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RIDER'S DIGEST

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Winter 2012-13

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

May Your 2013 Be Filled With Safe Rides and Wonderful Memories



Almost Heaven, West Virginia – the 2013 Annual Conference in Canaan Valley, WV....

The location and dates for the 2013 Annual Conference are: **Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center**, Davis, WV, **August 12-16, 2013**. There will be two room packages offered for this year's Conference. One is the **Vacation Package**: arrive on Sunday, stay five nights and get one night free. Total cost for the five-night **Vacation Package** is \$300 plus tax. The second is the **Economy Package**: arrive on Tuesday and stay three nights. Total cost for the three-night **Economy Package** is \$225 plus tax. It's important to **mark your calendars now** and plan your vacation. The **Vacation Package** is the best deal, and there's plenty to do in the hills of West Virginia! The reservations number for the resort is **1-800-622-4121**, and the website is **www.CanaanResort.com**. Please make sure you mention **"MMCI Annual Conference"** when making your reservations.

This year the Conference Committee is offering an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING**. One free registration (maximum value of \$70.00) will be drawn from all registrations received by April 1, 2013. The registration form is included in this newsletter, so register early! The tentative agenda for the Conference will be published in the next issue of the **RIDER'S DIGEST**.



NEXT INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, April 6, 2013 4:00 – 6:00 PM 1st Floor Conference Room
Cortland Ramada Inn ~ 2 River Street, Cortland, NY 13045 607-756-4431

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President's Message...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year my Brothers and I hope this winter issue finds everyone well and in good spirits. I know this newsletter is arriving after the holidays but this was the closest chance to greet all of you with Merry Christmas.

For many of us the bikes are put away and we're just "riding" out the winter waiting for warmer weather. As a thought, this might be the time to get those items fixed and back in shape that the miles wore out. I'm betting many of your mechanics would appreciate the work and your bike will be ready when the temps are warmer.

My term as your president is winding down and when August rolls around we'll have new officers. If any of you are interested in a position with the MMCI all you need to do is let one of us know or even better to just drop a note to our nomination committee chair. I could give you his email or contact information here but I'd rather see you visit our website and get his information there. The website is there for all of us to use and should be utilized more. If any of you have any ideas or suggestions for the website, please feel free to let me know.

I've been in contact with many brothers around the US and have even heard from some of our brothers from Italy. I really enjoy the contact and comments, please keep them coming. One item that has drawn my attention is the availability of every member's voice to be heard. We've grown to a pretty large group and obviously spread out. We range from Great Falls, Mt. to overseas into Italy. We conduct our business and voting at our annual meeting and this means many members don't have a say in our operations. If you can't make it to the conference you're left out of all decisions made by the group. I'm not proposing any earth shattering changes here and I'm not suggesting things aren't working well. All I'm doing is bringing up some thing I've heard and thought should be addressed and discussed. My question: "is there a way, or even a need, to include more of our brothers in the operation of the MMCI"? How do we grow if some chapters or brothers feel like they are on the outside looking in?

We've added a couple new chapters and some new brothers recently. Our future looks solid and well. I've been in contact with brothers from Massachusetts and would bet we have another new chapter near the Boston area shortly. We might also be expanding to Australia but more on that as they look into our club. I'm proud to say the MMCI is the finest Masonic motorcycle group in the country and we seem to be carrying ourselves in the eyes of others, more like Masons who ride bikes than some that seem to be bikers that happen to be Masons. **(Continued, Page 5)**



Vice President's Message... Greetings Brothers and Ladies,

First I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that everyone survived Sandy with little or no damage and I ask everyone to keep those that were hit in your thoughts and prayers.

Next year's Conference is well on the way. Uncle Dick and his committee are doing a great job making sure this will be one to remember. My wife and I just visited the Lodge last week to see how things were going, and found us in two feet of snow. It seems Sandy dumped more than 50" of snow on the town of Davis taking down trees and power lines. The Lodge got electric back after 5 days but there is still some area without electric.

Be sure to review the registration form and get your room reservation in early, we were surprise how many room were already reserved. The Lodge was very pleased with all the early reservation that they received.

This Conference will involve an election. We have some interest within the group to step up and take a role, but we can use more. If you would be interested in running for a position please contact the Nominations Committee.

In closing I hope you have a save and happy time with your families and friends.

Fraternally Yours - Ron Ferraro



**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB
 INTERNATIONAL INC.
 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 CANAAN VALLEY RESORT
 AUGUST 12TH THUR AUGUST 16TH**



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

ITEMS	SIZE (CIRCLE)	COST		#	EXTENDED COST
REGISTRATION FEE ADULT		\$70.00	X		
REGISTRATION FEE CHILDREN (12 & UNDER)		\$35.00	X		
MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT	S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$15.00	X		
MEN'S GOLF SHIRT EMBRODERED	S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$22.00	X		
LADIES TANK TOP	S M L XL 2XL	\$15.00	X		
ADD \$2.00 FOR 2XL, 3XL, AND 4XL		\$2.00	X		
EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN		\$5.00	X		
CASS SCENIC R.R. TUESDAY 8/13					
LUNCH AT WHITTER STATION "DUTCH"		\$25.00	X		
TOTAL					
TRIP TO FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL (CIRCLE YER OR NO)	YES OR NO	\$0.00			

**Make checks payable to MMCI #1 and mail registration form and check no later than July 15, 2013 to:
 2013 MMCI CONFERENCE 653 MADISON AVE. PAINESVILLE, OHIO. 44077**

