



**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.**



## ***RIDER'S DIGEST***

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*"Ride With Discretion"*

SUMMER 2011

**George Washington Masonic Memorial Awards Certificate to MMCI...** George Seghers, executive director of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, has recognized **MMCI** as a **Silver Craftsman Member** of the GWMM Association, and the club received a certificate displaying that honor. The recognition is a result of the donation made by **MMCI** and the 2010 Annual Conference Committee, chaired by Treasurer George Detweiler. The donation was made after last year's Annual Conference in Winchester, Virginia. A group of **MMCI** Members and their spouses toured the Memorial as part of a day trip to Washington, D.C. In his letter accompanying the certificate, Mr. Seghers notes that "The George Washington Masonic Memorial was erected and maintained through the combined efforts of American Freemasons and Friends of the Memorial as an everlasting tribute to the memory of George Washington. Your continued support enables us to maintain the Memorial in a manner that reflects honor and dignity on Brother Washington and on the Fraternity."

**Chapter 2 "Roars" for the Race for the Cure...** Received this from **MMCI Chapter 2** (Belpre, Ohio) Member Charles "Jim" Alloway, Jr. On May 14, 2011, Jim, along with about 600 other riders, rode to Columbus, Ohio for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. When they arrived they lined their bikes up on sidewalks along both sides of High Street from Nationwide Boulevard south for three city blocks forming a tunnel of thunder along the race route. As the walkers and runners passed by, the bikers revved their bikes, honked the horns, clapped and cheered, along with giving a lot of high fives to the racers. Many of the racers told the bikers that the tunnel and bikes are the best part of the race. Jim will be going again next year, and would encourage other Members to come along. Next year's date is May 19, 2012. **(Ed.'s note: there are Races for the Cure in most large cities across the country. What a fun thing to do. Check with your local Susan G. Komen chapter to see if they need motorcycles and riders to support their Race.)**

**Red Wing and Chapter 24 are "Gearing Up" for Your Visit...** This year's host, Chapter 24 Minnesota, is ready and anxious to enjoy a great conference. If you haven't made your reservations at Treasure Island Resort and Casino, now is the time to act. Rooms are available by calling 1-800-222-7077 and asking for **MMCI** room rates. This price of \$69.00 per night is available for rooms from July 31 through August 4. If you haven't sent in the registration form to Chapter 24, now is the time to act on that, too. The fee of \$65 is a great deal and includes: Hospitality room, goodie bag, welcome event, lodge lunch (Tuesday in Rochester, MN), Banquet buffet (Thursday), conference pin and Friday departure breakfast.

The conference is a great time to visit with old friends and a great time to make some new ones. Many of us only get to see each other once a year and there are plenty of stories to be told and memories to be renewed. Rides are planned around the area and there is plenty of history to see and enjoy. Red Wing was recently named "One of the top 25 Historic destinations in the World" by National Geographic Traveler.

We have a couple rides to local lodges for a lunch and a dinner. Chapter 43, Rochester, MN is having us for lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 2, and Red Wing Lodge #8 is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Red Wing #8 has four professional chefs in its membership so this should be a pretty tasty dinner. The "Open Road Degree" will be held after dinner Wednesday. If this isn't enough to get you to Minnesota, then why not come and say "Happy 62nd Birthday" to your VP Ken White on Aug. 3, (I've heard he accepts gifts).

Our Annual meeting will be one you want to attend. We will have the election of Officers and a presentation by VP Ken introducing us to the National Archery in the Schools Program. This will be great partnership to help promote **MMCI** and the Fraternity. Check out the MMCI web site for the registration form and complete agenda of events.

