



Masonic Motorcycle club international ® Inc.



Rider's digest

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SUMMER 2012

Last call for Cortland... This just in from the Conference organizers. The deadline is fast approaching and your 2012 Convention Committee is continuing to work hard. We have a jam packed week planned for all attendees. Please see the attached *tentative* schedule (page 5) for details.

Everyday starting on Monday and continuing through Thursday we will be having a wine tour that will leave the hotel on a 15 passenger van. The cost is \$40.00 per person. For that you will get your transportation, your lunch, all tasting fees (\$22), a coupon book worth \$14 for the wineries and a commemorative glass from Ithaca Brewery.

First ride of the convention will be on Tuesday to Corning. The ride will be run by Tom Boyle. He is planning on taking some nice roads from Cortland through Ithaca and Watkins Glen to Corning. Once there you will be parking in the blacktop parking lot at the Corning Glass Museum. You will be able to go through the Glass Museum or just mosey across the bridge into the town where you will find the Rockwell Museum of Western Art and several small shops prime for shopping.

Tuesday night we will be having an ice cream social at the A&W Root Beer stand in Cortland. It is a short 3.5 mile ride from the hotel. If you would like they also have a miniature golf course said to be the best in the area.

The second ride will be on Wednesday to Cooperstown. This ride will be led by Dean Gonya and Kent Dorney. They are taking you to Cooperstown on the country roads of Central NY State. Once there you will be parking in a gravel lot where you will be picked up by the city's trolley (no cost) which will take you into the city where you will be able to go to the Baseball Hall of Fame (tickets \$17.50 in advance - see registration form. If you are over 65 you will purchase your tickets when you get to the museum for \$10.75). You will be able to see Double Day Field and purchase a litany of baseball memorabilia in the town's several shops. Wednesday night we will have a pizza and wing party in the hotel ballroom followed by the Annual Meeting.

On Thursday morning Kent Dorney will be leading a short ride to Skaneateles, NY. This small town at the top of Skaneateles Lake is full of small shops or you can just hang out by lake. We are looking at the possibility of setting up a boat ride on the lake's tour boat. Thursday night will bring our Conference to an end with the banquet in the hotel ballroom.

Everyday starting on Monday at 4:00 PM the hospitality room will be open. There you will find the normal snacks, pop, water and information. We will be holding a basket draw, bug run contest, Farkle tournament and just a whole lot of fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing EVERYONE out this year, so get your reservations in by July 1.



Neal Lauron- Columbus Dispatch

Chapter 2 (Belpre, OH) Roars and Remembers in Central Ohio...

Jim Alloway of Chapter 2 reports that his Chapter has participated in a couple of major events in the past few weeks. On May 19, 2012, members of **Chapter 2** rode their motorcycles to



11 Sons of Monroe County

downtown Columbus to help create the "Thunder Tunnel" that greeted 50,000 participants in the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. More than 400 bikes created the wall of thunder that encouraged the racers to reach the finish line. On June 16, **Chapter 2** joined hundreds of other bikers to ride in the 11 Sons of Monroe County Honor and Remember Ride. This annual ride is held to honor the memory of 11 men from Monroe County, Ohio who lost their lives during the Vietnam War. Jim reports that his Chapter is honored to participate in these events.

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President's Message...

Greetings my Brothers:

As I write this message we are in the middle of riding season, and what beautiful weather we are having in Minnesota. I retired at the end of April and have been looking forward to putting on some miles and getting a key body part in shape for our ride to New York in August. It's been a great spring and things are coming together for the Conference in Cortland. We have some wine tasting tours, a ride to the Baseball Hall of Fame, a ride to the Corning Glass Museum, a pizza party before the Annual Meeting, a very nice banquet, and some great fellowship. Your Committee has done a great job in lining up some terrific events this Conference and we are expecting a nice turn out. It is not too early to get your reservations made and your Conference form submitted. The form can be found in this newsletter and of course online at our website.

Your membership chairman, Kent Dorney has been busy not only signing up new members and a couple new chapters, but is also doing work on getting his Master's Degree and I want to take a moment to ask you to say "Thank You" to him. His plate is really full and he still finds time to serve the club.

There are a couple by-law changes to be voted on at the conference and they should be listed in this newsletter. They are very minor but will help with the running of the club and hopefully give the board less to worry about when minor changes are needed in the future. I ask you to support these changes and vote their approval at the Annual Meeting.

