



# RIDER'S DIGEST

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*"Ride With Discretion"*

*Winter 2016-2017*



## President's Message...

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I am looking forward to 2017 and all it holds for MMCI.

Hope to see you all at the 2017 Conference in Siren WI. Please remember this is Election year so get your desired position to Don Crete so you can be put on the Ballot.

Congrats to Bro. Bryant Dorney on the birth of his Daughter, Amelia; and Congrats to the new GRANDPARENTS Kent and Connie Dorney.

Praying all those with Health issues a speedy recovery is wished for all.

This is your Club and your opinions matter whether you are on the Board of Directors or not, so don't keep good ideas to yourself; pass them on. We seem to be getting some new members. Keep up the good work! New members and retention mean a thriving Club.

Remember, always Ride with Discretion  
Fraternally Yours - Dean Gonya



## Vice President's Message...

Brothers and Ladies,

Happy New Year to all. I hope the holidays treated you all well and Santa left all the accessories you wanted for your up-coming biking season. If not you still have time get what you wanted and install them.

This is also the time of the year for us snowed in bikers to plan our trips for the coming warm season. Our conference this year is in Siren, WI. The registration form is ready and Chapter 24 has come up with what looks like a busy week of things to do. I personally enjoy going to these conferences. The opportunity to explore different areas of the country with friends and people I trust: PRICELESS

In the past ten years that I have been a member of this club, my wife and I have traveled to and enjoyed ten distinctly different locations. We have made friends from Deadwood, SD to New Hampshire to Harrison, AR & everywhere we stopped in between.

The MMMCI family is growing. We have a new Chapter in Romania. Welcome to our Club. We have had some interest from a group of Masons in Texas that liked what we stood for. We also have to find a way to retain members and expand existing chapters.

In this new year, we as a Club, have challenges. We also have reasons to celebrate. We as Masons, have a unique fellowship based on the fact that we enjoy traveling and the fellowship when we get to our destination.

There will be a board meeting this spring in Wilkes-Barre, PA. All are invited to all meetings and the fellowship that follows. I hope to see as many of our members, family and friends as can possibly make it to our get togethers.

We have Masonic values and a desire to RIDE WITH DISCRETION.

RIDE WITH DISCRETION, Gary Lippert VP

Brothers, at the annual conference last year in Harrison, AR., it was suggested that the Club consider a larger window of opportunity to hold the Annual Conference. Article 1 states: *"The annual meeting will be held during the month of August. The date and place will be set by the Executive Board no later than the first of February of that year. Nominations, Elections and installations of Officers, if appropriate, shall take place."*

Be it now proposed, Article 1 be amended to read: *"The annual meeting will be held at the Annual Conference between June 15 and August 20. The date and place for future conferences will be set upon approval by a vote of the members at an annual meeting. Nominations, Elections, and installations of Officers, if appropriate, shall take place."*

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth White, Past International President

## **Executive Board Meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Quality Inn, Wilkes Barre, PA**

President Dean Gonya called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM EST. All International Officers were present in person with the exception of Lifetime Trustees Dick Morse, Doug Kelly, and Rich Kovac. Bro. Ken White called in from his tree stand. Chapters attending were: 1, 3, 8, 12, 14, 24, 25, 32, 54, and 55. After the opening prayer and pledge to the flag a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, as published in the Rider's Digest, was moved and approved.