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center, 230 Main Lodge Rd. Davis, WV. 26260 Phone-800-622-4121 Or 304-866-4121
 www.canaanresort.com , Ask for the "MMCI RATES". Room rates are \$69.00/night + tax. MMCI rates available thru July 15th. A block of 80
 rooms has been reserved. RV Parking and Cabins are also available. **VACATION PACKAGE :5 Nights ECONOMY PACKAGE :3 Nights**
 Individuals must make their own reservations by no later than July 15, 2013. Reservation received after July 13, 2013 will be provided on a space
 available basis and at prevailing rates.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Hospitality Room, Goodie Bag, Welcome Event, Pizza Party, Blackwater Falls Lunch, Ice Cream Social, Discount Coupons, Banquet Buffet
 (Thursday Evening), Conference Pin, and Friday Departure Breakfast.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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EARLY BIRD DRAWING: ONE FREE REGISTRATION (\$70.00) WILL BE DRAWN FROM ALL REGISTRATION RECIVED BY 4/1/2013

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

(President's Message, cont'd from Page 3) In closing, I would like to mention to everyone that this is your club and if you would like to serve on any committee or even the Board just let any of the board members or myself know. Also, we are always looking for articles or news within our chapters for the Rider's Digest; feel free to send your input to Secretary Jeff or myself.

Fraternally yours - Ken White

Have You Visited the Club Website Lately? If Not, Why Not??
Go to **www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org** and check it out.

Minutes of the November 3, 2012 Executive Board Meeting... The Fall 2012 meeting of the M.M.C.I. Executive Board was called to order by President Ken White at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Quality Inn in Apalachin, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present except for Dave Page, Two Year Trustee; Jeff Killian, Chaplain; and Cliff Wilson, Lifetime Trustee. Chapters 1, 8, 12, 14, 24 and 32 were represented. Opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Ken White, President.

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were approved as written.

Sickness and Distress: It was reported that Charlotte VanKirk, wife of Member John VanKirk, had surgery and was recovering.

Officers Reports:

President: Nothing to report.

Vice-president: Ron gave an update about the 2013 Annual Conference in Canaan Valley, WV.

Secretary: as published in the Secretary's report.

Treasurer: as published in the Treasurer's report. A brief discussion was held regarding the use of the Chapter 8 PayPal account to receive dues from Chapters located outside of the U.S. George requested that he be authorized to purchase a new printer for use with the club laptop he has. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize George to spend up to \$200 for a new printer.

Trustees: Nothing to report.

Committees: The Safety Committee discussed the increased prevalence of trikes among motorcyclists today, and stated that the accepted group riding procedure for mixed vehicle groups is two wheels, then three wheels, then four wheels. There was a short discussion about the Nominations Committee and potential candidates for the upcoming election in August. The Audit Committee stated that as of the Annual Meeting, the books were in satisfactory shape. The Audit Committee will submit a written report to that effect. Membership submitted a written report. Website reported minimal interest in setting up a sunshine page on the site. Doug also requested that payment for the site be shifted to the Treasurer. Quartermaster report as published. The 2013 Annual Conference Committee reported that contracts had been signed with Canaan Valley Resort, and that the agenda had been firmed up and the registration form would be sent to the Secretary for publication in the next newsletter.

Old Business: The discussion continued about the creation of an Annual Conference handbook. After the handbook is completed, it will be available to any Chapter or Member who is considering submitting a proposal to host an Annual Conference. It was agreed that the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Conference Handbook will be available on the MMCI website, but those documents will be available only to registered Members.

New Business: A discussion about the approval process for local Chapters who wish to develop logos based on the MMCI logo was held. As stated in the Bylaws, a Chapter must receive approval from the MMCI International Executive Board before a logo may be produced. George said that he would draft a resolution addressing who may or may not wear patches which incorporate the MMCI logo. Specific to the 2014 Annual Conference to be held in Gettysburg, PA, the question of whether to hold it on Tuesday through Friday versus

Wednesday through Saturday was addressed. It was agreed that Tuesday through Friday is the preferable schedule. A request has been received from Chapter 49 to host the 2015 Annual Conference in Wisconsin. Before any decision will be made, Chapter 49 needs to submit a formal proposal before their request can be considered by the Executive Board.

Good of the Order: Nothing to report.

Next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, Cortland, NY on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Kent will make the arrangements.

The closing prayer was given by Ken White. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary

Secretary's Musings... The following Chapters have not paid their 2012 – 2013 as of this mailing: Chapter 45 (Italy) and Chapter 46 (Tampa Bay, FL). To the secretaries of those Chapters - please send me your Chapter dues and roster updates as soon as possible. Thanks! The upcoming Annual Meeting in Canaan Valley, WV should be a great get-together. The roads of WV are some of the best motorcycle roads in the U.S., and Dick and Ron and the Conference Committee have planned a terrific schedule of events. Mail in your registration, and make your room reservations early. And the Annual Meeting should be a good one, too. This is election year, and there are several offices open, including Vice-President, Secretary and Six-Year Trustee. Contact Don Crete, Nominations Chairman (cretedamm@comcast.net), for more information and to place your name on the ballot. A reminder to all Members – the **RIDER'S DIGEST** is your newsletter, and should reflect the interests of the Members of our Club. To make this newsletter enjoyable and a good read, I need your input and articles. The deadline for submission of articles for the Spring 2013 newsletter is **March 15, 2013**. If you're still unsure about attending the 2013 Annual Conference, here are a few more photos to whet your appetite...



Final Journeys...

Harold Griffin Chapter 6 Valencia, PA July 1, 2012

Jack Foster Chapter 24; Plymouth, MN December 13, 2012

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