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Rider's digest

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"Ride With Discretion"

Winter 2009 - 2010

Same Newsletter, New Format... With the publication of the **Winter 2009 – 2010** issue of the MMCI Newsletter, we're pleased to introduce a new format and new method of mailing your **RIDER'S DIGEST** to you. Hopefully you'll find it much easier to read, and it will arrive in your mailbox clean and undamaged. Let your International Secretary know how you like it, and please remember that this is your newsletter. If you have something newsworthy that you would like to share with the other MMCI members, please email your article or news blurb to bmw_jeff@ameritech.net.

Announcing the 2010 Annual Conference... The **2010 Conference** will be hosted by **Chapter 8** in Winchester, Virginia. Dates of the Conference are August 3 through 6, Tuesday through Friday. Early bird registration will be on Monday, August 2. Our Conference Headquarters will be the **Quality Inn** in Winchester. Room rates are **\$69.00 + tax = \$73.83** (1-2 people) with \$10.00 per each additional person in a room (example: 3 people in a room = \$79.00+tax = \$84.53). The room rates will be the same if you arrive earlier and want to stay later. The hotel is also pet-friendly for an additional charge.

The Committee's pin and t-shirt design have been submitted to and approved by the Executive Board. The design has also been submitted to the pin manufacturer and we are awaiting the final tweaks.

The Committee is finalizing the rides (from a large list) to include some interesting places to visit/sightsee. The Committee is also researching the possibility of a bus trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA (its Centennial Year), as well as touring some of the monuments in downtown D.C.. Since we have no idea of your interest in this possibility, we are asking that you let us know by e-mail to ghdetweiler@comcast.net or ronpferraro@yahoo.com or Tower911@hotmail.com, or note your suggestions on your registration form.

The registration form is provided in this newsletter (page 4). It includes information as to how to book your room, and your order form for registration, shirts, pins, and patches. **Please complete your registration form and mail it and your check by no later than July 1, 2010.** Your 2010 Conference Committee is George Detweiler, Ken White, Ron Ferrero, Jesse Imhof and Gary O'Neal.

Chapter 38 (Williamsport, PA) Holds Toys for Tots Event... With winter setting in, the Brothers of MMMCI Chapter 38 parked their Harley Davidsons for a night and took turns collecting toys to benefit the Toys for Tots program. With Christmas right around the corner, the members of Chapter 38 wanted to insure that no child went without a toy this year so they organized a Toys for Tots drive on November 14, 2009. The Watertown American Legion Post 323 was very gracious and donated the use of their facility and DJ entertainment by RMB Sound. With over 100 people in attendance throughout the night, the event was a success from the start. All the members of Chapter 38 donated numerous food items for the event as well as countless toys and bikes. During the three hour event over 100 toys, bikes and games were collected and loaded into trucks for transport to the Susquehanna Marine Corp League Chapter drop off point. During the night, \$400 was also raised to help benefit the Heather Schutt Medical Expense Trust, a fund set up to help a 2 yr old girl from Lewisburg, PA get a much needed eye operation. Chapter 38 wishes to thank ALL of our supporters for a great year and we are looking into an even stronger 2010! We also would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to all the families of service men and women serving here and abroad!

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From Your President... Brothers and Friends - I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year with your family and friends. Once the weather clears and returns to more hospitable temperatures, I hope to see many of you out on the highways and byways.

Our next Executive Board meeting is February 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in Apalachin, NY. If you have any items you would like on the agenda, please forward them to me at your earliest convenience. We are planning to hold the next Executive Board meeting in the mid-May at this year's Conference hotel in Winchester, VA.

On another note: MMCI has been notified by Brothers in New York that the Grand Lodge of New York has prohibited the Widow's Sons Motorcycle Club from wearing the Square and Compasses, along with using the words "Mason" and "Masonic" in connection with their group and activities within the Jurisdiction. At this time it does not impact MMCI, but I caution all Brothers to Ride and conduct themselves With appropriate Discretion. From my discussions with Brothers close to the situation it appears that a Widow's Sons chapter in N.Y. chose to act contrary to this (and very un-Masonically too, I might add) and Grand Lodge took notice. To avoid rumors I will state that some mention has been made that GLoNY does not recognize any motorcycle groups, but I believe the speaker was ignorant of the fact that the Grand Lodge of New York was kind enough to run an article with our logo and membership application in their own periodical publication several years ago, and still maintain it on their website today. Hence they do recognize MMCI at some level.

