



# INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

## DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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October 22, 2014

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

This is the first lodge mailing since March, 2014. In the meantime, I hope everyone has had or is still having a safe sailing and navigation season.

For those wondering when the lodge will be back in session, meetings will commence as usual in December. The schedule of meetings has not yet been arranged, but will be sent out in late November.

The annual Great Lakes Memorial Service will be held at Mariners' Church on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 11:00 AM. A copy of the official invitation is enclosed. The church will be in need of several uniformed members to participate in the bell ringing portion of the ceremony. Hopefully, we will have sufficient uniformed lodge members in attendance for that purpose.

Dossin Museum has two upcoming events that may be of interest to lodge members:

- [Lost Mariners Remembrance](#), November 10 from 6 to 8 PM at Dossin Museum
- [Dossin Museum Marine Mart](#), November 15 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The 2013 Membership Roster of Detroit Lodge No. 7 is enclosed. Please examine your entry for possible errors. If any corrections are needed, you can e-mail the lodge at either [pjagenow@aol.com](mailto:pjagenow@aol.com) or [DetroitLodge7@aol.com](mailto:DetroitLodge7@aol.com). There will also be a space to request roster changes on the annual dues notice sent out in November. I want to thank Bill Graham, who has been maintaining the roster data base now for many years, for all his hard work with the roster. It is not an easy job and unfortunately he had to reconstruct some data this year due to a computer problem. So be sure to double check your roster entry to make sure no errors crept into the roster.

The lodge lost two longtime members to death since I last wrote the lodge back in March. Capt. Bill Vallier (Pennant #10125) passed away March 16, a month shy of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Initiated in March 1974, he had been a member of the lodge for nearly 40 years. Capt. Elmer Dunn (Pennant #10349) passed away April 18, 10 days shy of his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Initiated in December 1962, he had been a member of the lodge for over 51 years. Memorial pages for Capt. Vallier and Capt. Dunn are enclosed.

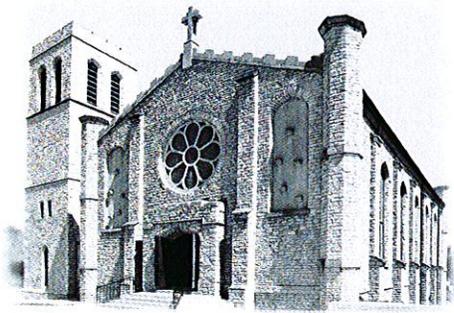
The lodge has also learned of the death of a former lodge member. Capt. Donald Schmidt (Pennant #10663) passed away September 23 at the age of 74. He had been a member of the lodge for 33 years (1980-2013). A lengthy death notice was in the September 26 edition of the *Detroit Free Press* and a copy is enclosed.

Several Members have been in the news over the summer months:

- On July 8 WDIV-TV in Detroit did a feature on the Sea Cadet program and member Luke Clyburn was interviewed for the story. See the video via a link on the [lodge website](#).
- On July 28 the *Detroit Free Press* printed a feature story "Captain of the only floating ZIP code" that interviewed member Capt. Sam Buchanan about his career at the Westcott mailboat. There is also a video portion of the interview which can be viewed via a link on the [lodge website](#).
- On August 31, the *Detroit Free Press* Travel Page had a feature story "Barging Through History" about the Erie Canal. While researching the story, the reporter happened to meet and interview lodge member Garrett Myers, who was sailing the length of the Erie Canal at the time.
- On October 5, the *Detroit Free Press* had a front page story titled "The Flower Lady of the Great lakes" featuring member Arlene Earl. Jack Callahan and Paul Jagenow were also interviewed for the "flower lady" story. There is a video portion of the feature which can be viewed via a link on the [lodge website](#).
- On October 9 (on the web) and October 10 (in the print edition), member Jim Anderson was lauded by Wayne State University for his very generous gift to the WSU College of Engineering.
- On October 14, member Bill Redding was interviewed by Michigan Public Radio for a feature about the J.W. Westcott Company. Listen to the interview via a link on the [lodge website](#).
- Copies of the newspaper articles are enclosed. The articles, as well as the audio and video interviews mentioned above, can be found on the "News" page on the lodge's website: [www.DetroitLodge7.org](http://www.DetroitLodge7.org). As noted, some of the newspaper stories on the web had accompanying videos that can be accessed through the links on the lodge's "News" page. The video that the Detroit Free Press did about the "Flower Lady" was nicely done.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow  
Secretary-Treasurer



