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# ISMALetter

## The 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention Duluth, MN



The 2026 Grand Lodge Convention is being hosted by Twin Ports Lodge in Duluth, MN from Wednesday January 28 to Sunday February 1.

For more information, visit:  
<https://www.ismalodge12.com/>

2026 convention registration and convention program book advertising are open and available via online transaction from the Twin Ports convention website. In addition, registration forms, convention book forms, and sponsorship forms may be downloaded for those who would prefer to mail in their payment. This site also has the link and information for booking rooms at the Holiday Inn Downtown Duluth. Please see the Twin Ports website and the attachment to this newsletter for full convention details.

ISMA Lodge #12 would like to thank our confirmed sponsors (to date): **Key Lakes/Great Lakes Fleet:** Platinum Sponsor; **Port of Monroe:** Gold Sponsor; **Enbridge:** Silver Sponsor; **Western Great Lakes Pilots Association:** Silver Sponsor; **International Organization of Masters, Mates, & Pilots:** Bronze Sponsor.

For any convention-related questions, please contact:

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**THE CONVENTION PACKET IS ALSO ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

## From the Lodges

### Milwaukee Lodge No. 6

#### *29 Bells: A 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald and her Crew*

Milwaukee Lodge #6 and Wisconsin Marine Historical Society are holding a special event to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the SS EDMUND FITZGERALD. The event is in Milwaukee and is set for Monday, November 10, 2025, and is open to the public.

**International Ship Masters' Association  
Milwaukee Lodge 6**

and

**Wisconsin Marine Historical Society**



Present:

### **29 BELLS: A 50<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION OF THE SS EDMUND FITZGERALD AND HER CREW**

**Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

The Cooperage MKE, 822 S. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53223

5:00 - Social Hour, Heavy Appetizers, Cash Bar

6:10 - Ship's Bell Ringing in Honor of the 29 Crew Members

6:30 - Speakers personally connected to the EDMUND FITZGERALD

Tickets: **\$20 PRESALE** or **\$40 AT DOOR** (space permitting)

*The first 200 tickets sold will receive a commemorative challenge coin and gift bag.*

**Space is Limited so Please Register Today!**



The 29 Bells Commemoration tickets may be purchased through this link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/ZWJAFZP8SVRBOC>

Or using this QR Code:

29 Bells Commemoration Event Ticket



Send e-mail inquiries to:

[29bells@milwaukeeelodge6.org](mailto:29bells@milwaukeeelodge6.org)

More information is available on the Lodge #6 webpage:

<https://www.shipmaster.org/lodge6>

The Wisconsin Marine Historical Society website:

<https://wmhs.org/>

### Lodge No. 6 LinkedIn Page



Please follow **Milwaukee Lodge 6 on LinkedIn** and “Like”, comment on, or repost our posts with your LinkedIn account. It will help with public awareness of ISMA and Milwaukee Lodge 6.

<https://linkedin.com/company/ismalodge6>

### Detroit Lodge No. 7

#### Mariners' Church of Detroit

Mariners Church of Detroit has several events planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the *EDMUND FITZGERALD* sinking.

Friday, Nov. 7, 2025 - A Special Evening to Tribute to the *EDMUND FITZGERALD*

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025 – Great Lakes Memorial Service

Monday, Nov. 10, 2025 – Special Anniversary Eucharist Service

More info on the events can be found here:

<https://marinerschurchofdetroit.org/edmund-fitzgerald/>

### Grand 2nd Vice President Featured

Since becoming the director of the Port of Monroe in 2012, **Capt. Paul LaMarre III** has lead the transformation of Michigan's only Lake Erie port into the “biggest little port” in Michigan.

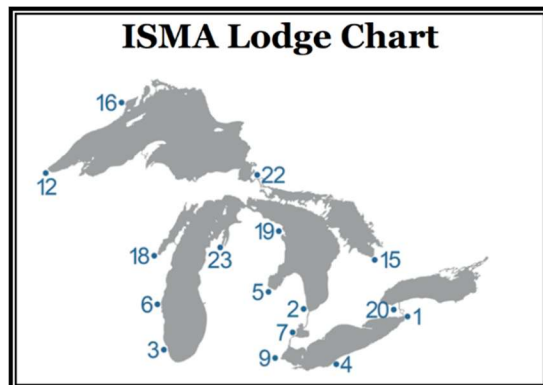


Capt. Paul LaMarre III on Tug AMERICA (built 1897)



The Port of Monroe has evolved from an underused site into a thriving multimodal hub on Lake Erie. Recent investments include dredging, dock construction, and plans for Michigan's first marine container terminal. The port is also piloting autonomous vessel technology with Mythos AI. Each foreign-flag vessel call brings an estimated \$1M in regional economic impact, supporting jobs and trade while strengthening Michigan's global trade connection

### ISMA Lodge Chart



## Twin Ports Lodge No. 12

### 136th Annual Grand Lodge Convention

Lodge 12 is hosting the 136th Convention in Duluth, Minnesota. It will be a full convention running Wednesday January 28 - Sunday February 1, 2026.

