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2022 Grand Lodge Convention

ISMA 2022
Grand Lodge Convention
Hosted by
Cleveland Lodge No. 4

January 27, 28, 29, 2022

Plans are well underway for the 2022 Grand Lodge Convention hosted by Cleveland Lodge No. 4. The Convention runs from Thursday, January 27 through Saturday evening, January 29, 2022. (The delegate caucus will be Wednesday evening, January 26, and there will be a farewell breakfast on Sunday, January 30.) Accommodations for the convention are at the DoubleTree by Hilton Cleveland Downtown, 1111 Lakeside Ave E.

We'll be right around the corner from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, which will provide a unique experience for our Saturday afternoon outing.

**WE'VE ALL ROCKED, THEN ROLLED
WHILE UNDERWAY AT WORK;**

**NOW IT'S TIME TO
ROCK & ROLL WHILE WE PLAY!**

After a festive Friday evening Grand Ball featuring Cleveland's version of the 9-piece Bluewater Kings showband, spouses/guests will wake up to enjoy a leisurely Saturday brunch. An outing to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will be from 1200 to 1600, where you'll have access to the museum exhibits. A private reception for convention attendees will be held on the lower level just outside the museum's main exhibit. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served during our visit.

One of the many features the museum has to offer is the "Garage" area. Visitors can play drums, guitars, bass & keyboard in a studio setting that offers high quality instruments and equipment.

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Cleveland Lodge No. 4 is therefore challenging other lodges to form a band with their musically inclined members for a **"Battle of the Lodges"** rock off!

Saturday's theme night is **"Come as a Rock Star or a Band Groupie."**



Above: Rock Hall exterior. Below: "Garage" at the Rock Hall. --photos courtesy Rock & Roll HOF



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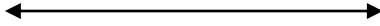
Remember that ISMA Letter is always available on our website,



More 2022 Convention Info

ISMA members should have received a "Save the Date" 2022 convention postcard last month.

Visit the 2022 Convention website at <https://www.ismacleveland2022.com/> for more information. Currently, you are able to make your hotel reservation at the DoubleTree through this site. Lodge #4 has secured a room rate of \$109/night (king or double queen), with \$10/day parking in the attached garage. You will also find a link to the Lodge #4 boat trip raffle site.



ISMA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a reminder to all members that Ship Masters' scholarships are available! **Deadline for application for this year's Scholarships is November 1, 2021.** If you know someone who may qualify, please encourage them to apply! Currently, ISMA Scholarship Awards are \$1500.00 each.

Access the HAWSEPIPE SCHOLARSHIP at <http://www.shipmaster.org/hawsepipe-scholarship.html>

Access the CADET SCHOLARSHIPS at <http://www.shipmaster.org/cadet-scholarship.html>

Seann O'Donoghue (Canada) and
Russell Brohl (USA)
Scholarship Chairmen

Final Bells

Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Robert J. Greene** (#9813) of Marysville, MI, passed away on August 15, 2021, at the age of 93. **Bob** worked for various Great Lakes shipping companies prior to joining Lakes Pilots Association, from which he retired after 37 years of service. He had been a member of Lodge #7 since January 6, 1959. **Bob** is survived by his wife of 53 years, **Patricia**, one son, and two grandsons. Graveside services were held on August 19 in Port Huron.

Cleveland Lodge #4 member Capt. **Robert W. Gasior** (#9805) passed away on October 5, 2021, at the age of 90. **Bob** served in the US Coast Guard during the Korean War. He began his Great Lakes career aboard SS *R. L. Ireland* of Wilson Transit Co. (later Wilson Marine Transit Co). He worked his way up the hawsepipe, becoming a mate with Wilson and also teaching at the Lake Carriers' Association navigation school. He served as first mate aboard the tug/barge *Wiltranco I* prior to the sale of Wilson. **Bob** then obtained a civilian position with the US Coast Guard as ATON Specialist. He held that position until becoming Assistant Director of Great Lakes Pilotage for the USCG. He retired in 1990. **Bob** took over as ISMA's NELC Chairman in 1995, a position he held for many years. He joined Cleveland Lodge #4 on March 27, 1958, and served many years as Lodge #4 secretary-treasurer. He received the Lewis Ludington Award in 2002. **Bob** is survived by his wife **Marjorie**, three children, five stepchildren, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of life was held on October 12.

Members in the News

Correction to piece in July-August ISMA Letter: On June 13, 2021, Twin Ports Lodge #12 member Capt. **William Carlson** was awarded the prestigious Convoy Cup medallion and certificate for his service as a member of the Navy Armed Guard in World War II. The article about that award should have read that "**Bill** ... swam to a lifeboat that he helped command and navigate for 16 hours."

