



# Gerry No. 5 VFA

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## Nominations for Officers and Directors –

### November 2nd Meeting

Want to get involved? Have a voice, represent our membership, and share in the management of the Gerry No. 5? Here's your



opportunity to do so. The positions to be filled help oversee the management of the Club and shape its future. It doesn't require a lot of time but it does require a true commitment for the betterment of the Gerry. Interested? Put your name in the running by being nominated at the November 2nd<sup>h</sup> member meeting. The **election** will be finalized with **ballots being due NLT 6 p.m. on December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Each member shall receive a ballot with voting instructions in November. The nominees will be posted in the November newsletter.

***New Business at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> member meeting will include nominations of Officers and TWO Director positions.***

Nominations must be made from the floor. The person being nominated must be present to accept the nomination. **If the nominee is not present, the member making the nomination must present a written acceptance letter by the nominee to the Chairman of the meeting.** No name will be placed on the ballot unless the nomination has been accepted.

Write-in or sticker candidates **must** present a written notice of intention to the President prior to the start of voting on Election Day in December.

***Members are reminded that nominees must possess the skills, knowledge, and abilities to serve in the position for which they are nominated.***

Also, all nominees and members please remember we have a no campaigning rule. All persons must be elected on their ability and not popularity. Below is a reminder of the responsibilities of each position:

"The **President** shall be the Chief Executive of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings, when present. The President shall perform all duties incident to this office and shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate." The President is not responsible for daily club operations.

"The **Vice President** shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President

and shall have such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate."

"The **Board of Directors** shall have the entire management of the business of the Corporation." The Board of Directors is required to perform their duties in good faith, with ordinary care (the use of good judgment and common sense), and in the best interest of the Club, displaying loyalty and obedience of the Club laws. Directors are required to attend Board meetings twice a month and special meetings as necessary.

"The **Foreman** shall have the custody of and control over the hand engine, truck, bus, and any other and all property used or to be used at musters. The Foreman shall have control of the use of all property of the Corporation at musters and parades."

The **Treasurer** and **Secretary** are **appointed** positions. Anyone interested in competing for either of these two positions must be nominated from the floor and submit a resume' to the Board demonstrating they have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform either position. Note both positions require special skills and software knowledge.

"The **Secretary** of the Corporation shall be present at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings at such meetings in the books provided for that purpose, which books shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of any member of the Corporation; and the Secretary shall prepare the ballots to be used for the election of officers. The Secretary shall receive compensation for said duties as determined by the membership. The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to this office and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate. Other duties include maintaining the membership database, processing membership renewals, reporting to the Board, maintaining the website, advertising Gerry events and communicating with the membership via the newsletter and updates.

The **Treasurer** shall have the care and custody of the funds of the Corporation and shall have and exercise, under the supervision of the Board of Directors, all the powers and duties commonly incident to the Treasurer's office. The Treasurer shall, if required by the Board of Directors, give bond in such sum and with sureties as may be required by the Board of Directors. Any bond premium shall be paid by the Corporation. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the valuable papers and documents of the Corporation except the Treasurer's own bond and that shall be in the custody of the President. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Corporation in such bank of banks, trust company or trust companies, as the Directors shall designate. The Treasurer may endorse for deposit or collection all checks or notes payable to the Corporation or its order. The Treasurer may draw checks against the Corporation's accounts or withdraw money from the Corporation's savings account by check or order signed by the Treasurer and

countersigned by the President or Vice President. The Treasurer shall keep accurate books of account which shall always be subject to the inspection of the Directors. The Treasurer shall have such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. The Treasurer shall attend all Director's meeting when directed to do so by the Board of Directors and shall have at said meeting whatever records the Treasurer is directed to bring. The Treasurer shall receive compensation for said duties determined by the membership.

We **MUST** have a quorum to conduct the meeting and make nominations. Please attend!

**By-Law Changes Introduced – Discussion November 3rd, Vote December 7<sup>th</sup>**

The following By-Law changes were proposed at the October meeting upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

General discussion of the proposed changes and any proposed amendments to these will take place at the November meeting. These changes affect ALL MEMBERS. Please read these carefully and plan to attend the November meeting. The Board needs your feedback regarding these proposed changes. The Board encourages all members to participate in order to make this a collaborative effort and decision. Members with concerns or questions regarding the proposed changes are welcome to attend the mid-Month Board meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss directly with the Board. Voting is by secret ballot of those present at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The proposed revisions are as stated below along with the current language. Proposed changes are in bold and underlined. These are also posted in the Clubroom and on the web site under Business Documents on the Library page ([www.gerry5.com/library](http://www.gerry5.com/library).)