With these few notes I will close this message and hope to see you in New York. Ride safe and travel with caution. We want everyone to arrive safe and have a good time.

Fraternally yours - Ken White



Vice President's Message...

Brethren and Ladies,

Well summer riding season has arrived. Time for all of us to get out and put some miles on our bikes.

The 2012 Annual Conference is just around the corner and I would like to let you know that Chapters 12 and 32 are ready for the Conference. We are expecting a great turn out and the Committee has plenty of things to do as well as great rides planned. If you haven't sent in our reservation yet, now is the time to do it.

We are looking still looking for a location for our next conference. Some sites we are considering are Gettysburg PA and Canaan Valley WV.. We are still open to any suggestion for locations. If you or your Chapter is interested in hosting a Conference, please contact me or any Officer.

As my first year as your Vice President is coming to an end I need to thank all of the Members of the Board for your guidance and leadership. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

My next report will be given at the Conference in New York; I hope to see all of you there!!
Until then, Ride Safe and always **RIDE WITH DISCRETION.**

Fraternally Yours – Ron Ferraro



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.

2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 Cortland, New York
 Tuesday, August 14th thru Friday, August 17th, 2012



PLEASE PRINT

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

ITEM						#		Sub-Total
Registration Fee - Adult							X	\$70.00
Registration Fee – Children, 12 & Under							X	\$35.00
Conference Shirts – indicate # under size	Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL		
Color = Natural, Women's tanks are pink					+ \$2.00	+ 2.00		
Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt (\$13.00)							X	\$13/\$15
Woman's Tank Top (\$13.00)						N/A	X	\$13/\$15
Golf Shirt – Embroidered (\$22.00)							X	\$22/\$24
Tuesday Ride: Corning Glass Museum, Corning, NY – Please purchase at the museum.						N/A	X	
Wednesday Ride: Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY – Group ticket \$17.50 (need 20 min.)							X	\$17.50
NOTE: if age 65 or over a Senior ticket is \$10.75, please purchase at Cooperstown								Under65
EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN							X	\$5.00
Wine Tasting – please indicate # @ \$40.00/person		<i>Indicate preferred day and Lunch below</i>					X	\$40.00
Please indicate 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd choices.		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu			
Space is limited, assignments will be 1 st come 1 st serve. We will contact you with your final selection.		Early Bird						
Wine Tasting Sandwich choice – indicate choice & number. Includes cookie and chips		Turkey	Ham	R. Beef	Assorted			
TOTAL Due								

Make checks payable to MMCI# Chapter 12, mail checks and registration form no later than JULY 1st, 2012 to:

MMCI c/o Kent Dorney
 49 Simson Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150-2312

Hotel Information:

Ramada Inn and Conference Center; 2 River St., Cortland, NY – Phone # 1-607-756-4431.
 MMCI Room Rate is \$79.00/Night + Tax.

Individuals must make their own reservations with the hotel no later than July 14th, 2012.
 After July 14th the hotel will accept reservations based upon available space and may be at prevailing rates.

For more information please feel free to contact:

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

Masonic Motorcycle Club International ®, Inc.
28th Annual Conference & Meeting Itinerary (Tentative)
Cortland, New York
August 13-17, 2012

Monday, August 13, 2012

8:00 AM - Early Bird Wine Tour leaves from Hotel Lobby
4:00 PM - Early Registration Starts and Hospitality Room Opens
4:00 PM - Early Bird Wine Tour estimated time back to hotel
? - Hospitality Room Closes

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

8:00 AM - Wine Tour leaves from Hospitality Room
8:00 AM - Registration in the Hospitality Room
9:00 - 9:30 AM - Corning, New York rides leaves from Hotel Parking lot
4:30 – 5:00 PM - Corning, New York ride estimated time back to the hotel
4:00 PM - Wine Tour estimated time back to hotel
? - Executive Board Meeting Time/Place TBA
7:00 PM – Ice Cream Social at A&W Drive-In, Cortland, New York
? - Hospitality Room Closes

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

8:00 AM - Wine Tour leaves from Hospitality Room
8:00 AM - Registration in the Hospitality Room
8:00 – 8:30 AM - Cooperstown, New York ride leaves from Hotel Parking lot
4:00 – 5:00 PM - Cooperstown, New York ride estimated time back to the hotel
4:00 PM - Wine Tour estimated time back to hotel
5:45 PM - Pizza Party Hotel Ball Room
7:00 – 9:00 PM - Annual Meeting
? - Hospitality Room Closes

