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SEE YOU IN DULUTH!

The 125th ISMA Grand Lodge Convention, hosted by Twin Ports Lodge #12, will be held February 5-8, 2015, at the Radisson Hotel overlooking Duluth-Superior Harbor. With a convention theme of "Deep Blue is the New Green," the Navigation, Engineering and Legislative Committee (NELC) meeting and Grand Lodge Delegate Caucus will be held the evening of February 5, with the Grand Lodge convening at 0830 on Friday, February 6. The installation of officers and Grand Ball will be held Friday evening at the Harbor Side Ballroom, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Saturday evening's party theme will be "Greaser 50s/Hippie 60s Dance with Rock-A-Billy Revue." The convention concludes with a send-off breakfast on Sunday, February 8.

The Radisson Hotel Duluth Harborview, 505 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, 218-727-8981, is offering a room rate of \$84.00 plus tax for reservations made by January 5, 2015. Call and request the "Ship Masters' Convention" rate, or use the promo reservation code "SHIP" and register online at www.radisson.com/reservation.

ISMA members should have received convention information and registration materials in the mail. All necessary forms and information is available on the ISMA website at www.shipmaster.org/convention.htm.

See you there!

FROM THE LODGES

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Lodge #2 has announced an upcoming "Tribute to Captain Pat Owens" on January 15, 2015. Member **Frank Frisk** will be showing the 1989 NBC-WDIV special, "Risky Business, Iron Boat – Iron Men." This is a one-hour documentary about a trip aboard the *Benson Ford* under the command of the late PGP Capt. **Patrick Owens** as the ship traveled from the Rouge River to Marquette to load taconite for Rouge Steel.



CWB Marquis bunkering at anchor, Philippines.

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Cleveland Lodge #4:

ISMA Grand 1st Vice President Capt. **Joe Walters** (right) attended Cleveland Lodge #4's October 9 meeting; he was in Cleveland while his ship R/V *Kiyi* underwent repairs and maintenance at Great Lakes Shipyard.



Detroit Lodge #7:

Lodge #7 meetings resume on December 9, 2014, at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. The museum opens to members at 11 am with a luncheon at noon and a program following at 1 pm. Annual Meeting and election of officers takes place at the lodge's January 3, 2015, meeting to be held at J. W. Westcott Co.

Lodge #7's Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at Sindbad's Restaurant and Marina, 100 St. Clair St., Detroit.

Georgian Bay-Huronian Lodge #15:

Lodge #15 President and PGP Capt. **Seann O'Donoghue** is currently master of the new *CWB Marquis* (owned by the Canadian Wheat Board and operated by Algoma), in the Pacific Ocean, on the delivery trip. Several Lodge #15 members are serving aboard. **Seann** says they expect to be in Canada at Port Cartier by Christmas.

ISMA NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

ISMA Letter distribution is via e-mail through local lodge secretaries.

Make sure your local lodge secretary has your correct e-mail address.

ISMA Letter is always available on our website, www.shipmaster.org, for viewing at any time. (Arrangements can be made for members without e-mail or internet access to receive a printed copy.)

Thank you.



ISMA Members aboard *CWB Marquis* in Pacific Ocean



Left to right: Ian D'Mello, 3rd Mate; Tim Westmoreland, Deck Cadet; PGP Capt. Seann O'Donoghue, Master; Cal Roque, 3rd Engineer; David Michalowicz, Chief Engineer.

FINAL BELLS

Longtime Detroit Lodge #7 member **Frederic E. Weber** (#A-1293) passed away on October 19, 2014, at the age of 89. A member of Lodge #7 for over 50 years, he served as lodge president twice during that time. Son of the chief steward on the *Tashmoo*, **Fred** later worked aboard the passenger steamer *Greater Detroit* as a purser. When the ship was removed from service, he went to work for Detroit Edison, retiring after 40 years of service. **Fred** was very involved with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum in various capacities. His wife **Joan** passed away in 2008. **Fred** is survived by a son, **Tyree**.



Toledo Lodge #9 member Capt. **Andrew F. Rajner Sr.** (#10072) passed away on October 27, 2014, at the age of 89. He sailed for Oglebay Norton Company for over 30 years, retiring as captain of the *Fred R. White Jr.* in 1987. In 1975, he briefly served as relief first mate on the *Edmund Fitzgerald* and later testified before the Coast Guard during their *Fitzgerald* investigation.

Thunder Bay Lodge #16 charter member **Morgan Skinner** (#10533) passed away on November 17, 2014. He served 30 years with Carryore and Algoma, retiring as second mate. **Morgan** is survived by his wife **Carolyn**. A memorial service was held on December 1 in Thunder Bay.

