



Masonic Motorcycle Club International® Inc.



RIDER'S DIGEST

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"Ride With Discretion"

Spring 2014



President's Message...

I sincerely hope you all had a very pleasant holiday season and a safe start to 2014, I am sure those members in the border States between the cold and snowy north and the more temperate south will be getting their motorcycles back on the roads very soon. Hopefully, you've taken the time over the winter to insure your bike is safe and sound for the upcoming riding season. This coming year will again offer us the opportunity to get on the road and see this beautiful country.

The Brothers up in Wisconsin have a great conference planned for this year, please get your registration in early. I hope to see many of you in Wisconsin so that we may renew old friendships and make new ones.

We are still looking for a location to host our 2015 conference. If you or your chapter would be interested in hosting a future conference please contact our Vice President or any board member.

Please in the coming year wear your colors, spread the word about this great Club we have, and most of all RIDE SAFE and "RIDE WITH DISCRETION".

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Ferraro



Vice President's Message...

We are back to riding season; I hope all my brothers and sisters came through the winter doldrums without any setbacks.

Larry Herzog JR, Joe Nemeth, Dan Roe, and Ron Thompson; have set up a great Conference agenda, and I hope to see all there.

A Reminder to Everyone:

We do not have a location for our 2015 Conference as of yet. Anyone or any Chapter Interested in hosting the 2015 Conference please let anyone of the Board of Directors Know or bring your proposal to the Conference. Please be thinking of the 2016 and 2017 Conferences as well.

Ride with discretion
Fraternally Yours – Dean Gonya

From the Master of the Web...

The MMCI web site is up and running with the latest updates and security.

We need volunteers to update the site, any MMCI member can do the job. If you find something on the site that you would like to see stay updated, it can be yours to update. It would be great to see the officers also volunteer for this duty.

The learning curve is not very steep and the feeling you will get from knowing that you helped with the running of the Club is great. The address of the site is www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org; take a look and let us know what you would like to do.

My email address is
webmaster@masonicmotorcycleclub.org

Doug Kelley, Webmaster

MMCI Executive Board Meeting April 5, 2014 at the Quality Inn, Apalachin NY

President Ron Ferraro called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. All International Officers were present, with the exception of Honorary Trustee Ken White and Lifetime Trustees Rich Kovac & Cliff Wilson. Chapters attending were: 1, 3, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, 25, & 29. A motion to approve the minutes of the November 9th, 2013 meeting were approved as published in the Winter 2013 Rider's Digest.

Officers Reports:

- President - Welcomed all present and on the phone. Bro. Ron stated he wishes to allay the concerns of some members regarding his level of involvement, as the officers and committee chairs have been addressing all issues exceptionally well he does not feel the need to micromanage.
- Vice President - CH 49 and 52 are doing a wonderful job preparing for this year's conference. Still need a host chapter/location for 2015.
- Secretary – Dues notices are out to all Chapter Secretary's and Chapter 8 members
- Treasurer
 - IRS 990-N was filed and accepted.
 - Year-end report attached, the Club's accounts are up over last year mostly due to expense reductions.
- Trustees (Randy Headdings 6 year, Gary Lippert 4 year, Gordy Aune Jr. 2 year) –
 - Gordy Aune Jr inquired why Dick Foxen was listed with membership valid through 2009, to which Kent replied this is only one example of the issues he has uncovered with the membership data he received but is diligently working to correct all issues.
 - Gordy Aune, Jr. Then asked what was going on with the 2015 convention and Arkansas. Kent stated he is unable to plan the trip to Arkansas due to personal finances. Gordy Aune Jr then offered to source a location in Danbury, MN, to which the rest of the Board emphatically stated NO CASINO! To which Gordy Aune Jr replied he didn't have another option.
 - Gordy Aune Jr inquired as to the status of the updated membership application forms on the Club's website. Doug stated that all of the webpages should be editable by the Board. Kent and Ron logged in and confirmed that they could only edit the messages on the home page. Doug stated that he would correct this soon and advise the Board when it was done.

Committee Reports:

- The following Committees had no reports to present - Safety (Tom Boyle), Audit (Gordy Rudd), Grievance (Neal Forbes), Quartermaster (Cliff Wilson), Positive Growth & Retention (Ken White). The By-Laws (John VanKirk) Committee did not have anything to report at this time.
- Finance (George Detweiler) – Report attached.
- Membership (Kent Dorney) –
 - a. New Jersey –application withdrawn, the group was looking for a club with prior permission from various 1% clubs in the area.
 - b. Chapter 50 – The Secretary has received several email communications indicating that some members of CH 50 may be interested in continuing. Motion made to suspend membership on May 1st if dues are not paid; seconded by Dean; carried.
 - c. Smethport PA / Olean NY – Bro. Jeff Johnson reports he will be submitting a new chapter request soon.
 - d. Bodes Asphalt – Bazil chapter is looking for a new Masonic motorcycle organization to associate with.
- Nominations (Don Crete) – one Brother has expressed an interest in running for 6 year Trustee.
- Web Site (Doug Kelley) – Revisions to website are completed at a cost of \$830.00. Encourage Board officers to update their own pages.
- Death Benefit (Dick Morse) – 2 deaths: John Comstock (XII) and Bob Grey (25) – both spouses received the Club's condolences. Several separate accounts are being combined so that the committee has less accounts to track.
- Sunny Side Up (Connie Dorney) – several condolences cards have been sent, the account balance is currently \$856.52. A care package will be going out next week to Bro. Dean Brusky's (Ch 52) son's Army platoon in Afghanistan. Additional cards are requested from the membership to support these service members. Tampons are no longer needed for the one female member of the platoon. Several requests have come in to the committee regarding Brothers riding across country and to spread the word – the committee will be working on a method to accomplish communicating this and similar events.
- Conference (Larry Herzog Jr.) – See VP's report.

