



**Masonic Motorcycle Club International® Inc.**



# RIDER'S DIGEST

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*"Ride With Discretion"*

*Spring 2016*



## President's Message...

To the MMCI Family I am pleased that the riding Season is upon us. Hopefully we will have a wonderful season of rides. The cagers still are not awake so please use caution while riding.

The Conference is set for Harrison Arkansas this year and I am looking forward to a great time with our MMCI family at the conference. Chapters 8 and 24 are putting the finishing touches on the events, hope to see everyone there.

We have just over a year till elections of a new Board of Directors anyone interested in running for an office please let the Nomination Committee, chaired by Don Crete know if you are interested as we are always looking for a few good Brothers to set the direction of the Club. It would be great to have some new ideas come to the board.

Enjoy and stay safe. See you in Arkansas.

Remember, always Ride with Discretion  
Fraternally Yours-Dean Gonya



## Vice President's Message...

Hello brothers and ladies,

Here it is, that time of the year when we uncover, clean off, and get things ready for the riding season. I am actually sending this article in a little late because of the worst kind of problem, technical difficulties. My e mail was hacked into. I had a hard time getting the server to recognize me as me. This situation got me to thinking about how to take on problems that appear in all of our daily lives. We can do basic maintenance, oil, oil filter, air cleaner, ect.... What do you do if your skill level cannot fix the problem? You do whatever you have to do to make things right. By not cutting corners and making things right you make things as safe as possible. A safe ride is my main concern when it comes to taking my bike out of the garage. If there is a question as to riding or fixing, choose fixing. Always ride safe and with discretion.

Gary Lippert VP

## Alternative Patch

Not just for the "ladies"!



Bro. Conrad Jackson (CH 24) proposed the above patch design as a "ladies patch" for wearing by family members and significant others of members of MMCI.

The Executive Board has approved this design as the Club's ALTERNATIVE patch that may be worn by family members and/or significant others of members of MMCI. Chapter 24 has commissioned a first run production of the patch – it can be obtained through the Quartermaster or Chapter 24. 10 inch patches sell for \$15.00, and 3 inch for \$5.00. GLoMN has approved this design for non-Masons.

Ladies Tank tops with the Alternative Logo are available to order for the 2016 Conference – Same price as a T-shirt. If you would like one please note this on your Registration.

**From the International Secretary** – Dues notices are out and due prior to the annual meeting. Except for 19 members of Ch 8 who do not have email this was done via PayPal, with emailed rosters and Annual Secretary reports to Chapter Officers.

## **Executive Board Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Quality Inn, Apalachin, NY**

President Dean Gonya called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM EST. All International Officers were present in person or via conference line with the exception of Lifetime Trustee Rich Kovac, Treasurer George Detweiler, 6 year Trustee Ken White, 4 year Trustee Randy Headdings, and Honorary Trustee Ron Ferraro. Chapters attending were: 1, 8, 12, 14, 24, and 25. 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 - Welcomed all present.
- Vice President – Will provide his report with the Conference Committee
- Secretary – Due to issues with his ISP the Club's email address for the International Secretary has changed to [MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com). Expenses since the last meeting were \$17.43. Dues notices will be out by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Chapter 37 has already paid their dues through 2017.
- Treasurer – No report. He is absent this evening due to the death of his mother. A moment of silence was had for George and his family.
- Trustees - Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

The following Committees had no reports to present - By-Laws (Hal Elwell); Safety (Tom Boyle); Nominations (Don Crete); Audit (Gordy Rudd); Finance (George Detweiler); Grievance (Neal Forbes); Positive Growth & Retention (Ken White).

- Membership (Kent Dorney) – Regarding the former Chapter 45 in Italy, it is alive only through the efforts of one member who has paid his dues through 2018. One new CH 8 member, no inquiries regarding the formation of new Chapters.
- Web Site (Doug Kelly/Mark Dreyer) – has been in contact with Mark, it has been working well. Will expand Secretary access to change webpages.
- Quartermaster (Don Crete) – completed an inventory, small variances noted.
- Death Benefit (Dick Morse): Reported the passing of three members of the Club since the International Convention; Cliff Wilson, Chapter # 1, Past International President and International Quartermaster; Philip Farraro, Chapter # 8; and James E. Donovan, Chapter # 51. The Committee appointed Gordon Rudd (CH 1) to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Bro. Cliff. The Committee would like to thank the members and Chapters who have donated extra funds over the years so we didn't have to go into our investments. Blessing and ride safe.
- Shiny Side Up (Connie Dorney) – Missed Steve Owens illness due to her own. Has been in contact with Cliff Wilson's family regarding the memorial service – Neal Forbes is collecting stories and remembrances for Cliff's eulogy.

