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RIDER'S DIGEST

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Email or Snail Mail...Your Choice! At the last Executive Board meeting one of the officers asked why M.M.C.I. members were not offered the option of receiving their newsletters by email instead of having it mailed to their homes. A number of participants in the discussion reported that they receive and pay their bills online, complete and file their taxes online, and receive other publications electronically rather than waiting for a mailing. As a result of that discussion, it was agreed that the membership would be given the option of receiving the **RIDER'S DIGEST**, the Club newsletter, by email instead of snail mail. Members who choose this option will no longer have a copy of the RIDER'S DIGEST mailed to their homes. Instead, they will receive an email with the newsletter attached, and it can be printed if so desired. By receiving the newsletter by email, you not only save the Club the cost of printing and postage (and a few trees), but you will receive your **RIDER'S DIGEST** as soon as it is ready for publication, and even before it goes to the printer. The Executive Board encourages all members to consider and select this option, but **THE CHOICE IS YOURS**. You can receive your **RIDER'S DIGEST** by regular mail as long as it is published. If you choose to receive your newsletter by email, please do the following:

1. Send an email to bmw_jeff@ameritech.net.
2. In the subject line, please type **Newsletter by email**.
3. In the body of the email, please type your **name, membership number** (in this format – **XX-XXXX**; look at the number above your name on the envelope this newsletter came in), and the **email address** you want the newsletter sent to. **And notify us as soon as possible if your email address changes.**

You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your email and you will receive all future newsletters by email. Please remember, if you choose this option you will no longer receive a copy of the **RIDER'S DIGEST** by regular mail. Thanks for your consideration and participation. Whether you receive your **RIDER'S DIGEST** by email or snail mail, we hope you enjoy your newsletter!

Next Executive Board Meeting - Saturday, May 22, 2010 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Quality Inn – 1017 Millwood Pike, Winchester, VA 22602 540-545-8121

www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org – Have You Visited It Lately? M.M.C.I. Webmaster Doug Kelley has created an exciting and informative website that can be used and enjoyed by Members and non-members alike. Doug emphasizes that the M.M.C.I. website is important because our Members are located all over the world, and the website is the one place to go to keep up to date with M.M.C.I. happenings, including information and registration forms for the Annual Conference. Front page announcements, a calendar of events page, photo albums, "Stuff" for sale, and links to local Chapter websites make this website really useful. You can even read and print back issues of the M.M.C.I. newsletter, get directions to submit an address change, and download membership applications and information. The M.M.C.I. website is a great place to refer Brothers who might be interested in joining a local Chapter or Chapter 8, Members-at-Large. Members also have the opportunity to announce their own local Chapter events on the International website. But one area of the website that can be most beneficial is the Forum, which is currently underused. Members can register to receive access to the Forum area and engage in a lively exchange of ideas and commentary, and communicate with Brothers who share the same interest that you do - RIDING. All members – new and old – are encouraged to register and join the Forum. Chapters that don't have a website can use the M.M.C.I. site to create their own website **at no charge**. Just contact Doug for instructions on how to set up your website. Please visit the website often, register and contribute to the Forum, and stay up to date with **your** M.M.C.I. For questions or to find out how to set up your Chapter's website, email Doug at dougkelley@windstream.net.

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MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. ®
2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA
MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND THRU FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH
PLEASE PRINT



NAME _____
 PASSENGER NAME _____
 OTHER GUEST(S) NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

ITEM	(CIRCLE) SIZE	COST		#	EXTENDED COST
REGISTRATION FEE ADULT		\$65.00	X		
REGISTRATION FEE CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER)		\$30.00	X		
MEN'S CONFERENCE SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$15.00	X		
MEN'S CONFERENCE LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$20.00	X		
MEN'S HENLEY SHIRT (S/S)	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$20.00	X		
POLO (GOLF) SHIRT (EMBROIDERED LOGO)***	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$25.00	X		
EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN		\$3.00	X		
CONFERENCE PATCH		\$5.00	X		
TOTAL					
INTERESTED IN BUS TRIP (CIRCLE YES OR NO)	YES OR NO				

