

# Mason-Dixon Conference - Winter 2016

## Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2016 09:30 am – 11:35 am

The meeting was called to order by Mike Pollinger (MDC Chairman). The meeting was taped and for brevity purposes, these minutes represent the highlights of the meeting<sup>1</sup>.

<b>Executive Board Roll-Call</b>		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
Chairman	Mike Pollinger (DE-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chairman	J.J. Lightner (NC-XVII)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Keith Chase (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Lonnie Loyal (VA-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International Rep	John Bull (MD-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>State Representatives and Other Appointed Positions Roll-Call</b>		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
Delaware State Rep	Bert Littleton (DE-I)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky State Rep	Ruben Gardner (KY-II)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maryland State Rep	Steve Smith (MD-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina State Rep	Mike Brown (NC-XIII)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tennessee State Rep	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virginia State Rep	John Weinstein (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia State Rep	Marshal Parker (WV-II) <sup>1</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chaplin	Mike Williams (MD-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safety Officer	D.W. Conners (VA-V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Keith Johnson (VA-XIII)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Rick Clark (NC-XVI)	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Agenda Items</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Call to Order</u>: (9:30 am)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Moment of Silence.</li><li>b. Opening Prayer – Mike Williams (MDC Chaplin).</li><li>c. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.</li><li>d. Reading of Blue Knights Pledge – Chairman Pollinger.</li></ol></li><li>2. <u>Chapter Roll-Call and Report</u>: Keith Chase (MDC Secretary). Roll-Call was conducted and the below listed Chapters were represented at the meeting:</li></ol>

<sup>1</sup> Was in attendance during the weekend but had to depart prior to the meeting for a family emergency

Delaware-I <sup>2</sup>	Maryland-I	Maryland-III <sup>3</sup>	North Carolina-II <sup>4</sup>
North Carolina-IV	North Carolina-VIII	North Carolina-XIII	North Carolina-XVI
North Carolina-XVII	North Carolina-XVIII	North Carolina-XXIV	Virginia-I
Virginia-II	Virginia-III	Virginia-V	Virginia-XIII
Virginia-XX	West Virginia-II		

- There are 71 Chapters in the conference and 18 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 25% in attendance. 18 Chapters were eligible to vote. There were 61 members, spouses and guests in attendance at the meeting.

3. Recognized VIPs:

<b><u>INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS</u></b>	<b><u>OTHER CONFERENCE EXECUTIVES</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Borza (PA-XXIV) – Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b><u>PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS</u></b>	<b><u>OTHER CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Gennari (NY-I)</li> <li>• Ronnie Young (VA-V)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b><u>BOG OFFICERS</u></b>	<b><u>OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Borza (PA-XXIV) – Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Newman (SC-VIII) – South Carolina Rep</li> </ul>

- 4. Host Chapter Remarks: President Keith Johnson, (VA-XIII), thanked all for attending. He praised his chapter for their work in putting the Conference meeting together.
- 5. Chairman’s Remarks: Thanked VA-XIII for hosting. The Chairman again discussed recent threats against law enforcement and wanted to express to “be safe out there”. He wanted to ensure that all are being vigilant while out on the bikes and in general. He noted we all need to maintain the highest standards of professionalism at all times, especially given the bad press being received by law enforcement. A Blue Knight attended the funeral of a Hell’s Angel, which puts us in a bad light and continues to add to the confusion by some, to include law enforcement, about whether the Blue Knights are an outlaw organization.
- 6. Secretary’s Report (Keith Chase): The meeting minutes from the Fall Conference were discussed and are available on the MDC website. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the minutes, with a few corrections. Reminder that changes in Chapter Leadership needs to be reported to the Conference Secretary and the International.
- 7. Treasurer’s Report (Lonnie Loyall): Financial Report – **See FULL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL INFO=**  
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A motion/second to accept the financial report was made and voted unanimously to accept the report.

- 8. Comments from the International Secretary (Karen Borza ): Karen thanked the MDC and VA-XIII for

<sup>2</sup> Michael Vari produced a voting authorization letter from Leonard Arcure - Chapter President  
<sup>3</sup> John Bull produced a voting authorization letter from Robert Carr - Chapter President  
<sup>4</sup> Michael Lewis produced a voting authorization letter from Steve Sanders - Chapter President

hosting a great event. She indicated she was open for any questions...There were none.

