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"Ride With Discretion"

Fall 2015



President's Message...

Brothers it has been another great year; and the Conference and Annual Meeting were fantastic. I hope all who attended had a wonderful time. I enjoyed dining with the NY Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Marshall, and Deputy Grand Marshall was icing on the cake for our Banquet. Unfortunately one of our members and his wife had misfortune on their way home; my thoughts and Prayers are with you Brother Conrad and Beth.

Our biannual elections were held; and as the newly elected President I would like to encourage your involvement in the Club: This is your club and it will only be as good as the members make it. If any member has any ideas or suggestions please let me or any Board Member know as we want your Club to be what you want to be.

As the riding season is winding down please remember the fall foliage rides comes with additional obstacles: leaves on roadways and slow moving vehicles checking out the scenery.

In closing, I would like to thank all Past Presidents for their part in keeping the club moving forward. I would like to thank all past board members and committee members for the good job they have done. I pray God smiles on the newly elected board and guides them.

To all Members thank you for making this a great Masonic Family that I am proud to be a part of.

Remember, always Ride with Discretion

Fraternally Yours-Dean Gonya



Vice President's Message...

Dear Brothers And Ladies,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in electing me Vice President of our organization.

With Dean Gonya in charge and the officers that are in place, we have a strong and diverse group to lead the Masonic Motorcycle Club International into the future. As it is with any organization in the present day, this organization is only as strong as its members. To bring us together and make us even stronger, I would encourage anybody with any ideas to make our future a better one, to share their idea with me or any other officer. It will then be evaluated and possibly implemented. In closing, thanks again for this opportunity to serve you and let me know if there is any way in which we can make the MMCI a better place to be.

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Gary Lippert VP

M.:M.: William J. Thomas, GM of NY (ball cap) greeting Bro. Gary Lippert (CH 3) and Bro. Jim Luchsinger (CH 24) in Batavia with his Grand Marshall, R.:W.: Joseph Emmons



MMCI Visiting M.:W.: Dewitt Clinton's Ditch (Lockport locks of the Erie Canal)



Annual General Membership Meeting & Biennial Election of Officers August 13th, 2015 – Day's Inn, Batavia, NY

President Ron Ferraro called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All International Officers were present in person with the exception of Lifetime Trustees Rich Kovac and Cliff Wilson; Trustee Gordy Aune, Jr. Chapters attending were: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 25, 32, & 54. After the opening prayer and pledge to the flag a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28th, 2015 quarterly meeting as published was moved and approved.

Officers Reports:

- President - Welcomed all present and thanked his fellow Executive Board officers for their assistance the past two years.
- Vice President – Thanked the members for their support the past two years.
- Secretary – Currently the Club has 539 members, with 59 still owing 2016 dues, Chapters 48, 49, and 53 have not paid the current dues (33 Brothers). Since the last annual meeting the Board has approved the formation of Chapter 56 in Carmel, NY with 21 Brothers.
- Treasurer – Reported that the Audit committee provided a favorable report, the Club is solvent, and the processes and systems put into place with the Secretary and Quartermaster are working well. Financial records older than 7 years have been destroyed.
- Trustees (Randy Headdings 6 year, Gary Lippert 4 year, Gordy Aune Jr. 2 year) – Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

The following Committees had no reports to present - Grievance (Neal Forbes), Safety (Tom Boyle), Audit (Gordy Rudd), and Finance (George Detweiler), Positive Growth & Retention (Ken White).

- By-Laws (John VanKirk) – Formal proposal to add the Shiny Side Up as a permanent Committee to the By-Laws. *Purpose: To promote communication and the tenants of the Masonic Fraternity in regards to the health & welfare of the Club's membership. The Committee is charged with the facilitation of the provision of tokens of sympathy, support, and/or congratulations on behalf of the Club and its members, either from the membership and/or those funds it has raised for this purpose.* Motion approved by the Board and passed by the General Membership.
- Membership (Kent Dorney)
 - Chapters 34 (NY) and 45 (Italy) have not paid dues for 2 years – motion to suspend passed by vote of the Membership.
 - Bro. Detweiler will attempt to make contact with CH 45 as he may have some additional avenues open to him.
- Nominations (Don Crete) – Nominations have been received for all officer positions, some positions will have contenders this year.
- Web Site (Doug Kelly) – Doug will be taking a lesser role, Bro. Mark Dewar (CH 24) will be working with Doug to update the website.
- Quartermaster (Cliff Wilson)
 - Sales of \$769.00 since the last annual report.
 - MMCI has a new ball cap with an embroidered logo. Selling for \$13.00 each.
- Death Benefit (Dick Morse):
 - A moment of silence was held for Bro. Bob Frawley (CH 14) who was summoned to the Grand Lodge Above on July 25th and Bonnie Baker, widow of founding member Rex Baker, who passed this past Spring.
 - After discussion a motion was made to increase the DBF disbursement from \$200/\$400 to \$300/\$500. Carried.
- Shiny Side Up (Connie Dorney)
 - Karen Gonya is being added to the Committee due to the passing of Bonnie Baker.
 - The Committee remains financially solvent and self-sufficient.
- Conference (Dean/Kent)
 - The Committee hopes everyone has had a good time.

Old Business

- Challenge Coin. Uncle Dick reports they are in production but were not available in time for the Conference. Will sell for \$12 each.

