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Convention Recap

The 126th International Ship Masters' Association Grand Lodge Convention at Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Chicago brought together delegates and members from 13 of the 16 local ISMA lodges. Following the Delegate Caucus on Wednesday evening, February 3, 2016, President **Joe Walters** called the Grand Lodge to order on Thursday morning, February 4. After the Grand President's and Grand Secretary's reports, the 2015 Obituary Report was read. Committee reports followed.

Navigation, Engineering and Legislative Committee (NELC) chairman **John Sarns** discussed the NELC's action during the past year. At the 2015 Grand Lodge convention, Green Bay Lodge #18 presented a proposal that the NELC contact the US Coast Guard and request a change in the characteristic of Milwaukee Breakwater Light. The USCG concurred and made the requested change in June. **John**, along with other ISMA officers and NELC members, attended various conferences and meetings throughout the past year. In August, **John** submitted written objections to the USCG's proposal to change 24 buoys in the St. Marys River to virtual aids. Due to the number of similar objections, in September the USCG tabled their proposed change to the 24 aids in question. **John** also announced that he would be turning over chairmanship of the NELC to **Scott Skrzypczak** (see contact info on page 6).

Scholarship Committee Chairman **Seann O'Donoughue** reported that there were eight scholarship applicants for the 2016 awards. Scholarships were awarded to: **Andy Deegan** (Hawseppe Award), **Zach Peters** (Georgian College Great Lakes Marine Training Centre Cadet), and **Mark Andrasek** (Great Lakes Maritime Academy Cadet). **Seann** also announced that he will remain a member of the Scholarship Committee, but he is turning the position of Chairperson over to **Rebecca Hancock**.

Three proposals came before the Grand Lodge; however, the third proposal, from Cleveland Lodge #4, was withdrawn. Proposal #1, from Port Huron Lodge #2, concerned the light characteristics of Bar Point Pier Light D33. The proposal directed the NELC to ask the Canadian Coast Guard to illuminate the light or the obscured sector in some acceptable manner to make the light visible to downbound vessels. Proposal #1 was approved. Proposal #2 was also received from Lodge #2 concerning deployment by the US Coast Guard of Virtual and Synthetic AIS Aids to Navigation. The proposal directed

the NELC to oppose the removal of important physical aids as the new AIS system is developed, and to take an active role in working with the US and Canadian Coast Guards to reduce clutter on AIS units, as well as other issues that may arise. Proposal #2 was approved.

The following Grand Lodge officers were elected/appointed for the ensuing year and installed on Friday afternoon.

Grand President:	Robert Lund
Grand 1 st Vice President:	Lee Barnhill
Grand 2 nd Vice President:	Harold Dusseau
Grand Secretary-Treasurer:	Albert Tielke
Grand Chaplain:	George Lisner
Grand Marshal:	Mary Ann Schallip
Grand Warden:	Christy Fell
Grand Sentinel:	Nels Lund

A list of current ISMA committee members can be found on the ISMA website, www.shipmaster.org.

The Good of the Order discussion centered on reaching potential members, particularly younger people, using social media. A Membership/Outreach subcommittee will look into this further, and Website Chairman **Frank Frisk** will look into apps for mobile devices. ISMA does have a Facebook group – ISMA Members on Facebook.

Going forward, the Grand President's Awards (see page 5) will be presented at the Grand Ball where there is increased publicity for ISMA and the good work that members do.

The Grand Ball address was given by CAPT **Amy Cocanour**, USCG Sector Lake Michigan. Other speakers throughout the convention included **James Weakley**, President, Lake Carriers' Association; US Coast Guard personnel on topics including Maritime Intelligence and Virtual Aids to Navigation; **Amy Seeley**, National Weather Service; **Bill Strauss**, Chicago Federal Reserve; **Mike Piskur**, Conference of Great Lakes Governors and Premiers; representatives of Tall Ships America and America's Cup; **Kris Habermehl** with a video presentation; singer **Tom Kastle**. Attendees were also able to tour the Federal Reserve's Money Museum, and ride the Chicago Fireboat *Christopher Wheatley*. Saturday evening's dinner featured a Key West theme.