| <b>ARTICLE II</b><br><b>Annual Meeting of Members</b>  |
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| <b>Current language:</b>   |
| The Annual Meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held the first Wednesday of December in each year, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding Wednesday not a legal holiday. The hour of the meeting shall be eight o'clock p.m. (See article # VIII for explanation of Annual Meeting)               |
| <b>Proposed language:</b>  |
| The Annual Meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held the first Wednesday of December in each year, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding Wednesday not a legal holiday. The hour of the meeting shall be <u><b>seven</b></u> o'clock p.m. (See article # VIII for explanation of Annual Meeting) |

**ARTICLE III**  
**Regular Meeting of Members**

**Current language:**

The Regular Meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be on the first Wednesday of each month, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding Wednesday not a legal holiday except when postponed by a majority vote at the preceding meeting. Notice to the members of said meeting shall not be required. The hour of the meeting shall be eight o'clock p.m. A member shall have only one vote per article of business at any said meeting and must be present to vote. The Board of Directors may reschedule this meeting as deemed necessary in response to emergencies and acts of God.

**Proposed Language:**

The Regular Meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be on the first Wednesday of each month, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding Wednesday not a legal holiday except when postponed by a majority vote at the preceding meeting. Notice to the members of said meeting shall not be required. The hour of the meeting shall be seven o'clock p.m. A member shall have only one vote per article of business at any said meeting and must be present to vote. The Board of Directors may reschedule this meeting as deemed necessary in response to emergencies and acts of God.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Election of Officers**

**Current Language:**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall mail an election ballot to each member at the member's last known address at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The presiding officer at the November Monthly Meeting shall appoint six (6) tellers who have the name of each member as they vote. No one on this committee shall be a candidate for an office of the Corporation. Balloting shall take place from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 8:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting. At the completion of the balloting, the tellers shall count the vote and announce the results of the balloting in full immediately thereafter. The presiding officer of the Annual Meeting shall thereupon declare the successful candidates duly elected. In case of a tie, the candidates shall decide by the turn of a coin or by drawing straws who shall receive the appointment. Then the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to post the complete ballot on the bulletin board. The ballots shall then be destroyed upon a vote of the membership.

**Proposed Language**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall mail an election ballot to each member at the member's last known address at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The presiding officer at the November Monthly Meeting shall appoint ***three (3)*** tellers who have the name of each member as they vote. No one on this committee shall be a candidate for an office of the Corporation. Balloting shall take place from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to ***7:00 p.m.*** on the day of the Annual Meeting. At the completion of the balloting, the tellers shall count the vote and announce the results of the balloting in full immediately thereafter. The presiding officer of the Annual Meeting shall thereupon declare the successful candidates duly elected. In case of a tie, the candidates shall decide by the turn of a coin or by drawing straws who shall receive the appointment. Then the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to post the complete ballot on the bulletin board. The ballots shall then be destroyed upon a vote of the membership.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
Membership**

**Current Language:**

An applicant for membership shall contain the name, age, and place of residence of the applicant, and the names of the two members who sponsor the applicant. An Applicant for membership shall post the sum of the administrative fee plus the first year's dues with their application. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of this sum is the administrative fee for membership in the Association.

**Proposed Additional Language:**

An applicant for membership shall contain the name, age, and place of residence of the applicant, and the names of the two members who sponsor the applicant. An Applicant for membership shall post the sum of the administrative fee plus the first year's dues with their application. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) of this sum is the administrative fee for membership in the Association. ***The administrative fee may be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors.***

**K/C<sup>2</sup> CUSTOM CATERING NOW SERVING!**

As we announced in our September 27<sup>th</sup> update, K/C<sup>2</sup> (pronounced KC squared) has been engaged to provide kitchen and food services to the Gerry. Food will be served every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including Stadium Bar and Grill (unless announced otherwise). Weekly specials along with their regular menu will be available. Look for the weekly specials on the website and weekly updates. K/C<sup>2</sup> is also be available for catering events in the Function Hall. Join us for a new Gerry 5 Kitchen experience!



### **HOURS OF KITCHEN OPERATION**

Friday, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Full Menu is at the end of this newsletter and available on the web site at: [K/C2 Regular Menu](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Our Function Hall is family friendly. Children are discouraged on Saturdays and Sundays when the Function Hall is being used for a private function. If the Hall is being used for a private function, food service will take place in the Clubroom only. Children are not allowed in the Clubroom.

For example, we have events in the Function Hall this Saturday and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR - November 19<sup>th</sup> – Tables still available**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Function Hall. We are returning after two years of cancellations due to COVID-19. We are taking table/space applications from our returning vendors and our members. These receive a small discount for their membership and/or loyalty. **We have 4 tables still available** (or spaces if you bring your own table). Applications are due **NLT October 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Information is available on the website at <https://gerry5.com/library> under Business Documents. The R-M Application is for members and returning vendors. The New Application is for new vendors. Contact Kathy Tankersley Bernier at [gerry5vf@yahoo.com](mailto:gerry5vf@yahoo.com) or [ziggyii@comcast.net](mailto:ziggyii@comcast.net) with questions.

