



**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.**



# **RIDER'S DIGEST**

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*"Ride With Discretion"*

Winter 2010-11

# Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

**May Your 2011 Be Filled With Safe Rides and Wonderful Memories.**

**Chapter 45 – Italy Reports A Successful First Gathering...** We received the following article from **Roberto Caroti**, secretary of **MMCI** Chapter 45 – Italy. "During the weekend of 1-3 October, 2010 the first national meeting of the Masonic Motorcycle Club International - Italia (MMCI) Chapter 45 was held in Cecina, Italy. Founded in March 2009, Chapter 45 has grown to more than 100 members and friends. The purpose of the Club is to facilitate the mutual knowledge of Brothers who are united by a passion for motorcycles. The ultimate goal of Freemasonry is its inner improvement, which can be accomplished only – as we would say **Aldo Carotenuto**-doing a trip in "underground soul". Travelling by motorcycle, for its characteristics of absolute freedom, it symbolizes this inner path, made absolutely individual, but at the same time with the input of other Brothers. Participation has been intense on the part of the Brothers from all over Italy – from Gorizia to Bari and Taranto passing into Sardinia. There have been Brothers from Austria, Germany and Switzerland. At the meeting we had 38 motorcycles and 55 people: even the "half moon" showed a significant interest. The rally began in Florence on October 1, where some foreign Brothers visited the Masonic House and the city centre. On Saturday 2nd October the Centaurs took a route that touched Volterra, Bolgheri and Bibbona and ended with a dinner which confirmed the feeling of genuine brotherhood that unites participants. Sunday 3 October the group visited Livorno for a visit to Masonic Home and Pisa. If you would like to learn more and/or see photos and movies you can access the club's site at [www.mmci.it](http://www.mmci.it). You will be asked for credentials to access the site."



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## President's Message... Greetings Brothers and Ladies -

I hope this communication finds all of you well, in good spirits, and enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. May the New Year bring peace and prosperity to you and your families.

Hopefully you are also looking forward to warmer weather and this summer's activities in Minnesota (Ken White has assured me that they will have the region fully defrosted by then). I anticipate that Chapter 24 will deliver a wonderful conference, as I am looking forward reconnecting with many of my Brothers whom I only get to visit with once a year.

The Nominations Committee has informed me that we have one Brother who has expressed an interest in running for office this year. Assuming that all goes as usual the Club would still be a short a Brother on the Executive Board. If you are interested, and willing to do a little work please contact Bro. Crete, Aune, or Page. Your efforts will be appreciated.

The next Executive Board meeting is currently scheduled for February 26th, 2011. As of today I do not have a firm location determined so please keep your eye on the home page of the Club's website for the details. I do, however, suspect that Cortland, NY has a potential role for this meeting, but more on that to follow.

Unfortunately, I also have a sad duty to attend to in this communication. While many of us were enjoying the beginning of the holiday season celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends, there were those amongst us who were not as fortunate: On November 23rd the Grand Architect saw fit to call Bro. Darrell Richter of Chapter 24 (Minnesota) to the Celestial Lodge above. His labors not being completed He requested Bro. James Goin of Chapter 25 (Pennsylvania, but recently moved to Alaska) to join them on November 26th.

I wish to extend the sympathies of the Executive Board to both Bonnie Richter and Denise Goin for their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Fraternally – Kent



**Vice-President's Message...** Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you one and all. I hope you had a safe and happy time with your families and friends. It should be a time to reflect on our own lives and remember our time is short and at any time we will be missed by our loved ones. Give them a hug and tell them how you feel.

It's hard to believe the holidays have passed and 2011 is here. Minnesota is ready for the Annual Conference that will be held in the beautiful town of Red Wing, and we look forward to seeing you all there. In this newsletter you will find the registration form. We have some rides planned that we know you will enjoy. There are many sites to see in the Red Wing area. **National Geographic Traveler** has just named Red Wing as one of the top 25 historic destinations in the world. Check it out:

[http://www.redwing.org/index.php?page=Top\\_25\\_Historic\\_Destinations](http://www.redwing.org/index.php?page=Top_25_Historic_Destinations)

Be sure to review the registration form and get your hotel reservations in early. We've already been notified that the rooms are starting to go, so it wouldn't hurt to act on this while you're thinking about it.

This year's Annual Meeting will involve an election. We have had some interest within the group to step up and take a role, but we can use more. Remember, this is your **MMCI** and without your participation we're just another group of motorcyclists. You make us what we are.

I'll close for now and start to dream of riding the bike again. After seeing our stadium roof cave in from the weight of 17 plus inches of snow in one day, it's really hard to get too fired up about the bike at this moment. I think I'll go sit on the ice and do a little ice fishing for a couple of months. Many of you can't relate to that thought, but it's like sitting in your freezer telling yourself how fun this is. Fraternally yours – Ken



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL @ INC.

