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ISMALLETTER

FROM THE LODGES

Chicago Lodge No. 3:

Lodge #3 was joined in celebrating National Maritime Day on Friday, May 18, 2018, at Chicago's Navy Pier, by the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, Chicago Police Marine Unit, Chicago Fire Department Marine Unit, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the recreational boating community. A wreath in honor of seafarers was blessed and laid upon the waters adjacent to Navy Pier from aboard Shoreline Sightseeing's MV *Cap Streeter*. Following the wreath-laying, all attending vessels passed by the *Streeter* to participate in the Blessing of the Fleet.

Port Huron Lodge No. 2 & Detroit Lodge No. 7:

Lodge #7 member Capt. **Tom McMullen** was the speaker at the March 22, 2018, Lodge #2 meeting. He gave a presentation about his Great Lakes career, sailing for the Ford and Interlake fleets. About 25 Lodge #2 members attended, including PGP **George Haynes**. Lodge #7 members in attendance included **Paul Jagenow**, **Scott Reynolds** (and wife **Kat**), **Wayne Sapulski**, and **Joe Kennedy**.



Lodge #7 members Paul Jagenow, Scott & Kat Reynolds, Tom McMullen, Wayne Sapulski at Lodge #2 meeting.
—photo by Paul Jagenow

Detroit Lodge No. 7:

On April 7, 2018, Lodge #7 held its Annual Lodge Barbeque at the J.W. Westcott Company, hosted by Westcott President and owner, **Jim Hogan**, who is a long-standing member of Lodge #7. Lodge chefs **Bill** and **Mary Lou Griffore**, assisted by **Marsha Stanley**, prepared the main dish, with side dishes and desserts provided by the nearly 50 people who attended. Guest speakers were LCDR **Matthew Dooris** from USCG Sector Detroit, and Windsor Harbour Master **Peter Berry**. They gave a joint PowerPoint presentation on cross border law

enforcement and the high level of cooperation that exists between government agencies on both sides of the international border. They discussed current issues involving the new proposed Gordie Howe International Bridge, covering progress to date and hurdles to overcome before completion of the structure several years down the road. They also touched on the status and future of the Ambassador Bridge, both the current one and a proposed new span. Following their presentation, NECL Chairman **Scott Skrzypczak** presented the two speakers with Certificates of Appreciation.



Above: J.W. Westcott President and owner Jim Hogan, Windsor Harbour Master Peter Barry, LCDR Matthew Dooris of USCG Sector Detroit. Below: Attendees enjoying the outdoors, including one from Lodge #15 (Jim Gallant, 2nd from right) and one from Lodge #9 (Phil Knetchel, right).
—photos and report by Paul Jagenow



On April 13, 2018, Grand Secretary-Treasurer **Brian Eickel**, Grand Lodge Historian **Paul Jagenow**, and Lodge #7 Secretary-Treasurer **Ray Oset** paid a visit to the Grand Lodge archives housed in the Center for Archival Collections of Bowling Green State University, located in the university's Jerome

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Library. The trio spent the day viewing several boxes of Grand Lodge historical materials. They were also given a tour of the archives by Archivist **Mark Sprang**. The archives include correspondence and membership information going back many decades, plus lodge meeting minutes from Cleveland Lodge #4 and Detroit Lodge #7.



—photos and report
by Paul Jagenow

Above: Paul Jagenow, Mark Sprang, Ray Oset with a cart of ISMA documents. Right: Brian Eickel, Paul Jagenow, Ray Oset checking an old chart.

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Lodge charters for Buffalo Lodge #1 and Cleveland Lodge #4 and the lodge jewels of Buffalo Lodge #1 are in safekeeping at the archives. There is a set of Grand Lodge Convention Proceedings dating to 1906; **Brian Eickel** was able to fill in some of the gaps. The archives are a great source of information about the early and evolving history of the ISMA. A complete listing of the collection can be found online at: lib.bgsu.edu/finding_aids/items/show/742

Georgian Bay-Huronina Lodge No. 15:

Lodge #15 members **Gerald Greig** (PGP) and **Archie Dickson** (Owen Sound Harbourmaster), along with Owen Sound Mayor **Ian Boddy** and Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce CEO **Peter Reesor**, presented the 2018 Top Hat Award to Capt. **Jonathan Barnes** of MV *Cuyahoga* as the first ship of the season into Owen Sound with a load of wheat from Thunder Bay.



First ship top hat ceremony at Owen Sound. L to R: Capt. Gerald Greig (PGP), Albert Bassi (Chief Engineer of Cuyahoga), Owen Sound Mayor Ian Boddy, Cuyahoga's Captain Jonathan Barnes, Peter Reesor of the Owen Sound Chamber of Commerce, Harbourmaster Archie Dickson.

