

CAPTAIN HENRY R. COWAN

(1914-2000)

Pennant Number: 9652



Captain Cowan was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 6, 1914. A life-long Great Lakes mariner, he began his sailing career at the age of 17 with the Great Lakes Steamship Company, where his father was fleet superintendent. He went with the Hutchinson fleet in 1940. Henry's first command was the Steamer Andrew Upson in 1952.

Captain Cowan joined Cleveland Lodge No. 4 in February of 1954. He served as President of Cleveland Lodge No. 4 in 1958.

In 1962, he joined the Ford Motor Company fleet. Following his move to the Detroit area in 1963, he joined Detroit Lodge No. 7. Henry sailed for the Ford fleet until 1974 when he retired.

Captain Cowan married his wife Flo on February 24, 1940. They had two sons together, Kenneth who died in 1975 and Thomas. Henry and Flo moved to Florida in the mid-1980's to be closer to their son Thomas. This spring Flo and Henry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Captain Cowan died on April 17, 2000 at the age of 86.

His combined membership in the Cleveland and Detroit lodges exceeded 46 years, certainly reflecting a long dedication to the International Ship Masters' Association.

Condolences may be sent to his wife Flo at 5425 25th Place, Vero Beach, FL 32966-2000.