### **Officers Reports:**

- President – He thanked everyone for their attendance this afternoon. Due to issues with the management in Apalachin the Board will be trying this facility in Wilkes Barre for meetings going forward.
- Vice President – Gary stated that the 2017 Conference planning was going well, schedule of events was presented. He also provided a report for the 2018 Conference that Bro. Tim Brooks is organizing – it will be held at the Quality Inn, Springfield, OH.
- Treasurer – No outstanding bills, with the checkbook balance of \$25,833.38. Based upon the collection at the Conference a check for \$1,500.00 was sent to the family of Kaydon Morse for medical expenses.
- Secretary – The Executive Board received a formal request from the Grand Lodge of Romania to authorize Bro. Mihai Carstea of Chapter 8 to form a Chapter in their jurisdiction. Chapter 57, Bucharest, Romania was formed with 8 Brothers. Purchase of a Romanian Flag has been authorized by the Board.
- Trustees – Bro. Ken White stated the 2017 conference committee will be donating the proceeds to a local hearing foundation. While he still believes that the Club should have a charity, we need to be careful to not step on the local chapters' charitable efforts. The Conference proceeds should go to a charitable effort and the International Board should consider providing each Conference Committee \$500.00 towards the charity selected for that year – to be brought before the general membership at the annual meeting. A suggestion was brought forth to have the International donation funds earmarked to a Masonic charity, scholarship, or a charity selected by the Board; while adhering to the Club's family values. Bro. Detweiler offered to chair a committee to work up a proposal for the Board – 4 members volunteered for the committee, which will report at the next Executive Board meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

- The following committees had no reports at this time: Audit, By-laws, Death Benefit Fund, Grievance, Safety, & Website.
- Membership: Provided during the Secretary's report.
- Nominations: Don Crete (Chair/PP); Ken White, PP; Dick Morse – At the Annual Conference several Brothers expressed interest in serving on the Board. Don will reach out to those Brothers in advance of the next Quarterly meeting. Ken White will reach out to Conrad, as he has expressed interest on several occasions.
- Positive Growth & Retention: Provided during the Trustees report.
- Quartermaster: Don Crete, PP – a Bro. came up with a source of flags that were produced several years ago. They will be on the website shortly.
- Shiny Side Committee: Connie Dorney (Chair), Kim Crete, Karen Gonya – Charlotte VanKirk and Dick Morse – keep in prayers, cards are appreciated. Ron Ferraro will be elevated to 33° at the next Northern Jurisdiction Convocation. Bro. Bryant Dorney will be a father on or about November 28th (Grandparents Kent and Connie).

### **Old Business**

- Timing of the Annual Meeting and Conference – what is the interest to move the time frame from Month of August to possibly between June and September? Later half of August and September, along with early June makes it impossible for those who work for school systems to attend. Propose middle of June to the middle of August for future meetings – Ken White to propose a bylaw change to accommodate this proposal.
- Gordy Aune, Jr. When will all chapters on the International web site have a contact attached to the chapter printout on the left-hand side of the web site? The Board determined that when a Chapter submits a request the webmaster to post one, otherwise the International Secretary fields any Chapter specific inquiries and routes them to the Chapter's leadership.
- 2017 Conference - Siren, Wisconsin: The sub-committee for the conference is finalizing the Registration form and the tentative schedule of events. The shirt vendor is chosen and the shirt prices are to be released on the Registration Form. The vendor is chosen for the pins and the final steps are being done before they will be processed. The deadline to get the Registration Form on the International web site is to be determined.

### **New Business**

- Conference 2019 – Ch 25 & 54: Warren, PA – they have located a potential hotel on route 6. Formal proposal pending for the next quarterly Executive Board meeting.
- How long will the Club be able to keep the Conference at the hotel rates we have been used to in the past? Discussion was that the Conference Committee for each year needs to balance cost against location, quality of the property, and amenities available.
- Connecticut (Chapter 15) would like to create a Chapter patch. Their charter members have T-shirts with a logo on them that we would like to use. Design presented was approved by the Board.
- Next Executive Board Meeting – Saturday, April 8th, 2017; Wilkes-Barre Quality Inn.

### **Announcements / Good of the Order**

Closing Prayer and Adjournment @ 5:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kent Dorney, International Secretary

## 2017 International Conference in Siren, Wisconsin

Hello from the Northwood's. We are working away on the schedule of rides and events for our 2017 conference, here are some of the things we are working on. On Monday let's just take it easy we have lined up a massage therapist who will do what is called a seated chair massage along with that pull those tired feet out of the riding boots and sit down with a foot massage therapist. (By the way guys, massage is not just for the ladies) follow that with a bus ride out to one of our local lakes for some pontoon rides and relaxation. On Monday evening, we have a nice campfire area just outside the hospitality room where we can enjoy some fellowship, hot dogs, and smores.