Thursday, August 16, 2012

8:00 AM - Wine Tour leaves from Hospitality Room
8:00 AM - Registration in the Hospitality Room
9:30 - 10:00 AM – Skaneateles, New York ride leaves from Hotel Parking Lot
2:00 – 2:30 PM – Skaneateles, New York ride estimated time back to the hotel
3:00 PM – Bike show in Hotel Parking Lot
4:00 PM - Wine Tour estimated time back to hotel
5:00 PM – Cocktails in the Hotel Ballroom
6:00 PM – Annual Banquet Dinner in the Hotel Ballroom
? - Hospitality Room Closes

Friday, August 17, 2012

6:30 AM – 12:00 PM Send-off Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant

Please have a safe trip home and we hope you enjoyed
your Conference!

Minutes of the May 19, 2012 Executive Board Meeting... The Spring 2012 meeting of the M.M.C.I. Executive Board was called to order by Vice-president Ron Ferraro at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Ramada Inn in Cortland, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present except for Ken White, President; Dave Page, Two Year Trustee; Gordy Aune, Jr., Four Year Trustee; Cliff Wilson, Lifetime Trustee; and Doug Kelley, Lifetime Trustee. Chapters 1, 3, 8, 12, 25 and 32 were represented. Opening prayer was given by Jeff Killian, International Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Ferraro, Vice-president.

Minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting were approved.

Sickness and Distress: Cliff Wilson had surgery the previous week. Ken White's mother passed away in early May.

Officers Reports:

President: Ken left a written report for Ron to discuss under New Business.

Vice-president: As published in his VP's message.

Secretary: as published in the Secretary's report. Jeff reported that after many attempts, Chapters 15, 18, 28 and 47 still had not paid the previous year's dues. These Chapters were moved to inactive status, but can be reactivated should past and current dues be paid.

Treasurer: as published in the Treasurer's report.

Trustees: Nothing to report.

Committees: Bylaws: a discussion was held about amending the Constitution and Bylaws to accommodate the need for an Ohio address since the Club is incorporated in Ohio. Kent Dorney will assist the Bylaws Committee and draft language to be considered at the next Annual Meeting. Membership reported that since January 1, 2012, Chapters 49, 50 and 51 have been added, and 12 new Chapter 8 members have been enrolled. Quartermaster report as published. The 2012 Annual Conference Committee reported on scheduled activities, the Wednesday evening dinner and Annual Meeting, and the registration count as of May 19 (28).

Old Business: Purchase of Italian flag for display at Exec Board and Annual Meetings will move forward since Chapter 45's dues were received. Chapter 24 has offered to not only purchase, but to pay for and donate the flag to MMCI.

New Business: Ken requested in his report that a discussion be held about the creation of a Sunshine Committee. This idea was proposed by Connie Dorney (Kent's wife). In her proposal, Connie indicated that funds used to support the activities of the Sunshine Committee (sending get well cards and the like) would be raised by the committee at the Annual Conference through raffles or other fund raisers. It was agreed that this committee would be an ad hoc committee, and not a Standing Committee. As such, the President can appoint the committee and its members, and they will serve for that term. Each succeeding President will have the option to continue the committee. Ron reported that a location for the 2013 Annual Conference is still being sought. He mentioned Gettysburg, PA and Pigeon Forge, TN as possibilities. Concerns about the heavy traffic at Pigeon Forge were raised, as well as the cost of Gettysburg. Ron will look into Gettysburg. Dick Morse suggested that the Club return to Canaan Valley, WV. This was met with an enthusiastic response. Dick will provide the Exec Board with more info. Chapter 51 has requested permission to create a flag that they can use at events and meetings which incorporates the MMCI logo. A motion was made and seconded to approve this request. Passed.

A discussion was held regarding the use of the MMCI logo, how it can be worn, and who may wear it. Jeff proposed that this discussion be tabled until such time as the President appoints a committee to review the use of the logo as provided by the Constitution and Bylaws and past practice, and present a recommendation to the Exec Board for consideration and approval. Discussion tabled.

MINUTES, contd.

Good of the Order: None reported.

Next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, Cortland, NY on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. Time and room to be announced.