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Grand Lodge Convention to be held at the Sanctuary Inn, Alpena, MI, February 2-5, 2017.



NEW MEMBERS

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Active Professional:	Laura Godwin-Kendrick	#12935
	Edward R. Kinsley III	#12938
	Jordan T. Kit	#12980
Associate:	Eliasson, Jonene	#A-12982
	Blake D. Kishler	#A-12978
	Mollie Mahoney	#A-12950
	Theresa A. Miller	#A-12948
	Jacob E. Schick	#A-12939
	Anthony R. Zolinski	#A-12949
Cadet:	James R. McCormick	#C-12951

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional:	Aaron Van Burnett	#12971
	Van Burnett	#12970
	Sean Liljegen	#12972

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Retired:	W. Theodore Huebner	#12936
	Christopher J. Stevens	#12968
Associate:	Andrew G. Folgmann	#A-12937
	Joel L. Stone	#A-12943
	Mark R. Weber	#A-12945
Cadet:	Derek T. McMullen	#C-12944

Twin Ports Lodge #12:

Active Professional:	Susan Claudia Lee	#12942
	James Stemwedel	#12979
Associate:	Davan Scott	#A-12941

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15:

Active Professional:	Gregg Colp	#12957
	Ronald P. Everett	#12958
	Maksym Goryenko	#12966
	Arnesh Misra	#12977
	Jesse Vickers	#12952
Associate:	Oliver Hildebrand	#A-12947
	Elizabeth Smethurst	#A-12946
Cadet:	Sheyne Bettersby	#C-12954
	Yesly Bonte	#C-12955
	Alannah Chen	#C-12956
	Michaela Gailant-Turner	#C-12967
	Cian Hamilton	#C-12959
	Donald Hicks	#C-12960
	Trevor Midwinter	#C-12961
	James A. Millen	#C-12953
	Jonathan N. Pap	#C-12962
	Shane Ruther	#C-12963
	Ian Schmidt	#C-12964
	Conor Sweetnam	#C-12965

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Associate:	Jonathan M. Slanga	#A-12940
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Grand Traverse Lodge #23:

Active Professional:	Aaron Persenaire	#12974
Associate:	Ellen Elliott Weatherbee	#A-12969
Cadet:	Courtney Luce	#C-12975
	Morgan H. Miller	#C-12973
	Nick Zarafonitis	#C-12976



2016 Grand Lodge Officers

*Front: Grand 1st Vice President **Lee Barnhill**, Grand President **Bob Lund**, Grand 2nd Vice President **Harold Dusseau**, Grand Secretary-Treasurer **Al Tielke**;
Back: Grand Marshal **Mary Ann Schallip**, Grand Warden **Christy Fell**, Grand Sentinel **Nels Lund**, Grand Chaplain **George Lisner**.*

FINAL BELLS

Cleveland Lodge #4 member and Lodge Marshal **Steven P. Nevin** (#11571) passed away on March 17, 2016. **Steve** joined ISMA in 1997. After a serving in the US Coast Guard and then the Ohio Division of Liquor, **Steve** spent 40 years sailing for The Interlake Steamship Company, retiring from MV *Paul R. Tregurtha* in 2009. He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law. Services were held in Lakeside, OH, on March 24.



Detroit Lodge #7 member and Lodge Co-Chaplain Msgr. **Russell E. Kohler** (#A-12025) passed away on March 25, 2016. Father **Kohler** was the pastor at Ste. Anne de Detroit and Most Holy Trinity Catholic churches in Detroit and had founded the Pope John XXIII Hospitality House for cancer patients. At this writing, funeral plans were not finalized.

ISMA Membership Applications
Available Online at

www.shipmaster.org/membership.htm

FROM THE LODGES

Buffalo Lodge No. 1:

Guest speaker at Lodge #1's meeting on March 17, 2016, was **Joe Jakubik**, who presented "Moving a Lighthouse."

