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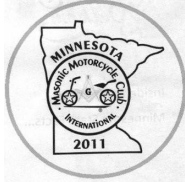
# ***RIDER'S DIGEST***

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*"Ride With Discretion"*

**SPRING 2011**

**Here's your RIDER'S DIGEST; why didn't it come sooner?** From the secretary – Yeah, I'm late getting the Spring 2011 issue to you. I would like to have had it in your waiting hands a month ago. But stuff happens, and in this case, a lot of stuff happened. We started a construction project at the house in mid-March that was supposed to take only three weeks, and not tie up my office or the rest of the house. Silly us...we believed that. Six weeks later, the contractor finally finished and we were able to put our house back in shape. At the same time a client dropped a bombshell of a project in my lap, and there went any free time I thought I might have enjoyed. And on and on. But one of the major delays in the distribution of the newsletter continues to fall outside my control. And what is that delay? ***I'm still not getting anything from the local Chapters or individual members that I can use and publish.*** The next **RIDER'S DIGEST** is due to be distributed July 1. Got something you want to promote? Got a story you want to tell? Got a picture you want to share? Well, get your articles and photos to me ASAP!!



**Deadwood Lodge #7 to Host 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Biker Accommodations...** From their flyer – The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Deadwood (SD) Lodge #7 Masonic Biker Week will be held at the Lodge from August 7 through August 13, 2011. Highlights: food served Wednesday night through Saturday; shower facilities and restrooms onsite; Masonic Biker Lodge meeting on Thursday, August 11 after dinner; parking is available near the Temple. A large turnout is expected; all queen sized beds are gone. Cots are available in the air conditioned Great Hall. You can bring your own bedrolls. Libations nightly! This is a fundraiser for MMCI Chapter 34, and the donation for the week's lodging and other services is \$250 per person. Your check guarantees your reservation. To reserve, call **1-605-578-1428** and leave a message. Your call will be returned. **(Ed.'s note: On your way to Sturgis, make sure you come to Red Wing, MN for the MMCI Annual Conference!)**

**Welcome to our Newest Chapters...** MMCI Chapter 48, Bellows Falls, VT and MMCI Chapter 50, Sunbury, PA. The Officers and Members of MMCI welcome you to the Cub, and hope that our paths may cross as we all Ride With Discretion! We hope to see you at the Annual Conference in Red Wing, MN.

**Minutes of the February 26, 2011 Executive Board Meeting...** The meeting was called to order by President Kent Dorney at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Ramada Inn, Cortland, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present except for Dave Page, Four Year Trustee. Guests included members of Chapter 8, 15 and 32. Opening prayer was given by Jeff Killian, Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Dorney, President. Minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting were approved as published.

**Sickness and Distress:** Two members passed away in November, 2010, and another passed away in January, 2011. DBF Committee has responded.

## **Officers Reports:**

**President:** Reported that the issue with Chapter 19 is closed. **Vice-president:** Ken indicated that he did not have anything to add beyond his published report. **Secretary:** Jeff reported that total membership exceeded 700, with Chapter 45 – Italy being the largest local Chapter. 97 Members are receiving their newsletters by email **Treasurer:** George reviewed the report and M.M.C.I. income and expenses. After his explanation of the report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Passed. The Treasurer's report is on file with the Secretary. **Trustees:** Gordy asked what is the tax exempt status of MMCI. Rex answered that we are a 501c7 organization. (cont'd. page 6)

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**Executive Board, 2009 – 2011**

**Elected Officers**

**President: Kent Dorney**

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**Appointed Committees**

**By-laws: John Van Kirk (Chair).**

Rex Baker, Dick Morse, Gary O'Neal

**Safety: Dean Gonya (Chair);**

Ron Baldwin, Robert Boss, Ian Mountfield

**Nominations: Don Crete (Chair,**

Gordy Aune, Jr., Dave Page

**Audit: Ed Lewis (Chair),**

Lloyd Jackson, John Bennett, Chris Alexander

**Finance: George Detweiler (Chair),**

Jeff Kaplan, Gordy Aune, Jr., Ron Ferrero

**Membership: Rex Baker (Chair)**

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**AMA Rep/Liability Insurance: Dick Morse**

**Quartermaster: Cliff Wilson**

**Death Benefit Fund: Dick Morse (Chair),**

Rex Baker (Vice-chair), Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas),

Cliff Wilson, Neal Forbes

**Conference 2010: George Detweiler (Chair),**

Ken White (Co-chair), Ron Ferrero, Jesse Imhof,

Gary O'Neal

**Conference 2011: Leslie Whetham(Chair),**

Ken White (Co-Chair), Gordy Aune, Jr.