The closing prayer was given by Jeff Killian. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary

Next MMCI Executive Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 14, 2012
Ramada Inn, Cortland, NY 607-756-4431 Time and Location TBD

Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws... The following proposed amendments to the M.M.C.I. Constitution and Bylaws will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the Ramada Inn in Cortland, NY. Only Members who are in good standing will be able to cast a vote to support or reject the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments have been submitted to and approved by the M.M.C.I. Executive Board for consideration at the next Annual Meeting of the M.M.C.I.

The first proposed amendment clarifies the eligibility of a Member-at-Large (Chapter 8) to serve as an elected officer of M.M.C.I..

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The elected Officers of the M.M.C.I. shall be, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 year Trustee, 4 year Trustee, 6 year Trustee. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 year Trustee will be elected for two one year terms. (Odd Years.) The Officers must be elected by a majority vote and must have served as an elected Officer of a subordinate Chapter. Members-at-Large may serve as an elected Officer of M.M.C.I. if they have attended at least two Annual Meetings and served two one year terms on a standing or created committee of the M.M.C.I.

Proposed Change to (changes are in bold and italicized):

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The elected Officers of the M.M.C.I. shall be, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 year Trustee, 4 year Trustee, 6 year Trustee. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 year Trustee will be elected for two one year terms. (Odd Years.) The Officers must be elected by a majority vote and must have served as an elected Officer of a subordinate Chapter. Members-at-Large may serve as an elected Officer of M.M.C.I. if they have attended at least two Annual Meetings **and/or served two (consecutive)** one year terms on a standing or created committee of the M.M.C.I.

The second proposed amendment addresses the need for M.M.C.I. to maintain a Club address in the State of Ohio because that is where the Club is incorporated. In addition to changing the wording of one article of the Constitution, the proposed amendment adds another article to the Constitution.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization requires that members must be a Master Mason in good standing, a member in good standing of a subordinate Chapter of the M.M.C.I. and a member in good standing of the M.M.C.I. (** Hereafter referred to as **Active Member**). Chapters may adopt Social Members (Spouses,) to their By-Laws at their discretion.

** Since the M.M.C.I. was founded & Incorporated in the State of Ohio and underwritten by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Active Member's State or attending Lodges must be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio located in Worthington, Ohio. Incorporation # 669745. Ohio is the home State of The Masonic Motorcycle Club @ International Inc. The home address shall be: 1567 Kinsman Rd. N. E. North Bloomfield, Ohio. 44450. % Rex Baker

Changed to read:

Article III – Membership

Members of this organization must be a Master Mason in good standing, a member in good standing of a subordinate Chapter of the M.M.C.I. and a member in good standing of the M.M.C.I. Hereafter referred to as **Active Member**.

Since the M.M.C.I. was founded & Incorporated in the State of Ohio and underwritten by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Active Member's Grand Lodge and attending Lodges must be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, located in Worthington, Ohio. Incorporation # 669745.

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Add to Constitution:

Article IX – Organization Address

M.M.C.I. was founded and Incorporated in the State of Ohio and underwritten by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Therefore, the State of Ohio, United States of America, is the home location, and shall remain the home location, of The Masonic Motorcycle Club @ International Inc.

To preserve M.M.C.I.'s home location the organization's official and mailing address shall be maintained as follows:

1. If the International Secretary is a resident of the State of Ohio, then his address shall be deemed the official and mailing address for M.M.C.I.
2. In the case where the International Secretary is not a resident of the State of Ohio, an Active Member of the Club, who is a resident of the State of Ohio and is agreeable to having their address utilized as the Club's official and mailing address shall be approved by a majority vote of the International Board of Directors.
 - a. The Active Member maintaining the Club's official and mailing address shall timely transfer all communication to the Board of Directors, or other appropriate officers or Committee Chairman as directed by the Executive Board.

Secretary's Musings... Hats off to the following Chapters for submitting their renewal forms and dues payments as of this writing – Chapters 1, 4, 6, 24, 25, 34, 36, 38 and 49. And many thanks to the Chapter 8 Members who have also sent their forms and dues in. To the local Chapters and Chapter 8 Members who have not yet paid their 2013 dues, please get them in as soon as possible! Also, if you have an item or piece of news that would interest your fellow M.M.C.I. Members, please send it to me for publication. Deadline for the next issue is September 15, 2012. Finally, if you are still getting your **RIDER'S DIGEST** by snail mail, please consider receiving it by email. Simply follow the directions below. Thanks!

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