Port Huron Lodge No. 2:



Port Huron Lodge #2 held its annual Dinner Dance at the DoubleTree Hilton in Port Huron on March 5, 2016, with 65 guests attending. Nine lodges were represented: Buffalo #1, Port Huron #2, Chicago #3, Detroit #7, Georgian Bay-Huron #15, Northeast Michigan #9, Niagara District #20, Twin Sault #22, and Grand Traverse #23. Grand President Capt. **Bob Lund** and Grand 1st Vice President Capt. **Lee Barnhill** were there along with Past Grand Presidents **Rebecca Hancock**, **Bob Schallip**, and **George Haynes**. Lodge #2 is planning next year's Dinner Dance for March 4, 2017.

Lodge #2's last business meeting of the winter was held on March 24.



—photos
courtesy
George
Haynes.

Chicago Lodge No. 3:

Lodge #3's ISMA Chicago Maritime Industry Day was held on March 10, 2016, in conjunction with US Coast Guard MSU Chicago. It brought waterway users together Federal, state, and municipal agencies with jurisdiction over the waters in and around Chicago.

Detroit Lodge No. 7:

Lodge #7 recently made donations to the Noble Odyssey Foundation, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, and the Lost Mariners Remembrance event to be held in November.

Lodge #7 held its 125th Annual Dinner Dance on February 20, 2016, at the Concorde Inn, Clinton Twp, MI. You can view photos of the event on the Lodge #7's website at www.detroitlodge7.org.

Members of Detroit Lodge #7, along with several Port Huron Lodge #2 members, toured the US Coast Guard Air Station Detroit on March 15, 2016, thanks to arrangements made by Lodge #7 member **Art Brooks**. At lunch before the tour, members were briefed by LCDR **Brendan Evans** and LTjg **Robby Chavez**. Once everyone arrived at the Air Station on Selfridge Air National Guard Base, **Evans** and **Chavez** gave a Power-Point presentation followed by a video on Search and Air Rescue procedures. In the Air Station hangar, the group was able to examine two helicopters and observe maintenance technicians at work on one of them. LCDR **Evans** and LTjg **Chavez** displayed a rescue basket and described its use. They answered numerous questions about various aspects of the helicopters.



Group gathered to hear LCDR Evans and LTjg Chavez

Upon conclusion of the tour, Lodge President **Scott Reynolds** presented LCDR **Evans** with a certificate of appreciation. **Scott** also presented a cash donation to CPO **Robert Holden**, president of the Detroit Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association. The donation, collected from individual lodge members, will help support the CPO Association's efforts to aid a member of the Detroit Air Station, 2nd Class Petty Officer **Jennifer Smith**, who was severely injured in a knife attack while on vacation in Belize.

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Scott Reynolds, CPO Robert Holden, LCDR Brendan Evans, LTjg Robby Chavez.
—photos by Paul Jagenow

From the Lodges, continued

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15:

Several Shipmasters participated in the Georgian College Marine Days event on March 1, 2016.

The following Lodge #15 officers were elected/appointed on February 22, 2016.

President:	Seann O'Donoughue
1 st Vice President:	Keith Filby
2 nd Vice President:	John Brookham
Secretary-Treasurer:	Thomas Aulinger
Chaplain:	James Van Overbeek
Marshal:	Kaitlin Whittall
Warden:	Gord McNeil
Sentinel:	Christopher Buckley

On February 14, 2016, following the Annual Mariner's Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet in Owen Sound, Lodge #15 held the draw in their Great Arctic Cruise raffle. Lodge President Capt. **Seann O'Donoughue** penned a letter to the editor of the *Owen Sound Sun Times* to announce the winners and thank all of the donors and volunteers involved in the raffle that was held to fund many causes around Georgian Bay. Winner of the Grand Prize, an 8-day Arctic cruise on MS *Expedition*, was **Karen Hoolah** of Kemble, ON. Second Prize, a Great Lakes Tall Ship cruise for a youth aboard training ship *Playfair*, was won by **John Van Delder** of Walkerton, ON. Third Prize, operation of any ship in the digital database of the Georgian College Marine Ship simulator for up to 8 people, went to **Barbra Gray** of Owen Sound, ON. **Cecelia D'Mello** of Thornhill, ON, won Fourth Prize of a 30,000 Island Family Sightseeing Pass aboard MV *Chippewa*. **Trina George** of Oliphant, ON, won the Fifth Prize, a summer sunset dinner cruise for two aboard MS *Chi-Cheemaun*. In his letter, **Seann** thanked G-Expeditions for the Arctic cruise donation, as well as the other prize donors – Toronto Brigantine, Chippewa III Cruises, Georgian College, and The Owen Sound Transportation Company. Volunteer ticket sellers stepped forward everywhere. The raffle proceeds will support three scholarships at Georgian College and support the Canadian Navy League Cadets in Owen Sound, as well as Toronto Brigantine Tall Ships, and Owen Sound's Community Waterfront Heritage Centre.