# Mariners' Church

*The Maritime Sailors' Cathedral*

*Founded in 1842*

*A National and State Historic Landmark  
"Worthy of the most careful preservation."*

The Rev. William R. Fleming,  
Rector

October 13, 2014

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL

## *Great Lakes Memorial Service*

*Honoring all of the Sailors*

*Who have Served on the Great Lakes and*

*Have Departed this Earthly Life,*

*and the*

*Grateful Remembrance of*

*All Military Personnel*

*Who have Sacrificed their Lives*

*To Gain and Maintain our Freedoms*

**Sunday, November 9, 2014**

**At Eleven o'clock**

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Members of the International Ship Masters' Association, U.S. Merchant Marine, United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and other Great Lakes-related personnel are invited to be part of the uniformed Honor Guard.

Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium Underground Garage. The entrance is in the median strip of Jefferson Avenue at Woodward Avenue.



*In Memory of*

## **Capt. William Arthur Vallier**

Born: April 19, 1923 in Marine City, Michigan

Died: March 16, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan

Pennant No. 10125

ISMA Member for almost 40 years

Initiated March 19, 1974



Bill Vallier at the 2008 Lodge No. 7 Dinner Dance

Long-time lodge member and Harrison Township resident Bill Vallier passed away on Sunday morning, March 16, 2014 following a long battle with prostate cancer, severe arthritis and back pain. He was just one month away from celebrating his 91st birthday.

Bill was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces and assigned to the China, Burma and India (CBI) theater.

In 1947, after discharge from the military, Bill began a 27-year career with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1974.

He joined Detroit Lodge No. 7 on March 19, 1974 and was a loyal member of the lodge, just three days short of his 40th anniversary as a member. In addition to ISMA, he was a member of the Jefferson Yacht Club, as well as a long-time member of the Propeller Club-Port of Detroit and was a past President of that organization.

He is survived by his wife Barbara and daughter Jane Vallier of Houston, Texas. Also, special friends Jim and Joan Durning, Fred and Anne Funke and the "Spaghetti Chicks" of the Jefferson Yacht Club.

Arrangements are being handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe. There will be no funeral or visitation. In accordance with Bill's wishes, his remains have been cremated.

Condolences may be sent to Barb Vallier at  
25268 Yorktowne Ct.; Harrison Township, MI 48045



*Barb & Bill Vallier working the registration desk at the 2011 ISMA Grand Lodge Convention in Detroit*

*In Memory of*

## Elmer V. Dunn

**April 28, 1912 - April 18, 2014**

Pennant No. 10349

ISMA Member for over 51 years

Initiated December 11, 1962



Long-time lodge member and Dearborn Heights resident Elmer Dunn passed away on Friday, April 18, 2014. Born two weeks after the S/S Titanic sank, Elmer was just ten days shy of his 102nd birthday.

His career on the Great Lakes spanned 6 decades, and was spent mostly aboard vessels of the Ford Motor Company fleet.

One notable event of his career occurred on November 10, 1975, when the Edmund Fitzgerald sank on Lake Superior. Elmer was 2nd mate aboard the *William Clay Ford*, which under the guidance of Captain Don Erickson, left safe anchorage in Whitefish Bay to search for survivors from the Fitzgerald.

In addition to ISMA, Elmer was also a member of the American Legion and Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by three sons and two grandchildren. His wife Margaret passed away in 1992.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home.

A funeral service was held on April 22, 2014 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Additional details and an on-line guest book can be found at the funeral home website, [www.voranfuneralhome.com](http://www.voranfuneralhome.com)



Elmer at Dossin Museum's *William Clay Ford* Pilothouse Display in 2011.  
He retired from the *William Clay Ford* in 1975.