Ride safe and see you soon - Les Whetham, **MMCI** Chapter 24 President

***Have You Visited the Club Website Lately? If Not, Why Not??***  
**Go to [www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org](http://www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org) and check it out.**

**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.**  
**Executive Board, 2009 – 2011**

**Elected Officers**

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**Appointed Committees**

**By-laws: John Van Kirk (Chair),**  
Rex Baker, Dick Morse, Gary O'Neal

**Safety: Dean Gonya (Chair),**  
Ron Baldwin, Robert Boss, Ian Mountfield

**Nominations: Don Crete (Chair),**  
Gordy Aune, Jr., Dave Page

**Audit: Ed Lewis (Chair),**  
Lloyd Jackson, John Bennett, Chris Alexander

**Finance: George Detweiler (Chair),**  
Jeff Kaplan, Gordy Aune, Jr., Ron Ferrero

**Membership: Rex Baker (Chair),**  
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Doug Kelley

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**AMA Rep/Liability Insurance: Dick Morse**

**Quartermaster: Cliff Wilson**

**Death Benefit Fund: Dick Morse (Chair),**  
Rex Baker (Vice-chair), Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas),  
Cliff Wilson, Neal Forbes

**Conference 2011: Leslie Whetham (Chair),**  
Ken White (Co-chair), Gordy Aune, Jr.

**Conference 2012: Dean Gonya (Chair),**  
Kent Dorney (Co-chair), hosted by Chapters 12 and 32

**Lifetime Trustees:**  
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**Rex Baker, Doug Kelley**

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## President's Message...

As I near the conclusion of my term in office I look back on two years that were filled with many challenges due to the economy and the actions of others that had the potential to paint **MMCI** in a bad light. Fortunately we have made it through those challenging times to a place that is different, possibly better, possibly not. The Club has in some ways mirrored our society as we have had some slippage in overall numbers, but a strong adherence to our values. It is the Club's adherence to the overall values of the Craft that I am most proud of, as some of the best Masons that I have had the pleasure to meet I have also had the pleasure to share the road with these past 14 years.

Ken and his line of officers have a few challenges to face over the next two years and I will lend them my full support. I ask each of you to determine what role you can play to assist them in continuing and expanding the fun, fellowship, and work of the Club. Me, I will be in the background assisting Bro. Rex in his duties as International Membership Chairman.

For those of you who are unable to join us in Red Wing this year I will miss each of you, but look forward to meeting some new faces and hopefully reacquainting with others I have not seen in a while. If you have not been to a Conference I encourage you to consider attending one in the near future as we usually have a pretty good time, and the company cannot be beat!

Thank you for the honor of serving this organization. Keep the shiny side up and I'll see you on the byway...



## Vice-President's Message...

Greetings to all. I hope this newsletter finds you and your bike in good shape. As summer is finally kicking in to high gear I'm here to tell you Chapter 24 is ready for the 2011 conference to be held at Treasure Island Casino in Red Wing. If you haven't sent in your reservation just yet, now is the time to do it. We are expecting a great turn out and the committee is sure you will find plenty to do with great rides available and some fantastic history in the area. See you there, August 2-4, with some early bird on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

As your vice president I have been busy the last year or so trying to get our name out and hopefully attract new members and new Masons. A couple items I'm proud to have accomplished are, contacting all Grand Lodges and asking them to put an article about us in their newsletter, and associating the **MMCI** with a group called the National Archery in the Schools Program. The NASP is a fantastic program available to schools across our nation. We will be voting on adopting this program as a partnership with the **MMCI** at our Annual meeting August 4. I can assure you, this is a program we want to get together with and help support. The plan is to have an annual ride with all chapters to help raise money for this program in your area. I will get into full detail at the Annual meeting with a couple guests attending and have a presentation at our annual banquet.

As my two years are winding down as your VP, I want to take a moment and thank the brothers who have helped and guided me along the way. Pres. Kent, thank you for asking me if I would be interested in serving. It's been a pleasure working with you. Sec. Jeff, if the club only knew how much you do, all I can say is thank you. Treas. George, a pleasure getting to know you and working with you on the conference and the Board. To the Trustees and other members of the Board, thank you for your patience and guidance. I don't know if I'll get the office of the President for the next 2 years, but if I'm fortunate enough to hold that position, I know I have a lot of experience and brothers I can lean on.