Please submit your applications ASAP and let's make our post-COVID comeback a great success.

Just want to shop? **SAVE THE DATE** – Spread the word!



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following applicant was voted membership at the October 5<sup>th</sup> member meeting: Gregory Stone of Marblehead.

The following applicants were read and posted for voting at the Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: Casey Brown of Byfield, MA, and Kevin Verga of Saco, ME.

The current membership stands at 749.

## IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS!

K/C<sup>2</sup> serving food Friday, Saturday, Sunday

### Weekly Specials – October 7 - 9

Calamari- \$14

Clam plate- \$22

Scallops wrapped in bacon- \$16

Scallop plate- \$20

Cup of chowdah- \$6

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Stadium Bar & Grill

Patriots vs. Detroit (1:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Stadium Bar & Grill  
Patriots @ Cleveland (1:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Stadium Bar and Grill  
Patriots vs. Chicago (8:15 p.m.)

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Craft Fair Application Deadline

Sunday, October 30<sup>h</sup>, Stadium Bar and Grill  
Patriots @ Jets (1:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Happy Halloween!

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Members Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
(Nominations, By-Law Discussion)

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Savings Ends

### **PASSAGES**

**Stephen Benjamin**, member, passed on October 3, 2022, at the age of 78 after a lengthy illness. Born in Marblehead, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather. “Nice Guy Benji” was a devoted member of the Gerry 5 and the American Legion Hall Peabody. He was a past employee of the Marblehead Water Department for over 40 years. He was a US Navy veteran and served in the Vietnam War.

Our condolences to his family and friends.

**Michael Butler**, life member, partner of member *Carol McHugh*, brother of member *Cindy Croteau*, brother-in-law of member *Greg Ozoonian*, passed on September 13, 2022 at the age of 58 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Mike was a longtime, dedicated member of the Gerry, serving in many capacities (President, Vice President, Director, volunteer, etc.) over the years. His presence will be missed.

Born in Lynn, he attended Northeastern University and was a certified calibration technician. He was a certified oil burner technician, and a medical equipment calibration technician, He loved old cars and working on them. He was involved in the NESVFL muster community from a young age - foreman of the Atlantic #1 of Swampscott, Vice President of the Okommakamesit VFA of Marblehead and a life member of the NESVFL. He was a master mason with the Philanthropic Lodge F & AM of Marblehead, and past Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight of the former Swampscott Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Our deepest condolences to family and friends.



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Remember there are always things to do at the Gerry. Whether you want to socialize or just relax, we're here for you. Don't forget to check out the games in the Clubroom and the Function Hall (when not in use).

**Gerry Gear Available!**

Existing inventory has been updated. See <https://gerry5.com/announcements-opportunity> (bottom of page) for details or flyers at the Gerry. Order forms for items not in stock will be available soon. See something you'd like, contact the Secretary or Manager. Stay tuned.

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**Comments? Questions? Complaints? Please address these to the manager or the Board in writing, via email, or in person.**

**Thank you for reading!**



## STARTERS

### **Wings**

*Choice of plain, buffalo, soy garlic, BBQ or smash sauce*

**half dozen - 8**

**dozen - 14**

### **Chicken Tenders - 11**

*Choice of plain, buffalo, soy garlic, BBQ or smash sauce*

### **Fried Pickles - 6**

*Served with ranch*

### **Basket of French Fries - 5**

*Dusted with old bay*

### **Basket of Onion Rings - 7**

### **House Salad - 8**

*Romaine lettuce, tomato, cucumber and onion*

*Grilled Chicken +5*

*Grilled Shrimp + 6*

*Before placing your order please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy*

*\*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness\**

*\*Consuming seafood products may expose you to mercury found in fish\**

*All prices are subject to change without notice*

## HANDHELDS & MORE

ALL HANDHELDS SERVED WITH OLD BAY FRENCH FRIES OR COLESLAW  
*SUBSTITUTE FOR HOMEMADE ONION RINGS +1*

### **VFA Smash Burger - 11**

*Triple layer burger topped with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, cheese, and smash sauce*

**Add Bacon +2**

**Add avocado +1**

### **Fried Haddock Sandwich - 12**

*Fresh haddock topped with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle*

**Add cheese +1**

### **Avocado Chicken Sandwich - 12**

*Fried or Grilled*

*Lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and smash sauce*

**Add bacon +2**

**Add cheese +1**

### **Twin Gerry Dogs - 11**

*Served on a toasted brioche bun topped with onions, smash sauce, and pickled slaw*

### **A la carte Taco- 5**

*Choice of shrimp, beef, or haddock pickled slaw, lettuce, cheese, spicy aioli*

**Add avocado +1**

### **Fish and chips -15**

*Served with fries, coleslaw, and tartar*

### **Fried shrimp - 15**

*Served with fries, coleslaw, and tartar*