Blue Knight Meeting, February 2016

The Blue Knight KCMetro Chapter met for its monthly meeting on February 15, 2016, at Mama's Chinese Restaurant, Kansas City, Mo. We met at 6:00PM to enjoy a good meal before the meeting.

We had 22 members and guests present for the meeting. The weather was cold but clear so limited riding was the transportation of the evening. The meeting was called to order by Sergeant At Arms Dusty Wallace. President Hicks presided over the meeting.

President Hicks asked if anyone had been to the 1998 conference at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. A disc of photos from the conference was given to members who were present. Frank Clair had documented it in his history of the chapter.

Vice President Bill Evans reported nothing new.

Secretary Richard Gooch had no report

Treasurer Richard Weidemeyer reported we have money. He also urged the membership to attend the Spring Conference to be held in Keokuk, Iowa on June 10 - 12, 2016. The Fall Conference will be held September 9 - 11, 2016, in Omaha, Nebraska. Conferences are a good ride and a good time seeing old friends and keeping up on the organization.

International Conference will be held in Harrisburg/Hersey, PA June 19 - 24th this year. While the International will be earlier this year, but it should be a good time.

KCMetro Chapter will co-host an upcoming conference and will need help from the membership. The conference will be held in St. Joseph and will be the home turf of Missouri X. The initial meeting with the Knights and Stoney Creek Hotel to work on firming arrangements. Rooms will be \$89.00 per night, our banquet will be there but no hospitality room as such. The banquet room will double as the hostility and dining room. June 9 -11, 2017. We will need raffle items to be donated.

We had a total of 41 members now. Several did not renew this year.

Road Captain Mark Adams reported information concerning biker groups. He passed out a handout concerning the groups.

Safety Officer Stan Rogers reported he has an article to be forwarded about the ethanol. The new gas may be a major problem for our motorcycles.

Gold wings may have a problem with their breaking systems, it is on a recall.

The veterans memorial gifts program needs to be working toward completion. Bill Evans suggested we may go to stores where they have clearances, the can be purchased easily. Usually the personal hygiene items are the name of the game. Dusty suggested again that we send them our used magazines to read.

Past President Rodney Phillips had no report.

Quartermaster Dave Elliot was not present due to illness.

Social Director Al Pearson had no report.

For the good of the chapter:

Discussion was held to change our Chaplain, who has not been around in years. A new chaplain has been selected and will vote on him if he accepts. Rodney Phillips moved Shane Stamm be the new chaplain, passed.

50/50 drawing was held with the winner being was Al Pearson for the the amount of \$24.00.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at 11:00AM. The location will be announced.

Respectfully submitted Richard Gooch, Secretary