See you in Minnesota in August. Ride safe. - Ken

***NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (if called by the President) – Tuesday, August 2, 2011 7:00 PM  
St. Martin Hospitality Room, Treasure Island Casino and Resort Red Wing, MN***

**Local Chapter and Chapter 8 Member-at-Large dues are now due! Local Chapter secretaries and Chapter 8 Members, send your rosters, renewal forms and dues in today! Thanks!**



**MMCI  
2011 Annual Conference  
Red Wing, Minnesota**



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>Monday - August 1st</u></b>		
Early Registration	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Bike Wash	All Day	Casino Gas Station
Self Directed Rides	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
<b><u>Tuesday - August 2nd</u></b>		
Registration	8:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Rochester Group Ride-lunch included	10:00AM (lunch 12:30PM)	Casino Parking Lot-Kick stands up
Self Directed Rides	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Bike Wash	All Day	Casino Gas Station
Ice Cream Social	6:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Executive Board Meeting (if called)	7:00 PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
<b><u>Wednesday - August 3rd</u></b>		
Registration	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Self Directed Rides	10:00AM-8:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
Red Wing Lodge - Dinner (Donation \$10)	6:00PM	Casino Parking Lot-Kick stands up
Open Road Degree	8:00PM	Red Wing Lodge
Bike Wash	All Day	Casino Gas Station
<b><u>Thursday - August 4th</u></b>		
Registration	11:00AM-6:00PM	St. Martin Hospitality Room
MMCI Annual International Meeting	9:00AM-10:30PM	Barbados Banquet Room
Poker Run/Bug Run	11:00Am-5:00PM	Route given at time of departure
Bike Show/Happy Hour	6:00PM-7:00PM	Casino Parking Lot/St. Martin Hospitality Room
Banquet/Awards Presentation	7:00PM-9:00PM	Barbados Banquet Room
<b><u>Friday - August 5th</u></b>		
Departure Breakfast	6:00AM-9:00AM	Barbados Banquet Room

**Registration form available  
at [www.masonicmotorcycle.org](http://www.masonicmotorcycle.org)  
in "Announcements."**

**All Registered Participants  
Welcome at ALL events.**

**Schedule is subject to change.**

**Minutes of the May 14, 2011 Executive Board Meeting...** The Spring 2011 meeting of the **MMCI** Executive Board was called to order by President Kent Dorney at 4:01 PM in the conference room of the Ramada Inn in Cortland, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present except for Dave Page, Four Year Trustee, Jeff Killian, Chaplain and Rex Baker, Lifetime Trustee. Guests included members of Chapter 8, 15 and 32. After the opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Dorney, President.

Minutes of the previous executive Board meeting were approved as published.

#### **Sickness and Distress:**

Rex Baker, Lifetime Trustee and Membership Chairman, is undergoing treatment for a serious illness.

#### **Officers Reports:**

**President:** Reported that he has been assisting Rex with Membership Chair duties. **Vice-president:** Ken indicated that he did not have anything to add beyond his published report and that the GL of SC expressed displeasure with Masonic clubs of any kind, and **MMCI** Chapters in particular organizing in SC without Grand Lodge approval. Ken reiterated how important it is for a group to request and receive Grand Lodge permission to organize before they request a charter from **MMCI**. **Secretary:** Jeff reported that all Chapter 8 Members have received their renewal notices, and local Chapters will receive their rosters and update forms within the next week. Everything else is in the Secretary's submitted report. **Treasurer:** George reviewed the report and **MMCI** income and expenses. After his explanation of the report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Passed. The Treasurer's report is on file with the Secretary. **Trustees:** Neither Trustee present had anything to report.