**Lifetime Trustees:**

**Richard Kovac, Richard Morse**

**Rex Baker, Doug Kelley**

**Newsletter Editor: Jeff Kaplan**

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## President's Message...

My Brothers, Greetings –

It has been interesting with the ethical missteps of other organizations that have left us with issues to deal with that are not of our own making. As we all remember the Grand Lodge of NY removed another motorcycle group from their jurisdiction, and we have come to learn that Texas has similar views of that organization. Rumors abound that another mid-West jurisdiction may be soon to follow. Even though I know that I am preaching to the choir I still feel compelled to remind each of us that now, and always, is the time to Ride with Discretion and in accordance with the teachings of the Fraternity.

Brother Rex Baker, who has long been one of the pillars of the Club, has been recently dealing with significant health issues. I ask each of you to keep him and Bonnie in your prayers as they are both going through very trying times.

I hope to see many of you in Minnesota so that we may renew old friendships and make new ones. Ken has assured me that they have submitted the proper and timely requests for us to receive a snow free week. And as the weather warms, please make sure to conduct your safety checks before taking the first ride of the new season.

And for our Brothers in Italy, I hope you have a great conference in June. I wish I could join you, but between work, my Master's degree program, and finances my cable tow is stretched at the moment.

At the last quarterly Board meeting the Board approved a proposal from CH 12 & 32 to host the 2012 Conference in the Finger Lakes region of New York. As we as a Club will decide the issue fully at the Conference, please take the time to do a little research on Cortland, NY and the surrounding area as CH 12 & 32 will be taking the membership's temperature regarding what of the various rides and sights they might like to take in.

Keep the shiny side up, ride well, stay safe, and see you in MN. Fraternally - Kent



## Vice-President's Message...

Greetings My Brothers:

Well, I've had my bike running a couple times now and it started right up and sounded good. The next step is to get it out of the garage after the snow melts and actually put some miles on it. I'm thinking some of you are already riding and can only feel sorry for us Minnesota folks.

The conference is all set for this August in Red Wing, MN. The registration form is on the web site along with the agenda. I think the committee has done a fantastic job of putting this together and you will truly enjoy yourself. Make your reservations now with the casino.

I'd like to bring up a couple items here just to update you. The 2012 Annual Conference is proposed to be held in New York, Aug 14 – 16 in the Eastern Finger Lakes region in the city of Cortland. We'll vote to accept this location at the Annual Meeting. It looks like a great venue for the Conference!

Also, I have finished notifying all Grand Lodges of our existence. I mailed a letter to every Grand Master asking them to put a short article I wrote about the club in their statewide newsletters. My goal is to inform all of the Grand Lodges of our great club and hopefully spread the word to other motorcycle brothers who have yet not heard about us. Hey, it's worth a shot and I figure, why not try? What can it hurt to brag about us.

Later my Brothers. Ride safe. - Ken

***NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – May 14, 2011 4:00 – 6:00 PM***  
**Conference Room of the Cortland Ramada Inn, 2 River Street, Cortland , NY 13045**  
**1-607-756-4431**



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL @ INC.

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
RED WING, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd TILL FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

PLEASE PRINT



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OTHER GUEST(S) NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to MMCI#24 and mail checks and registration form no later than JULY 1st, 2011 to:

Gordy Aune Jr.
2432 Pearson Parkway
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

HOTEL INFORMATION FOLLOWS. INDIVIDUALS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS BY NO LATER THAN JULY 12, 2011. RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 12, 2011 WILL BE PROVIDED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS AND AT PREVAILING RATES. Treasure Island Resort and Casino Red Wing, Minnesota PHONE # 1-800-222-7077 Ask for the "MMCI Rate." ROOM RATE IS \$69.00/NIGHT + TAX . A BLOCK OF 50 ROOMS HAS BEEN RESERVED. MMCI ROOM RATE AVAILABLE JULY 31st thru AUGUST 4th. RV PARKING IS ALSO AVAILABLE. www.treasureislandcasino.com

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: HOSPITALITY ROOM, GOODIE BAG ,WELCOME EVENT, LODGE LUNCH, BANQUET BUFFET (THURSDAY EVENING), CONFERENCE PIN, AND FRIDAY DEPARTURE BREAKFAST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Phone, Email. Rows: Gordy Aune Jr. (763-585-1766 / 612-719-1610 cell, grandpaune@aol.com), Leslie Whetham (651-269-9777, Leslie762@comcast.net), Kenneth White (612-212-9653 cell, mmci24.1@gmail.com)

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER FORM. CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST HAVE A WAIVER FORM SIGNED BY PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S).