On April 5, 2016, Lodge #15 members had the opportunity to tour the research vessel *Huron Explorer I* and learn about the onboard research. On May 14, Lodge #15 will tour the home of retired Commodore of the Algoma Fleet,

Bruce Shepperd, in Meaford. Members will see his model ship collection and marine house, and then see the remainder of his models at the neighbouring Meaford Marine Museum. On June



18, Lodge #15 members will travel to Port McNicol for a tour of SS *Keewatin*, a 1907 Clyde-built ship. Then on July 22, members will cruise on board the *Chippewa III* to Henry's World Famous Fish Restaurant on Frying Pan Island, Georgian Bay.

Green Bay Lodge No. 18:

Lodge #18 member Capt. **Tiffany Kriwhan** and schooner *Dennis Sullivan* will participate in the Tall Ships Challenge Tour this summer, sailing as far east as Fairport Harbor, OH, and Erie, PA.

Northeast Michigan Lodge No. 19:

Lodge #19 recently donated \$250 to the Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary for educational programs for students from schools all over northern Michigan. Lodge #19 has donated to the Friends of the Sanctuary annually. The donation was recognized in the *Alpena News*. Lodge #19 members present were **Wally Watkins**, **Max** and **Carol Lund**, **Jamie Burke**, **Pat Hart**, **Ted Rayha**, **Terry Pugh**, and **Lee Barnhill**.



TBNMS maritime archaeologist Phil Hartmeyer and Lee Barnhill (center) with Lodge #19 members.

Lodge #19 members also toured Moran Iron Works in Onaway, MI. Moran Iron has recently entered the marine industry by building two deck barges for Durocher Marine of Cheboygan, MI, and an aluminum ferry boat for Sheplers Mackinac Island Ferry. Members present were **Terry Pugh**, **Ted Rayha**, **Max**



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From the Lodges, continued

and Carol Lund, Jamie Burke, Kirsten Buccigrossi, and Lee Barnhill.



—photos courtesy Lee Barnhill

Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23:

Lodge #23 held their annual dinner at Boone's Long Lake Inn in Traverse City on March 13, 2016. Member **Dan Hobbs** gave a presentation about his recent experience with LCS sea trials.

Scholarship Award Winners Say Thanks

Though none of the ISMA 2016 Scholarship Award winners were able to attend the convention in Chicago, they are all grateful for the financial aid they've received.



The Canadian ISMA 2016 scholarship recipient Zachary Peters (2nd from left) received his award in Owen Sound. (L to R) Lodge #15 President Seann O'Donoghue, Zachary, Owen Sound Mayor Ian C. Boddy, and Lodge #15 raffle chairman Ron O'Donoghue.

From **Zachary Peters**, 3rd Year Cadet:

Dear Donors of the ISMA Scholarship Award,

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how extremely honored I am to have been selected to receive the ISMA 2016 Georgian Cadet Scholarship Award.

I admire the generosity that individuals have made to contribute to this scholarship. The marine community is such a welcoming and supportive industry that can't be matched. This scholarship will further support me while I'm in school striving to be the best I can be both academically and proficiently.