--Chris Edyvean, Twin Ports Lodge #12

NEW MEMBERS

Milwaukee Lodge #6:

Associate: **Alberto E. Sotelo** #A-13197

Detroit Lodge #7:

Associate: **Albert P. Holland** #A-13196

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15:

Active Professional: **Hayden Black** #13198

Rob McGarrity #13200

Active Retired: **Gordon Laco** #13199



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

Lost Mariners Remembrance

Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle, Detroit, will host the 22nd annual Lost Mariners Remembrance on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 1800. This year's program returns to an in-person format, and will also be livestreamed on the Dossin Museum's Facebook page. The remembrance begins with a lantern vigil at the *Edmund Fitzgerald* anchor, followed by an Honor Guard escorted wreath-laying ceremony on the Detroit River. There will be a performance by Great Lakes balladeer **Lee Murdock** and an historical presentation recognizing vessels and crew affected by storms in 1871. For more details, see <https://detroithistorical.org/>.

Great Lakes Memorial Service Mariners' Church of Detroit

The Annual Great Lakes Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 3 pm, at Mariners' Church of Detroit. This service honors all sailors who have served on the Great Lakes and all military personnel who have sacrificed their lives to gain and maintain our freedoms. Active and retired members of the International Ship Masters' Association, US Merchant Marine, US Coast Guard, US Navy, US Army Corps of Engineers, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, local, state, and international peace officers, and other Great Lakes-related personnel are invited to be part of the uniformed Honor Guard during the memorial ceremony. A livestream video of the service will also be available at www.facebook.com/marinerschurchofdetroit.

FROM THE LODGES

Milwaukee Lodge No. 6:

Lodge #6 Secretary-Treasurer and now-retired captain **Greg Stamatelakys** has spent a lot of time aboard his 1964 30-foot



fiberglass ketch, *Allied Seawind*, sister ship of the first fiberglass sailboat to circumnavigate the world. He recently completed a trip from Manitowoc to Escanaba and return. While traveling in northern Green Bay, **Greg** crossed paths with Past Grand President **Capt. Ray Sheldon** at

Escanaba. **Ray** is enjoying time aboard his 38-foot power boat. Conversation included navigation and safety among Big and Little Bay de Noc and Rock Island Passage. Then at Menominee, **Greg** spoke

with Green Bay Lodge #18 secretary-treasurer **Mike Nesbitt**. **Greg** returned to Manitowoc after spending 20 days aboard and traveling 280 nautical miles. He says, "It pays to fly your Ship Masters' pennant!"



Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15:

Lodge #15 meetings have been suspended through the remainder of 2021. Meetings are expected to resume in January 2022, and a schedule will be issued in December.

Lodge #15 member **Bruce Kemp** has recently published two articles. "Ontario's Limestone Ports – Kingston to Brockville" appeared in *Great Lakes Scuttlebutt* magazine. "Maud Returns Home," the story of raising Roald Amundsen's ship *Maud* in Nunavut and her return to Norway, appeared in *Wooden Boat* magazine.

Industry Newsbriefs –

- A new online platform called "American Maritime Voices" has been launched. American Maritime Voices was created in partnership with the American Maritime Partnership as a "place to convene, educate, and activate the voices of Americans who care about the future of the American maritime" sector. The website allows you to sign up for a monthly newsletter and/or action alerts. For more information, visit <https://americanmaritimevoices.org/>.
- On September 14, 2021, the US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved \$1 billion for US Coast Guard shoreside infrastructure nationwide, and \$350 million directed toward a new Great Lakes heavy icebreaker as part of its budget reconciliation bill. The Great Lakes Maritime Task Force (GLMTF) called this "great news for the Great Lakes." ISMA is a GLMTF member. Read about it at <https://glmtf.org/733-2/>. The need for an additional Great Lakes heavy icebreaker has been well-documented.
- On September 2, 2021, the US Coast Guard published Marine Safety Information Bulletin 02-21 Change 3, "COVID-19 Safety Requirements in the Marine Transportation System." This provides notification that mariners on "non-passenger-carrying commercial vessels operated by a team of mariners who all live on the vessel" are exempt from wearing a mask. See https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2021/MSIB-02-21-ch3%20-Mask-Requirement-9-2-2021.pdf?ver=UQ_S2j1IvZaOyGPIhHOTWA%3d%3d.
- MI State Representative **Jack O'Malley** introduced a bill in the MI state legislature to create a Port Facility Improvement Grant program that would help the state's 38 ports improve and grow.
- Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron continued their seasonal water level declines in September. Lake Superior water levels have declined below the seasonal long-term average for the first time since April 2014.
- On August 18, 2021, the US Coast Guard Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing announced publication of CG-MMC Policy Letter 03-21, "Issuance of Endorsements for Master of Self-Propelled Vessels of Less than 100 GRT to Mariners Holding Endorsements as Mate of Self-Propelled Vessels of 200 GRT or More." Effective August 18, a mariner holding an endorsement that authorizes service as Mate on an inspected vessel of 200 GRT or more may be issued an endorsement of Master of Self-Propelled Vessels of Less than 100 GRT. For more information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/08/23/policy-letter-issuance-of-endorsements-for-master-of-self-propelled-vessels-of-less-than-100-grt-to-mariners-holding-endorsements-as-mate-of-self-propelled-vessels-of-200-grt-or-more/>.
- On August 23, 2021, the US National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a notice explaining that the NMC continues to experience increased application processing times. For more information, tips, and links to the NMC, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/08/30/merchant-mariner-credential-application-processing-time-update-and-important-additional-information/>.
- The torch relay for the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games will take a path over both water and land. In partnership with Canada Steamship Lines, the torch will move through the St. Lawrence Seaway aboard *CSL Welland* before disembarking in the Welland Canal to journey across Niagara by land. The path pays tribute

