

**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
INTERNATIONAL, ® INC.**



**2009 WINTER NEWSLETTER.**

**JANUARY, FEBRUARY,  
MARCH & APRIL.**

**“ RIDE WITH DISCRETION “**

**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION. 2007 / 2009.**

Following is the general information being made available to our members. This information is for the memberships use only and not to be released to non-members.

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Membership Committee; Chairman, Rex Baker  
& Doug Kelley.

Audit and Finance Committee; Ed Lewis,  
& Wilmer Hall.

Grievance Committee; Chairman Bumpy Gertz  
Marty Lewicke, Ron Baldwin & Chaplain.

Safety Committee; Chairman Kent Dorney,  
Bruce Hinds & Tom Boyle.

Nomination Committee; Chairman, Bob  
Frawley, Ian Mountfield & David Mountfield.

Web Page Committee; Web Master, Doug  
Kelley,

AMA Representatives; AMA Field Rep.  
# 760, Dick Morse & Cliff Wilson.

CMA Representatives; Chairman, Kent  
Dorney , Cliff Wilson & Mike Rapson.

Special Events Committee; Chairman,  
Gary O'Neal. 2009 Willie Steinlight # 34.

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

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Meeting of the International Executive Board of the Masonic Motorcycle Club was called to order at the Quality Inn at Apalachin, New York on November 1, 2008 at 4:00 PM. President Don Crete welcomed the Board and guests in attendance. Roll Call found all Officers present with the exception of Dave Page who was excused. The opening prayer was presented by Jeff Killian followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting was accepted as published. John VanKirk's Treasurer's report was accepted as read and all bills that were presented to be paid. Newsletter as discussed. Death Benefit Report accepted as read. Membership Chairman, Rex Baker reported that 22 Members at Large were added to the roster since his last report. Motion made to pay his expenses, passed. Several Chapters are still in arrears with their dues. Rex will contact the Presidents of those Chapters. Quartermaster, Cliff Wilson reported that he has sold \$951.00 in product since the Annual Meeting. He closed out the MMCI coffee cups for \$5.00 each at the Convention. The vest extenders and aprons should be reordered. Also the 10" patch inventory is getting low so a motion was made to have him order whatever he needed to maintain his supply.

The Web-Master, Doug Kelley suggested that we may have to switch our server. A discussion concerning someone is using our Club name and Doug felt we should purchase other domains through Go-Daddy. Doug also encouraged Chapters to setup their own web-pages through the International Web-Site. All members can get inside our Member Web-Site with a password. Contact Doug.

By-Laws discussed. Time to update and revise. If Chapters have not submitted their Chapter By-Laws for approval, they are operating under the International By-Laws. 2009 Convention was discussed. No details have been submitted yet but Chapter # 34 ( SD) is working on it. We will need information for the next newsletter. The 2008 Convention was discussed. Vice President, Kent Dorney is working on new guidelines for future Conventions that our President originally submitted. A letter was read from Ken White with a soft

proposal requesting to host the 2011 International Convention by Chapter # 24, Minnesota. No action was taken at this time. The 2010 Convention proposal will be presented at the next Board Meeting. Jeff Killian wanted to know how soon the next Convention Registration would be available. Kent said he will be in touch with the Committee to get details. Ken Whites letter asked what are the restrictions and requirements to become a member of the International Executive Board. Nomination Committee to be advised. Achievement Award was discussed. Motion to have the Life Trustees work on it.

Old Business. Discussed having more than one signature on the Club checking account. Most Grand Lodges are requesting that there be more than one signer on all accounts. John will acquire cards and either send them to the President and Vice President or have them ready at the next meeting. Also, the addresses of the users of the Credit Card should be on file with the Credit Card Company.

New Business. A motion was made to purchase 3000 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stickers to put on the newsletter in 2009. They will be purchased from the Stephen Foster Company. They did our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stickers and did a good job. Samples were passed around and one was chosen. Motion passed. Chapter # 38 had Raffle Tickets for sale. Gary O'Neal announced that the Pennsylvania Grand Master has joined the Waymart, Chapter # 35. That makes several Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters who are members of MMCI.