**Committees:** Bylaws: the committee presented two proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. The first is an addendum to ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS of the Bylaws. The following shall be added to that Article:

#### ***Filling vacancies on Executive Board:***

***An Executive Board position that is empty, for whatever reason, shall be filled by the President who will appoint someone from the Membership to that position pro tem until the next election. This appointment requires ratification by the majority of the Executive Board. The President may consult with the Nominations Committee for suggestions.***

#### ***Removal from office for non-performance of duty:***

***Notwithstanding Article VI, "Expulsion" for misconduct, an officer of the Executive Board may be removed from office for gross neglect of duty. Lifetime and Honorary Trustees are exempt from this Article. Upon written complaint by a Member of MMCI that an elected officer/Trustee is not fulfilling his duties, the Executive Board will investigate the complaint and at its discretion will take appropriate action which may be to do nothing, censure the negligent officer, or remove him from office. Majority vote of the full board is required to initiate action. Appointed offices/positions, if deemed neglected, may be refilled by the appointing officer.***

The following change/addition to ARTICLE V – FUNDS were suggested by Doug Kelley:

Original wording:

#### **ARTICLE V - FUNDS**

***(A) All funds shall be deposited in a U.S. federally insured bank or savings institution. No debts shall be incurred by or for the M.M.C.I. by any Officer, Committee member or Members except as authorized by a vote of the Executive Board with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, who are authorized to contract for all current expenses such as postage, stationary, printing, newsletters, etc., as established in a budget approved by the Executive Board. \****

MINUTES, cont'd. - Proposed amendment (changes underlined):

## ARTICLE V – FUNDS

*(A) All funds shall be deposited in a U.S. federally insured bank or savings institution. No debts shall be incurred by or for the M.M.C.I. by any Officer, Committee member or Members except as authorized by a vote of the Executive Board. With the exception of the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Quartermaster, Website Chairman who are authorized to contract for all current expenses for their respective duties as established in a budget approved by the Executive Board. \**

The Bylaws Committee moved that these changes/additions be entered upon the agenda of the Executive Board meeting for approval and presented to the membership at the next annual meeting. At the May 14 Executive Board meeting, a motion was made and passed to present the proposed amendments to the Membership for consideration and a vote at the Annual Meeting which will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 4, 2011 in Red Wing, MN.

Membership did not submit a written report but the Secretary reported that a new Chapter (Chapter 50, Sunbury PA) was organized and several new Chapter 8 memberships had been processed. The Death Benefit Fund committee submitted its report. The Quartermaster reported that sales were slow the last quarter, and that he needs to order ten inch patches for sale at the Annual Meeting. The Webmaster responded to questions about the cost of domain names and the frequency of billing. Update was given on the status of the Annual Meeting 2011. Chapter 24 is anxious to greet attending Members. Any reports submitted in writing are on file with the Secretary.

**Old Business:** Dick reported that the used laptop for the DBF Committee has been purchased and software and data are being loaded. George reported that he is still looking at other options to the current **MMCI** credit card used by the Secretary and Treasurer for Club business.

**New Business:** A motion was made and passed to approve a new Chapter in Sunbury, PA. It has been assigned the number 50. A discussion about reimbursing elected Executive Board officers for travel to Executive Board meetings was held. At the August, 2009 Annual Meeting a \$2.00 dues increase was passed by the Membership. The increase was requested in order to help offset the rapidly increasing costs that Executive Board Officers face for attending quarterly Executive Board meetings. After a lengthy and lively discussion about how and whom to reimburse, a motion was made by George and seconded by Don that each elected Executive officer attending an Executive Board meeting in person will receive \$25 for travel reimbursement for that meeting unless declined by the elected officer. The motion passed.

**Good of the Order:** Nothing to report.

Next Executive Board Meeting will be held on August 2, 2011 at the Treasure Island Casino and Resort in Red Wing, MN.

The closing prayer was given, and a motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary

## Final Journeys...

**Robert "Dutch" Chaplin** Chapter 7; Dayton, Ohio June 1, 2011 **MMCI** Past International President

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