



RIDER'S DIGEST

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"Ride With Discretion"

Fall 2016



President's Message...

Brothers this year's Conference and Annual Meeting in Harrison Arkansas was a good time had by all who attended. I would like to thank Chapters 8 and 24 for a well-planned event.

I am looking forward to seeing you all and hopefully some new faces next year in Siren, Wisconsin. Chapter 24 is planning some very interesting trips.

Please do not forget next year is election year: If you are interested in stepping up and holding an office please let Don Crete know so you can be added to the Ballot. New blood is essential, as new ideas will only help the Club to grow.

I am very proud and fortunate to be part of such a fantastic group of Masons and their Families. Remember to always ride safe there are way too many distracted drivers out there.

Remember, always Ride with Discretion
Fraternally Yours-Dean Gonya

Vice President's Message...



Brothers and ladies

I was holding my breath for a couple days after the conference, waiting for the word that everyone made it home safe. I am happy to report everyone was safe and sound.

Another great conference for the record books. Gordy, Ron, and their better halves Marie and Shelia as well as the rest of the 2016 conference committee did an outstanding job.

Working thru the local visitor's bureau, for a remote conference worked. This opens up destinations for our conferences to locations where we do not have local chapters.

I had never been riding in that part of the country before, but I was able to cross off my bucket list "riding thru the Ozarks ". Thanks guys and gals for that.

There were a couple issues brought up by Past President Ken White. I am sure there were others, but the ones that stuck to me were:

- 1) Open up the dates from the first two weeks of August to maybe June 1st thru maybe September 30th.
- 2) Make it easier to bring guests (potential new members) and family members.
- 3) Ease up on the registration to open the banquet up for dinner guests.

These and other topics will be discussed at our quarterly meeting. If you cannot be there in person, and have some thoughts on these or any other topics, call, e-mail, or text me and I will discuss them with you.

We have a destination for the 2017 and the 2018 conferences. I would like to entertain any and all offers for conferences in the future. Remember, this is your club. If you would like us to ride over roads you like, or over roads where you have been or would like to go, call me and we will see if we can make a conference in your favorite place happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to again Thank the 2016 conference committee for a job well done. It was good to see so many old friends and to meet some new ones.

RIDE WITH DESECRATION,
Gary Lippert VP

Executive Board Meeting August 4th, 2016 – Quality Inn, Harrison, AK

President Dean Gonya called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM EST. All International Officers were present in person with the exception of Lifetime Trustees Dick Morse and Rich Kovac. Chapters attending were: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 25, 32, and 54. After the opening prayer and pledge to the flag a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting, as published, was moved and approved.

Officers Reports:

- President – He thanked Ron, Shelia, Gordy, and Marie for their work on the conference. We need new blood on the Board and reminds all members that next year is elections, if interested in running for office please contact Don Crete.
- Vice President – Gary thanked Gordy and Ron for the good job on the conference, especially considering it was long distance to set up. 2017 and 2018 we have conferences for, but we need someone to provide proposals for 2019 and beyond. Gary reports that Connie has assisted him with revising the Conference Guide; as the old versions were beat-up, out of date, and mostly misplaced.
- Treasurer – The Club is financially solvent. The Treasurer will be renewing the Club's Not-for-Profit registration with the State of Ohio by October 31st.
- Secretary - There have been no new Chapter requests since last convention, and only three (3) new Chapter 8 members. Chapters who have reported in overall show a gain of 12 new members, with a loss of 45 members, most significantly in Chapter 32 as they report having lost 14 of 22 members. At of the time of this report the Club is also showing 91 members who have not paid their 2016 dues.
- Trustees:
 - Ron – nothing to report
 - Ken White – The Club needs something to hang our hat on – and his thoughts are that we should promote Family. While change for the sake of change is not necessarily good he would like to suggest some changes be considered:
 - Article 1 – change the bylaws to permit the Conference to occur between June 1st and August 30th.
 - Support annual conferences as a fundraiser for wounded, homeless, or disabled Veterans or some other worthwhile family oriented cause.
 - Due to the solvency of the Club consider the Board adding to the charitable donation derived from the conference registration fees. Possibly \$500 per year.
 - Randy Headdings – Nothing at this time
 - Jeff Killian – expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the Conference Committee

Committee Reports:

- Audit: Conrad Jackson (Chair), Viggo Warmboe, John VanKirk – the books are all in order.
- By-laws: Hal Elwell (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Lou Santos – No proposed changes have been presented prior to the meeting. They will look at Bro. Ken's suggestion regarding the timing of the Conference.
- Death Benefit Fund: Dick Morse (Chair), Kent Dorney, Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas), Neal Forbes, Gordy Rudd:
 - The Board of the MMCI Death Benefit Fund regrettably reports the passing of three members of the Club since our last conference:
 - Cliff Wilson, Chapter # 1, Past International President and International Quartermaster.
 - Philip Farraro, Chapter # 8.
 - James E. Donovan, Chapter # 51.
 - Checks were drawn and sympathy cards sent to the families of our departed Brethren, along with the clubs thoughts and prayers.
 - The Committee passed a resolution to increase the DBF pay out to \$400.00 for a regular or natural death and \$500.00 for a motorcycle related death. The resolution of the DBF Committee was additionally approved by the International Board.
 - The Committee requested Gordon Rudd to fill the vacancy on the Committee that Cliff Wilson had held for many years, to which Gordy accepted. Additionally the Committee removed Jeff Kaplan due to non-involvement.
 - The Committee would like to thank the members and Chapters who have donated extra funds over the years as it has ensured that the Committee did not have to dip into the invested funds whenever the need arose.
 - Blessing and ride safe, Dick Morse, Chair.
- Grievance: Neal Forbes (Chair); Jeff Killian; Kent Dorney – No grievances have been presented. The purpose of the committee is to act as an arbitrator between two or more parties to propose acceptable solutions.
- Membership: Kent Dorney (Chair/PP); Doug Kelley, PP – to the committee will be Lane Guyot (Western region) and Roger Retzke (Eastern region).
- Nominations: Don Crete (Chair/PP); Ken White, PP; Dick Morse – Now accepting nominations for the 2017-2019 Board
- Positive Growth & Retention: Ken White (Chair/PP), John VanKirk – provided during the Trustee report
- Quartermaster: Don Crete, PP – Will be working on finding a source of Flags. Will consider adding a stand-alone S&C on the flag to make it stand out more.
- Safety: Tom Boyle (Chair);PP; Robert Boss; Jeff Johnson – So far the Conference has been successful from a safety perspective. Please remember to stay hydrated.
- Shiny Side Committee: Connie Dorney (Chair), Kim Crete, Karen Gonya – Account balance now stands at over \$1200.00, with just over \$700 spent during the year. Please let Connie know of any situations that requires the committee to act. There are cards present for Uncle Dick, Charlotte VanKirk, and Tim Brooks. Raffle tickets are still available for tonight's Basket Raffle. If you are not getting the email please let me know so that you can be added to the list. Bro. Chuck Hagedorn expressed his appreciation for the cards and expressions of sympathy he received when his wife passed this past Spring.
- Website: Doug Kelley (Chair/PP), Mark Dreyer – Mark will be working on making improvements to the website so that it is more mobile device friendly.

- Conference

- 2017 – Siren, WI: July 30th – August 4th - The Lodge at Crooked Lake; 24271 State Road 35 N, Siren, Wisconsin 54872.

Phone: 1-715-349-2500

Gordy Aune, Jr. reported the registration fee will be \$70 and include the usual pin, Banquet and send off breakfast; other events are in the planning. The hotel has 60 rooms and is located 60 miles southeast of Duluth, \$71.95 per night. Shirts are not yet finalized. Various rides and venues are under consideration. Landmark Masonic Lodge has offered to put on a lunch for the Club. The design of the pin and patch has been approved by the Board – colors are not yet set.

2018 – Dayton/Springfield, OH - Chuck Hagedorn reported the committee is reviewing potential venues to solidify the dates and hotel. The committee will begin working in earnest beginning this January.

Old Business

- Flags – covered under the Quartermaster’s report

New Business

- Future Conferences – None were proposed.

Announcements / Good of the Order

- A Savage .22 was donated for raffle, the proceeds of the raffle to go to the Shiny Side-Up Committee. It was later proposed that the proceeds of the Raffle go to assist the family of Dick Morse’s great-grandson who has suffered a traumatic eye injury.
- A motion was made to make Dick Foxen an Honorary Trustee of MMCI, unanimously passed by the membership present.

Closing Prayer (Neal Forbes)
Adjournment @ 11:04 AM



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Executive Board, 2015 - 2017

Elected Officers	Appointed Committees
<p>President: Dean Gonya 895 Park Avenue Lock Haven, PA 17745 570-769-3282 dirg46@yahoo.com</p>	
<p>Vice-President: Gary Lippert 81164 Duck Creek Rd. Berlin Center, OH 44401 330-565-1209 galipp@msn.com</p>	<p>Audit: Gordy Rudd(Chair), Viggo Warmboe, John VanKirk</p>
<p>Secretary: Kent Dorney, Past Pres. 49 Simson Street Tonawanda, NY 14150-2312 716-694-1595 / Cell: 716-531-2312 Ch8MMCI@verizon.net</p>	<p>By-laws: Hal Elwell(Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Lou Santos</p>
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<p align="center">International Chaplain: Neal Forbes</p>	<p>Positive Growth & Retention: Ken White (Chair/PP), John VanKirk</p>
<p align="center">Lifetime Trustees: Doug Kelley, Richard Kovac, Richard Morse</p>	<p>Quartermaster: Cliff Wilson, PP</p>
<p>Riders Digest... We are always looking for articles, please let us know what your Chapter is doing. Change of address, articles and material for publication to: MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com, or mail to: 49 Simson Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150.</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>
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LATE BREAKING NEWS....

Welcome Chapter 57, Bucharest, Romania