

**Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club
Maryland-Chapter 1
(General Membership Meeting)
Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2023

I. Call to order

President Byron Hope called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Blue Knights-LEMCMaryland -Chapter 1, at 1946 hrs. on November 14, 2023, at the FOP Lodge 89.

- Bother Robert Mathis opened the meeting with a prayer.
- President Hope led the membership in a moment of Silence for Heaven One members. He also read the Blue Knights Pledge.

II. President's Report/Elections

- President Hope shared with membership that Keith Johnson, Mason Dixon Conference Treasurer passed away and asked that we keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

III. Vice President's Report

- Vice President Taylor had nothing to present to membership at that time.

IV. Secretary Report

- The minutes of the October 10, 2023, General Membership Meeting were read by Secretary Young and a motion was made by Fred Allen to accept the minutes as read and that motion was seconded by Harry Clarke. There was a unanimous vote that approved the minutes as read.

V. Treasury Report

- Cheryl Crawley provided a Treasurer's Report from October 1- September 31, 2023. The report was read at the meeting and filed. Financial information is available upon request of any active member.
- Cheryl reports that the chapter's financial information has been transferred to the new executive board (M&T Bank).
- Cheryl is currently collecting membership dues. \$40

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VI. Quartermaster Report

- Harry Clarke- The quartermaster indicated that the following items are available for purchase: badges, hats, patches, lapel pins/badges, and the belt buckles are ready for pick-up.

VII. Chapter Events

- On Sunday, November 12, 2023, Delaware-I hosted its 40th Annual Toy Run, we had a total of 11 members participate in the event. As a result, Maryland -I won a trophy for best represented chapter within conference for the event.
- On February 9-12, 2024, Delaware-I will be hosting the Winter MDC Conference in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.
- On Saturday, November 18, 2023, we are scheduled for breakfast at the Golden Corral in Waldorf at 8am. We will have a care ride in conjunction with breakfast. For those that are participating in the ride only; you can meet us at Golden Corral at 10am. We have identified the following chapter members to visit: Kenneth Boone, Gunny Best, Michael Williams, and J.T. Nelson's.

Fred Allen advised club members that the website was up and running. He gave a presentation about the proposed online store for the chapter that would allow you to purchase items from the quartermaster and renew your membership. Purchases from the online store can only be made by Maryland-I members at this time.

VIII. Communications

- Allen Lester did not have any new information for the for the chapter.

IX. Ride Committee

- Robert Cox- He mentioned the care ride for the upcoming weekend.
- President Hope spoke with Henry Seipi and confirmed his participation on the ride committee. They will be working on the upcoming calendar, and if anyone has any suggestions, please reach out to a committee member or President Hope.

- Robert Cox – He was asked about a poker run and indicated that the club is planning to hold a run in the early spring.

X. Good of the Chapter

- Donald Thigpen - On October 20, 2023, he was presented a lifetime achievement award from Penn State University.
- Donald Thigpen has donated several new BK-Tee shirts, please see the quartermaster if interested.
- Eric Mines indicated that he received an invitation for the chapter to attend St. Ann's Christmas Season Open House on December 3, 2023, from 1-3pm. He further indicated that the significance of this year's event is that Sister Mary Bater is leaving St. Ann's and this will also be a farewell event for her. Eric would like for Maryland-I to be represented at that event.

XI. 50/50 Raffle

- There was no 50/50 raffle at tonight's meeting.

XII. Attendance

- There was a total of 24 members in attendance at tonight's General Membership Meeting. The list of attendees will be attached and submitted with the meeting minutes.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Robert Mathis
President Byron Hope adjourned the meeting at 2040 hours.
Minutes submitted by: Phineas Young