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"Ride With Discretion"

Spring 2015



President's Message...

Hello Brothers,

This seems to be the winter that will not end here on the east coast. As I am writing this message today's high will be in the mid-40s when we should be in the upper 60s. But I am sure that in a couple of weeks I will be complaining it's too hot.

At our last Board meeting the committee for the 2015 conference gave a report and everything is ready. This looks like it's going to be another great conference, with some good rides and great attractions nearby. Get your registrations in and your rooms booked.

I like to remind everyone this is an election year and we are always looking for some new members to step up and help run this great Club. The nomination committee has informed us that they have a full slate of Officers for the election, but if you are interested in running for an office please contact the nomination committee and throw your hat into the ring.

We are still looking for a location for our 2016 conference. If you or your chapter would like to host next year's conference (or any future conference) please contact the Vice President or any Officer. On this note trustee Gordy Aune, his wife Marie, my wife Sheila and I traveled to Harrison Arkansas, which is about 30 miles south of Branson Missouri to check out this location as a future location for a conference. The location was great with a lot of attractions and some really nice back roads through the Ozark Mountains to ride. If there is anyone who would like to help us with this location please contact Gordy or me. The Harrison convention and visitors bureau is really excited about us considering their location for our conference.

That's it for now so get your bikes ready, and I hope to see you in Batavia New York

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Ferraro



Vice President's Message...

The riding season is once again upon us. Enjoy and be safe, but remember those on 4 or more wheels are not paying attention to motorcycles.

This year's Conference is coming together nicely, with some new items in the agenda this year. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

As of today I have one possible proposal for a conference. We could use more proposals for future Conferences.

I wish everyone a safe and happy season.

Remember always Ride with Discretion
Fraternally Yours - Dean Gonya



Bro. Stan Deridkson and Bro. Gordy Aune, Jr. at the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Annual Communication, March 27th & 28th

Looking for a reason to ride?

June 13th: Woodbury Lodge #539, in conjunction with Ch 55, will be holding their annual Poker Run and Chicken BBQ. 118 Nason Dr, Roaring Spring, PA. Registration 10 AM to Noon. Contact WM Gary Smith (Ch55) for details at gary64@ptd.net

July 24th: Bro. Skip Beairsto is working with the GM of Prince Edward Island to hold a "special" Masonic Lodge meeting on July 24th, 2015 at the True Brother's Lodge #8 in Crapaud, PEI, Canada in conjunction with the SummeRide Rally (<http://www.summeride.ca/>) in Summerside on that same weekend – if interested contact him at skipbeairsto@gmail.com

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting March 28, 2015 – Day's Inn, Batavia, NY

President Ron Ferraro called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. All International Officers were present in person or via teleconference, with the exception of Lifetime Trustees Rich Kovac; Trustee Gordy Aune, Jr. Chapters attending were: 1, 3, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, & 25. After the opening prayer and pledge to the flag a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th quarterly meeting as published was moved and approved.

Officers Reports:

- President - Welcomed all present and thanked the officers and Club members for making it an easy 2 years in office. Full report at the annual meeting.
- Vice President – Reiterated the President's remarks.
- Secretary – No contact from CH 30, 34, 41, and 45.
- Treasurer – Treasurer's computer was fixed but data had to be restored from paper files. Checking account now has over \$20k, he is looking for alternatives to hold the excess funds that may provide some return.
- 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 to be presented to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.
- Membership (Kent Dorney)
 - Chapter Reinstatement; #20 of Massachusetts – No contact.
 - Contacted by Bro. William Plank (CH 8) that a group in Westchester County, NY may be interested in starting a Chapter.
 - Group in MN would like to start a chapter in an area close to CH 43
- Nominations (Don Crete) – Nominations have been received for all officer positions, some positions will have contenders this year.
- Web Site (Doug Kelly) - Would like to see the website utilized more.
- Quartermaster (Cliff Wilson)
 - Sales of \$341 last quarter.
 - Shelia Ferraro made examples of new hats, cost to the Club is \$8.00 per hat with embroidered logo. Last batch the Club purchased the solid back hats sold much faster than the summer hats. Proposal to purchase 50 hats, darker blue, and with the outline of the logo (opposed to the logo with the white background) to sell for \$12 to \$15. Motion passed.
 - 29 – 10" patches left in stock, will need to purchase more in the near future.
- Death Benefit (Dick Morse):
 - No deaths to report. Fund is adequately funded. Committee will propose an increase for the payout to \$400 at the annual meeting.
- Shiny Side Up (Connie Dorney)
 - A few flowers and cards have been sent out since last meeting.
- Conference (Dean/Kent)
 - Dewey (CH 36) - No update.
 - 2015 – Batavia, NY: Shirts and Logo's – examples presented and well received.
 - NY State Park Commission – have confirmed free parking at the extreme end of Goat Island.
 - Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Marshall and Assistant Grand Marshall of NY have accepted our invitation.
 - Motion made for Executive Board to cover cost of GM and DGM, and their wives dinners. Motion Passed.

Old Business

- Club Flags – Bro's Paul Itchenko and Cliff Wilson have not been able to discuss the CH 15 supply of pennants.