And on a personal note: The younger Brother Dorney has had a busy fall season making some major life decisions. Bryant will be starting his new career with the U.S. Navy on February 23, 2010. Additionally, he has met a rather nice, but foolish, young lady who has accepted his marriage proposal. They are planning a long engagement with no date set. And younger son Tristan has already been after me to have a petition ready for him to complete on his 21st b-day in February.

Until the weather clears - Kent (Frozen in Buffalo)

From Your Vice- President... Greetings from the frozen tundra of Minnesota. It's days like this that make me really appreciate riding in South Dakota at 100 degrees in August. Last weekend I was up at the cabin ice fishing and we had temps of 26 below zero on Saturday, and then 31 below zero on Sunday. Sitting on the snowmobile pretending I was riding the Valkyrie just wasn't the same.

Speaking of August, the plans are coming along nicely for the 2010 Annual Conference. Thanks go out to George and his crew for the planning and setting up this event. They are planning some nice activities and have mentioned a trip to Washington, D.C., a ride on the Skyline Drive and other events. They are also planning an early bird event for riders who show up a day early. This should be a great get together and I look forward to seeing a nice turnout and strong support for George and his crew.

The 2011 Annual Conference plans are set with the dates chosen and a location already lined up in Minnesota. We'll announce those at a later date, but you can put the first week of August, 2011 on your calendar for a visit to Minnesota.

I have been contacting Grand Lodges informing them of our group and asking them to allow us to link directly with their web sites. So far I am getting some pretty nice positive feedback from the Grand Lodges responding. I will update you in the next newsletter as to my status on this.

Stay warm and for those of you who are fortunate enough to be able to ride all year, I'm thinking of you when I'm on my snowmobile.

Fraternally yours – Ken



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2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND THRU FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH

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Make checks payable to MMCI and mail checks and registration form not later than JULY 1st, 2010 to:

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HOTEL INFORMATION FOLLOWS. INDIVIDUALS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS WHICH MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN MONDAY JULY 12, 2010.

QUALITY INN 1017 MILLWOOD PIKE WINCHESTER, VA 22602 PHONE # IS 540-545-8121
RATE IS \$69.00/NIGHT + TAX (\$73.83) . A BLOCK OF 60 ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED. PET-FRIENDLY FOR A FEE. \$10.00/EXTRA ADULT IN ROOM.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: HOSPITALITY ROOM, WELCOME EVENT, PIZZA NIGHT, BANQUET (THURSDAY EVENING), CONFERENCE PIN, DEPARTURE BREAKFAST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Contact information table with columns for Name, Phone, and Email for George Detweiler, Ron Ferrero, and Jesse Imhof.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A RELEASE FORM. CHILDREN MUST HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY BOTH PARENTS.

Minutes of the October 31, 2009 Executive Board Meeting... The Fall 2009 meeting of the MMCI Executive Board was called to order by President Kent Dorney at 4:05 PM in the conference room of the Quality Inn in Apalachin, NY. All officers were present except for Doug Kelley. Three members were present via telephone conference call. These included Ken White, VP; Gordy Aune, Jr., Trustee; and Rex Baker, Lifetime Trustee. Opening prayer was given by Jeff Killian, Chaplain; and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Dorney, President.

Officers Reports:

President: Kent reported on a European effort to create an all-European motorcycle conference. The organizer of this effort had contacted Kent, requesting contact information for MMCI chapters in Europe. Kent responded that the International Secretary would forward his request to the chapter secretaries, and it would be their choice to respond. Kent also reported on the New York Grand Master's issue with a particular Masonic motorcycle club within his jurisdiction. Kent told the Board that he would keep it informed if further concerns arose.

Vice-president: Ken deferred comments about the 2010 annual conference to George Detweiler, who would present an update. Regarding the 2011 annual conference, Ken reported that Chapter 24 had pretty much settled on a location which is the Treasure Island Resort in Redwing, MN. Dates are August 3 – August 5, 2011. Ken also reported that he has prepared a letter which will be sent to Grand Lodges requesting them to add the MMCI website on the links pages of their own websites.