NEW MEMBERS

Chicago Lodge #3:

Active Professional: **John Jachimiec** #12881
Mark Stevens #12880

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Associate: **Philip E. Gehring** #A-12882

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Active Professional: **Kenneth H. Thompson** #12883



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

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Detroit Lodge #7 member **Arlene Earl**, the "Flower Lady," was featured in a *Detroit Free Press* article on October 5, 2014.

Lodge #7 members **Jack Callahan** and **Paul Jagenow** were also interviewed for the well-done feature. The lead photo in the story shows **Arlene** talking with a passing freighter from her Harsens Island home's deck overlooking the St. Clair River. See a *Free Press* video about the Flower Lady at www.freep.com/story/news/local/2014/10/05/flower-lady-great-lakes/16724405/.

Detroit Lodge #7 member **James Anderson** and his wife **Patricia** were recognized for a substantial donation to Wayne State University's College of Engineering. The Andersons were applauded for their generosity in the *Detroit Free Press* on October 9 and 10, 2014.

On October 14, 2014, Detroit Lodge #7 member **Bill Redding** was interviewed by Michigan Public Radio for a feature on J. W. Westcott Co. The story is available at <http://michiganradio.org/post/worlds-very-first-floating-zip-code-michigan>.

On October 16, 2014, "Under the Radar Michigan" featured Plymouth and Port Huron, MI. Port Huron Lodge #2 member and ISMA webmaster **Frank Frisk**, was featured in the portion of the Port Huron segment that centered on "Boatnerd World Headquarters." The entire video can be viewed at <http://video.dprv.org/video/2365348444>.

On November 25, 2014, Detroit Lodge #7 member **Jay Downen** was featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article. See http://m.wsj.com/articles/chief-engineer-for-governors-island-ferry-commutes-to-work-from-detroit-area-1416015888?mobile=y&mod=WSJ_TimesEMEA.

An article in *Georgian View 2014*, produced by Georgian College, included an article about Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 member and PGP **Seann O'Donoghue**. "Extraordinary Experience: Being Captain of the Largest Ship on the Great Lakes," included photos of **Seann** and the *Algoma Equinox*. You can read the magazine at <http://georgiancollege.uberflip.com/i/419610>.

Extended Expiration Date TWICs End

The US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued a notice stating that the opportunity to obtain a three-year Extended Expiration Date (EED) Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) for \$60 ends at the end of this year and will not be renewed. To ensure time for processing, TWIC holders should apply by December 23, 2014. After December 31, 2014, current TWIC holders will no longer be able to obtain a replacement card extending the expiration date of their current TWIC by three years, and will have to go through the normal renewal process. Read the full notice at www.tsa.gov/stakeholders/transportation-worker-identification-credential-twic%C2%Ae.

ISMA Scholarship Fund

A donation to the ISMA Scholarship fund has recently been received from **Russell D. Brohl** (Cleveland Lodge #7 member and PGP). Thanks!!

Scholarships will be awarded at the ISMA Grand Lodge Convention at Duluth in February.

Industry Newsbriefs –

Seaway Closure. The Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the St. Lawrence Seaway closes at 2359 on December 24, 2014. Any transit after that time is subject to prior written agreement. Vessels will be allowed to transit the Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the Seaway up to 1600 hours on December 31, weather and operating conditions permitting. The Welland Canal will close at 2350 on December 26, 2014. Transits after that time are subject to prior written agreement. Vessels will be permitted to transit the Welland Canal up to 1600 hours on December 31, weather and operating conditions permitting.

Advisor to Chamber of Marine Commerce. Retired RADM **Michael N. Parks** (US Coast Guard) has joined the Chamber of Marine Commerce as Special Advisor. He will be working with the organization to promote the economic, environmental and safety advantages of the binational Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway shipping industry, in addition to increasing awareness and advising on the industry's maritime-related policy and issues. Prior to his 2013 retirement, **Parks** was Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District.

US House committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. US Representative **Bill Shuster** (R-PA) was selected to serve again as Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Toxic Hotspots Removed. On October 30, 2014, the US EPA announced that two Areas of Concern – Deer Lake in the Lake Superior basin and White Lake in the Lake Michigan basin – have been removed from the binational list of toxic hotspots that were targets for cleanup under the 1987 US-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

US Merchant Mariner Credentialing. In October 2014, the National Maritime Center (NMC) announced that it had recently noted an increase in the number of applications submitted for Merchant Mariner Credentials in which applicants have not properly disclosed previous convictions in Section III of the CG-719B application form. As required by *46 Code of Federal Regulations 10.211 (a)*, "At the time of application, each applicant must provide written disclosure of all prior convictions not previously disclosed to the Coast Guard on an application."

