

**NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT;** If any Committee, Members or Officer have items that need to go before the Ex-Board at the Annual Meeting, you need to contact me so I can get it on the agenda due to time limitations for the meeting and the day's activities. At least by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank You. Don.

**NOTES FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT;** I hope to see you in South Dakota as the Deadwood Chapter, # 34 has promised to WOW the Club at this year's Conference,

1. Two important items for the 2009 Conference; Annual International Meeting and Election of Officers - will be held on July 30 th. beginning at 7:30 AM .We need to start the meeting early this year due to the ride to Mount Rushmore. Kickstands must be up at 10:30 due to Highway Patrol escort - they are doing us a favor, let us return it by not making them wait.

2. Registration: If any Members have issues or concerns with Conference registration and/or cancellations, please contact me as soon as possible.

( E-Mail [fltmedic@verizon.net](mailto:fltmedic@verizon.net) Cell 716-531-2312 ) or John Bonnet, Chapter # 34, ASAP. ( 605-920-9000 ) The policies are typical and customary for the area this time of the year, but we are only being charged 1/3 % service charge of the usual fees. Remember, we are visiting a tourist area in season. The 5% service fee is due on all items through Black Hills Vacations. While some Brothers can circumvent some of the service fees, Chapter # 34 will be obligated to cover what you might avoid. Please do what is Masonically correct.

CONFERENCE 2010; Brother George Detweiler of Chapter # 8 has proposed to host the 2010 Conference in Winchester Virginia. (80 miles East of Washington DC ) on August 3 rd. thru August 6 th. 2010. (Tuesday thru Friday). Brother George has secured the Quality Inn at \$65.00/night, including early and late dates. But he is only one person and is asking for help with various aspects of the Conference. Now is a good time for other Chapter # 8 Members in that area to step up. Please contact George or myself if you can assist.

CONFERENCE 2011; Chapter # 24 in Minnesota has proposed to host the 2011 Conference in Carlton Minn. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>. 2011. It will be held at the Black Bear Resort and Casino. Carlton is approx. 20 miles, South of Duluth Minn. Details pending.

Want more details? Log into MMCI's Website, go to Forum and review the Convention folder. I will be posting updates regarding Conference details and other info as it becomes available until the end of my term as Vice President then turn this over to my successors on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Kent

**NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY;** All Committee and Officers reports are due July 15 th so handouts can be ready for the Annual Meeting. Uncle Dick.

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.  
INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. MARCH 7 TH. 2009.

Meeting of the Masonic Motorcycle Club International ® Inc. was called to order by President Don Crete On March 7 th. 2009 at 4:00 PM at the Quality Inn at Apalachin New York. Roll call found all members of the Executive Board in attendance with the exception of Lifetime Trustee, Rex Baker who is recuperating from a recent surgery. President Don welcomed everyone and said we are all looking forward to Summer. Our stand in Chaplain, Gary O'Neal prayed for us followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country. Sick or in distress found Trustee Rex Baker and Janice and Jeff Killian not feeling well.

Minutes of the November Ex-Board was accepted as published. Corrections noted.

Presidents Report, discussed the ride season and Club activities.

Vice President Dorney discussed the Convention in Deadwood South Dakota. Trustee Gary O'Neal objected to the extra charges that the Travel Agency was charging for reservations and registrations. In fact why a Travel Agency was even handling the Convention arrangements. He also had a problem with them charging his credit card prior to services. Other issues were discussed that the Board needed to have explained. V.P. Dorney is in communications with the Convention Coordinator and explained that there are some things out of his control because the Deadwood area is a vacation destination at this time of the year and the costs of everything is inflated. The Chapter has done it's best to find the best deals for the membership. Trustee Page questioned why we were not having a Bike Show scheduled. VP Dorney will be in touch with Chapter # 34 and discuss the questions.

A proposal for the 2010 Convention was presented by Chapter # 8 member George Detweiler. He proposed the Winchester Virginia area and has the Quality Inn secured for \$65.00/night. Winchester is in the Smoky Mountains. He has been given the Convention guidelines to follow so it should go smooth. He is asking for some help with several details and the Board will assist where needed. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept his proposal.

A 2011 Convention proposal was presented by Chapter # 24 in Carlton Minnesota, Black Bear Resort and Casino. Carlton is about 20 miles from Duluth. If you have never been in Duluth, there is the grandest bridge you will ever see. I digress, after some discussion, a motion was made to accept their proposal.

