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ISMA LETTER

2018 ISMA Convention



The 2018 Grand Lodge Convention in Toledo, OH, is upon us. Watch for a complete report in the next March-April 2018 *ISMA Letter*.

From the Lodges

Port Huron Lodge No. 2:

Port Huron Lodge No. 2 invites all ISMA members and friends to their 127th Annual Dinner Dance on March 3, 2018, at the DoubleTree Hilton under the Bluewater Bridge in Port Huron. Events begin at 5:30 pm with a cocktail hour, followed by a buffet dinner, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse presentation, DJ music and dancing and silent auction. A hospitality suite with food will be open before and after the event. The cost to all persons is \$50, which includes one drink ticket at the cash bar. This year, guests can reserve and pay online through the ISMA website by following these instructions:

- Log on to www.shipmaster.org.
- Follow the menu items: --Learn More --Local Lodges --Lodge 2 Logo --select Dinner Dance Pricing --Choose up to 4 guests --Type names of guests --Click Buy Now. (You may pay through your own PayPal account or pay as a guest.)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree for \$109 plus tax. See www.porthuron.doubletree.com. You can view the event flyer through the ISMA website; select Lodge 2.

Following are the 2018 Lodge #2 officers, elected or appointed on January 4, 2018:

President:	George P. Haynes
1 st Vice President:	Roger G. Hewlett
2 nd Vice President:	Joseph C. Ruch
Secretary:	Victoria S. Conradson
Treasurer:	James Semerad
Marshal:	Anthony R. Zolinski
Warden:	Douglas R. Abbott
Sentinel:	Joseph P. Kennedy
Chaplain:	Edward A. Pitrago
Surgeon:	Dr. Dawn M. Severson

Chicago Lodge No. 3:

To begin the new year, Lodge #3 held their Mariners Ball on January 19, 2018.

The Lodge #3-sponsored Chicago Maritime Industry Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Alsip, IL. This event is put on in conjunction with the USCG MSU Chicago to bring together several Federal, State and Municipal agencies that have jurisdiction over the waters in and around Chicago. Agencies, including USCG MSU Chicago, area maritime safety committees, NOAA, and US Army Corps of Engineers, will make presentations on topics pertaining to the local marine community. For more information and the day's schedule, see

<http://www.chicagoshipmasters.com/maritime-industry-day.html>.

Detroit Lodge No. 7:



Lodge #7's 127th Annual Dinner Dance will be Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the ConCorde Inn, Clinton Township, MI. Tickets are \$50 per person for a buffet dinner and door prizes. There will be a cash bar. All ISMA members are welcome. Contact **Ken Suddick** at ksuddick23@gmail.com or 586-530-5016. Rooms are available at the ConCorde Inn for \$89.99 plus tax (mention ISMA Detroit Lodge No. 7).



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From the Lodges, continued

Newly elected and appointed Lodge #7 officers for 2018 are:

President:	John C. Mantyk
1 st Vice President:	Neil C. Schultheiss
2 nd Vice President:	Scott R. Skrzypczak
Secretary-Treasurer:	Raymond E. Oset
Chaplains:	Rev. Paul A. Innes Rev. Lynne A. Kogel
Marshal:	Dennis E. Pomeroy
Warden:	Laddie L. Hudson
Sentinel:	Michael W. Nall
Surgeon:	Larry W. Stephenson, MD

Toledo Lodge No. 9:

Elected/appointed to a two-year term (2018-19) on January 17, 2018, are the following Lodge #9 officers:

President:	Richard Brown
1 st Vice President:	Paul LaMarre III
2 nd Vice President:	Robert Stausmire
Secretary-Treasurer:	James Byrne
Marshal:	Harry Dusseau
Warden:	Ralph Emery
Sentinel:	Jack Towner
Chaplain:	Philip Knetchel

Green Bay Lodge No. 18:

On January 17, 2018, Lodge #18 elected/appointed the following officers:

President:	Todd Taylor
1 st Vice President:	Ted Seaver
2 nd Vice President:	Rick Hake
Secretary-Treasurer:	Greg Stamatelakys
Marshal:	Jerry Guyer
Warden:	Jonny Slanga
Sentinel:	Karl Watts
Chaplain:	Don Doggett
Physician:	Tiffany "Doc" Kriwhan

Twin Sault Lodge No. 22:

Lodge #22's officers for 2018 are:

President:	John Wellington
1 st Vice President:	Bob Schallip
2 nd Vice President:	Joey Reaume
Secretary-Treasurer:	Mary Ann Schallip

**Watch for the latest New Members List in the
March-April ISMA Letter.**

Boat Trip Raffles

Visit www.freightertrip.com for the latest news about ISMA boat trip raffles.