New Business

- Future Conferences – The following future conference was approved by the General Membership
 - 2016 – Harrison Arkansas, August 1st – 5th at the Quality Inn (\$70 per night). Hosted by Ron & Shelia Ferraro & CH 24
 - ❖ Day trip to Branson, MO – looking into possibly attending a show
 - Additionally proposed for future years
 - ❖ 2017 – CH 24 is proposing Siren, Wisconsin, July 31st – August 4th, 2017 - Bear Den, Gandy Dancer - \$71 per night
 - ❖ 2018 – CH 3 & 7 (Gary Lippert / Tim Brooks) Springfield, OH, July 30th – August 3rd, 2018 - Hotel for \$69 per night (2016 rates)
- Bro. Conrad Jackson proposed a ladies patch
 - Replace the Square, Compass, & Working Tools that make the motorcycle with a Forget-Me-Not
 - After discussion President Ferraro appointed a committee to investigate further with Bro. Jackson as Chair.
- Bro. Tim Brooks moved that the Club purchase 12 magnetic or window mounted flags for use on 4 wheel vehicles so the bikes can keep track of them.
- Newsletter – the Board approved printing the newsletter in color for the next year. Estimated cost is \$280 annually
- Election of Officers
- The following were elected Unanimously – Dean Gonya, President; Gary Lippert, VP; George Detweiler, Treasurer; Kent Dorney, Secretary; Ken White, 6 year Trustee. Gordy Aune, Jr. and Jeff Killian were nominated to fulfill the remaining 2 yrs of Gary's Trustee position, Jeff Killian had the majority vote.
- Next Exec. Board Meeting Date & Location – Appalachian, NY, date to be determined and posted on the website.

After the Closing Prayer the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM. Respectfully submitted, Kent A. Dorney, IS/PP.

**Conference 2015 & Biennial Election and Installation of Officers
August 9th - 14th, 2015 / Batavia, New York**

Monday - There was a wonderful wine tour conducted by the wonderful Connie Dorney.



While 10 Brothers had lunch in Buffalo with some local Brothers.

Tuesday - trip to Lockport for boat ride through the Erie Canal locks, followed by lunch at Lockport Lodge.



The Erie Canal was built under the leadership of NY Governor Dewitt Clinton (1817-1828), who served the Craft as Grand Master of NY (1806-1819).



Evening was Larkin Square in Buffalo for Food Truck Tuesday – included a bike and rider wash at no extra charge!

Wednesday ride was to Niagara Falls. Some members chose to stay at the Falls all day, while others took extended ride to Lewiston. Most enjoyed a ride on the Maid of the Mist.



Dinner Wednesday was provided at The Sweet Home Lodge in Amherst followed an ice cream social at Oliver's in Batavia.



A group of Brothers made a late evening of it as they assisted Harmonie Lodge in the making of three Masons. Many thanks to W.: Joshua Heim, Master of the Lodge for accommodating our traveling Brothers who were not dressed for the occasion but welcomed MMCI on the Level.

Thursday - annual meeting and elections followed by a ride to Letchworth State Park. That evening was the annual Banquet and Installation of Officers which was attended by the NY Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Marshall and the Deputy Grand Marshall and their Wives.



Yes, we actually trusted Ken White to behave himself with Grand Master William J. Thomas and his wife Susan. Ms. Amy Lebraun, a local OES member kept an eye on Ken for us! Thanks, Amy...

Friday - We had a great send-off breakfast at Bob Evans.

Thank you to all that were in attendance. Those unable to attend I hope to see you at future conferences. I would like to Personally Thank my wife Karen Gonya, and Kent and Connie Dorney for Putting on a great Conference. I hope to see all at the 2016 conference in Harrison Arkansas.

Fraternally Yours
Dean Gonya, President 2015-2017

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.
Executive Board, 2015 - 2017

Elected Officers	Appointed Committees
<p>President: Dean Gonya 895 Park Avenue Lock Haven, PA 17745 570-769-3282 deangonya@aol.com</p>	 <p>Audit: Gordy Rudd(Chair), Viggo Warmboe, John VanKirk</p> <p>By-laws: Hal Elwell(Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Lou Santos</p> <p>Death Benefit Fund: Dick Morse (Chair), Kent Dorney, Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas), Neal Forbes, Jeff Kaplan, Cliff Wilson (Vice-chair/PP)</p> <p>Grievance: Neal Forbes (Chair); Jeff Killian; Kent Dorney</p> <p>Finance: George Detweiler (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Gordy Aune, Jr.</p> <p>Membership: Kent Dorney (Chair/PP); Doug Kelley, PP</p> <p>Nominations: Don Crete (Chair/PP); Ken White, PP; Dick Morse</p> <p>Positive Growth & Retention: Ken White (Chair/PP), John VanKirk</p> <p>Quartermaster: Cliff Wilson, PP</p> <p>Safety: Tom Boyle (Chair); Cliff Wilson, PP; Robert Boss; Jeff Johnson</p> <p>Shiny Side Committee: Connie Dorney (Chair), (Connie.62@verizon.net), Kim Crete, Karen Gonya</p> <p>Website: Doug Kelley (Chair/PP), dougkelley@windstream.net Mark Dreyer, mdreyer@usinternet.com</p> 
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International Chaplain: Neal Forbes	
Lifetime Trustees: Doug Kelley, Richard Kovac, Richard Morse, Cliff Wilson	
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