

DETROIT CAPTAINS.

Forty-three of Them Initiated Into a Marine Benevolent Association.

The Excelsior Marine Benevolent Association was organized March 8, 1886, and is composed strictly of vessel captains who hold a master's certificate issued by the United States Government. The objects are to improve and elevate the character of members, to create a brotherly feeling, to visit and aid the sick and bury the dead. The association is now composed of seven branches, Buffalo, Port Huron, Chicago, Cleveland, Bay City, Milwaukee, and Detroit, and its membership exceeds 700.

Last year Capt. Alexander Clark, of Buffalo, grand president of the association, visited Detroit with a view of instituting a branch here. He did not succeed, but by request again visited the city, accompanied by Capt. Martin Neland, of Buffalo, and yesterday organized Detroit Branch No. 7, which starts out a very healthful infant.

A large number of captains assembled at a hall in the Cowie building yesterday and Capt. Clark set forth the benefits of the association. They organized with forty-three members, who were initiated during the day. They are as follows:

Captains George McCullough, John C. Shaw, John Edwards, S. Arca Whipple, John Dover, Maurice Bartlett, Charles M. McIntosh, P. C. Bassett, Albert C. Stewart, George Manning, John Bule, Frank G. Stewart, J. M. Jones, Jr., Wm. Roach, B. C. Chamberlin, A. J. Huntoon, George King, Henry Berlin, Charles L. Wilson, George Dayton, George M. Dennis, Chas. Words, Dugald McLachlan, Robert Moore, J. R. Innes, Edward Lahr, Charles H. Bassett, Sidney J. Miller, Herbert A. Hickmott, Frank J. Miner, Martin O'Toole, Wm. Rolds, David Wilson, Lewis Leonard, Arthur J. Fox, Arthur Melkhan, Robert N. Bailey, Patrick Sexton, Edward Tormey, Shepherd H. Currie, C. F. Moore, Alex. Ruolle, Jr., and Wm. King.

The election of officers of this branch occurred in the afternoon and the following were chosen: President, Geo. McCullough; first vice-president, Charles L. Wilson; second vice president, Albert E. Stewart; treasurer, John Edwards; financial secretary, John C. Shaw; marshal, Geo. M. Dennis; warden, Charles H. Bassett; sentinel, George Manning; chaplain, S. A. Whipple.

In case of death the association pays \$1,000 to the estate of the deceased member, and when a member is disabled he receives \$500. The members of the branches meet at their rooms and discuss matters pertaining to sailing, invite admiralty lawyers to address them and have a school for their instruction on anything in the marine line.

The local branch will fit up a room at once and have maps, a library, files of papers, etc.

The meeting in the Cowie building will continue all of to-day, beginning at 9:30 o'clock this morning. All masters are cordially invited to attend and see what they think of it. Capt. Clark expects to have seventy-five members in the Detroit branch by to-morrow.