Marine Safety. An editorial, "Eliminating Aids to Navigation?," in the 2Q 2014 *Maritime Professional* magazine may be of interest. The editorial, appearing on pages 54-55, can be viewed at <http://digitalmagazines.marinelink.com/nwm/MaritimeProfessional/201405/>.

2015 Know Your Ships Feature. A feature story about the *Algoma Equinox*, written by Port Huron Lodge #2 member **Roger LeLievre**, will appear in the 2015 edition of *Know Your Ships*.

"Mighty Ships." The *Algoma Equinox* will be featured in an episode of "Mighty Ships." It was filmed on Lake Superior and the St. Lawrence River in November 2014.

Twin Ports Lodge #12 FREIGHTER TRIP RAFFLE

Twin Ports Lodge #12 is conducting a raffle for a trip aboard a Great Lakes Freighter. Grand Prize is a multi-day voyage for four aboard an Interlake Steamship Company vessel during the summer or fall of the 2015 navigation season.

Ticket prices are: \$10.00 each; 3 tickets for \$25.00; 6 tickets for \$50.00; 12 tickets for \$100.00; 25 tickets for \$200.00; 50 tickets for \$400.00; 100 tickets for \$750.00; 500 tickets for \$3,500.00
Payable in **US funds only (check or money order)**

Tickets may be obtained from
International Ship Masters' Association
Twin Ports Lodge #12
PO Box 122
Superior, WI 54880
Phone: 715-392-6287

The winning ticket will be drawn during the Grand Ball at the Grand Lodge Convention at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center, Duluth, MN, on Friday, February 6, 2015. (Winner need not be present.)

(State of Wisconsin Raffle License #R0021501A-13763)

For further information and an order form, visit
www.freightertrip.com

Looking for Pilots

The Western Great Lakes Pilots Association has openings for pilots in District Three. Interested parties may contact WGLPA through their website, www.wglpa.com.



Members of the Honor Guard. -Detroit Lodge #7 photo

Annual Great Lakes Memorial Service

The Annual Great Lakes Memorial Service at Mariners' Church of Detroit was held on November 9, 2014. A number of ISMA members participated in the Honor Guard and as bell ringers, including Detroit Lodge #7 members **Ron Ingram** (PGP), **Jack Callahan**, **Art Brooks**, **Jack Frost**, **Scott Reynolds**, **Sam Tundo**, **Art Herrala**, **Tom McMullen** (PGP), and **Ron LaPlante**; Port Huron Lodge #2 members **Roger Hewlett** and **Brian Eickel**; Twin Sault Lodge #22 members **Bob Schallip** (Grand President) and **Mary Ann Schallip**; Grand Traverse Lodge #23 member Adm **Gerald Achenbach**. Fr. **Bill Fleming**, Rector of Mariners' Church, gave a tribute to Lodge #7 member **Arlene Earl**, the "Flower Lady."

Lost Mariners Remembrance

On November 10, 2014, the Lost Mariners Remembrance took place at Dossin Great Lakes Museum. A number of ISMA members participated, including Grand President **Bob Schallip** and **Mary Ann Schallip** (Twin Sault Lodge #22), and Detroit Lodge #7 members **Ron LaPlante**, **Luke Clyburn**, **Art Brooks**, **Kathy McGraw**, **Scott Reynolds**, **Malcolm McAdam**, **Neil Schultheiss**, and **Joel Hepola**. Lodge #7 donated flowers which were strewn on the Detroit River as part of the memorial ceremony.

Coming Events

- January 12-15, 2015 – Great Lakes Captains Association, Industry Days, Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, MI. For more information, see <http://www.glcaptains.com/>
- January 16, 2015 – Marine Club, 76th Annual Dinner, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON.
- **Don't forget the 125th ISMA Grand Lodge Convention, February 5-8, 2015.**
- February 10-11, 2015: Great Lakes Waterways Conference, Marriott Downtown at Key Center, Cleveland, OH.
- February 15, 2015 – Annual Mariners Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet, St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound, ON, 10:00 am.
- February 21, 2015 – Pirates Ball, annual fundraiser for Toronto Brigantine, Steam Whistle Brewery, Toronto, ON.
- April 26-28, 2015 – Great Lakes Economic Forum, sponsored by the Council of the Great Lakes Region, Chicago. For more information, see <http://councilgreatlakesregion.org/great-lakes-economic-forum/>

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