The Secretary read several communications and gave the Death Benefit Report. A check and sympathy card was sent to Margery Hoke for the passing of Richard Hoke from Chapter # 8, Freeburg, PA. He passed away January 22, 09. Check book matches the bank statement.

Treasurers Report, John read the Treasurers report and said we are solvent and have enough funds till the Annual Meeting. Credit card is still a good thing in fact we have \$154.00 credit miles. All bills presented were paid. Motion made to accept his report. Passed. The largest expense is Postage and the Newsletter. But it is only 1/3 of our annual budget and is the one main item that our members receive for their dues. Trustees Reports; No Reports.

Membership Report, Membership Chairman, Rex Baker's report was read that he has added 5 new Members at Large since the last Ex-Board meeting. He reported that we have a new Chapter in Estill South Carolina. That would be Chapter #44 and was accepted by the Board electronically. Also inquiries from several other locations. ( Since his last report. The Board also accepted a new Chapter from Italy, I have not received details yet but we want to welcome them also. Chapter # 45 )

Rex also submitted his expenses for the quarter. Motion made and passed.

Quartermaster Report. Cliff Wilson read his report and said he has ordered 100 new big patches at a cost of about \$1,000.00. Motion was approved at the last Ex-Board meeting. Also MMCI pins and aprons have been ordered. The Club inventory is in good shape. ( Check out the Club web site Gift shop. ) A "Past Chapter President" was submitted to the Board to be sold by Ohio Chapter # 1 for re-sale.

Motion made and passed to accept the pin design. The Club banner was sent to Chapter # 24 to be hung at their Grand Lodge proceedings. Also, all overseas products ordered must be accompanied by a U.S. Funds check.

Web Master, Doug Kelley said there is still very little use by the Members and Chapters. Perhaps the new Chapters will take advantage of the Web Site.

Check it out. Doug keeps it current. [www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org](http://www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org)

Nomination Committee; No Report.( Absent ) No other Committee reports.

Old Business; It was asked were the 2012 Convention was going to be. There is a possible proposal from Chapter # 3 in Youngstown, Ohio because the Grand Master that year is an MMCI Member. Tabled till the Annual Meeting or a detailed proposal. Nominations for the 2009/2011 International Officers was discussed. The President will contact the Nomination Committee and will post the nominees if there are any. Nominations will still be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Everyone present has a vote.

New Business; A discussion followed concerning the Ex-Board meetings and the possibility that a Member from a Western Chapter would wish to be a member of the Board. Tele-Conferencing would be a possible solution. Or having one weekend meeting in February and the November and May meeting on the telephones or computers. Jeff Kaplin from Ohio # 1 said he will research several options available and report back to the Board for a decision. The cost to the Officers is about \$300.00 per for each meeting. More discussion. The Officers have always paid their own way for **25** years except for a little help when gas prices got over \$ 4.00. Perhaps a discussion for the Annual Meeting. There has not been a dues increase since 2004. Maybe it's time to support our Officers.

Good of the Order; Another discussion followed concerning traveling to South Dakota and stopping at the Bad Lands National Monument, Wall Drug, Wisconsin Dells, Corn Palace, Mississippi River, Devil's Tower and all the other places of interest. Also, there are visitor passes to all of the National Parks available on the internet. Some members are figuring out ways to detour around Chicago.

After the Closing prayer, meeting was adjourned to go to the Dolphin for dinner.

Next Meeting; Lead, South Dakota. Golden Hills Resort. July 30 th. 7:30 AM

Have a great Summer, be safe and Ride With Discretion. Dick Morse, Int. Sec.

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC  
 GOLDEN HILLS RESORT, LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA.  
 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION.  
 TUESDAY, JULY, 28<sup>TH</sup>. THRU FRIDAY, JULY 31<sup>TH</sup>. 2009.

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REGISTRATION FEE, ADULT. \$60.00 X ( ) =	\$ _____
REGISTRATION FEE, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$30.00 X ( )	\$ _____
MOUNT RUSHMORE TRIP LUNCH & PARKING.\$25.00 X( )	\$ _____
MOUNT RUSHMORE TRIP. LUNCH ONLY. \$15.00 X ( )	\$ _____
MENS CONVENTION TEE SHIRT S-3XL. \$15.00 ( )	\$ _____
MENS HENLEY SHIRT S-3XL \$20.00 X ( )	\$ _____
LADIES VEST SHIRT 2-3XL \$20.00 X ( )	\$ _____
EXTRA CONVENTION PIN \$3.00 X ( )	\$ _____
SUB TOTAL	\$ _____
SERVICE FEE ( SUB TOTAL X 5% )	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Note; Mount Rushmore trip. Driver,( Bikes & Cars,) Lunch and Parking is \$ 25.00.