FINAL BELLS

Detroit Lodge #7 member **John H. Earles, Sr.** (#A-11465) passed away on December 31, 2017, at the age of 73. He had been a member of Detroit Lodge #7 for the past 21 years.

Annual Mariners' Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet, Owen Sound

On behalf of ISMA Lodge #15, I would like to invite all members and friends to Owen Sound for the 26th Annual Mariners Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet on Sunday, February 11, 2018. The service will be held at 10 AM at St. George's Anglican Church, 1049 4th Ave East, Owen Sound, Ontario. For more information, see <https://sites.google.com/view/isma-lodge-15/mariners-service>.

On Saturday, February 10, we will be giving a special tour of the Marine Firefighting facilities as well as the Marine Simulators at the Owen Sound Campus of Georgian College.

If you are attending either or both events, send me an email so we can specially welcome you.

Seann O'Donoghue, President
ISMA Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15
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Great Lakes Waterways Conference

The annual Great Lakes Waterways Conference – an event involving all segments of the maritime community and addressing the Great Lakes maritime industry's most pressing challenges and future opportunities – will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6-7, 2018 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel in downtown Cleveland. For more information, visit <http://www.maritimemeetings.com/great-lakes-waterways-conference.php>. From there, links are available to download the Conference Program, register for the conference, and make hotel reservations.

Reminder—

Keep your email address up to date with your local lodge Secretary. It's the best way to receive your ISMA Letter (and other notices) promptly. Local secretaries distribute ISMA Letter via email.

Industry Newsbriefs –

- Lake Carriers' Association reports that US-flag Great Lakes vessels moved 85.7 millions tons of cargo in 2017, an increase of 3 percent over 2016. However, the 2017 total was still 2.4 percent below the fleet's long-term average. Iron ore cargoes carried totaled 46 million tons, an increase of 4.3 percent from 2016. Coal loadings increased 2.8 percent to 13.3 million tons, and limestone cargoes increased 1.7 percent to 21.55 million tons. Statistics are available at www.lcaships.com.
- The 2017 St. Lawrence Seaway navigation season (concluded on January 11, 2018) saw Seaway tonnage rising by nearly 9 percent to over 38 million tonnes of cargo. The iron ore, dry bulk, and general cargo categories saw the largest increases. Vessel transits of the System increased by more than 9 percent, totaling 4119 in 2017, up from 3774 in the 2016 season.
- On January 10, 2018, Lake Carriers' Association reported that in 2017, the Great Lakes iron ore trade enjoyed its best year since 2012. Shipments of iron ore on the Lakes totaled 60.3 million tons in 2017, an increase of 10.9 percent over 2016, and the most since 2017. That ore total was also 4.6 percent above the trade's five-year average. Details are available at www.lcaships.com.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers released its extended water levels forecast for January through June for the Great Lakes. The Lakes are expected to rise again this spring for the fifth straight year, with all five lakes expected to have above-average levels. In fact, forecasters estimate that Lake Superior will break a record high level set in the mid-1980s.
- On January 25, 2018, the US Coast Guard National Maritime Center posted a notice about Approval to Test Letters and the transition from previous to current mariner credentialing regulations which went into effect on March 24, 2014. For more information, see http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/att_and_grandfathering_012518.pdf.
- On January 18, 2018, the US Coast Guard posted a Federal Register Notice proposing new base pilotage rates and surcharges for the 2018 shipping season, in accordance with the Great Lakes Pilotage Act of 1960. Additionally, the Coast Guard is proposing several changes to the Great Lakes pilotage ratemaking methodology. For a summary and link to the notice, see <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/18/1-18-2018-great-lakes-pilotage-rates-2018-annual-review-and-revisions-to-methodology/>.
- On January 19, 2018, the USCG announced it had set the random drug testing rate for crewmembers of inspected and uninspected vessels. The 2018 minimum random drug testing rate is set at 25 percent of covered crewmembers and is effective January 1 through December 31, 2018. More information and a link to the Federal Register notice can be found at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/19/1-19-2018-2018-random-drug-testing-rate-set-for-crewmembers-of-inspected-and-uninspected-vessels/>.
- On January 16, 2018, the USCG released a Marine Safety Advisory concerning the expansion of DOT drug screening to include semi-synthetic opiates. See <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/18/1-18-2018-marine-safety-advisory-01-18-expansion-of-dept-of-transportation-drug-screening-to-include-semi-synthetic-opiates/>.
- On January 8, 2018, the USCG National Maritime Center posted an alert to its website with information for customers sending attachments to NMC through e-mail. It is important to be aware of file size, as large files will not be accepted. For details, see http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/email_attachments_to_NMC_notice_0118.pdf.
- The final iron ore shipments from Escanaba, MI, happened on April 18, 2017, due to closure of the exhausted Empire Mine in Palmer, MI.
- The Port of Green Bay, WI, reported 166 ship visits in 2017. Overall port tonnage totaled 1.833 million metric tons, a one percent increase over 2016.
- In 2017, the Port of Hamilton, ON, handled its highest-ever total of agricultural products. Agricultural cargoes now make up 23 percent of the port's total; that's up from 12.5 percent in 2010. Overall, the port's tonnage for all cargoes was 6 percent higher than in 2016, at 9.86 million metric tonnes for 2017.