Registration information is here:

<https://www.ismalodge12.com/139-2>

The full convention packet is attached to this newsletter.

### 2025 Fit-Out Dinner

The winners of ISMA Lodge # 12's freighter trip were drawn at the Fit-Out Dinner on March 12th.

The grand prize (trip for four aboard the Edwin H. Gott) was won by Megen Cairns of South Haven, MI.

The second prize (round trip for two on the carferry Badger) was won by Keely Couillard of Rochester, MN.

The third prize (round trip for two on the car ferry Lake Express) was won by LaVerne Ellis of Ely, MN.

## New Members for Q3 2025

### Twin Ports Lodge 12

Associate Member: **Bryan Howell** A-13451

### Green Bay Lodge 18

Associate: **Nathan Chesbro** 13454

**Welcome one and all to the  
Voice of the Great Lakes!**

## Great Lakes & Maritime News

### *USS COBIA Submarine towed to Dry Dock at Fincantieri in Sturgeon Bay, WI*

For the first time in nearly 30 years the Gato-class *USS COBIA* has left her permanent berth at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. *USS COBIA* towed by two tugs from Basic Marine Inc. of Escanaba, Michigan and escorted by a flotilla of pleasure craft left Manitowoc on Sunday September 7. Several ISMA members were aboard both tugs and recreational vessels. The submarine arrived at Fincantieri-Bay Shipbuilding and is now in dry dock and the repairs are expected to take six weeks. The \$1.5 million project is funded by a combination of federal grants, state budget allocations and public donations.



*USS COBIA under tow on Lake Michigan*



*Capt. Ray Sheldon and Peggy O'Connell were aboard tug ERIKA KOBASIC*

**Jeff Rochon** of Milwaukee Lodge 6 was aboard his SV *UTOPIA* (Schooner) in the flotilla. Also **Capt. Greg Stamatelakys** Secretary/Treasurer of Lodge 6 was at the helm of S/V *AEOLOS* (1964 Allied Seawind 30) escorting *USS COBIA*.

Check out this link for a news story and video:

<https://www.nbc26.com/manitowoc/uss-cobia-leaves-manitowoc-for-first-time-in-almost-30-years>

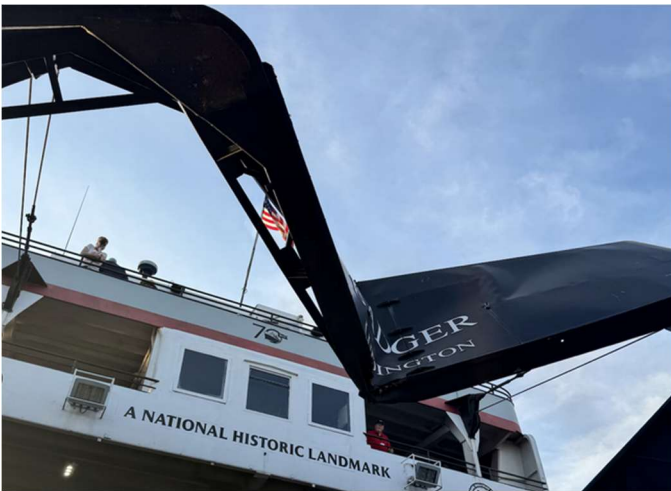
### USCGA Veteran drowns



John Staggs, 76, a Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, tragically drowned on July 12, 2025, at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. His body was discovered around 8:45 p.m. beneath a dock. The Lake County coroner's office confirmed the death, and Illinois DNR officials are investigating the incident.

### SS BADGER Car Ferry Collides with Sistership SS SPARTAN

The legendary SS BADGER, a National Historic Landmark and treasured car/passenger ferry plying the waters of Lake Michigan between Ludington, Michigan and Manitowoc, Wisconsin, was involved in a docking accident on Wednesday evening, September 17, 2025. The accident occurred during a docking procedure at approximately 6:50 p.m. local time when the SS BADGER was backing into its dock in Ludington. The vessel appeared to overshoot and collided with its permanently moored sister ship, SS SPARTAN. No injuries to passengers or crew were reported.