Good of the Order. President Crete said there will only be three meetings in 2009, Two Executive Board meetings and the Annual Meeting in Deadwood SD. The next Executive Board meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 4:00 PM. Quality Inn 7666, Route # 434, Apalachin, NY. Exit # 66, Rt 17, New Interstate 86. Reservations, 1-607-625-4441 or [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com). After the closing prayer the meeting was adjourned 6:10 PM. Secretary, Dick Morse

The International Executive Board regrets to inform the membership that Past President, Worshipful Brother Steve Benos passed away Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. He was a Past Master of Steubenville Lodge # 45 F&AM. and a 32<sup>nd</sup>. Degree Mason Scottish Rite, Valley of Steubenville, OH. He was the second President of MMCI 1985 - 1987.

## NEWS, GOSSIP AND STUFF.

**WELCOME;** The Executive Board and the Membership would like to welcome all our new Members-at -Large ( Chapter # 8 ) to the Masonic Motorcycle Club. Also, our newest Chapter from Rochester, Minnesota. The application was received around Christmas time and approved by the Board electronically. They are Chapter # 43 and their President is Patrick Prengle. We wish them well and growth. Members of Chapter # 24 are helping get them organized and we are sure, will be planning many rides together. The Board welcomes the slow growth of International. We have approached our 25<sup>th</sup> year of existence and we have reached 43 Chapters and holding about 375 Members- at -Large. That's slow growth but we have been able to keep up with it. And that's a good thing.

**CONVENTION;** Check out the upcoming Convention info on the last page. Chapter # 34 is in the planning process of hosting our second Western Convention and in some of the most scenic country in the States. Note that all Registrations and Reservations are being handled by the Black Hills Vacation Agency. They are also accepting Credit Cards There are 50 rooms reserved. There will no availability for staying at the Lodge as previously discussed. The building is being used during the day for other things. So get you Reservations in early.

**DUES;** There are a few Chapters in arrears for their 2009 dues. Please get them in if you haven't already. Also, Members at Large who have paid their dues will have a - behind their membership number in the mailing label. If there in not a - , Your dues are also past due and they are \$10.00. Chapter members should also have a - . Thanks.

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS;** For some of the old timers in MMCI, We are really proud of keeping the Club going for this long. If we had known 25 years ago that we would have reached this milestone, we would have never believed it. Next newsletter, We will attempt to put together some of our history and the many successful projects we have undertaken along with the Duds. May MMCI continue on for another 25 years.

**RAFFLE;** The Waymart Chapter # 35 is having a H-D Raffle to be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20.00. Go on the MMCI web-Site and link to Chapter # 35 for more details.

**WEB-SITE;** If you still haven't gotten your password to get into the Members portion, Contact Doug Kelley and he will see that you get it.

[www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org](http://www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org) Also check out the Quartermaster page for available Club items for sale. If your Chapter has items that you would like to add to that page, Contact Cliff Wilson for details. You will need approval, a description and picture.

Dick Morse, Secretary

2009 CONVENTION DETAILS: July 27 th thru July 30 th. 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's 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 not finalized at this time. 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 8:00 AM. Annual reports and election of Officer. Then leave at 10:30 and ride to Mount Rushmore National Monument. After the Tour we will have lunch at the Mount Rushmore famous Dinning Room.( You pay ) 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 real \*Breakfast Buffet at the Resort starting at 7:00 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 but they are not finalized at this time so watch for the next Newsletter and web-site for changes and more details. If you haven't been out West and visited the Black Hills area, Don't miss this opportunity.

\* ( Included in registration )

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC  
GOLDEN HILLS RESORT, LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA.

2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

TUESDAY CORRECTED CONVENTION DATES. 2008  
TUESDAY, JULY 28 THRU FRIDAY JULY 31, 09



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REGISTRATION FEE, CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
MOUNT RUSHMORE TRIP & PARKING. \$25.00 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 ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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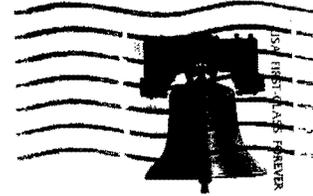
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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE CONVENTION AND HOTEL AT; [www.blackhillsvacations.com](http://www.blackhillsvacations.com) OR Call 1-866-601-5103. OR SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO; BLACK HILLS VACATIONS, P.O. BOX 523, DEADWOOD, SD, 57732. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, CONTACT PRESIDENT JOHN BONNET, 1-605-920-9000  
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 JULY 5 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. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO; BLACK HILLS VACATIONS.

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