

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB
INTERNATIONAL,® INC.



SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER .

2008

" RIDE WITH DISCRETION "



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL® INC.
MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD



Meeting of the International Executive Board of the Masonic Motorcycle Club was called to order at the Quality Inn at Apalachin New York on April 26th 2008 at 4:00 PM. By President Don Crete. He welcomed all who were in attendance. Roll Call found all Officers present with the exception of Dave Page who was excused. After opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Officers who have had health issues gave a report on their progress.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published. Treasurers report was accepted as read. The returned check from a Chapter was discussed. Since our newsletter printer is going out of business, a check for the last newsletter was sent. Secretary report Discussed postage increase. And read several communications that were all handled. Death Benefit Fund. Charles Wright of Chapter # 24 passed away April 8th. A check was sent to his widow from the Fund with the Clubs sympathy. The Fund is solid even though the interest rate on rolled over CD's isn't the greatest. President, Don Crete, No report, Vice President, Kent Dorney, Discussed the Convention in Youngstown, Ohio. Since the host hotel was recently sold, there has been some confusions with arrangements. Jim is working to fix it. Hotel deadline is July 1st. Trustees, no reports. Membership Committee Report, Rex reported that the new Chapter, # 40 from Sioux Falls, South Dakota was accepted by an E-Mail vote of the Board. He has responded to several inquiries to start new Chapters. Also referred inquiries to existing Chapters. He also filed the Clubs E-Postcard with the IRS and it was accepted. Motion made to pay his expenses for the Quarter. Quartermaster report, Cliff reported on the Clubs inventory. The pins should be purchased. Only fifty in inventory. Motion to purchase 500 more. 400 white and 100 red for DBF. Discussed flags and Aprons. Web-Site Report. Doug explained why he is having each Chapter set up their own Chapter Web-Sites. He said it's now very easy to create a site and if the Chapters need help to contact him and he will assist. Gary O'Neal of Chapter # 25 had set up their site and said if he can do it, anybody could!

OLD BUSINESS; Discussed the Clubs Incorporation and the IRS tax ID number. Each Chapter is responsible for their own Incorporation papers and IRS Tax exemption status. The Clubs newsletter was discussed. After the Annual Meeting, the Board would like to create a new format. Postage is increasing next month by one cent and it was suggested we purchase Forever Postage Stamps.

NEW BUSINESS; By-Law changes and additions were read and Accepted to be presented at the Annual Meeting. (Found elsewhere in this Newsletter) Chapters who have not paid their 2007/2008 dues have been notified by our Membership Chairman. There are 3 Chapters that are in arrears. Convention 2009 was discussed and the possible schedule that is being planned in Deadwood, South Dakota. The Convention is planned in the middle of the week giving everybody three days before and after to get there. Motion made to assist the Board with optional travel expenses. There being no further business, motion made to adjourn to dinner.

Submitted, Dick Morse, International Secretary.

NEWS, GOSSIP AND STUFF !

Welcome to all our new Members-at - Large (Chapter # 8), and the new Chapters from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Latvia, Europe. We hope you enjoy the benefits of our Club and the Fellowship it offers.

Our Membership Chairman is always ready to assist you and answer questions
SICK AND DISTRESSED.

Our sympathy to the friends and family of Charles Wright of Chapter # 24 who passed away last April. Past President , Gary O'Neal had a massive blood clot in his brain last month and is on the mend after a delicate surgical operation. His activities have been curtailed to the point that he has sold his business and his bike. There will be a Bike Run on July 26 th .in Berwick PA. Dedicated to Gary. For information, call 570-753-2313, ask for Julie or Matt. Donations to help Gary and Sandy are acceptable. He will be in our prayers and thoughts.
CHAPTER # 40 & # 41