*** Specify men's or women's shirt.

Make checks payable to MMCI and mail checks and registration form no later than JULY 1st, 2010 to:

GEORGE DETWEILER
1517 HOLLEYSIDE DRIVE
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HOTEL INFORMATION FOLLOWS. INDIVIDUALS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS WHICH **MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN MONDAY JULY 12, 2010**. RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 12, 2010 WILL BE PROVIDED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS AND AT PREVAILING RATES.

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. CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER ARE FREE. A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS GUARANTEED BUT A FULL BREAKFAST IS BEING NEGOTIATED. SAME RATE WHETHER ARRIVING EARLIER OR STAYING LATER.

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

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



President's Message... Here in Buffalo, the rumored snow capital of the Northeast, the GAOTU has been smiling upon us this week. He blessed us with 3 days of rain to wash away the salt, followed by a week of sunshine and temperatures in the upper 30's at night and 50's during the day. Needless to say batteries were charged, oil changed, and tire pressure checked so that my Yamaha could get some well deserved exercise after its long winter slumber.

The younger Brother Dorney (Bryant) is off to boot camp and having a few struggles with adjustment to Navy life. We hope only the best for him; please keep him and all of our Service Members in your prayers. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at the Lodge this year with a traditional corned beef and cabbage feast. After which, the Worshipful Master honored me by permitting me to initiate four new Brothers to the Craft, one of which was my youngest son Tristan. So I guess I will now have to speak regarding the younger and youngest Brothers Dorney!

And as for the Grand Lodge of NY issue - it is mostly resolved in M.M.C.I.'s favor. The DDGM of the 2nd Erie District sent out a letter informing all of his Lodges that the GM's recent communications regarding motorcyclists refers only to the Widows Sons. As I have it on good authority that he had a series of personal meetings with the GM on another matter at the time, so I am fairly confident that his letter reflects the GM's position.

Conference - I hope to see many, if not all of you in attendance this year. We plan on arriving on Sunday, maybe Saturday, to spend some extra time in DC and the surrounding area. For those of you interested in a preview, please join us at the next Executive Board meeting on May 22nd at 4 PM in Winchester, VA.

Safe Riding - Kent



Vice-President's Message... I would like to write this message in an "open letter" or a "bounce an idea off you" format. I have been pretty involved with Minnesota Masonry for the last 10 years and during some of my many discussions with fellow brothers, one of the topics, or may I say issues about the fraternity is the lack of public knowledge about us. It seems we have a lack of something we can "hang our hat on". This has had me thinking for quite some time and just recently I had a thought and would like to bring it up here.

If you ask the public what's a Lion, a Shriner and a Mason, you'll probably get something like this. The Lion supports parks and local community projects. The Shriner has the circus or hospitals. The Mason,.. what's a Mason? I'd like to throw this out and make a proposal.

For the past five years I have been a supporter of a program called the National Archery in the School Program. The NASP is a national program that is in many middle schools across the US. It promotes sportsmanship and encourages academics. The NASP was started in Kentucky by a middle school teacher to help her students build self esteem and educational growth. What I would like to propose is that M.M.C.I. support the NASP and for us to "hang our hat" on this program. I would like to see us be associated with this good and noble cause. I envision when someone hears NASP, they would think of us. I believe we could use this as a building tool for membership and growth. I would like to see us have a nationwide ride day once a year with all of our chapters participating.

I understand this is a large project and we will need to start it off small and on a local level. Chapter 24 is ready to lead the way on this and over time, I believe we can accomplish something great. I would like you all to consider this and send me your thoughts. I can be reached at **Mmci24-1@msn.com**. I hope this gets you thinking. Visit the National Archery in the Schools web site - **www.nasparchery.com**. I think you'll find it enlightening.