9. Comments from the Board of Governors Secretary (Jim Borza ): Jim discussed the Special Fund and provided an account update and explanation of why the Special Fund is set up. It is designed to assist members in the event of an accident to cover out-of-pocket expenses resulting from the accident to get the member/family back home...see the International website for additional details. In 2015, there were three payouts for accidents.
10. International Representative's Report (John Bull): Recently the MDC Executive Board had to deal with an issue of a member being seen with members of the Hell's Angels. In this particular case it was at the funeral of a mutual friend; however the general public only sees the two together. In this case the whole issue could have been avoided by not wearing the chapter colors. This is not only an issue for our Conference but others, as well. Please be mindful when wearing your colors in public as you never know who is watching and what they may take away from their observations.

Another item this issue brought forward was that of member qualifications. Our By-Laws are concrete on this issue and must be adhered to. In order to qualify you **MUST** work for a Governmental Law Enforcement Agency. Working for the police force of a private company does not qualify. Please take the time to verify the credentials of prospective members. If you are not sure, check with the agency in your state that certifies police officers as they can tell you who is or is not a governmental agency. Overlooking this issue and signing someone up that does not qualify puts not only the Chapter President in jeopardy, but also the Chapter Charter

a. **Membership – As of December 31, 2015**

Total Members:	19,059	MDC Total:	2469
Chapters:	630	MDC Chapters:	71

The MDC is currently the third largest conference. The newest Chapters in the Blue Knights are BH II, CA XXV, AB VII, GER XXXVIII, GER XXXIX, and Jersey I (One of the Chanel Islands off the coast of England.)

b. **New Business**

1. International Office: The 2015 audit is currently underway and should be done shortly. We are using the same company that completed the previous audits. After the last audit the company recommended several changes to the way we do business. One of the changes was to hire a bookkeeper to help Bessie. We have since hired a part time bookkeeper who will work one day a week. The hours will increase over time, as needed. Also, the Headquarters Committee is currently looking at the International HQ building. They are looking at the options of expanding the current building or purchasing at a new location. Bessie is in the process of getting three estimates for expansion and repairs. She has also looked at 3300sq foot building as a possibility.
2. 2016 Int'l Budget: The 2016 budget was approved at the December 2015 meeting. A copy of the budget is on the Int'l website and available for download. Please take the time to look it over.
3. By-Law Committee: Over the last two Int'l Board meetings there have been proposals brought forward dealing with the qualifications of Regular and Associate members. Because of the complexities of the proposals they were referred back to the By-Law Committee. Some of the proposals seek to drastically reduce the years to qualify to fall in line with LEOSA guidelines. That would mean someone who left law enforcement after 10 years would qualify. This is just one of the many adjustments to the By-Laws. Please take the time to read the minutes of the past two meetings to read them. Once the committee has fine tuned them they will be back before the Board for voting.