New Business

- Future Conferences –
 - Ron and Shelia will be traveling to Branson, MO next week to check out the following with Gordy and Marie Aune: Harrison Arkansas –Proposal received, Hotel \$77 per night, provide goodie bags, provide \$500 in additional amenities. Dinners for caterers starting at \$12 per person.
 - Branson, MO – Dutton Inn, \$303 per person for 5 nights, includes full breakfast each morning and tickets to the Dutton Show.
- Challenge Coin. Proposed by Uncle Dick. Motion made to design and purchase 100 coins, MMCI logo and "Ride with Discretion" and Square and Compass on the reverse, estimated cost of \$600.00. Sell for \$10 to \$12 each – motion passed.
- Next Exec. Board Meeting Date & Location – Days Inn, Batavia, NY:
 - Board Meeting – either Tuesday afternoon (August 11th) prior to the departure for Larkin, or Wednesday evening (August 12th).
 - General Meeting and Election of Officers: Thursday, August 13th, 08:30 – 10:30 AM

After the Closing Prayer the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM. Respectfully submitted, Kent A. Dorney, IS/PP.

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

Proposed Conference Itinerary (subject to amendment/change) - Details & Updates will be available on the Club's website – check it often Sunday, 9th

- Arrival, hospitality room opens at 4 PM for Registration. Hospitality room open daily, 8 AM until ?, Monday – Thursday.

Monday, 10th (Early Biker Day)

- Self-guided to other local attractions, or
- Lunch in Downtown Buffalo with local Masons – 3rd Monday of each month at the Bijou Grill. Special menu for the Masonic Luncheon is \$13 pp, includes beverage, meal, and tip. Will need to pay for parking due to its location.
- Wine Tasting: available on this day only – leaves at about 9 AM. Cost includes transportation, i.e. No bikes permitted.

Tuesday, 11th

- Morning: (8 AM departure) Lockport, NY (62 – 70 Miles)
 - Tickets to local attractions on your own (\$10 to \$17.50pp):
 - Erie Canal boat ride (<http://www.lockportlocks.com/>), or
 - Lockport Cave (<http://lockportcave.com/>) CAUTION – this one has a lot of walking.
 - Lunch – details TBD, potentially hosted by Niagara/Orleans District OES at Lockport Lodge
- Dinner: (4 PM departure from hotel)
 - Larkin Square, Buffalo, NY – Food Truck Tuesday (86 mi round trip). 2014 details at <http://www.larkinsquare.com/things-to-do/food-truck-tuesdays/>

Wednesday, 12th

- Niagara Falls, Niagara Power Vista, Villages of Lewiston and Youngstown, dinner at local Lodge (total est. 130 mi)
 - Short ride: Niagara Falls
 - Maid of the Mist (<http://www.maidofthemist.com>) \$20pp - we are looking into a group rate.
 - Option: Power Vista
 - Longer ride, includes Lewiston & Youngstown
 - Option: Niagara Jet Boat Tour (<http://www.niagarajet.com>) tickets \$50 - \$60pp

Thursday, 13th

- Morning (8:30 AM – 10:30 AM) – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 2015-2017.
 - The Conference Committee is investigating hosting a supervised day at Darien Lake Six Flags amusement park for any of our Brother's children who are attending so that Mom & Dad can enjoy the day riding if they prefer.
- Afternoon alternative – Letchworth State Park Ride (83 Miles), or self-guided to local attractions
- Evening (7 PM) – Annual Banquet and Biennial Installation of Officers.

Friday, 14th

- Send-off Breakfast and goodbyes

**Reservations:
Days Inn of Batavia**

200 Oak Street
Batavia, NY 14020
585-343-6000 (DO NOT call the Days Inn 800#)
Reservation Code = Masonic Motorcycle Club

- Block of 60 rooms (45 doubles, 15 kings) at \$52.00 + tax per night:
- A limited number of fridges are available, first come/first serve basis
 - Room block expires on July 19th, 2015

Campers – yes there are several campgrounds in the area, including:

Miles to Days Inn Batavia

7.2	Lei-Ti	http://leiti.com	585-343-8600	9979 Francis Road, Batavia
11.6	Southwoods	http://www.southwoodsvresort.com	585- 548-9002	6749 Townline Rd, Byron
12.8	Skyline & RV Sales	http://www.skylinervresort.com	800-724-3619	10933 Townline Rd, Darien Center
14.3	Darien Lake Amusement Park	info@DarienLake.com	585-599-2211	9993 Allegheny Road, Darien Center
16.0	SleepyHollow	SLEEPYHOLLOWLAKE@yahoo.com	716-542-4336	13800 Siehl Rd, Akron

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Executive Board, 2013 – 2015

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Conference 2015: Chapter XII and VP Dean Gonya – Batavia, New York
VP Dean Gonya (Chair); Kent Dorney (Vice-Chair); Karen Gonya; Connie Dorney and a cast of characters.

International Chaplain: Jeff Killian

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

Appointed Committees

Audit: Gordy Rudd(Chair), Mark Dreyer, 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)

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The International Secretary's musings...

Chapter 8 members and Chapter Secretary's – be on the lookout for your annual dues notices and annual reports. CH 8 members with a valid email will receive their dues notices via PayPal, the others via US Mail. Chapter Secretary's and Presidents will receive annual reports via email with attachments. Dues are due by the Annual meeting in Batavia.

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