SS BADGER's stern sea gate after the docking accident in Ludington, Michigan. [MLive.com/Heather Quartermaine photo](https://mlive.com/Heather-Quartermaine-photo)

The Lake Michigan Carferry Company said in a social media post, "The incident, which occurred during a docking procedure... The extent of the damage to the S.S. Badger's sea gate is currently being assessed by marine engineers to determine the necessary repairs and to ensure the vessel's continued safe operation." The vessel has a lift gate on its stern for the ramp to the car deck. It is unclear how much damage occurred to the gate, which appears to have been in the raised position as they were maneuvering into the dock. Officials say the ship's engines failed to respond during the docking maneuver, though the engines are reportedly still in working order.

Company officials say they will also review procedures and training associated with this docking procedure to determine if any improvements can prevent a recurrence. Follow-ups are expected from marine engineers, and local port authorities. Despite the accident, SS BADGER resumed service between Ludington, Michigan, and Manitowoc, Wisconsin, on Thursday at 9 a.m. Officials inspected the vessel upon arrival in Manitowoc to verify the damage and integrity.

### Great Lakes Shipping Industry, Boaters Fear Risks of Cuts to US Federal Great Lakes Programs

The proposed federal budget includes cuts to several programs managed by NOAA and other agencies that support navigation, safety, environmental monitoring, charting, ice forecasting, and weather services on the Great Lakes. Boaters, commercial shippers, and other stakeholders warn that these services are critical for safe navigation, accident prevention, and planning. Without accurate weather, ice, and water level data, shipping operations risk delays, increased costs, and added dangers.

Boaters (both recreational and commercial) depend on real-time data for safe passage, especially during winter or adverse conditions. The changes could also hamper emergency response capability and environmental protection efforts (spill prevention, invasive species monitoring, etc.).

Some members of Congress and industry groups are pushing back, arguing that the cuts could end up being more costly (in damage, delays, and risk) than the savings. There is also discussion of alternative proposals that would preserve much of the funding for these programs.

### Great Lakes Icebreaker Act of 2025 Moves Forward

The Great Lakes Icebreaker Act of 2025 (H.R. 4375) has been advanced by the U.S. House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. It mandates that the U.S. Coast Guard plan/design a new heavy icebreaker for the Great Lakes that is at least as capable as the USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB-30). Also, the Act requires evaluating the current fleet, which is considered small. It includes a pilot program over five ice seasons to test how well the current icebreaking fleet can keep "tier one and tier two waterways" open 95% of the time during winter, plus reporting and performance-measures.

Backed by a bipartisan group, in recognition of the economic losses from ice obstruction (some reports suggest up to \$1 billion/year) and impacts on goods and jobs. The bill still needs to be passed by the US Senate and signed by President Trump to become law.



## Ship Master Spotlight



**Captain Michael Capser (#10218)** grew up during the Great Depression on a farm in central Minnesota. He began sailing the Great Lakes in 1952. Captain Capser served as Third Mate on the *EDMUND FITZGERALD* under **Captains Peter Pulcer** and **Ernest McSorley** from 1971-1975. He went on to be the Captain of *GREAT REPUBLIC* and *COLUMBIA STAR* (now *AMERICAN CENTURY*). In total, he spent over 40 years working on U.S. Steel ships on the Great Lakes.

Watch Captain Capser on this YouTube interview:

<https://youtu.be/9LHRacejggg>

## Grand Lodge Financial Report

Greetings to all the Brothers and Sisters of the International Ship Masters' Association.

The third quarter of 2025 finds all Lodges have paid their annual assessment and the only thing left are the fees for membership applications that come in this fall. Annual assessments raised \$21,900, which doesn't cover our annual Budget of \$24,500 for 2025. There are some areas where we will be under budget and therefore able to meet our financial obligations.

Currently we are waiting on a rebate from the Internal Revenue Service for the failed 501(c)(3) application. Our application was denied based on the form used in the filing. Because we are already recognized as a Non-Profit, we are required to use the long form. That process is underway and is more expensive. As for the Trademark application, that is also a project in progress and long forms are required as the short form again was not adequate.

Scholarship funds are at the highest level in some time. Currently we have \$16,924.67 as a bank balance. Hopefully there will be some more donations through the fall. We are still a long way from additional scholarships and the moving of the fund to a foundation for continued fund management.

Breakdown to Date:

Bank Balance: \$34,373.88

<u>Budget Items:</u>	<u>Budget:</u>	<u>Paid To date:</u>
Host Lodge	\$6,000	\$6,000
Officers Travel	\$3,200	\$3,200
Sec.-Tres.	\$4,500	\$3,000
Grand Lodge	\$5,000	\$2,017.04
Newsletter	\$1,000	\$1,215.96
NELC	\$2,750	\$750
MOW	\$1,700	\$1,587.38

Scholarship:

Bank Balance: \$16,924.67

Paid out to date \$4,500 in three separate scholarships for Cadet and Hawes Pipe Candidates

### ISMA NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

ISMALetter distribution is via e-mail through local Lodge Secretaries.