Tuesday, we plan to head over to Hayward to visit the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame if it's about fishing they have it there. Hayward has a number of nice shops and restaurants and is only about sixty miles on good two lane roads so it should be a nice ride over and back. That evening we can look forward to an Ice Cream Social and movie night.

Wednesday, we plan a ride to the Duluth Superior area where there are a number of sights to see in and around the cities on the Big Lake and we will have information for you to make a choice on where to go. We are working with a couple of Lodges there to sponsor a meal for us. For those of you who feel like riding up a bit further at least two of our members are leading a ride up to Split Rock Lighthouse which is a beautiful ride along the shore of Lake Superior.

Thursday is our annual meeting and elections followed by lunch with the brothers from Landmark Lodge #244 in Frederic WI. After lunch, we will ride up the Forts Folle Avon to tour a reconstructed fur trading post. It is one of the few posts where the XY and Northwest companies had a joint encampment. Thursday night is our Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers, where good food and fellowship will be in ample supply.

Friday morning, we will have our farewell breakfast and be on our way.

During the conference, we have set up a number of self-directed rides, some of which are short rides to a museum of woodcarving featuring life sized carvings of Bible stories. Enjoy established Train and canoe museums, a ride through a major wildlife and marshland area. There is a dairy about ten miles west of Siren well worth the ride for a nice sandwich in their bistro and some fried cheese curds plus some world champion award winning cheese, it is after all Wisconsin.

If you have the time and inclination a one day fishing license is \$10 you can't turn around up here without seeing a lake or river.

### Tentative Schedule of Events

#### Monday - July 31st

Registration	Daily 8am-10pm; 11am-6pm Thursday	Hospitality Room
Bike Wash (Monday – Thursday)	All Day	Hotel Parking Lot
Self-Directed Rides (Monday – Thursday)	All Day	Leave Hotel Parking Lot
Pontoon Rides on Clam Lake	10AM-5PM	Across Hwy 35 from Hotel Parking Lot
Welcome Event/Hot Dogs and Smores	7:00 PM	Hotel Campfire Site Area

#### Tuesday - August 1st

Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame (Hayward)	9:00AM-3:00PM	Leave Hotel Parking Lot
Ice Cream Social and Movie Night	6:00PM	Hospitality Room
<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Conference Room on 2nd floor of Hotel

#### Wednesday - August 2nd

Lunch at Superior, WI. Lodge	11:00AM-12:00PM	Leave Hotel Parking Lot
Explore Duluth Area Attraction	12:00PM-5:00PM	Leave Masonic Lodge Parking Lot
Ride to Split Rock Lighthouse	12:00PM-8:00PM	Leave Masonic Lodge Parking Lot

#### Thursday - August 3rd

<b>MMCI Annual International Meeting</b>	<b>9:00AM-11:00AM</b>	Hospitality Room
Fredric Lodge for lunch	11:30AM-12:30PM	Fredric Lodge Eating Room Area
Fort Folle Avon Tour in Danbury	1:00AM-4:00PM	Leave Hotel Parking Lot
Open Road Degree	6:30PM	Hotel Parking Lot
Banquet & Installation of Officers/Awards	7:00PM-9:00PM	Hospitality Room

#### Friday - August 4th

Departure-Custom Buffet Breakfast	6:00AM-8:00AM	Hospitality Room
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We hope to see lots of you there this year while we enjoy our "neck of the woods" - Dave Foote and Gordy Aune Jr.; MMCI#24 Co-Chairs

# MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.

Executive Board, 2015 - 2017

Elected Officers	Appointed Committees
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<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 <b>By-laws:</b> Hal Elwell(Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Lou Santos</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:MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com">MMCI.Secretary@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Death Benefit Fund:</b> Dick Morse (Chair), Kent Dorney, Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas), Neal Forbes, Gordy Rudd (Vice-chair), Gary Lippert, &amp; Dean Gonya (Int. Pres.) <b>Grievance:</b> Neal Forbes (Chair); Jeff Killian; Kent Dorney</p>
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