For information and to apply for an

ISMA SCHOLARSHIP

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and follow the Scholarship links on the home page.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

Salute Your Fellow Members with the
SHIP MASTERS' SALUTE:
3 Long, 1 Short



- February 1-4, 2018** -
ISMA Grand Lodge Convention,
Toledo, OH
- February 6-7, 2018** -
Great Lakes Waterways Conference
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, OH
- February 11, 2018** -
Annual Mariners Service and Blessing of the Great
Lakes Fleet, 10 AM, St. George's Anglican
Church, Owen Sound, ONT
- February 17, 2018** -
Detroit Lodge #7 127th Annual Dinner Dance,
ConCorde Inn, Clinton Township, MI
- March 1, 2018** -
Chicago Maritime Industry Day
DoubleTree Hotel, Alsip, IL
- March 3, 2018** -
Port Huron Lodge #2 127th Annual Dinner Dance,
DoubleTree Hotel, Port Huron, MI
- March 11, 2018** -
Annual Blessing of the Fleet, 11 AM
Mariners' Church, Detroit, MI
- April 22, 2018** -
Navy League Sunday, 11 AM
Mariners' Church, Detroit, MI
- May 6, 2018** -
Battle of the Atlantic Sunday, WW II Remembrance
at Owen Sound Cenotaph
- May 22, 2018** -
National Maritime Day (US)
- June 13-15, 2018** -
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Annual Meeting and Conference, Ajax, ONT
- June 25, 2018** -
International Day of the Seafarer
- June 27, 2018** -
Hamilton Marine Day, Hamilton, ONT
- July 9, 2018** -
Sea Sunday, The Mission to Seafarers: Canada
- August 20, 2018** -
St. Lawrence Day
- August 17-18, 2018** -
Georgian Bay Tugfest, Midland, ONT
- September 3, 2018** -
Annual Canada Merchant Navy Day
- September 28, 2018** -
World Maritime Day
- November 11, 2018** -
Remembrance Day (CA)
ISMA Lays CMNVA Wreath at Owen Sound
Cenotaph
Veterans Day (US)
- November 26, 2018** -
William Hamilton Merritt Day, Welland Canal
- December 7, 2018** -
Grunt Club 180th Annual Dinner, Montreal, QC



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If you don't know how to log into the members-only section of the ISMA website, contact your local lodge president or secretary. Note that the password is case-sensitive.



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