A few side notes about our newest Chapters. Chapter # 40 is in Sioux Falls, South Dakota which is on the Borders of Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. just off of I-90. They came in with 33 Members with Tom Anderson as their President. This gives us 3 Chapters in S.D. Chapter # 41 is our first oversea's Chapter. Latvia is a small country on the borders of Lithuania, Belarus, Russia, Estonia and the Baltic Sea. I found all the information by going to Latvia on "Google". It's slightly larger than the State of West Virginia. Population is a little over 3 million. Nationality is 57.7% Latvian, 29% Russian and the rest are Balarusian, Ukrainian, Polish and Lithuanian. The Capitol city is Riga. (Home of the new

Chapter.) They are under the leadership of President of Valfried Puke and have 9 Active Members. Check it out. We welcome both new Chapters.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Time is running out to make your reservations for the Hampton Inn. If they are full, Just call Jim Beeman for the backup hotel 1-330-758-6538. Please send in you reservations for the Convention ASAP so they can make arrangements for food and such. Thanks.
CHAPTER # 19.

Is sponsoring the " Ride for Life 2008" on July 20th. Check out the info on the following page.

CHAPTER # 38.

Chapter # 38 Sponsored a Memorial Benefit run on June 7th. in loving memory of MSG Sean M. Thomas who was killed in Iraq on March 27th, 2007 and was from Hughesville PA. They had a great turn out and raised a considerable amount of funds for Sean's daughter, Alexa. Good going guys
"Uncle Dick"

.MMCI proposed By-Laws Changes.

01. Remove Article # 14 from Rules and Resolutions Section and add it to the By-Laws, ARTICLE IV - FUNDS. To read; Effective January 1st, 2008, The fiscal year of the Club shall be from January 1 st. to December 31st. All financial records of Officers and Committee Chairman shall be closed and Annual reports sent to the International Secretary for distribution. International dues shall still be due by the Annual Meeting.

02. Addition to the Constitution. ARTICLE V, LIFETIME TRUSTEES. Effective August 9th, 2008, Rex Baker and Douglas Kelley shall be added as Lifetime Trustees.

03. Change the Organizational Page from; 2 Lifetime Trustees to 4 Lifetime Trustees.

04. ARTICLE VI, INTERNATIONAL BOARD, To read, The Executive Board alone shall have the authority to approve Committee additions, guidelines, first approval of Constitution, By-Laws and the Recommendations & Resolutions changes and additions.

By-Laws changes accepted by the Executive Board on 04/26/08 to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

This year the Masonic Motorcycle Club, Chapter #19 of Mifflinburg PA, is looking for your support in helping us reach our 2008 fund raising goal. Chapter #19 is proud to announce the 13th annual "Ride for Life 2008", to be held at the Union County West End Fairgrounds located near the beautiful and scenic town of Laurelton, PA. The festivities will begin Friday, July 18th at 6:00 pm and end Sunday, July 20th at noon. There will be a live band Friday and Saturday night, and free beverages will be provided all weekend long. A group ride will be held Saturday afternoon, which will take you on a tour thru the beautiful Central PA Mountains and Valleys. Following the group ride, a home cooked bar-b-que chicken dinner will be served, along with all the fixins. Brush up on your riding skills for the traditional "Bike Games" to be held Saturday evening. Bring your tents and campers and stay for a fun filled weekend!!

We would like to ask for your support in helping us make "Ride for Life 2008" a big success this year. In order to raise money this year, we will be holding a raffle in which all proceeds will be donated to local organizations and those people in our communities who have fallen on hard or needy times. Due to economic challenges, we ourselves have fallen short on our necessary raffle ticket sales and are asking you, as fellow Mason Brothers, for your support. Tickets are \$5.00 each!!

The Masonic Motorcycle Club Members of Chapter #19 would like to thank you in advance for your support in helping us help others in the true tradition of Masonry - Brothers Helping Brothers!!