Old Business

- Shiny Side Up program - The by-laws committee to draft an amendment proposal for the by-laws to make this a permanent committee with a structure similar to the DBF, with its own budget, account, and committee chair.
- Future Convention Locations
 - Arkansas – the group who was intending to travel to check out this location may not be able to prior to the next conference.
 - Other locations discussed with no firm ideas at the present time.
- Emeritus/Golden Spoke Award – Bro. Ron stated that more input is required before a firm proposal can be presented to the membership. Details are needed regarding what the Brother's thoughts are regarding requirements for a member to receive this award, honor or title. George volunteered to chair a committee to prepare a final proposal. Dick, Randy, Gary, and Gordy Aune, Jr will serve on this committee.
- Club Flags – Quinn Flag Company can make a 2 sided flag, 6 x 10" at a cost of \$221.50/50 or \$293.00/100. The information will be turned over to the Quartermaster for review and action. Motion made by Bro. Kent for the QM to be authorized to expense up to \$350.00; seconded by Gordy Aune Jr – motion carried.

New Business

- Next Exec. Board Meeting Date & Location – at the conference prior, to the Annual Meeting,
- Announcements / Good of the Order - Bro. George that he and Cathy are the proud grandparents of their first granddaughter six weeks ago.

After the Closing Prayer the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM. Respectfully submitted, Kent A. Dorney, IS/PP.

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Executive Board, 2013 – 2015

Elected Officers

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Conference 2014: Chapter 49 – Wisconsin Dells
Larry Herzog, Jr (Chair); Joe Nemeth; Dan Roe; Ron Thompson; Dean Gonya (Vice-Chair)

International Chaplain: Jeff Killian

Lifetime Trustees: Doug Kelley, Richard Kovac, Richard Morse, Cliff Wilson

Appointed Committees

Audit: Mark Dreyer (Chair), Gordy Rudd, Chris Alexander, John VanKirk

By-laws: John VanKirk (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Gary O'Neal, PP

Death Benefit Fund: Dick Morse (Chair), Kent Dorney, Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas), Neal Forbes, Jeff Kaplan, Cliff Wilson (Vice-chair/PP),

Grievance: Neal Forbes (Chair); Jeff Killian; Kent Dorney

Finance: George Detweiler (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Gordy Aune, Jr.

Membership: Kent Dorney (Chair/PP); Doug Kelley, PP

Nominations: Don Crete (Chair/PP); Ken White, PP; Dick Morse

Positive Growth & Retention: Ken White (Chair/PP), John VanKirk

Quartermaster: Cliff Wilson, PP

Safety: Tom Boyle (Chair); Cliff Wilson, PP; Robert Boss; Jeff Johnson

Shiny Side Committee: Connie Dorney (Chair), (Connie.62@verizon.net), Kim Crete, Bonnie Baker

Website: Doug Kelley (Chair/PP)
(dougelley@windstream.net)

Honorary Trustee: Kenneth White, Past Pres.
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The International Secretary's musings...

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: Ch8MMCI@verizon.net, or mail to: 49 Simson Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Chapter 8 dues notices and Chapter Secretary annual reports are out...

You will notice changes to your dues notices and annual reports. Kindly submit them timely and provide updated information for yourself (CH 8) or your Chapter members. Dues cards will follow once your forms/payment is received.



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
 Sunday, August 17 thru Friday, August 22, 2014



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 = Heather, Women’s tanks are Heather						+ \$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 and Thursday feature long guided rides at no cost. Short self-guided rides available each day.								X	
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EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN								X	\$5.00
TOTAL Due									

Make checks payable to MMCI Chapter #49, mail checks and registration form no later than JULY 1st, 2014 to:

MMCI c/o Larry Herzog, Jr.
 752 Waterloo Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Hotel Information:

Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center; 60 Gasser Road., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
 Phone # 1-800-648-4765.
 MMCI Room Rate is \$69.00/Night + Tax.

Individuals must make their own reservations with the hotel no later than July 14th, 2014.
 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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Ron Thompson	(920) 648-2732 / (608) 575-5550 (cell)	ronthompson@charter.net

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