Therefore, **please make sure your Lodge Secretary has your correct e-mail address to ensure delivery.**

Remember that ISMALetter is always available on our website, [www.shipmaster.org](http://www.shipmaster.org), at any time.



## From the Editor

It would be appreciated if Lodge Secretaries could send Lodge news to me for the next issue. Please send news stories and photos with captions to [mike@milwaukeeelodge6.org](mailto:mike@milwaukeeelodge6.org). **The deadline for stories to be included in the next newsletter is DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

Captain Mike Loescher – Milwaukee Lodge No. 6

## 2025 Event Calendar

January 30-February 2	ISMA 135 <sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention	Alpena, MI
February 9	32nd Annual Mariners Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet at St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound, Ontario	Owen Sound, ON
	133rd Annual Dinner Dance of Detroit Lodge No. 7	Detroit, MI
February 26-27	Chicago Maritime Industry Day	Alsip, IL
March 9	61 <sup>st</sup> Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church of Detroit	Detroit, MI
March 22	World Water Day	
March 23	World Meteorological Day	
March 25	Soo Locks Open	Ste St. Marie, MI
May 5	Great Lakes Awareness Day	
May 18	IMO International Day for Women in Maritime	
May 22	National Maritime Day – US	
June 8	World Oceans Day	
June 15	Global Wind Day	
June 25	The Day of the Seafarer	
June 27	Soo Locks Engineer's Day	Ste. St. Marie, MI
June 28	Thunder Bay Blessing of the Fleet	Thunder Bay, ON
July 20	Lake Superior Day	
August 8	Lake Michigan Day	
September 3	Canada Merchant Navy Day	
September 25	IMO World Maritime Day	
November 11	US Veterans Day Canada Remembrance Day	
December 3-5	International Workboat Show	New Orleans, LA
January 28-February 1 2026	ISMA 136 <sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention=Twin Ports Lodge 12	Duluth, MN

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## Connect with ISMA

### ISMA Website



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### ISMA Facebook Page



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### As an organization, ISMA strives to:

- To be the respected voice of licensed professional mariners in matters related to navigation and safety on waters of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway System. In this process, we work with, and provide input to, regulatory agencies, legislative bodies, industry associations and other working groups on matters affecting navigational safety.
- To provide opportunities for licensed merchant mariners to network, to offer their feedback, and to enhance their knowledge in a variety of ways.
- To maintain mutual respect, support, and encouragement among our members, and to promote the pursuit of personal and professional excellence.
- To encourage and assist those preparing for careers as merchant marine officers.





# 2026 ISMA

## Grand Lodge Convention

### **Tentative Agenda**

#### Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Early Registration	Ballroom level lobby
3 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Hospitality Room open!	Hospitality Room # 515
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	NELC Meeting	Superior/Michigan/Huron
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Delegate Caucus	Superior/Michigan/Huron
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Pizza & social hour	Hospitality Room # 515
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Hospitality Room open!	Hospitality Room # 515

#### Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration	Ballroom level lobby
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Breakfast buffet	Erie/Ontario
9 a.m. – Noon	Grand Lodge convenes	Superior/Michigan/Huron
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch buffet Lunch speaker: TBD	Erie/Ontario
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Grand Lodge convenes	Superior/Michigan/Huron
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Social hour/bar	Erie/Ontario
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Dinner (Tailgate theme w/keg of beer) Live music: Piano Man Peter Grewe	Erie/Ontario
9 p.m. – 11 p.m.	Hospitality Room open!	Hospitality Room # 515

#### Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

7 a.m. – Noon	Late Registration	Ballroom level lobby
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Breakfast buffet	Erie/Ontario
9 a.m. – 9:45	Guest speaker: Helen Stewart (Fugro) <i>"All Hands for the Lakes: Vessel Masters as Stewards of Great Lakes Science"</i>	Superior/Michigan/Huron

9:45 – 10:00	Coffee (short break)	Superior/Michigan/Huron
10:00 – 10:45	Guest speaker: (TBA) Topic: TBA	Superior/Michigan/Huron
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch buffet Lunch speaker: TBD	Erie/Ontario
1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	(extended break)	
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Installation rehearsal	Superior/Michigan/Huron
4:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Installation Ceremony (Everyone invited to attend ceremony!)	Superior/Michigan/Huron
5:15 p.m.	Shuttle service to DECC begins	Hotel lobby
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Social hour/bar	DECC (Harbor Side Room)
6:30 p.m.	Group photo op for ISMA members	DECC (Harbor Side Room)
7 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	GRAND BALL Guest speaker: Sara Fuentes (American Maritime Partnership) Scholarship presentation Grand President's Award 50/50 Drawing Live music: Shirts & Skins	DECC (Harbor Side Room)