—photo courtesy Seann O'Donoghue, Lodge #15

From the Lodges, continued

The following Lodge #15 members have received scholarship awards over the past year: **Yvgeny Belgradov** (2018 1st Year Navigation Cadet Award), **Yesly Bonte** (2018 Most Deserving 3rd Year Navigation Cadet Award), **Valerie Carter** (ISMA Best Deck Logbook; Valerie was also recipient of a Grand Lodge Scholarship this year), **India Fowler** (2018 Marine Club Award of Recognition), **Michaela Gallant-Turner** (2018 Captain Robert Hull Scholarship and 2018 Algoma Central Corporation Award), **Margaret Krzyzewski** (2017 Naval Officers Association of Canada Scholarship), **Ian D'Mello** (2017 International Scholarship to study in Trondheim, Norway, and 2017 Graduate Scholarship to study in London, England).

On June 4, 2018, Lodge #15 member **Bruce Kemp** made a presentation about the Great Storm on 1913 to the Naval Officers Association of Canada in Toronto. **Bruce** is author of the book *Weather Bomb 1913: Life and Death on the Great Lakes*. A portion of the revenue from book sales that day were donated to the Association's scholarship fund.

NEW MEMBERS

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Active Professional:	Aaron Menough	#13055
Associate:	James J. Brown	#A-13054
	Garth G. Gurnsey	#A-13061

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional:	Kevin J. Bem	#13056
Associate:	James A. Kamensky	#A-13057

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Professional:	Robert D. Stackpole	#13059
Associate:	Francis J. Bateman	#A-13070

Toledo Lodge #9:

Associate:	Matt Zaleski	#A-13073
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Georgian Bay-Huronina Lodge #15:

Active Professional:	Nosa Ojemen	#13062
	Mike Orenczuk	#13063
Associate:	Ken Potter	#A-13064
Cadet:	India Fowler	#C-13068
	Tristan Harmsen	#C-13069
	Noah Patrick Maurice	#C-13071
	Maxilian M. Schaap	#C-13065
	Brenden Sinclair	#C-13072
	Andrew Sitko	#C-13067
	Megan Zigmond	#C-13066

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Active Professional:	Bruce Krogstad	#13060
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Grand Traverse Lodge #23:

Cadet:	Marguerite Masullo	#C-13058
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**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

FINAL BELLS

Port Huron Lodge #2 member and maritime artist **James Clary** passed away on March 30, 2018, at the age of 78. With galleries in both St. Clair and Port Huron over the years, **Jim** was famous for his depictions of shipwrecks such as the *Titanic* and *Edmund Fitzgerald*. He authored several books including *The Last True Story of the Titanic*, *Superstitions of the Sea*, *Ladies of the Lakes*, and *The 1913 Storms*. **Jim** is survived by five children. Services were held on April 7.

Camille Raffa-Dietz, wife of long-time Detroit Lodge #7 member **Richard Dietz**, passed away on April 20, 2018, at the age of 63. Her funeral was held on April 27.

Jennifer L. Velez, daughter of Lodge #7 member **Steven Nelson**, passed away on May 19, 2018, at the age of 40.

The celebration of life for **Gina Davis**, wife of Capt. **Walter Davis**, was held at St. Georges Church, Goderich, ONT, on May 30, 2018.

Members in the News

Detroit Lodge #7 member **Patrick McKee** was interviewed for a *Detroit Free Press* article about Muskegon's museum ship *USS LST 393*. Read it at <https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/2018/05/24/uss-lst-393-d-day-muskegon/521873002/>.

Canadian News from the NELC

Recent ship safety bulletins from the Canadian Coast Guard include:

Bulletin 06/2018: **Protection of the North Atlantic Right Whale – Speed Restriction Measures – Gulf of St. Lawrence** was issued on May 15, 2018. View it at www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-2018-06-eng.htm.

Bulletin 05/2018: **Coming into force: New Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations** was issued on April 17, 2018. See it at www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-2018-05-eng.htm.

International Day of the Seafarer

Monday, June, 25, 2018, is the International Day of the Seafarer. To celebrate the day, the Marine Club and the Hamilton Port Authority are hosting their second annual dinner, with proceeds supporting the Mission to Seamen Southern Ontario (MTSSO). The event, featuring live music and silent as well as live auctions, will be held at Lakeview Restaurant on Van Wagners Beach Road in Hamilton.

Reminder —

Keep your email address up to date with your local lodge Secretary. It's the best way to receive your ISMA Letter (and other notices) promptly.