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



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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
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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).

**Minutes of the October 30, 2010 Executive Board Meeting...** The Fall 2010 meeting of the M.M.C.I. Executive Board was called to order by President Kent Dorney at 4:05 PM in the conference room of the Quality Inn in Apalachin, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present except for Dave Page, Four Year Trustee and Dick Morse, Lifetime Trustee. Guests included members of Chapter 15. Opening prayer was given by Jeff Killian, Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Dorney, President.

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting will be presented for approval at the next Annual Meeting.

**Sickness and Distress:**

It was reported that Gary O'Neal's father passed away.

**Officers Reports:**

**President:** Deferred until later in the meeting.

**Vice-president:** Ken's report contained information about the members of the committee working on the charity proposal to be presented at the Annual Meeting in August, 2011. Ken also reported that he has received a proposal from the Dayton (OH) Chamber of Commerce to host the 2012 Annual Conference, but no local MMCI Chapter is involved with the proposal. The Death Benefit Committee presented a proposal to host the 2012 Conference in Cumberland Gap (MD) but the cost appears to be prohibitive. Finally, Kent reported that Chapters 12 and 32 are looking at locations in the Farmington or Cortland (NY) areas to host the 2012 Annual Conference and will give an update at the next Executive Board meeting in February.

**Secretary:** Jeff reported that only three Chapters had not paid their dues – 19, 43 (inactive) and 44.

**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:** Nothing to report.

**Committees:** Nominating Committee reported that so far one member has come forward and expressed a willingness to run for office; there is a need for one more. Membership submitted its quarterly report. The Death Benefit Fund committee submitted its report. The Quartermaster submitted a report and discussed the process he goes through to order rings for members. The Webmaster submitted the annual bill to maintain the website. The Audit Committee reported that the financial books were accurate and up to date. Ron Ferrero will be replacing Dave Page on the Finance Committee. George submitted a written report detailing the results of the 2101 Annual Conference. Any reports submitted in writing are on file with the Secretary.

**Old Business:** A motion was made and passed to move Chapter 19 to inactive status if their dues are not received by February, 2011.

**New Business:** A motion was made and passed to approve Chapter 38's request to change their name from Sonestown to Watsonstown, PA. Rex inquired about the current tax code and M.M.C.I.'s non-profit status. Don provided some IRS references and Kent verified that M.M.C.I. is in good shape after doing a search of the appropriate sections of the 2010 IRS Code. Discussions were held about the absence of pictures of the 2010 Annual Conference on the website (none were submitted for posting); M.M.C.I. donations; the credit card used by the treasurer and secretary for M.M.C.I. business; setting up a Paypal account (not practical at this time); and four bills were submitted for payment (motion made and passed).

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

Next Executive Board Meeting will be held on February 26, 2011. Place to be determined by Kent.

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](mailto: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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**Red Wing and the 2011 Annual Conference Await You...** It's not too early to start making plans for the 2011 Annual Conference. This year it will be held at the Treasure Island Resort and Casino, located in Red Wing, MN from August 2 to August 5, 2011. As reported in the Vice President's Message, Red Wing was selected by *National Geographic Traveler* as one of the top 25 historic destinations in the world. You can read the full article at the Red Wing Visitors Bureau website [www.redwing.org](http://www.redwing.org), and you can get more information about the city and surrounding area at the City of Red Wing's website [www.red-wing.org](http://www.red-wing.org). Book your room early as this could be a sell-out! Hotel booking information can be found on the registration form on page 4.

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

Go to [www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org](http://www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org) and check it out.

## **The Quartermaster needs YOUR suggestions for new items!**

Contact Cliff Wilson at [cliffwilson65@msn.com](mailto:cliffwilson65@msn.com) with any ideas or suggestions for things you would like to see sold in the Club store.

**Secretary's Musings...** Well, 2011 is here. My very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and wonderful year. I delayed sending out this issue of the **RIDER'S DIGEST** as long as I could, hoping that I would get a few more articles or blurbs from the local Chapters or Members. But alas, nothing came. What I did receive from **Roberto Caroti**, secretary of Chapter 45 – Italy, was terrific, and is featured on Page 1. What a rally that must have been! I also heard from Chapter 8 Member **Luis Augusto** from Niquelandia, Goias, Brazil. He's the proud owner of a brand new 2010 H-D 883, right out the showroom door. It's the beginning of summer in South America, so ride safe, Luis. I've said and written this before, and I'm sure I'll say and write the same thing again, but this is your newsletter. I need articles from you, the Member and you, the local Chapter. It makes for a much more interesting **RIDER'S DIGEST**, and makes my job as editor a lot easier! So please get your articles to me. The deadline for the next issue is March 15, 2011.

## **Final Journeys...**

**Darrell Richter**, Chapter 24; Henning, MN. November 23, 2010

**James Goin**, Chapter 25; Wrangell, AK. November 26, 2010