**MMCI  
2011 Annual Conference  
Red Wing, Minnesota**



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>Monday - August 1st</u></b>		
Early Registration	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Bike Wash	All Day	Casino Gas Station
Self Directed Rides	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
<b><u>Tuesday - August 2nd</u></b>		
Registration	8:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Rochester Group Ride-lunch included	10:00AM (lunch 12:30PM)	Casino Parking Lot-Kick stands up
Self Directed Rides	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Bike Wash	All Day	Casino Gas Station
Ice Cream Social	7:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
<b><u>Wednesday - August 3rd</u></b>		
Registration	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Self Directed Rides	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Red Wing Lodge - Dinner (Donation \$10)	6:00PM	Casino Parking Lot-Kick stands up
Open Road Degree	8:00PM	Red Wing Lodge
Bike Wash	All Day	Casino Gas Station
<b><u>Thursday - August 4th</u></b>		
Registration	11:00AM-6:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
MMCI Annual International Meeting	9:00AM-10:30PM	Barbados Banquet Room
Poker Run/Bug Run	11:00Am-5:00PM	Route given at time of departure
Bike Show/Happy Hour	6:00PM-7:00PM	Casino Parking Lot/St. Martin Hospitality Room
Banquet/Awards Presentation	7:00PM-9:00PM	Barbados Banquet Room
<b><u>Friday - August 5th</u></b>		
Departure Breakfast	6:00AM-9:00AM	Barbados Banquet Room

**All Registered  
Participants  
Welcome at ALL events.  
All events subject to  
change.**

**MINUTES, cont'd. - Committees:** Membership submitted its quarterly report. The Death Benefit Fund committee submitted its report. The Quartermaster submitted a report. The Webmaster submitted bill for payment. Update was given on the status of the Annual Meeting 2011. Everything is going smoothly. Any reports submitted in writing are on file with the Secretary.

**Old Business:** George again reported the transfer of the final 2101 Annual Conference funds to the general checking account. The Treasurer's laptop has been purchased and is in use. George is applying for new club credit cards through Wachovia. Bylaws Committee was directed to draft an Bylaws amendment to address elected officer inactivity and a process for removing and replacing an officer who does not perform the responsibilities of his office.

**New Business:** A motion was made and passed to approve a new Chapter in Bellows Falls, VT - number 48. Discussion about the use of the MMCI logo on a flyer that also promotes the sale of alcoholic beverages, or where the logo is requested to suggest the sponsorship or endorsement of an event that MMCI is not involved with. It was agreed this is not an acceptable use of the club Logo. Ken requested approval for the letter he drafted to send to all Grand Lodges. Passed. Dick Morse requested that the club buy a used laptop from the Red Knights to house the Death Benefit Committee records. Laptop will be considered property of MMCI. Passed.

Kent presented a proposal to hold the 2012 Annual Conference in Cortland, NY at the Ramada Inn, site of the Winter 2011 Executive Board meeting. The Conference would be hosted jointly by Chapter 12 – Western New York, and Chapter 32 – Williamsport, PA. After a review of the information presented, a motion was made and seconded to present the Cortland site to the membership for consideration at the next Annual Meeting. Passed.

**Good of the Order:** Nothing to report.

Next Executive Board Meeting will be held on May 14, 2011 at the Ramada Inn, Cortland, NY.

The closing prayer was given, and a motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

**Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary**

### ***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 contact information and membership number, or send a USPS change form to **M.M.C.I., 2417 Elmdale Road, University Heights, OH 44118**. Please include your correct phone number and email address. Thanks!

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### ***Have You Visited the Club Website Lately? If Not, Why Not??***

Go to **www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org** and check it out.

### **Final Journeys...**

**Tim Oian** Chapter 24; Burnsville, MN January 4, 2011

**Paul Bryant** Chapter 1; Geneva, OH March 22, 2011