### **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Breakfast buffet	Erie/Ontario
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Grand Lodge convenes	Superior/Michigan/Huron
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch buffet	Erie/Ontario
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Tour of Canal Park area (Maritime Museum, shopping, etc.)	Meet in hotel lobby by 1 p.m. for shuttle
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Social hour/bar	Erie/Ontario
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Dinner & Theme Night: 80's Party! Up to \$500 prize for best costume D.J. – Sounds Unlimited Entertainment	Erie/Ontario/Superior/Michigan/Huron
10 p.m. – Midnight	Hospitality Room open!	Hospitality Room # 515

### **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Continental breakfast	Erie/Ontario
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*Safe travels & see you next year in Toledo!*

# **2026 CONVENTION GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **Travel**

The Holiday Inn offers a free shuttle to/from Duluth International Airport (about 6½ miles); however, it is subject to availability (so there could be a wait). There are a few taxi companies in Duluth. Uber/Lyft have proven to be unreliable in the Twin Ports.

Minneapolis (MSP) airport is another option for those flying. Groome Transportation runs a round-trip shuttle from MSP to Duluth about 15 times per day, at \$53 one-way, about a 2½ hour ride.

## **How to Register**

You can use the paper form (attached) and mail a check, or go to the Twin Ports Lodge #12 website: <https://ismalodge12.com/>. Please note the Grand Lodge Convention website is not in use this year.

## **Hotel Reservations**

The link to book rooms at the Holiday Inn Downtown Duluth can be accessed from the Lodge #12 website's convention page. If you don't use this link, you will be paying much more than our negotiated rate! To book over the phone, call (218) 722-1202 and refer to International Shipmasters' Association room block. The last day to book rooms at our negotiated rate is January 7.

## **Holiday Inn Parking**

For locals and non-registered hotel guests, the Holiday Inn will leave parking passes in the ballroom/registration area.

## **Wednesday Night**

We are continuing the trend of the past couple conventions and ordering pizza for the Hospitality Room (very informal) for Wednesday night after the NELC & Delegate Caucus meetings. We promise that the Hospitality Room will be stocked with all your favorite beverages!

(All other meals will be served on the ballroom level at the Holiday Inn, except for the Grand Ball.)

## **Registration & Check-In**

Check-in (ballroom level) on arrival to pick up your name badge, Grand Ball drink tickets and Grand Ball dinner/meal choice card, buy your 50/50 tickets, and sign up for the Saturday excursion.

## **Installation Rehearsal & Ceremony**

Please note the Installation Rehearsal and Installation Ceremony are earlier in the day than usual. This is to allow everyone time to get to the DECC. We have scheduled a rest break in activities Friday between lunch and the start of the rehearsal.

## Grand Ball

We will have two shuttle vans running all night between the Holiday Inn lobby area and the DECC, with the first one departing at 5:15 p.m. from the lobby area. You may also drive to the DECC, but you will have to pay for parking. You may use the Skywalk system to walk to the DECC, but it will be locked/closed by the end of the night.

We will have an extended Social Hour (1½ hours) which will include a group photo op for all ISMA members. The 50/50 raffle will be drawn at the Grand Ball. Don't forget to bring your two drink coupons and your meal choice card, provided at registration/check-in.

## Saturday's Excursion

We will offer an excursion to the Canal Park area, which encompasses the Lake Superior Maritime Museum and dozens of specialty shops. There will be a shuttle running between the hotel and Canal Park. Don't forget to stop by Hepzibah's candy shop and show your convention name badge for a free chocolate ore boat!



## Theme Night

*I want my MTV!* Lodge #12 is raising the bar for our traditional Ship Masters' Theme Night by handing out a prize of up to \$500 (funded by our 50/50 raffle) for Best Costume! The 1980's was the most colorful decade in modern history, providing no shortage of dress-up/costume ideas, from Ronald Reagan to Rambo, from Billy Idol to Beetlejuice... So, dig those parachute pants out of the attic and shake up that Aqua Net, and we'll see you there for a totally awesome evening! We pity the fool who misses this party!



## Convention Book Advertising & Convention Sponsorships

See the Lodge #12 convention page for info on both. Convention book ads/pages can be purchased from the website via credit or card, or by mailing in the form (attached) with a check.

We have four tiers of sponsorships available. We are only accepting checks for sponsorships. The sponsorship form is attached. If requested, we can create an invoice. Sponsorship logos will be displayed on the website and prominently throughout the convention. Sponsorship levels include a full page in the program book, while the top three levels include extra tickets to the Grand Ball.