See you soon, and safe riding - Ken

M.M.C.I. Patches, Pins and other goodies are available from the Quartermaster's Store. Go to the M.M.C.I. website (masonicmotorcycleclub.org) and click on the "STUFF" link for pictures, descriptions, prices and ordering instructions.

Annual Conference Update... Your Conference Committee is working diligently to finalize details for the 2010 Annual Conference. The dates of the Conference are August 3 through August 6, Tuesday through Friday, and will be held in Winchester, VA. Early bird registration will be on Monday, August 2, followed by an early-bird social event. We've received a number of registrations, so we know you've received your form. Another copy is contained in this newsletter, or you can download one from the M.M.C.I. website.

Our ride list is almost finished. We will have a big ride planned for Wednesday, August 4. The main thought for this ride is "Christmas in August". Details will be provided later. In addition, we will be scheduling other rides. Most of them will be self-guided. All information and directions for the rides will be available at check-in. Based on the interest exhibited by the current registrants, we are finalizing a bus tour into Washington, D.C. If we can fill a bus, the cost should be around \$25 - \$30 per person. The tour is shaping up to include some of the major monuments, a tour of the House of the Temple and a tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. **REMINDER:** Get your form and \$\$\$ into George Detweiler by **July 1, 2010**, and make your hotel reservations as soon as you can (by July 12, 2010). See you in Winchester!

HAS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED???

Please notify the International Secretary of any address change as soon as possible. Send an email to bmw_jeff@ameritech.net with your new information and membership number, or send a USPS change form to M.M.C.I., 2417 Elmdale Road, University Heights, OH 44118.

Minutes of the February 6, 2010 Executive Board Meeting: The Winter 2010 meeting of the M.M.C.I. Executive Board was called to order by President Kent Dorney at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Quality Inn in Apalachin, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present (in person or by phone) except for Dave Page, Four Year Trustee; Don Crete, Honorary Trustee; Dick Morse, Lifetime Trustee; and Jeff Killian, International Chaplain. Guests included Connie Dorney, Chapter 12, Mike and Fern Rapson, Chapter 8, John and Charlotte Van Kirk, Chapter 15 and Gary O'Neal, Chapter 25 (by phone). Opening prayer was given by Mike Rapson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Dorney, President. Minutes of the October 31, 2009 Executive Board meeting were approved with one correction.

Officers Reports: **President:** Kent deferred his report until later in the meeting. **Vice-president:** Ken reported that he has had good response from most of the Grand Lodges he has contacted requesting that they add a link to the M.M.C.I. website on their websites, and we will do the same for them. A few Grand Lodges have declined. Ken is continuing his efforts. The Executive Board requested that Doug Kelley, webmaster, add links to all the Grand Lodge websites on the home page of our website. Ken made a few comments about the 2010 Annual Conference, and the location and dates of the 2011 Annual Conference – Treasure Island Casino in Red Wing, MN, August 2 to August 5, 2011. **Secretary:** Jeff reported that the Winter 2010 newsletter was printed in a new format and would be mailed in an envelope instead of in flyer fashion. The newsletters would be mailed by February 11. Jeff reminded the officers of the deadlines for receipt of articles to be published in the next and future newsletters. A discussion about membership receiving newsletters by email versus regular mail followed. It was agreed that the entire M.M.C.I. membership would be offered the option of receiving their newsletters either by email or regular mail. Jeff indicated that he would write an article for the next newsletter offering the members the choice. The membership roster continues to be cleaned up, with members two or more years in arrears being labeled as non-active and removed from the active roster.

Treasurer: George distributed the 2009 annual financial report, the Treasurer's annual report and the Death Benefit Fund annual report (for Dick Morse). After an explanation of the reports, a motion was made and seconded to accept the reports. Passed. **Trustees:** Gordy requested that Chapter 46's name change request be officially approved and entered upon the minutes. At the same time Rex noted that a new Chapter had been organized in Harrisonburg, VA and needed approval. Therefore a motion was made and seconded to approve the name change of Chapter 46 to Tampa, FL and approve the formation of Chapter 47 in Harrisonburg, VA. Passed.

