**BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:41 pm by **Chapter President Fred Allen**, with the opening prayer led by **Reverend Dr. Paula Miller-Lester,** in the Meeting Room of F.O.P., Lodge 89, located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. A moment of silence was held for fallen officers, after which **President Allen** recited the Blue Knight’s Pledge.

1. A second reading was held. Member was introduced by **Vice President Byron Hope**: **Harry Clark**, retiree from the Prince George’s County Police Department. Membership was voted on by membership present and unanimously approved. Additionally, a first reading was held for applicant **Gregory Davis**, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Police Department. Davis advised that he rides a Yamaha and is still an active member of his agency.
2. The Treasurer’s Report was read by **Orlando Barnes**: **Esquire** advised that there is $15,217.50 in Industrial Bank checking account. There is $1,153.15 in the Industrial Bank savings account; and $10,338.88 in the Capital One Bank account. This was read and approved. *Detailed report is attached*. **Esquire** then shared that he was in possession of a letter from Industrial Bank stating that we would be charged a “Dormancy Fee” It was shared with the Chapter that if there was no activity on an account for a period that a fee would be charged. The recommendation was to transfer money (small increment) from one account to another. **Esquire** stated that he would take the proceeds from 50/50 and deposit them monthly and that should suffice.
3. Secretary’s Report, prepared by **Judge El-Amin**, was read on his behalf **by Vice President Byron Hope**. Minutes from the Chapter meeting from Monday, July 9, 2018, were read and approved with no changes.
4. President’s Report presented by **Fred Allen. President Allen** advised that now that the Crab Feast was completed, the logistical aspects of the Spring Mason Dixon Conference, being hosted by Maryland I, would be established.

Additional information that was shared:

From the International Conference at Stone Mountain, Georgia; the vote for membership classifications was pulled pending resubmission. Outsourcing of elections was voted down, however, the motion to change the Bylaws and allow electronic voting was approved. Bessie Smalls turned down a plea deal. Case will be going to trial. Finally, when changing addresses, please ensure to give your completely new address.

The 2019 Summer Mason Dixon Conference will be held August 4 – 9th, at the Hilton West Chester, New York. Room rates are $140.00 per night, and registration will be $185.00 per person.

The 2020 International Conference will be held in Killarney County, Kerry Ireland. More information forthcoming.

Virginia XX is conducting a raffle for a Harley Davidson 883, motorcycle. Tickets are $50.00 each and the winner need not be present at the time of the drawing.

Members were reminded of the Mid-Atlantic Rodeo taking place on September 14-15th, 2018.

There is presently a search being conducted to find a new venue for Maldonado Night. It was the opinion of several Board of Directors that the current venue, the VFW does not enhance the ambiance of the event. In addition, Maldonado Night will be held on either January 19th or January 26th, 2019.

**Terri Campbell’s** Gumbo Cookout is canceled for 2018.

A reminder was given to the Chapter that September’s meetings will be changed to the 4th and 11th, respectively, and the October Chapter meeting will be moved from October 8 – 9th.

**President Allen** advised that six (6) members attended the breakfast on Sunday, August 12th.

1. **Vice President’s Report** was presented by **Byron Hope.** By-Laws were going through another round of re-writes and would be completed and forwarded to the President by the end of the week. They would then be disseminated electronically to the Chapter.

**VP Hope** read a “thank you” card that was sent to the Chapter by the parents of **Jamal Shaw,** the MPD officer killed in the motorcycle accident in May.

**VP Hope** then shared that there will be an “Antique Bike Show” on Saturday, August 25th, 2018, from 11-4, at Old Glory Harley Davidson, located in Laurel, Maryland. No fee to attend.

1. **Communications Officer Allen Lester** stated there are no issues.
2. **Webmaster Officer Robert Freeman** shared a recommendation that a (reminder) announcement should be sent out one week prior to the International Conference in 2019, to plant a seed in the mind of the members traveling home to stop by.
3. No report from **Quartermaster Kenny Boone**.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

1. “50/50” was collected by **J.T. Nelson**. $18.00 was won by **Eric “EJ” Mines**. Closing prayer was led by **Reverend Dr. Miller-Lester**.

11. Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:51 p.m.

Recorded attendance” 23 members, attendance list attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron B. Hope

Vice President

of behalf of Hassan A. El-Amin