### **Old Business**

- Alternate Patch

President Dean Gonya wishes to stress that this is an Alternative Patch and not a "Ladies Patch" as it is acceptable for any family member or significant other of a member of the Club to wear.

CH 24 will source a supply of patches and coordinate with the Quartermaster regarding pricing. Will work with Mark Dreyer to have posted on the Club website. CH 24 will have the supply of patches until the Conference, then turnover to the Quartermaster.

Question regarding if the alternate design will be available for Conference shirts – Gordy will have a discussion with Ron and Shelia to determine feasibility.

Suggestion regarding if Club shirts will be offered with the Alternate patch. Survey membership to determine interest in the next newsletter.

- Conference
  - 2016 – Monday night popcorn and movie night, Tuesday ride into Branson (show and ride the Ducks), Wednesday ice cream social, Thursday Annual Meeting and Banquet, Friday send-off breakfast.
  - Self-guided rides the balance of the week.
- 2017 – Siren, WI: Gordy Aune, Jr. reports are preparations are well underway.



### **New Business**

- No new business
- Next Meeting Date & Location – Quality Inn Hotel and Convention Center Harrison Arkansas:
  - Executive Board Meeting – either Tuesday evening (August 2nd), or Wednesday evening (August 3rd).
  - General Meeting: Thursday, August 4th, 08:30 – 10:30 AM

After the Closing Prayer the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM. Respectfully submitted, Kent A. Dorney, IS/PP.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bro. Cliff Wilson  
Past International President and Quartermaster  
Weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Painesville, Ohio  
Details to follow – to be posted on the Club's website and Shiny-Side Up emails**

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

Elected Officers	Appointed Committees
<p><b>President: Dean Gonya</b>            895 Park Avenue            Lock Haven, PA 17745            570-769-3282  <a href="mailto:dirg46@yahoo.com">dirg46@yahoo.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Vice-President: Gary Lippert</b>            81164 Duck Creek Rd.            Berlin Center, OH 44401            330-565-1209  <a href="mailto:galipp@msn.com">galipp@msn.com</a></p>	<p><b>Audit:</b> Gordy Rudd(Chair), Viggo Warmboe, John VanKirk</p>
<p><b>Secretary: Kent Dorney, Past Pres.</b>            49 Simson Street            Tonawanda, NY 14150-2312            716-694-1595 / Cell: 716-531-2312  <a href="mailto:Ch8MMCI@verizon.net">Ch8MMCI@verizon.net</a></p>	<p><b>By-laws:</b> Hal Elwell(Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Lou Santos</p>
<p><b>Treasurer: George Detweiler</b>            15173 Holleyside Drive            Dumfries, VA 22025            703-670-2313  <a href="mailto:ghdetweiler@comcast.net">ghdetweiler@comcast.net</a></p>	<p><b>Death Benefit Fund:</b> Dick Morse (Chair),            Kent Dorney, Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas), Neal Forbes,            Gordy Rudd (Vice-chair) &amp; Dean Gonya (Int. Pres.)</p>
<p><b>2 Year Trustee: Jeff Killian</b>            4978 New Columbia Rd.            New Columbia, PA 17856            570-568-7825  <a href="mailto:JKillian@dejazzd.com">JKillian@dejazzd.com</a></p>	<p><b>Grievance:</b> Neal Forbes (Chair); Jeff Killian; Kent Dorney</p>
<p><b>4 Year Trustee: Randy Headdings</b>            473 Jackson Twp. Rd.            Herdon, PA 17830            570-850-6327  <a href="mailto:wheelierider1@tds.net">wheelierider1@tds.net</a></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b> George Detweiler (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP;            Gordy Aune, Jr.</p>
<p><b>6 Year Trustee: Kenneth White, Past Pres.</b>            1621 Independence Ave North            Golden Valley, MN 55427            612-202-9653  <a href="mailto:mmci24.1@gmail.com">mmci24.1@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Membership:</b> Kent Dorney (Chair/PP); Doug Kelley, PP</p>
<p><b>Honorary Trustee: Ronald Ferraro, Past Pres.</b>            31087 Indian Mission Road            Millsboro, DE 19966            302-947-4625  <a href="mailto:ronferraro@yahoo.com">ronferraro@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Nominations:</b> Don Crete (Chair/PP); Ken White, PP; Dick Morse</p>
<p align="center"><b>International Chaplain:</b> Neal Forbes</p>	<p><b>Positive Growth &amp; Retention:</b> Ken White (Chair/PP),            John VanKirk</p>
<p align="center"><b>Lifetime Trustees:</b> Doug Kelley, Richard Kovac, Richard Morse</p>	<p><b>Quartermaster:</b> Cliff Wilson, PP</p>
<p><b>Riders Digest...</b>            We are always looking for articles, please let us know what your Chapter is doing. Change of address, articles and material for publication to: <a href="mailto:MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com">MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com</a>, or mail to: 49 Simson Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150.</p>	<p><b>Safety:</b> Tom Boyle (Chair); Cliff Wilson, PP; Robert Boss;            Jeff Johnson</p>
	<p><b>Shiny Side Committee:</b> Connie Dorney (Chair),  <a href="mailto:Connie.62@verizon.net">Connie.62@verizon.net</a>, Kim Crete, Karen Gonya</p>
	<p><b>Website:</b>            Doug Kelley (Chair/PP), <a href="mailto:dougkelley@windstream.net">dougkelley@windstream.net</a>            Mark Dreyer, <a href="mailto:mdreyer@usinternet.com">mdreyer@usinternet.com</a></p>
	