c. ***Proposals***

1. Proposal 2015-0022 (September Meeting) – To Amend By-Law Article 5.03.A – International Representative: *D.J. Alvarez (Int'l President)* – ***Passed***: This proposal separates the position of International Conference Representative and Conference Chairman. Currently, one person can hold the position of Conference Rep and Chairman. This would separate out the two and add people to the Conference boards. At the moment 3 of the 13 conferences have one person serving as both the Rep and the Chairman.
2. Proposal 2015-0020 (September Meeting) – To Amend By-Law Article 5.03 – Conference Officers: *Serge Fournier, Northeast Conference* – ***Passed***: This proposal allows for up to three Vice Chairman in each Conference. Currently, two Conferences have more than one Vice Chairman. In the case of the Northeast Conference, this was done so there would be a US and Canadian Vice Chairman. They are able to take care of issues in each respective country better because the Vice Chairman are familiar with the laws. Under the current By-Laws, only one Vice Chairman is authorized, so these Conferences have been operating in contradiction of the By-Laws. By allowing up to three Vice Chairman, there can be someone from several countries to handle issues. In the case of the European Conferences, with more than three countries, it would be up to their Conference to elect how they would set up the positions.
3. Proposal 2015-0021 (September Meeting ) – To Amend By-Law Article 2.09 – Notice of Annual Meeting: *John Bull, Mason Dixon Conference* – ***Passed***: At the meeting in Reno, NV, it became apparent that not all members received notice of the annual meeting. Currently, notice is given to either each member or the chapters. Some members complained about not getting the information prior to Reno. To fix this, the MDC submitted a proposal to include posting the notice on the Int'l Website as an alternative.
4. \*\*\*Proposal 2012-0019 (December Meeting) – To Amend By-Law Article 2.02 – Regular Membership and Article 2.03 Associate Membership (Holdover from the Reno, NV General Membership Meeting) – ***Passed***: This proposal adjusted the membership period to begin on January 31st of each year.
5. \*\*\*PROPOSAL 2015-0002 (December Meeting) – To Amend By-Law Article 2.06 Membership-at-Large (Holdover from the Reno, NV. General Membership Meeting) – ***Passed***: This proposal puts in writing what we currently do with the Members-At-Large. There applications are sent to the Conference Board's for verification and follow up. The Conferences are responsible for their renewal and keeping them informed of information from the International.
6. \*\*\*PROPOSAL 2014-0004 (December Meeting) – To Amend By-Law Article 3.20 Treasurer's Duties – (Holdover from Reno, NV. General Membership Meeting) – ***Passed***: This was a MDC proposal. It mandates that the Treasurer submit quarterly financial reports to the Board. In the past the Treasurer did not do the reports because he stated they were not required of his position.
7. \*\*\*Proposal 2014-0019 (December Meeting) – To Amend By-Laws Article 1.04 Colors – (Holdover from the Reno, NV. General Membership Meeting) – ***Passed***: This proposal established the alternate back patch for chapters who cannot wear a three piece set of colors.
8. Proposal 2015-0023 (December Meeting) – To Amend the BOG By-Laws Article 5 – Voting Rights: *Proposed by the Board of Governors* – ***Passed***: This is actually a BOG By-Law change that

has to come to the Board for approval. The Presidents in Reno voted to change the By-Law so that a proxy voter would have to be from the Chapter for which they are submitting a vote.

9. Proposal 2015-0024 To Amend the Resolution Statement of any Constitution Change: *Karen Borza, Int'l Secretary* – **Passed**: This proposal adjusted the ratification statement that must be in front of the amendments when they are presented at the General Membership Meeting.

10. Proposal 2015-0025 – To Amend the Resolution Statement of any By-Law Change: *Karen Borza, Int'l Secretary* – **Passed**: This proposal adjusted the ratification statement that must be in front of the amendments when they are presented at the General Membership Meeting.

11. Proposal 2015-0026 – Founding Fathers: *Bob Awtrey, SRC Int'l Rep* – **Passed**: This proposal would pay up to \$1,000 toward the expenses of having the remaining Founding Fathers attend the International Convention. The International currently provides the room and registration for the Founding Fathers, but some have not come in the past because of traveling expenses. This will insure that the last three Founding Fathers will be able to attend the Convention meetings.

12. Proposal 2015-0027 – International Headquarters Building Fund: *Bob Awtrey, SRC Int'l Rep* – **Passed**: This proposal established a building fund for either the addition to the Headquarters or the purchase of another building. This would be for the calendar year 2016 only and would consist of five tiers. These tiers would be: Copper tier \$100, Bronze tier \$250, Silver tier \$500, Gold Tier \$750 and Platinum tier \$1,000.

13. Proposal 2015-0028 – To Donate \$1,000 TO BK COPSRUN: *Bob Awtrey, SRC Int'l Rep* – **Passed**: The Int'l will donate \$1,000 on behalf of the Southern Region Conference (SRC) to Copsrun for 2016.

14. Proposal 2015-0029 – International Webmaster: *Harry Shaw, Chairman BOG* - **Passed**: This proposal will allow the Int'l to pay for the room and registration at the Int'l Meeting each year.

15. Proposal 2015-0030 – Place Dan Thrasher, AZ-IX, on the Persona Non-Grata List: *John Lopotosky, Int'l Rep SWC* – **Passed**: Mr. Thrasher asked for member-at-large status when he did not get along with members from his chapter. It was determined that he could be a member-at-large and he was asked to submit paperwork showing he qualified for membership. He refused to do so and remained a member of his Chapter. Shortly thereafter he went on a ride with the American Legion wearing his Chapter colors. While with them they went to a bar that was full of Hell's Angels. He choose to stay at the bar and drink with them for several hours. As a result the chapter removed him for conduct unbecoming a Blue Knight. They felt his actions were severe enough that he should not be allowed back in the organization.