Committees: **By-laws** presented two amendments for consideration at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Winchester, VA. The first deals with amending **Article VIII** of the **By-laws** to separate the Audit and Finance Committee into two standing committees – the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee. The second proposed amendment adds an additional Lifetime Trustee – Clifford Wilson - to **Article V** of the **Constitution**.

(Minutes, continued)

Both proposed amendments will be presented to the M.M.C.I. membership for consideration at the next Annual Meeting. **Membership** submitted its quarterly report. The **Death Benefit Fund Committee** submitted its annual report which was previously approved as submitted. The **Quartermaster** reported that sales for the last quarter of 2009 were slow. The **Webmaster** was asked to provide material for an article to go into the next issue of the newsletter to promote the use of the M.M.C.I. website. Doug asked if anyone was familiar with FLICKR as a means of posting pictures on a website. He is looking into that as an option for member use.

Old Business:

Annual Conference 2010: George presented updated information about the Annual Conference which will be held in Winchester, VA on August 3 – 6, 2010. The registration form and information are included in the Winter 2010 newsletter and on the M.M.C.I. website. Discussion about rides and events was held.

Annual Conference 2011: Gordy and Ken reported that everything was moving along fairly smoothly for the 2011 Annual Conference in Red Wing, MN. Treasure Island Casino has been confirmed as the location, and the dates are August 2 to August 5, 2011. A logo has been selected which is an update of the logo used at the last Annual Conference held in Minnesota.

Communications: A refurbished Polycom conference phone was purchased for use at Executive Board meetings. After a few technical glitches were resolved, the phone worked well and made for a much better meeting.

Masonic Motorcycle Cubs and the Grand Lodge of New York – President's Report: Kent reported that he has been in contact with representatives of the Grand Lodge of New York (GLNY) and they acknowledged the positive longtime relationship between M.M.C.I. and GLNY. The result is that the Grand Secretary and Chairman of the GL Law Committee will review the Constitution and By-laws of M.M.C.I., and recommend the approval and recognition of M.M.C.I. to the Grand Master of the GLNY.

New Business: Kent asked that all Executive Board members review the proposed amendments to the By-laws Resolutions that he distributed and send any comments to him. This will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting. Next Executive Board meeting: 4:00 P.M., May 22, 2010 at the Quality Inn, 1017 Millwood Pike, Winchester, VA.

Good of the Order: Kent announced that his son will be reporting for naval training in two weeks, and is now engaged. His other son is working for Rich Products.

The closing prayer was given by George Detweiler, Treasurer. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary

SECRETARY'S MUSINGS: Dues and the Annual Conference... Please remember that your dues must be current (2010 – 2011) to attend the Annual Conference and participate in the Annual Meeting in Winchester, VA. Per the **By-laws**, annual dues [for the coming year] are due on or before the Annual Meeting.

Chapter 8 Dues... If you are a Chapter 8 member or "Member-at-Large," you will find your renewal form enclosed with this copy of the **RIDER'S DIGEST**. (If you're a Chapter 8 member and no renewal form was included with your newsletter, it means you've paid your dues in advance.) A \$2.00 dues increase was approved by the membership at last year's annual meeting, and takes effect with the 2010 - 2011 dues. To remain current, your dues and renewal form should be received by no later than June 15, 2010. And no, there are no provisions for pro-rating dues for members who may have joined within the past six months. Please note that if the amount you owe is \$22.00 and we do not receive your check and renewal form by June 15, then this will be the last newsletter you receive from M.M.C.I. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Note to the Local Chapter Secretaries... A copy of the roster I have on file for your Chapter is coming to you in a separate mailing. Please follow the enclosed instructions and return your 2010 - 2011 dues check and roster by June 15, 2010. Thanks!