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Industry Newsbriefs –

- On June 11, 2018, The US Coast Guard proposed to revise its regulations regarding marine radar observer refresher training and harmonize the radar observer endorsement with the Merchant Mariner Credential. Comments must be received on or before July 11, 2018. For more information and the *Federal Register* notice, see <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-11/pdf/2018-12502.pdf>.
- On June 1, 2018, ADM **Karl Schultz** took over as the 26th Commandant of the US Coast Guard in a change-of-command ceremony held at USCG headquarters. Previous commandant ADM **Paul F. Zukunft** retired from the USCG after 41 years of service and received the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal.
- The National Maritime Center issued a bulletin announcing that the Office of Management and Budget approved the new CG-719 series of forms to replace all previous versions. View a table listing all the forms at https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/new_cg719_series_forms.pdf.
- Amendments to the regulations in 46 CFR Part 4 for Marine Casualty Reporting Property Damage Thresholds which were published in the Final Rule on March 19, 2018, became effective on April 18, 2018. For more information, see <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/18/4-18-2018-reminder-changes-to-marine-casualty-reporting-property-damage-thresholds-now-in-effect/>.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers presentation from the Shallow Draft Stakeholder Meeting held in Detroit on April 10, 2018, can be found at <https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Portals/69/docs/Navigation/FY17/ShallowDraftHarborStrum4Apr17.pdf?ver=2017-04-04-084429-233>.
- The Soo Locks' critical role in the national defense of the United States has prompted the US House of Representatives to direct the US Army Corps of Engineers to accelerate its project to build a second Poe-sized lock at Sault Ste. Marie. The Committee on Armed Services' report on the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (HR5515), "urges the Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, and all involved executive branch agencies to expedite necessary reviews, analysis and approvals in order to speed the required upgrades at the Soo Locks." Congress authorized construction of a second Poe-sized lock in 1986, but the project stalled. An Economic Reevaluation report is expected soon, and the updated benefits estimate should enable the project to be funded. See the full Lake Carriers' Association news release at <http://www.lcaships.com/2018/05/24/house-of-representatives-gives-corps-of-engineers-marching-orders-finish-soo-lock-costbenefit-study-now/>.
- An article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* on May 25, 2018, reported that ethanol is being shipped out of Milwaukee this spring – the first time any type of fuel or petroleum product has moved out of the port in at least a decade. Environmental concerns, however, have been raised. Read the article at <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/special-reports/great-lakes/2018/05/24/ethanol-shipping-port-milwaukee-raises-environmental-concerns/624817002/>.
- The Port of Duluth-Superior's Maritime Day observance on May 22, 2018, honored merchant marine veterans and recent local maritime industry retirees. Keynote speaker at the luncheon program was **William P. Doyle**, merchant marine veteran and former Commissioner with the Federal Maritime Commission. He is currently CEO & Executive Director of the Dredging Contractors of America.

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- On May 18, 2018, the US Coast Guard announced it is seeking applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council. Completed applications must be submitted to the Coast Guard by July 17, 2018. For details, see <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/18/5-18-2018-navigation-safety-advisory-council-vacancies/>.
- The Coast Guard announced that it is seeking public comment on a proposal to amend its regulations on ballast water management by eliminating the requirement for vessels operating on voyages exclusively between ports or places within a single Captain of the Port Zone to submit an Annual Ballast Water Summary Report for calendar year 2018. The deadline to submit comments was June 8, 2018. See <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/09/5-9-2018-ballast-water-management-annual-reporting-requirement/>.
- On May 31, 2018, Lake Carriers' Association issued a release applauding the Great Waters Research Collaborative Report and urging further study before creating new ballast water management policies for the Great Lakes. Read more at <http://www.lcaships.com/2018/05/31/lake-carriers-association-applauds-great-waters-research-collaborative-report-urges-further-study-before-creating-new-ballast-water-management-policies-for-the-great-lakes/>.
- In March 2018, the US Committee on the Maritime Transportation System hosted a webinar on the medical certification process that is part of the merchant mariner credential. CMTS recently posted the audio file of the webinar on its website. To access "Merchant Mariner Medical Certification with National Maritime Center," visit CMTS's Military to Mariner Initiative website at <https://www.cmts.gov/topics/m2m>.
- Effective June 18, 2018, the Duluth Seaway Port Authority's new address is 2305 W. Superior Street, Duluth, MN, 55806-1931. Phone remains (218) 727-8525.
- The US EPA will host the second of six informal public engagement sessions on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III (covering fiscal years 2020 through 2024) in Rochester, NY, from 6-8 pm on June 21, 2018. Meetings in Duluth, MN; Milwaukee, WI; Saginaw, MI; and Chicago, IL, will follow later this summer. For more information on GLRI and Action Plan III, visit: <https://www.glri.us>.
- On June 14, 2018, Lake Carriers' Association reported that shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and Seaway totaled 6.3 million tons in May, an increase of 3.1 percent compared to a year ago, and near the month's 5-year average. Shipments from US Great Lakes ports totaled 5.9 million tons in May, an increase of 2.4 percent. Loadings at Canadian terminals in the Seaway totaled 443,000 tons, an increase of 13.7 percent.
- In early June, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. said that grain exports, along with demand for construction materials such as stone, cement and asphalt, led to shipping on the St. Lawrence Seaway increasing in May 2018, following harsh ice conditions in April. However, total cargo moved through the system by the end of May sat at 7.8 million tonnes, down 3.71 per cent from 2017. **Terence Bowles**, Seaway Corp. president and CEO, said the authority is optimistic that economic growth will translate into an increase in total cargo volume this year.
- A Seafarer's Training Institute Job Fair will be held Sunday, June 24, 2018, from 11 am-3 m. at the St. Catharines Museum, 1932 Welland Canals Parkway, St. Catharines, ONT.

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