16. Proposal 2015-0033 – To Donate \$1,000 To the Feel-good Foundation: *Russ Harper, TSC Int'l Rep* – **Passed**: To donate \$1,000 on behalf of the Tri-State Conference (TSC) to the Feel-good Foundation. The foundation helps first responders who are injured, either physically or mentally as a result of the Twin Towers and the clean-up effort.

17. Proposal 2015-0035 – To Donate \$1,000 To the American Cancer Society: *John Bull, MDC Int'l Rep* – **Passed**: To donate \$1,000 on behalf of the Mason-Dixon Conference to the American Cancer Society. During the past year the MDC and the Blue Knights has lost several members to one form of cancer or another. This donation was to honor their memory and to assist cancer research.

18. Proposal 2015-0036 – To Donate \$1,000 To RIDE4COPS: Brian Gadd, MWRC Int'l Rep – **Passed**: To donate \$1,000 to RIDE4COPS on behalf of the Mid-West Region Conference (MWRC). RIDE4COPS supports law enforcement and the education of the public about the dangers of the job. They also support the families of officers killed in the line of duty.

19. Proposal 2015-0037 – To Donate \$1,000 TO C.O.P.S.: Greg Willis, WCC Int'l Rep – **Passed**: To donate \$1,000 to C.O.P.S. on behalf of the West Coast Conference (WCC). COPS supports the families of officers killed in the line of duty.

20. PROPOSAL 2015 – 0038 – 2016 Dues for Military Members: DJ Alvarez, Int'l President – **Passed**: International will waive the dues for all members who were called to active duty prior to January 31, 2016.

21. PROPOSAL 2015 – 0039 – To Donate \$1000 On Behalf of the International Executive Committee: Int'l Executive Committee – **Passed**: To donate in the following manner; \$500 COPS, \$350 COPS UK, and \$150 to kindness Matters. COPS and COPS UK help the families of officers killed in the line of duty on a national scale. Kindness Matters helps the families of officers also but on a local scale in Bangor, Maine.

NOTE: \*\*\* These proposals marked with asterisks were already passed by the Board prior to the General Membership Meeting in Reno, NV. Because they were not presented to the membership for a vote at that meeting the By-Laws automatically reverted to the prior By-Laws. In order to represent them to the membership at the meeting in Hershey, PA the Board had to revote on them.

**d. Upcoming BOD Meeting Proposals**

The three (3) proposals listed below are on the upcoming International agenda...therefore the Presidents were asked for their vote on how the MDC Rep was to vote.

1. Proposal to Place a former West Coast Conference (WCC) Member on the Persona Non-Grata List: This proposal is to list a disruptive former member on the persona non grata list who committed several integrity acts and has been a disruption to the WCC and three different Chapters in the WCC. The Presidents voted to support this proposal.

2. Proposal to allow the International Scholarship Committee an additional \$1000: This proposal is to allow the International Scholarship Committee to distribute, at its discretion; to any candidate it chooses without following the established Process. The Presidents voted to not support this proposal as there is a procedure already established and this would be unfair and capricious.

3. Proposal for the International to sponsor a competitive shooting team: This proposal would allow for the funding and sponsorship, by the International, of a competitive shooting team to represent international as a sanctioned group. The Presidents voted to not support this proposal for fear of liability, non-existence of rules and criteria, exorbitant expenses and setting a bad precedent for other groups seeking support.

NOTE FROM REP: *Please remember this report is a synopsis of International Board activity. Read the full minutes which are currently on the International website and currently emailed to each Chapter President.*

**11. Vice Chairman's Report (J.J. Lightner):**

- a. This is a great turn out for the business meeting and I appreciate everyone being here.

- b. Membership – MDC has **71** Chapters with **2469** Members (*as of 31 Dec*)
- c. Recruitment – Passed out the top 10 reasons to be a Blue Knight
- d. Thoughts – Why did you become a Blue Knight? We should do some stories on the web and have it in the magazine. There was discussion about even doing videos.
- e. New Potential Members – Starting in Kentucky, each state can bring one (1) potential new member to the Conference Meeting and if they join then the MDC will pay the registration fee and the first years International dues. Notify the State Rep if you have a candidate and they are responsible to make the decision for the State.

