



**International Shipmasters' Association**

**Toledo Lodge No. 9**

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**2018 INTERNATIONAL SHIP MASTERS' ASSOCIATION  
GRAND LODGE CONVENTION / February 1 – 4, 2018 / Toledo, OH**

**DATE:** December 6, 2017  
**TO:** All International Ship Masters' Association Members / All Lodges  
**FROM:** Rick Brown / Event Chairman / 128<sup>th</sup> Annual ISMA Grand Lodge Convention  
**RE:** Update - **Schedule of Events / 128<sup>th</sup> Annual ISMA Grand Lodge Convention**

Attention Fellow ISMA Members,

Toledo Lodge No. 9 invites you to join us at the International Ship Masters Association Grand Lodge Convention, held this year at the Renaissance in downtown Toledo. The hotel recently completed a \$10 million redevelopment and has earned a Four-Star rating. We have lined up a very impressive list of speakers headlined by USCG 9<sup>th</sup> District Rear Admiral Joanna M. Nunan and we'll also offer many things to do during the convention.

On Thursday, the Lodge Delegates will convene at the National Museum of the Great Lakes (NMGL) and afterwards all can enjoy a reception while touring the museum. **As a partner in our Convention, the NMGL has graciously offered a one-year FREE Museum membership to all ISMA members!**

On Friday, our luncheon keynote speaker is Admiral Nunan. There will be other featured speakers as well, including NOAA's Coast Survey Navigation Manager for the Great Lakes and representatives from the Lake Carriers Association. Our keynote speaker for the Grand Ball is Betty Sutton. She was selected as Legislator of the Year for the Great Lakes when she served as a two-term House of Representatives member from Ohio. Ms Sutton later was appointed as the Administrator for the [Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation](#) and is currently a candidate for the Governor of Ohio. Also offered Friday we will offer a side trip to a glass studio where you can make your own glass sculpture. You must sign up for it as attendance is limited.

Saturday will offer more great speakers as well as lunch and a tour of the Maritime Academy of Toledo. Saturday evening will feature a Hawaiian Shirt & Resort night. Bring your dancing shoes!

Toledo offers a number of great attractions, including the Hollywood Casino. Family activities include Toledo Museum of Art --- A world class art museum; The Toledo Zoo --- Named the best mid-sized zoo in the U.S.; the Libbey Glass Factory Outlet, and Imagination Station, (a hands on interactive science center located next to the hotel) and of course, visiting the National Museum of the Great Lakes with your free membership. I am certain that you will enjoy your weekend in Toledo.

If you have not registered for the convention, or made your hotel reservations, time is growing short. To register for the convention visit the ISMA web site at <http://www.shipmaster.org/registration.html> and to make hotel reservations click [here](#). I look forward to seeing you in Toledo!