BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:46 pm by **Chapter President Fred Allen**, in the Meeting Room of F.O.P Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro, MD, who asked **Rev. Paula Lester** for an opening prayer. Rev. Lester prayed specially for safety from oncoming Hurricane Florence. After the prayer President Allen called Moment of Silence in remembrance of 9-11-01, followed by reading of Blue Knights Pledge.
2. *Guests/New Members*? Yes, 3 (actually 4 after a do-over): Longtime MD 1 supporter **John Bull**, **International Treasurer**, officially transferring from MD 3. Two brand new members Readings: **Corp. Seth Meachem**, PGCPD, 11 years, Kawasaki Vulcan 800. **Larry Murchison**, MPD 28 years, rides H-D Electra Glide. Vote taken on the two members who were unanimously approved; no objections.

\***Gregory Davis**, Dept. of Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing, rides Roadstar Yamaha. New prospective members asked to step outside while vote(s) were taken on their applications. All unanimously approved.

1. *Secretary’s Report* by **V-P Byron Hope**, who took minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the August Gen. Membership Meeting were read and approved. After minutes read, **Robin Davis** (Intelligence Counterterrorism Unit), wife of Gregory Davis, rides has been across county a couple of times)
2. *Treasurer’s Report* by **Orlando Barnes**. Dues due *Detailed report attached*. $17,723.78 in checking account. I**n**dustrial Savings: $ ; Capital One Bank: $10,338.88. Read and approved. Profited over $9,000 from Crab Feast! (Shout-out of THANKS to Crab Feast Cheryl Crawley).
3. President’s Report
   * *St. Anne’s Fun Day:* Heartfelt thank-you letter from Sis. Mary Bader. Special mention/thank-you for Darryl “Check Six” Scrivens. We gave St. Annes’ $2,800.
   * *Mason-MD Conference:* members. Has $10,481 in bank.

Going electronic or “paperless”. New M-D Coins. New Rep. for

Tennessee (James Malone, a/k/a “Cat Daddy”). Fall Conference will be

in Culpepper, VA.

* + *Maldonado Night:* Board looking at Holiday Inn in College Park, Comfort Inn, VFW as before, will be Jan 19th or 26th, 2018.

1. *Vice-President’s Report*. **Orlando Barnes**. Has new membership cards for those who hadn’t picked them up. Reported that one member from Mason-Dixon Conf. had breakdown but MDI members (**Eric Mines** and **Steve Smith**) came to quick rescue, and these two were awarded plaques.
2. *President’s “Supplemental” Report*: Board decided to lease STORAGE SHED, so we can keep up with coolers and what not. Officers and Directors given access codes and lock combination.
3. *ELECTIONS*: Parliamentarian **Donald Thigpen, Esq.,** presiding. Nominations (all from the floor:

President – **FRED ALLEN**. Only nominee.

Vice-President: **BYRON HOPE**. Only nominee. Secretary: **HASSAN EL-AMIN**, Only nominee. Treasurer: **ORLANDO BARNES**, Only nominee.

Directors: 1) **EARL GATEWOOD** (accepts), DONALD SCOTT (declines), 2) RONALD POWELL (declines), DARRYL SCRIVENS (declines), ALLEN LESTER (declines), **W.W. JOHNSON** (Honorary-defer until we see if we can’t get enough Regular Member nominees) GRADY COVINGTON, (declines), 3) **GREGORY DAVIS** (new member-accepts), 4) **CHERYL CRAWLEY** (accepts).

1. 2018 Crab Feast. **Chair Cheryl Crawley** thanked everyone for their contributions to the Crab Feast. Took another round of applause. (348 attended compared with 298 last year.)
2. *President’s “2nd Supplemental Report”*: We’ll be on “dual” track next year for Mason-Dixon Conference AND Crab Feast. New Chairperson being sought. Eric Mines accepted to handle registration for Mason-Dixon Conference, maybe he’ll handle registration for Crab Feast as well (Pres.)
3. *Report from International* by **John Bull**, **International Treasurer**. It is felt that local D.A. is not fighting for us in the Bessie Smalls prosecution as indicated by the 12 continuances she has gotten; politics involved. Possible. Seven years all but 40 mos. suspended. Possible $60 K in monetary settlement but this is not to

include restitution, which is $200K + attorneys’ fees. Trial date is set for Oct 2 is

next “deadline”, but she’s had 12 continuances.

International has committed to engage outside firm to handle electronic voting, from A-Z. Now in process; estimated cost will be $27-30K. High-speed scanning of electronic ballots, whether it’s in New York or at Headquarters. He’s now the International Treasurer. Switching from “GoDaddy” to “Host-Tech” for chapter emails and mailboxes.

1. *New Rides*: Saturday, BK M-D Winter Conference, VA Beach, Sat. 9/22/18, Riviera Beach, Pasadena, MD, very community-oriented, friendly event. Check call-em-all. Police Rodeo previously scheduled for this weekend re-scheduled for 9/22.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

1. **Ron Powell** commented on
2. 50/50” tonight, $ ? collected by **J.T. Nelson**. $ ? won by **Manny Rivera.**

The Meeting ADJOURNED at 9:05 p.m. with prayer led **Chapter Chaplain Rev. Bernard Taylor.**

Recorded attendance: 30 members, attendance list attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hassan A. El-Amin Secretary