## **Representatives Reports**

*(See the MDC website calendar for events)*

*This will be a summary of topics presented by each reporting member...Check the MDC website for events*

1. Delaware State Representative – Albert Littleton (DE-I): *Absent – Electronic Report by Chairman*
  - a. Delaware has 1 Chapter with 74 members.
2. Kentucky State Representative – Ruben Gardner (KY-II): *Absent – Electronic Report by Chairman*
  - a. Kentucky has 12 Chapters.
3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I):
  - a. Maryland has 7 Chapters.
4. North Carolina State Representative – Mike Brown (NC-XIII):
  - a. North Carolina has 20 Chapters.
  - b. NC-X is the newest Chapter.
5. Tennessee State Representative – No Current Rep (): *No Report:*
  - a. We are currently looking to appoint a replacement.
  - b. Tennessee has 11 Chapters.
6. Virginia State Representative – John Weinstein (VA-II):
  - a. Virginia has 16 Chapters.
7. West Virginia State Representative – Marshal Parker (WV-II): *Departed early for a family emergency...report by DW Conners.*
  - a. West Virginia has 4 Chapters.

## **Website**

Rick Clark – Webmaster: *Absent – Electronic Report by Secretary*

- a. On the Chapter contacts page we are now using the official email address for each Chapter.
- b. I have added the Heaven-I page to the website. Need to ensure Chapter Presidents send names to International of those that get transferred.
- c. Send your flyers for your events and rides to Rick at [webmaster@bkmdc.org](mailto:webmaster@bkmdc.org)
- d. I am working on making standard emails accounts for all MDC Board Members (elected and appointed) and updating the webpage.
- e. President's page has the contact listing. Chapter Presidents have a password. Contact Rick for issues.
- f. Corporate Email System: As everyone should be aware by now, the International is switching to an in-house email system. If your chapter has not switched or set-up your account; now is the time. You need to occasionally purge the files, as there is a limited amount of space.



## Quartermaster

Ordering Sales Items: The coins, pins and patches are up on the Virginia-II website or can be ordered directly through the Conference Secretary (Keith Chase). We take cash, checks or credit cards or we can invoice directly using square payment.

## Safety

### D.W. Conners – Safety Officer:

- a. We continue to have safety round-tables. This is an open discussion on safety issues.
- b. He will remain as MDC Safety Coordinator.
- c. A Safety roundtable was conducted at Danville and had more than 20 participants.
- d. 4 workshops are scheduled for various MSC chapters. If you want to host one, contact DW. All he asks is a place to stay.
- e. A safety newsletter is posted each month on the MDC website and contains news you can use, such as:
  - The paste used by many shops to seal tires to rims can corrode aluminum rings and cause leaks.
  - All 1800-cc Gold Wings are being recalled due to brake problems. Even those recalled for brake problems earlier are again being recalled.
  - Nitrogen gas used by some to inflate tires offers longer tread life since the gas doesn't heat up. However, since the tires do not get warm, traction may be reduced. Be careful.
  - Officers traveling in parts of New York will be arrested if they carry mags with more than 10 rounds.
  - I am available to do "On-Road" workshops. Day 1 will be classroom and the second day would be on the road. This is at no cost...I just need a place to lay my head.
  - Emergency Cards...if you need one, please don't hesitate to ask.
  - I have fliers for bike checks, etc.
  - If there is something from a safety perspective that you need, please let me know.
  - Chapter Safety Officers...please send their info to me.
  - Email Address: [BKMDC@frontier.com](mailto:BKMDC@frontier.com)

## Old Business

1. Chapter Changes: Please ensure you email the MDC Secretary, MDC Chairman and the International of any Chapter changes (E-Board officers, website, and contact info).
2. Corporate Emails: Get your accounts set up. Contact Rick Clark if you need assistance.
3. Spring 2016 Conference Update: Update on KY-II's hosting of the Spring Conference in Lexington, KY over Memorial Day Weekend (27-29 May 2016). The flyer info is posted on the MDC website.
4. International HQ Documents: Karen Borza answered a question concerning the scanning of all International Documents. Karen reported that all info is in the process of being scanned by an outside company to be used for future use by the International...there will also be a back-up copy of the scans hosted off-site from HQ to prevent the inadvertent loss of data.