## Menu

**Wednesday Evening** – Pizza party (from: Sammy’s Pizza); **Thursday Breakfast** – Build your own breakfast bowl: Option of a flour tortilla or bowl to fill with sausage, scrambled eggs, shredded cheese, sour cream, peppers, and onions. Served alongside breakfast potatoes and fresh seasonal fruit, water, coffee; **Thursday Lunch** – Italian Buffet: Lasagna, chicken, marinara and alfredo sauce, chef's choice of pasta with garlic bread, salad, bun, assorted bars, soft drinks, water, coffee; **Thursday Dinner** – Tailgate Theme: 1/2 pound char-grilled burgers with buns, sliced cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, baked beans, potato chips, pickle spears, coleslaw, tossed green salad, Italian dressing, bakery buns w/ butter, cake, water, coffee. One keg of beer will be provided at no cost, otherwise it will be a cash bar; **Friday Breakfast** – Traditional Buffet: Scrambled eggs, sausage, North Shore potatoes, fresh seasonal fruit, assorted breakfast breads, water, coffee; **Friday Lunch** – Mac & Cheese Bar: Noodles, bacon, chicken, BBQ pulled pork, andouille sausage, broccoli, shredded cheese, cheese sauce, jalapenos, green salad, baked roll, dessert bars, soft drinks, water, coffee; **Friday Dinner (Grand Ball)** – Entrée choices: Oven baked walleye over wild rice pilaf served with remoulade and lemon garnish; 10oz Prime Rib of beef with au jus and served with herb Boursin mashed potatoes; or Baked Manicotti (cheese stuffed manicotti baked in pomodoro sauce and drizzled with pesto) – this is our vegetarian option; garden salad, rolls with butter, chocolate torte dessert, coffee station. Each attendee will receive (2) drink coupons, then it will be a cash bar; **Saturday Breakfast** – From the Griddle: Three pancakes, butter & syrup, scrambled eggs, bacon, fresh seasonal fruit, water, coffee; **Saturday Lunch** – Fiesta Buffet: Seasoned ground beef and shredded chicken fajitas. Served with soft flour and hard corn tortilla shells, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, black olives, shredded cheese, sour cream, and taco sauce; cookies, soft drinks, water, coffee; **Saturday Dinner (Theme Night)** – Great Lakes Buffet: Chef-carved beef, chicken with supreme sauce, whipped baby red mashed potatoes, wild rice pilaf, tossed green salad, Italian dressing, bakery buns with butter, chef's choice of vegetable, assorted cakes, water, coffee. One keg of beer will be provided at no cost, otherwise it will be a cash bar; **Sunday Breakfast** – Continental: Assorted breakfast pastries, muffins, bagels with cream cheese, assorted juices, water, coffee.

*If you have any special dietary/food requirements or requests, please contact Capt. Chris at [cjedyvean@hotmail.com](mailto:cjedyvean@hotmail.com) (715) 862-2531 and we will do our best to work with you.*

## **Deadlines**

Wednesday, December 31: Last day we can receive ads/pages for the convention program book.

Wednesday, January 7: Last day to book rooms at the Holiday Inn using our negotiated rate.

Sunday, January 18: Last day we can accept registrations for any activities at the Holiday Inn.

Thursday, January 22: Absolute last day we can accept registrations for the Grand Ball.

***Under no circumstances can any of these deadlines be extended!***

Twin Ports Lodge #12 encourages our attendees and guests to register sooner rather than later so we are not slammed at the last minute.