Please fill out the raffle ticket below and return with a \$5.00 donation per ticket by July 19th to:

MMCI - Chapter #19
Treasurer: Jim Unger
1870 Green Ridge Rd.
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

For information please contact:

MMCI - Chapter #19
President, Chris Falck - (570)-966-1722 Treasurer, Jim Unger - (570)-966-4646

-----Raffle Ticket Cut Here-----

**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL
CHAPTER #19**

1st Prize: \$1,000 Cash
2nd Prize: \$500 Cash
3rd Prize: \$250 Cash

6 Ticket Stubs = Free Admission to Ride for Life XIII 2008
(10 tickets per couple)
@ West End Fairgrounds, Laurelton, PA
July 18, 19 & 20

Drawing to be held Saturday, July 19, 2008
Donation: \$5 each • License #66

NAME: _____
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An old man lay sick in the Masonic home...
His face was as wan as the white sea foam...
His eyes were dim, his hair was grey...
His back was bent with trails of the way...
He faltering spoke, but I heard hi say.
I'm ready for my last Degree.

I've come to the end of the level of time...
That leads us all to that Grand Lodge sublime...
From whose borne none ever return...
More light in masonry there I shall learn...
By the Alter where light shall evermore shine.
I'm ready for my last Degree.

With the apprentice's gauge, I've divided my time...
Into three equal parts since life's early prime...
And this I have found amidst life's great turmoil...
My wages are due me, in Corn, Wine and Oil.
I'm ready for my last Degree.

Every day from life's quarries, I've hewn a stone...
With the gravel I've shaped them, each one alone...
And shipped them along beyond that bright stand...
To build me a house in that great better land...
A spiritual house not made with hands...
I'm ready for my last Degree.

I have squared each stone by virtue square...
And plumbed them all true, as I shipped them there...
With the compass I have measured the Master's designs...
And kept within due bounds, with his points and signs...
My blue prints are folded, I have answered his sign...
I'm ready for my last degree.

The mortar I have made, from friendship and love...
To spread with the Master's trowel above...
My apron is worn, but it's surface is white...
My trestle board 's bare, and I'm going soon.
I'm ready for my last Degree.

A few minutes later, the old man was dead...
And I fancy that I could see his soul as it fled...
Upward and onward, to the great door...
When he gave an alarm and a voice did implore...
the old man gave his answer with these three words once more.
I'm ready for my last Degree.

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL INC.
2008 CONVENTION REGISTRATION. AUGUST 7 / 10, 08.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ PASSENGER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ CHAPTER _____

E-MAIL _____ ARRIVAL DATE _____

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REGISTRATION FEE, ADULT. \$60.00 X () = _____

REGISTRATION FEE CHILDREN UNDER 14. \$30.00 X () = _____

MEN'S CONV. TEE SHIRT. SIZES, S - 3XL \$15.00 X () = _____

MEN'S CONV. HENLEY SIZES, S - 3XL \$25.00 X () = _____

LADIES TANK TOP SIZES S - 2XL \$15.00 X () = _____

EXTRA CONVENTION PINS \$3.00 EACH X () = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND SEND TO;

MMCI, CHAPTER # 3 P.O. BOX 102 YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. 44501.

E-MAIL-jimbeeman@zoominternet.net For more information.

CONTACT PERSON, JIM BEEMAN, PHONE, 330-758-6538. DEADLINE 7/01.

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HOTEL INFORMATION: HAMPTON INN'S AND SUITES. 6690 IRONWOOD BLVD.,
CANFIELD, OHIO 44406 330-702-1900. RESERVATIONS AND DIRECTIONS ARE ON
THE HAMPTON INN WEB-SITE. WWW.HAMPTONINNCANFIELD.COM
THERE ARE 60 RESERVED ROOMS AT \$89.00 + TAX (MMCI DISCOUNT)
THERE ARE 5 HANDICAP SUITES AT \$109 + TAX. (MMCI DISCOUNT)
RESERVATIONS AFTER 6/23 WILL BE " SPACE AND PRICE AVAILABLE ".
CHECK IN TIME IS 3:00 PM. HANDICAP ROOMS, FIRST COME.
RELEASE WAIVER FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED AT THE CONVENTION.