



Masonic Motorcycle Club International® Inc.



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"Ride With Discretion"

Winter 2015



President's Message...

Greetings Brothers and Ladies,
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and my wish is that the New Year bring you peace and prosperity.

As winter settles in on most of us, we can dream of those warm and sunny days to come. This is a good time to get your bike ready for that summer riding season. Give your bike a thorough inspection. Always have your bike ready to go, you never know when the Great Architect will bless us with one of those perfect winter riding days.

The 2015 conference committee has everything well under control and it looks like we are going to have another great conference. At this year's conference there will be an election of officers. If any of you are interested in a position with the MMCI please contact the nominations committee.

It is hard to believe that my two year term as President is coming to a close. As I have said many times my job was made so easy by work and support of the other Officers, and also by the guidance given to me by the lifetime trustees.

I am looking forward to see everyone at the Conference in New York, Get your registrations in early.

Until we meet again, please ride safe and always "Ride With Discretion"

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Ferraro



Vice President's Message...

Hoping all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I think we have a fantastic organization that promotes great brotherhood and family values. This is your club and what you get out of it depends on what you put in it.

I am sure everyone that goes to the conferences enjoys them as much as I do, so I hope to see everyone in Batavia, NY this summer.

Currently I have no proposals for any conferences past 2015, so the Club is looking for proposals for the 2016, 2017, and 2018 conferences. It would be a terrible shame if 2015 Happens to be our last conference. I enjoy being there with all my brethren.

This is your Club and it is what you make it.

Ride with discretion
Fraternally Yours – Dean Gonya

Conference 2015 & Biennial Election and Installation of Officers

August 9th - 14th, 2015
Batavia, New York

Located 40 miles east of Buffalo on I-90, at Exit 48

Reservations: ARE NOW OPEN

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 or 60 rooms (45 doubles, 15 kings) at \$52.00 + tax per night:

- 2 Jacuzzi rooms are available for an extra charge
- A limited number of fridges are available, first come/first serve basis
- Room block expires on July 19th, 2015

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting November 8, 2014 – Quality Inn Apalachin, NY

President Ron Ferraro called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. All International Officers were present in person or via teleconference, with the exception of Lifetime Trustees Rich Kovac; Trustee Gary Lippert, and Honorary Trustee Ken White. Chapters attending were: 1, 8, 12, 14, 24, 25, & 36. 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 and thanked the officers and committees for their work.
- Vice President – Report to be handled under Conference Committee.
- Secretary – CH 31 suspended for non-payment of dues. Still looking for dues from CH 30, 34, 41, and 45. A past president of the former CH 20 (Massachusetts) contacted the Secretary that they may like to restart the chapter.
- Treasurer – the Treasurer's computer picked up a virus; he is diligently working to restore it to operating condition but may need assistance rebuilding some records. Bro. Secretary will forward the past year's receipt spreadsheets to him if needed.
- Trustees (Randy Headdings 6 year, Gary Lippert 4 year, Gordy Aune Jr. 2 year) – The trustees reported that they had nothing to report as the Club is running well with no issues.

Committee Reports:

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

- By-Laws (John VanKirk) – discussion regarding adding Shiny Side up to Committee List in By-Laws
- Membership (Kent Dorney)
 - Chapter Reinstatement; #20 of Massachusetts - Motion by Dean to reinstate the Chapter once current year dues have been paid, seconded by Gordy – Passed.
- Web Site (Doug Kelly)
 - Website Updates appear to be working well
 - Issue with the by-laws being retrievable, Doug will look at.
 - Need to locate a place to store pictures to minimize impact on Website space. Several free ones out there that may work real well. Facebook suggested as a possible solution.
 - Facebook – Need to gain control of Facebook page, Connie D. and Bonnie W. will look into the issue to see what can be done to bring the page under Club control or create a new space on Facebook to store Club photos.
- Quartermaster (Cliff Wilson)
 - Discussion on Service Fees - Add \$1 for postage/handling for sales up to \$15; \$2 for orders over \$15 for all items that are mailed. Current markup on items is barely covering the cost to mail. Motion made by Gordy, seconded by Don Crete – Carried.
 - Need check payable to Ch. 6 and CH 1 for sales of stickers and bolo ties – Treasurer to address
 - 50 3" patches and pins transferred to Membership Chair.
- Death Benefit (Dick Morse):
 - No deaths to report
 - \$3200.00 in checking, committee to look into moving some funds to a CD.
- Shiny Side Up (Connie Dorney)
 - Update on Cliff and his recent surgery and Ron's back issue.
 - Dean Brusky's son has returned to the US safely from his tour of duty in Afghanistan.
- Conference (Dean/Kent)
 - Dewey (CH 36) reported that the Montana Chapters are combining forces to host a conference in 2016 in either Billings (hotel cost in the 80's) or Dillon for the annual historic meeting of the Lodge (would require the meeting to be held in September).
 - 2015 – Batavia, NY: Agreement secured with hotel, ride plan and agenda fairly well set.

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

- Widows Sons in NY – 2 opposing groups, the one that is not associated with Davenport have received permission of the GM of NY to use the Square and Compass but will not receive recognition as associated body.
- CH 25 – President Gary O'Neil reports that the majority of the riding members of the Chapter are now located south of Berwick and would like to change the location of the Chapter to Herndon or Sunbury area; most probably the Susquehanna River Valley area.
- Next Exec. Board Meeting Date & Location – March 28th, 4 PM (EST), Days Inn of Batavia.

After the Closing Prayer the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM. Respectfully submitted, Kent A. Dorney, IS/PP.

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Proposed Conference Itinerary (subject to amendment/change)

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

Details & Updates will be available on the Club’s website – check it often

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

Elected Officers

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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...

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 for 2015 will be sent in April.

Reminder – dues for International run from the Annual meeting, i.e. August of each year.