Secretary: Jeff reported that the Fall newsletter had been mailed and that he had completed a review of every record in the current roster, which raised questions about the status of several Chapters. Jeff noted that he had emailed or sent letters to Chapters one or more years in arrears. Little progress to report. As a result, the roster will be culled of any members or Chapters significantly in arrears, and those members will no longer receive newsletters or any correspondence from MMCI. The Membership Chairman and International Secretary were directed to establish a process whereby members of any Chapter about to be suspended would receive a letter giving them the opportunity to join Chapter 8 if they are desirous of keeping their membership in MMCI. Jeff reported that the Constitution and By-laws have been updated; that he and George have established a solid working relationship between the Treasurer and Secretary; that a schedule for the printing and mailing of newsletters had been established; that a more efficient way of maintaining the membership roster needs to be identified; and, that no correspondence other than the European motorcycle conference had been sent or received.

Treasurer: George distributed the financial report for ten months ending 10/30/2009. There was a discussion about IRS requirements for maintaining records, and if MMCI was required to retain records beyond seven years. Rex, who has been e-filing the annual tax returns, believed that the seven year requirement applied to MMCI. George announced that he would be issuing financial reports on a quarterly basis.

Trustees: Gordy asked a question about a Chapter's status if it is more than six months in arrears for dues payment. Discussion followed.

Committees: By-laws reported that it was addressing language to separate the Audit and Finance Committee into two separate standing committees. Membership reported that it has reactivated Chapter 10 in Holly Springs, MS and that a request was received to reactivate Chapter 20 in MA; it has received inquiries about starting Chapters in Delaware, California, Romania and Germany. The Death Benefit Fund committee submitted its report, and its plan to rollover maturing CD's. The Quartermaster reported on sales which included items sold at the annual conference in Lead, SD.

Old Business: Annual Conference 2010: George presented the proposed logo for the Annual Conference which will be held in Winchester, VA on August 3 – 6, 2010. Motion was made and seconded to approve the logo. Passed. This is a Monday to Friday event. It will be held at the Winchester Quality Inn, and the room rate will be \$69 plus tax per night. Discussion about early bird rides and events, possible tours of the Washington, DC area, social events and other aspects of the Conference. It was noted that George and his committee are doing an excellent job of organizing the event. Further information and a registration form will be contained in the next newsletter.

Annual Conference 2011: Gordy and David reported that a site had been selected, subject to issuance of a contract and Executive Board approval. Treasure Island Resort in Redwing, MN is the proposed location, and the proposed dates are August 3 to August 5, 2011. Firm details should be presented at the next Executive Board meeting in February, 2010. **Communications:** At the previous Executive Board meeting in March, 2009, it was noted that attendance at the Executive Board meetings conceivably could be very difficult for officers who do not live on or near the east coast. Jeff was asked to investigate options to allow Board members to tie into Executive Board meetings using today's telecommunications or conferencing systems. Based on the research, Jeff recommended that the Executive Board use a teleconferencing product offered by Premier Global Services. Based on affordability, ease of use and convenience, a proposal was made and seconded to accept that recommendation. Passed. Discussion continued about frequency and location of Executive Board meetings, face-to-face versus teleconferencing, social aspects of Executive Board meetings, and out-of-pocket costs associated with Executive Board meetings. Kent noted that he was looking at Executive Board meetings in February, mid-May and at the 2010 Annual Conference.

New Business: Discussion of revision of revised and new Constitution and By-laws Resolutions tabled until the next Executive Board meeting. Next Executive Board meeting: 4:00 P.M., February 6, 2010 at the Quality Inn, Apalachin, NY.

Good of the Order: Kent announced that his son has joined the Navy and will be reporting for training early next year, probably in February.

The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Jeff Killian. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary

The Secretary's Musings... Just a reminder about Past Chapter President Pins .

Quartermaster Cliff Wilson has a supply of pins for presentation to Past Chapter Presidents. Similar in design to both the MMCI pin issued to members, and Past International President pins, the face color is different on the PCP pin. Cost is \$4.00 per pin. For more information and to order, contact Cliff at his email address or phone number listed on page 2. **Change of addresses.** If you've moved and your address and phone number have changed, please notify your Chapter Secretary **AND** the International Secretary of those changes as soon as the move occurs. If you don't, you won't get your newsletter. Please email your change of address, telephone number and membership number to Jeff Kaplan at **bmw_jeff@ameritech.net**. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. **Dues, dues, dues...** A reminder to Chapter secretaries and Chapter 8 Members – dues for the coming year (2011) are due before the Annual Conference, which this year begins on August 3, 2010. International dues are \$12.00 per member and should be sent to the International Secretary **before** July 1, 2010. **Welcome...** To our newest Chapter – **Chapter 47** in Harrisonburg, VA. We're sure to see our newest Chapter members in force at the Annual Conference just up the road in Winchester this August. **Ride With Discretion, Brethren!**