## New Business

1. MDC Scholarships: The scholarship application packet is posted on the MDC Website. All applications must be postmarked by 22 April 2016.
2. Proposed By-Law Change: Submitted by Billy Wright, President NC-XVI
  - a. Subject: Changing of Article 3, Section 1 of the MDC By-Laws...to wit: changing the number of MDC meetings in a year from three to two.
  - b. Submission: The proposal was submitted in accordance with the MDC By-Law requirements and received by the Secretary on 31 December 2015.
  - c. Chapter Actions: The Secretary sent the proposal for consideration by the Chapter Presidents on 10 January 2016 and were advised the proposal would be on the agenda for Winter Meeting.
  - d. Discussion: There was 20 minutes of discussion.
  - e. Vote: 4 For, 13 Against and 1 No-Vote (left the room). ***Proposal Failed***
3. Nominations for MDC Board Elections: Nominations will be accepted at the MDC Spring Meeting in Lexington, KY. Any qualifying member considering running for positions on the Board are reminded that MDC By-Laws (Article IV, Section 1) require:
  - a. Any qualified member wishing to run for office shall notify the Conference Secretary in writing by April 15th of the election year (even numbered years). The letter shall contain the position they wish to run for, their current chapter, and years they were President. If they were a president of another chapter then that chapter's name shall be included.
  - b. The Conference Secretary shall verify the candidate's qualification with the International Office. They shall then forward a list of all qualified candidates to the Chairman for inclusion in the Spring Meeting Agenda.
  - c. No candidate's shall campaign for office until after the conclusion of the business meeting at the Spring Mason-Dixon Conference.
  - d. Candidates for office shall have attended four (4) of the previous six (6) Conference meetings (*Candidates should confirm this in their letter*).
4. Bids for 2017 MDC Winter Meeting: Due to the pending proposal change listed in item 2 above, Chapters were hesitant to bring forth proposals until the proposal had been voted on. As a result of the failed proposal, there were Chapters requesting additional time to present a bid back to the Conference. It was approved, by those in attendance, the three Chapters would be given 30 days to submit their bids to the Secretary and then a ballot would be sent out to the Chapter Presidents, in attendance at the Winter Conference, to make the final selection within 30 days of receiving the final bids. Bids were to be submitted by 14 March 2016. The Chapters that were in consideration are listed below.
  - a. Virginia-XIII (Danville, VA): Final bid was received on 18 February 2016.
  - b. North Carolina-XVIII (Morehead, NC): Final bid was received on 11 March 2016.
  - c. Maryland-III (Baltimore, MD): Elected not to submit a bid after the meeting was concluded.

## Good of the Order

1. Notification of Heaven-I Transfers: In addition to sending the information to the International Office of Heaven-I transfers, please also send to them the International Webmaster to ensure the information gets posted on the website site as well.
2. Booker's Bottle: The production has been pushed to summer 2017.
3. IRS Compliance: If your Chapter is bringing in more than \$50k, under the Chapter name, you must file a

990ez Form...it does not matter what you have out-going, this is from all revenue. If your Chapter is under that threshold, then you must file an online postcard. Failure to make a filing will cause the IRS to cancel your tax ID and the Chapter will pay a visit and a potential fine.

4. One-Piece Back Patch: It is available for ANYONE to wear.
5. BK Special Fund: Jim Borza provided an account update and explanation of why the Special Fund is set up. It is designed to assist members in the event of an accident to cover out-of-pocket expenses resulting from the accident to get the member/family back home...see the International website for additional details.

### Announcement of Mason-Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Spring Conference Meeting - 2016:

- Hosted By: Kentucky-II
- Location: Lexington, KY
- Dates: 27-29 May 2016
- Information: See the MDC website for the Flyer

2. Fall Conference Meeting - 2016:

- Hosted By: Virginia-II
- Location: Culpeper, VA
- Dates: 1-5 September 2016
- Information: [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)

3. Winter Conference Meeting - 2017:

- Hosted By: *Pending*
- Location: *Pending*
- Dates: 10-12 February 2017
- Information: *Pending*

### Announcement of International Conventions

1. 2016 Convention:

- Hosted By: Pennsylvania-V
- Location: Harrisburg, PA
- Dates: 17-24 June 2016
- Info: <http://www.2016bkiconvention.com/index.html>

Adjournment – 11:30 am. Next meeting 09:30 am / 29 May 2016 at the 2016 Spring Conference

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<sup>i</sup> File size is 184MB in MP3 format.