weekend: 38 Pre-registered, 26 online and 12 mail-in
 - Saturday Only: 146 pre-registered, 21 online and 125 mail-in
 - Walk-ins onsite: 88 persons, including 5 complimentary
 - TOTAL = 272 guests and members total**

Total income from Registrants: \$15,970.00

The Treasurer's report as supplemented by Eric's report was approved by vote.

[Miscellaneous comment from the floor: The Pagans have been spotted in Woodbridge, VA, so be on the lookout.]

6. Results of 2019-20 International Election (Winners in **bold**)

For International President:

Karen Borza 2203 votes

Guy O'Conner 2857 votes

For Vice-President

Rory McConnell	1507 votes
Dominic Squillace	1016 votes
Lisa O'Brien	748 votes
Andres Hohendorf (Ger.)	1786 votes

For Secretary

Jim Borza	2989 votes
Myron Joseph	2203 votes

For Treasurer

John Bull (MDI)	4883 votes
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Over 5000 votes were cast overall

7. International Reports, Cont'd: **John Bull**. Still no final vote on establishing a European V-P but it's imminent. There will be a US/Canada VP and an UK/European VP.
8. BYLAWS: Per **President Fred Allen**, regarding concern that our revised Bylaws need to be first approved by International, that concern is misplaced because that approval" requirement is for new chapters only and inasmuch as we are an established chapter the procedure does not apply to us. Accordingly, our revised Bylaws are in full force and effect as of July 9, 2019, the date of the last meeting, when they were approved. **Printed copies of the revised Bylaws were distributed to everyone present.**
9. ST. ANNE'S FUN DAY, **Earl Gatewood**, Chair: Coming up this Saturday, Aug 17, 2019. Grill, DJ, Moon Bounce, water and juices have been secured. Expects 25 St. Anne's residents and staff. Those motorcading are to meet at 10 am at the McDonald's in Capital Plaza (Hwy 450 W), kickstands up at 10:30 for an 11 am arrival. Please wear your COLORS so us members can be distinguished from any uninvited guests. Remember: NO PHOTOGRAPHS of the children or the mothers; only **Allen Lester** is authorized to take pictures.

10. Next followed more discussion on the Crab Feast. Among the comments: The (new) vendor we had couldn't keep up with the demand. "It's better to have cold crabs than no crabs." Vendor didn't seem to have heavy enough equipment.

President Allen called for a member to volunteer NOW to chair next year's Crab Feast. Only one member volunteered: **Ronald Powell**. His possible appointment will be discussed by the Board of Directors at their next meeting. Members discussed whether we should apologize to our guests for sub-standard service (e.g., making everyone wait almost an hour for crabs). Webmaster Robert Freeman suggested a "survey monkey". Knights of Columbus and MD I member **J.T. Nelson** interjected that if we want to use the KC Lodge again next year, we'd better book it NOW, as their calendar was filling up fast.

President Allen put this question to the body: ***"Do we want to have a Crab Feast next year?"*** The vote was an overwhelming "Yes!" Given that, the Board will consider venue and the Committee will as usual select the vendor. An "After Action Report" needs to be forthcoming.

10. Website: Webmaster **Robert Freeman** gave no oral report but submitted his stats to the Secretary. He suggested sending a letter of thanks to **Mrs. Mary Nelson (J.T.'s wife)** for the pasta casserole she contributed. He reported that guest **"Debbie Clifton"** and her husband won the bed-and-breakfast prize for the "raffle", for which \$270 was collected. There followed a long discussion of the legality/propriety of a "raffle" in contrast to an "auction" etc. etc.

11. Good of the Order – (Nothing under this heading. No 50/50??)

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with prayer led by **Rev. Dr. Paula Lester**.

Attendance: 27 Members, List Attached

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan A. El-Amin
Secretary

Corrected and Approved (Date): _____