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
 HARRISON, ARKANSAS  
 SUNDAY JULY 31ST - FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH



PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
 PASSENGER NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER GUEST(S) NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM	(CIRCLE) SIZE	COST		#	EXTENDED COST
REGISTRATION FEE ADULT		\$70.00	X		
REGISTRATION FEE CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER)		\$35.00	X		
MEN'S Front Emblem Short SLEEVE POLO SHIRT	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$23.00	X		
MEN'S Front Emblem Short SLEEVE T-SHIRT	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$15.00	X		
Ladies Front Emblem Tank Top – Alternative Patch	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$15.00	X		
MEN'S Demin SHIRT (Long Sleeve)	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$25.00	X		
Add \$2.00 for sizes 2xl and 3xl – ALL SHIRTS	2XL 3XL	\$2.00	X		
EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN		\$5.00	X		
Ride the Ducks-The club will pay the difference	Tuesday – <b>2 PM</b>	\$10.00	X		
Doug Gabriel Show in Branson, Missouri ( club pays difference in ticket price)	Tuesday – <b>10 AM</b> Time corrected 05/08/2016	\$10.00	X		
<b>Totals for entire registration fee collected</b>	<b>ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.</b>				

**Make checks payable to MMCI#24 and mail checks and registration form not later than JULY 15, 2016 to:**  
 Gordy Aune Jr.  
 2432 Pearson Parkway  
 Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

HOTEL INFORMATION FOLLOWS. INDIVIDUALS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS WHICH **MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 2016**. RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 15, 2016 WILL BE PROVIDED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS AND AT PREVAILING RATES.

**Quality Inn Hotel and Converntion Center 1210 Highway 62/65 North Harrison, Arkansas 72601 Call (870)741-7676. Ask for MMCI rate for the MMCI Conference. \$70.00 per night plus tax. Rates are the same for early arrivals and late departures on those two weedends.**

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: HOSPITALITY ROOM, GOODIE BAG ,POPCORN MONDAY NIGHT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT AS WELCOME EVENTS, BANQUET DINNER BUFFET (THURSDAY EVENING), CONFERENCE PIN, AND FRIDAY MORNING FULL BREAKFAST BUFFET.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Gordy Aune Jr	763-585-1766 / 612-719-1610 cell	<a href="mailto:grandpaaune@aol.com">grandpaaune@aol.com</a>
Ron Ferraro	302-947-4625	<a href="mailto:ronpferraro@yahoo.com">ronpferraro@yahoo.com</a>

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