Mount Rushmore trip. Passengers and Children. Lunch only, \$15.00 each.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE CONVENTION AND HOTEL AT; [www.blackhillsvacations.com](http://www.blackhillsvacations.com) OR  
 Call 1-866-601-5103. BLACK HILLS VACATIONS, ASK FOR DEE.. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, CONTACT  
 PRESIDENT JOHN BONNET,

1-605-920-9000. EARLY ARRIVALS, TALK TO DEE.

HOTEL INFORMATION; ALL ROOM RATES ARE **\$60.00**. PER NIGHT. THE HOTEL IS IN LEAD, SD, JUST  
 A FEW MILES NORTH OF DEADWOOD. THERE ARE 50 ROOMS RESERVED. RESERVATIONS NO  
 LATER THEN JUNE 26 TH, 2009. REGISTRATION INCLUDES; WEDNESDAY'S LUNCH AND DINNER,  
 THURSDAY EVENING BANQUET DINNER AND FRIDAY MORNING SEND OFF BREAKFAST, PIN,  
 GOODIE BAG WITH DEADWOOD COUPON BOOK & LOTS OF GOOD WESTERN HOSPITALITY. ALL  
 PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A RELEASE FORM AND CHILDREN MUST HAVE A  
 PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY BOTH PARENTS. BLACK HILLS VACATIONS IS ACCEPTING CREDIT  
 CARDS.

**Please don't use this form to register. E-Mail of phone Black Hills Vacations.**

2009 CONVENTION DETAILS: July 28<sup>th</sup> thru July 31<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will be welcomed by the Deadwood, South Dakota, Chapter # 34. The host Chapter has made arrangements for us to stay at the Golden Hills Resort in Lead which is only a few miles from Deadwood. The cost is only \$ 60.00 per night which is a great deal for the location and time of the year. There are several great restaurants within walking distance of the Resort. You will notice that the Convention starts on a Tuesday and ends on Friday morning giving everyone three days to get there and three days to get home. What a great idea. Also, it is the last week in July, so if you decide to stay for Sturgis Week the following week of the Convention, you are already there.

Tuesday morning is registration and hospitality room. This will be an open day for touring historic Deadwood or visiting many museums and attractions in the Black Hills area. The Chapter will have several guided tours available which are now finalized. We will have dinner as a group ( you pay ) at the restaurant next to the Resort. You will also receive a coupon book for discounts of the attractions in the area.

Wednesday morning starts out again with registration and the hospitality room is open. At 10:30, we will ride ( Escorted ) as a group to the Sturgis Masonic Lodge and have\* lunch. After which we will tour the National Motorcycle Museum then return to the Resort through scenic Vanocker Canyon, having a Lasagna \*dinner at the Lead Masonic Lodge. Hospitality room in the evening.

Thursday Morning will be the International Annual meeting at 7:30 AM. Annual reports and election of Officer. Then leave at 10:30 and ride to Mount Rushmore National Monument ( Escorted ) After the Tour we will have lunch at the Mount Rushmore famous Dinning Room We will return, touring Historic Hill City and several other scenic areas arriving back at the Resort. At 6:30 there will be a Fellowship hour followed by the Annual International \*Banquet Dinner at the Historic Deadwood Pavilion. We will be allowed to park our bikes on Main Street in front of Deadwood Lodge# 7 for the evening ( Patrolled ). Then back to the hospitality room.

Friday Morning, we will have a \*Breakfast Buffet at the Resort starting at 7:00 AM, till 9:00 AM giving everyone enough time to get ready to pack up and head for home. Be sure to stop at Wall Drug and the Black Hills on the way home. Here are several furnished Web Sites to go to for more information :[www.deadwood.org](http://www.deadwood.org) [www.leadmethere.org](http://www.leadmethere.org) [www.sturgis-sd.org](http://www.sturgis-sd.org) [www.nps.gov/moru/](http://www.nps.gov/moru/) & [www.hillcity.com/hillcityrecreation.html](http://www.hillcity.com/hillcityrecreation.html)

There are several other things planned that they are working on at this time, so check out the International Web Site for changes and more details. Also check the VP Notes. If you haven't been out West and visited the Black Hills area, Don't miss this opportunity. \* ( Included in registration )