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Salute Your Fellow Members with the
SHIP MASTERS' SALUTE:
3 Long, 1 Short

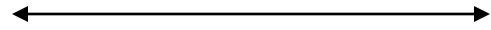
Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- to the historical significance of water as a means of transportation across Canada and through Niagara. The journey begins in late spring 2022.
- On September 14, 2021, the US Coast Guard announced in the *Federal Register* that, in accordance with the provisions enacted by the Great Lakes Pilotage Act of 1960, it is proposing new base pilotage rates for the 2022 shipping season. Comments and related material must be received by the USCG on or before October 14, 2021. Read more at <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/09/14/federal-register-notice-great-lakes-pilotage-rates-2022-annual-review-and-revisions-to-methodology/>.
 - On August 27, the USCG announced in the *Federal Register* a proposal to extend the maximum validity period of merchant mariner medical certificates issued to first-class pilots and masters or mates serving as pilot from two years to five years. Annual physical examinations would still be required. Comments must be received by the USCG on or before October 26, 2021. See the docket number USCG-2020-0069 notice at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-27/pdf/2021-17806.pdf>.
 - On August 25, 2021, the US Coast Guard announced the appointment of 18 people to serve as members of the National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (N-MERPAC). Find the list of members at <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/08/25/national-merchant-marine-personnel-advisory-committee-appoints-new-members/>. On September 7, 2021, the USCG announced the appointment of 18 individuals to serve as members of the National Towing Safety Advisory Committee (N-TSAC). See <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/09/07/national-towing-safety-advisory-committee-appoints-new-members/>.
 - Following an extensive refit over winter 2021-2022, STV *Pathfinder* is scheduled to rejoin TS *Playfair* in Hamilton in 2022. Together the ships will offer sail training courses to over 350 trainees beginning next summer.
 - An August 15, 2021, article in *The Ticker* tells the story of how the training vessel *State of Michigan* became part of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy. Read the story at <https://www.traverseticker.com/news/from-the-persistent-to-the-state-of-michigan-a-maritime-transformation/>.
 - A September 19, 2021, story in *Crain's Cleveland Business* describes a plan proposed by US Representative **Marcy Kaptur** (D-OH) to create a trade and development authority involving the eight states and parts of Ontario located within the Great Lakes basin. Her goal is to create a coalition in order to strengthen water conservation and secure a piece of proposed federal infrastructure dollars currently under consideration. **Kaptur** chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. She said the proposed Great Lakes Authority would be a federally-created economic development organization.
 - On October 1, 2021, the US EPA, along with the MN Pollution Control Agency, began a \$16 million Great Lakes Legacy Act clean-up in the St. Louis River Area of Concern. This project is one of several that the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and MPCA are working on in order to restore the 1020-square-mile Area of Concern in MN and WI.
 - On October 5, 2021, state and federal officials confirmed the second finding of invasive carp DNA in Wisconsin's Milwaukee River. This does not prove the existence of live fish, but increases worries that destructive carp could be there.

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Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- The October 2021 issue of *Compass*, newsletter of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers is available at <https://gsgp.org/gsgp-news/>. The Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative monthly newsletter *Making Waves* is available at <https://glslcities.org/news/making-waves/>.



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