## **Dress Code**

Wednesday night meetings: Casual

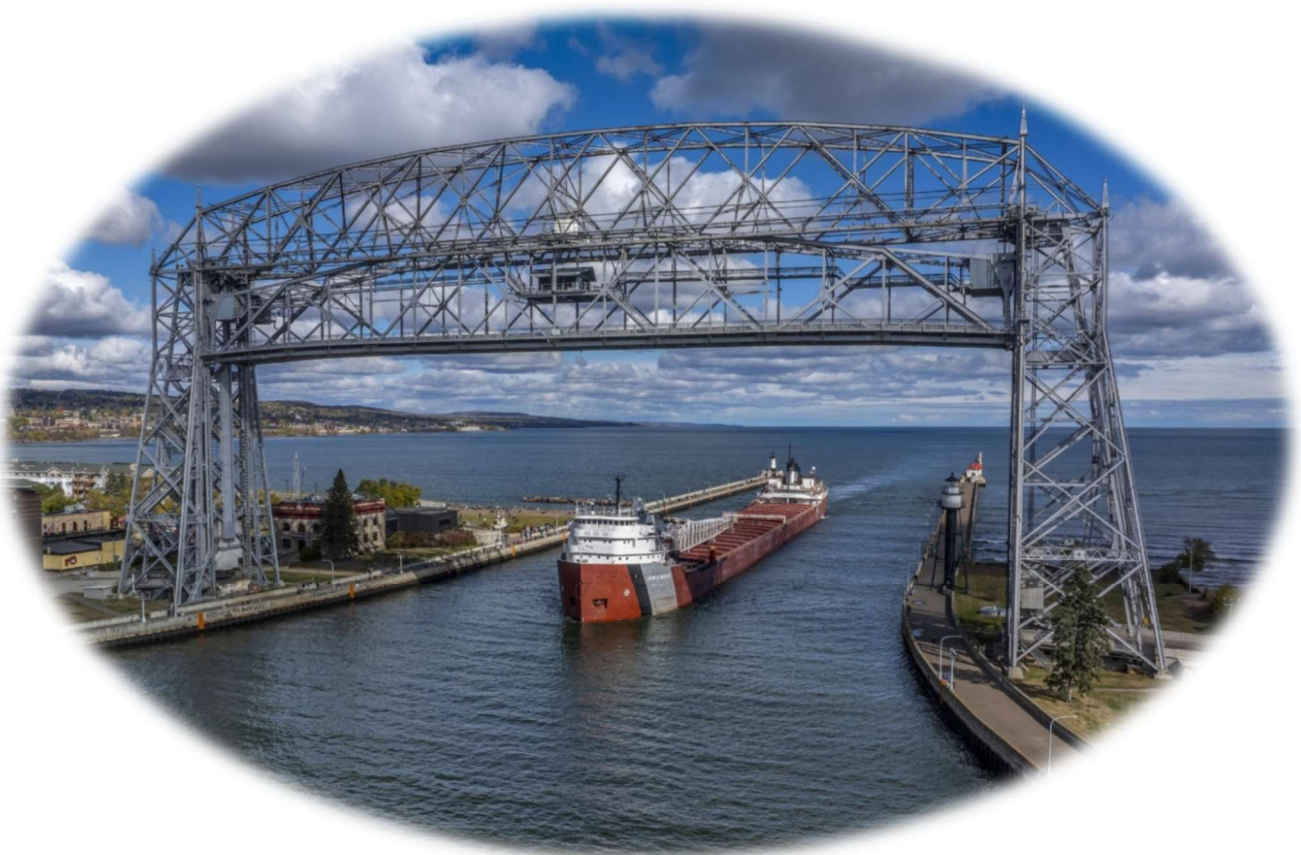
Thursday (& Saturday morning) Grand Lodge sessions: Suit & tie for men; business dress for women

Thursday evening dinner: Casual or business casual

Friday morning sessions: Business casual

Installation ceremony: Participants in uniform; other ISMA members in uniform if possible; business casual for attendees

Grand Ball: (formal) Uniforms & business suits/dress





**Convention Registration Form**  
*ISMA 2026 Grand Lodge Convention*  
 January 28<sup>th</sup> thru February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
 Holiday Inn Duluth Downtown

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge/organization affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional names(s) in party: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Convention Registration Package** ..... \$300 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Includes full registration package for all meals/events. For ala cart, use below:*

**Ala cart only:**

**Wednesday, January 28**

Evening pizza ..... \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, January 29**

Breakfast ..... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch ..... \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dinner ..... \$45 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, January 30**

Breakfast ..... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch ..... \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grand Ball Dinner ..... \$100 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Specify Grand Ball Meal Choice (1) Prime Rib; (2) Oven Baked Walleye; (3) Manicotti (veg option):*

**Saturday, January 31**

Breakfast ..... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch ..... \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Theme Night (80's Party) Dinner ..... \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, February 1**

Continental Breakfast ..... \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL due for all selections** ..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please notify us if you have dietary needs, as we strive to accommodate with proper notice. ISMA Lodge #12 realizes that this standard convention form might not fit every unique need or concern of our attendees. For questions, please do not hesitate to call! Contact Capt. Chris @ (715) 862-2531 or [cjedyvean@hotmail.com](mailto:cjedyvean@hotmail.com). You may also register online at [www.ismalodge12.com](http://www.ismalodge12.com). Registration deadlines: January 17<sup>th</sup> for any events at the Holiday Inn; January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Grand Ball. Under no circumstances will any of these deadlines be extended!*

Mail check, payable to ISMA Lodge # 12, with completed form to:

**ISMA Lodge # 12**  
**P.O. Box 122**  
**Superior, WI 54880**

# **2026 (136<sup>TH</sup>) ISMA GRAND LODGE CONVENTION**

## **Convention Program Book Ad/Space Order Form**



### **Advertising Rates**

*(all pages will be full color)*

- Full Page (7.5" x 10.0") @ \$550 (must be vertical)
- Half Page (5.0" x 7.5") @ \$300 (must be horizontal)
- 1/4 Page (3.5" in x 5.0") @ \$200 (must be vertical)
- Business Card (2.0" x 3.5") @ \$100 (must be horizontal)
- Add \$50 if you need ad created from scratch

Submittals must be camera ready ♦ No bleeds ♦ PDF format preferred ♦ only digital copies, please

**Email artwork to: [cjedyvean@hotmail.com](mailto:cjedyvean@hotmail.com); Deadline for submittals is 12/31/2025**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Check payable & mail to:**

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Superior, WI 54880**



*Call (715) 862-2531 w/ questions*

# International Ship Masters' Association 2026 Grand Lodge Convention Sponsorship Opportunities



**Platinum Sponsor**

**\$7,500**



**Gold Sponsor**

**\$5,000**



**Silver Sponsor**

**\$2,500**

**Bronze Sponsor**

**\$1,500**



Platinum sponsorship includes 6 tickets to Grand Ball & full-page premium position (cover) ad in convention magazine\*

Gold Sponsorship includes 4 tickets to Grand Ball & full-page ad in convention publication

Silver Sponsorship includes 2 tickets to Grand Ball & full-page ad in convention publication

Bronze Sponsorship includes full-page ad in convention publication

*\*3 cover positions available, first come/first serve*

Name/contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship level: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



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**International Ship Masters' Association  
Milwaukee Lodge 6**

and

**Wisconsin Marine Historical Society**



Present:

**29 BELLS: A 50<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION  
OF THE SS EDMUND FITZGERALD  
AND HER CREW**

**Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

The Cooperage MKE, 822 S. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53223

5:00 - Social Hour, Heavy Appetizers, Cash Bar

6:10 - Ship's Bell Ringing in Honor of the 29 Crew Members

6:30 - Speakers personally connected to the EDMUND FITZGERALD

Tickets: **\$20 PRESALE** or **\$40 AT DOOR** (space permitting)

*The first 200 tickets sold will receive a commemorative challenge coin and gift bag.*

**Space is Limited so Please Register Today!**

*This commemoration is not a fundraiser.  
We are seeking sponsors to help defray costs.*

## **29 BELLS SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

### **Fleet Captain - \$1000**

- Prominent logo at event
- Recognition from the stage at the event
- 4 event tickets

### **Captain - \$500**

- Prominent logo at event
- 2 event tickets

### **Ship's Boatswain - \$350**

- Business name displayed at event
- 1 event ticket

**PRESALE ENDS November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



E-Mail Questions to: [29bells@milwaukeeelodge6.org](mailto:29bells@milwaukeeelodge6.org)

Purchase tickets ONLINE at:  
**[www.shipmaster.org/lodge-6](http://www.shipmaster.org/lodge-6)**

Purchase tickets by MOBILE PHONE with QR Code:

29 Bells Commemoration Event Ticket



Purchase tickets by CHECK payable to WMHS and use enclosed return envelope or mail to 12404 N Golf Drive, Mequon, WI 53092

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

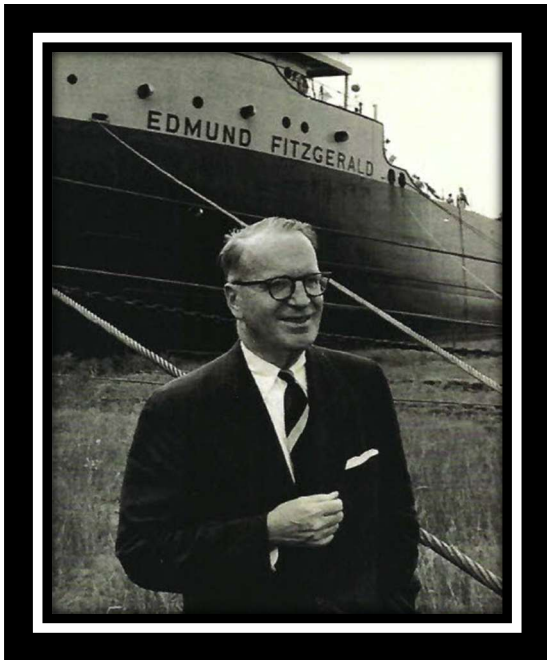
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual ticket(s) @ \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Unable to attend but would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use back of card for additional guests)

E-Mail Questions to: **[29bells@milwaukeeelodge6.org](mailto:29bells@milwaukeeelodge6.org)**



*Edmund Fitzgerald in front of his namesake SS EDMUND FITZGERALD in 1959*

**Names:**

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