Thank you again for your very generous support. It's extremely appreciated. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerest regards,

Zachary Peters

From **Mark Andrasek**, 3rd Year Cadet:

To the International Ship Masters' Association,

I am very grateful for being chosen for this award. It means a lot to win this award, especially since the winner is chosen by captains on the Great Lakes. This award will help me out immensely to cover the cost of my final sea project this winter. I look forward to completing my final sea project and obtaining a position as a third mate aboard a Great Lakes freighter in the very near future. Once again, thank you very much; I greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Mark Andrasek

From **Andy Deegan**, QMED:

ISMA Scholarship Selection Committee,

I am very humbled and honored to have been chosen to receive the Hawsepipe Scholarship award. Your financial generosity is deeply appreciated. This award will be extremely helpful in the advancement of my career. I have had a long-time aspiration to become an Engineering Officer and the scholarship brings me one step closer to realization.

I regret not being able to receive the award in person.

This award will certainly be put to good use, and again, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all involved.

Respectfully yours,

Andy Deegan

Grand President's Awards

At the Grand Lodge Convention, Grand President's Awards were announced for the following mariners who were instrumental in saving lives on the Great Lakes during the past year.

- Capt. **Dino Dini** (Niagara District Lodge #20, #11025), MV *Algoway*, for the rescue of four people from a pleasure craft in distress in Lake Erie off Lorain, OH, on August 14, 2015.
- Capt. **Robert Schallip** (Twin Sault Lodge #22, #11338, Past Grand President), MV *Hiawatha*, for assistance in the rescue of two kayakers whose kayak had capsized in Soo Harbor on September 9, 2015.
- Capt. **Clayton Hill**, MV *Nokomis*, for assistance in the rescue of two kayakers whose kayak had capsized in Soo Harbor on September 9, 2015.
- Capt. **Raymond Sheldon** (Grand Traverse Lodge #23, #11097, Past Grand President), MV *Joseph L. Block*, for assistance in the rescue of a boater in distress in Lake Michigan off Port Washington, WI, on August 24, 2015.
- Capt. **Kenneth Rowe**, MV *Michipicoten*, for assistance in the rescue of two sailboaters whose 42-foot boat was taking on water in Lake Huron off Alpena, MI, on August 26, 2015.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Members in the News

An illustrated article in the February 11, 2016, edition of the *Chicago Tribune* recognized Capt. **Mark Stevenson** (Chicago Lodge #3) was recognized for his work with at-risk youth. He has helped dozens of at-risk youth get a start in the maritime industry. **Mark** was one of the recipients of the Lewis Ludington Award presented at Mariners' Church of Detroit on March 13, 2016. You can read the article at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-african-american-captain-award-nomination-met-20160211-story.html>.

The *Port Huron Times Herald*, March 29, 2016, ran an illustrated article, "Every day is an adventure on the Great Lakes," about Past Grand President Capt. **George Haynes** (Port Huron Lodge #2 and Buffalo Lodge #1) and the life and challenges of being a Great Lakes pilot. You can read the article at www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2016/03/29/every-day-adventure-great-lakes/82373324/.

Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Detroit

The annual Blessing of the Fleet was held at Mariners' Church of Detroit on March 13, 2016. Numerous ISMA members participated. Serving in the Honor Guard were **Sam Buchanan, Art Brooks, Jay Downen, Bill Griffore, PGP Ron Ingram, Rev Dr. Lynne Kogel, Ron LaPlante, Dale Mason, Mike Nall, Ray Oset, Scott Reynolds, Rick Scott, Scott Skrzypczak, and Ken Suddick** of Detroit Lodge #7; **Jim Semerad** and PGP **Jim Leaney** of Port Huron Lodge #2; **Mark Stevenson** of Chicago Lodge #3; PGP **Jim Daleski** and Grand 1st Vice President **Lee Barnhill** of Northeast Michigan Lodge #19; and Adm. **Gerald Achenbach** of Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23. Fr. **William Fleming**, Rector of Mariners' Church, officiated, and **Kathy McGraw** (Detroit Lodge #7) served as necrologist during reading of names of deceased mariners. **Lee Barnhill** was designated as bell toller. In the congregation were **Dominic Gorno, Tom Ochs, and Paul Jagenow** of Lodge #7; **Ian D'Mello** of Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15; and **Curt Kikkert** of Twin Sault Lodge #22. **Scott Reynolds** also served as reader during presentation of the Capt. Lewis Ludington Awards.



Honor Guard at the altar.

The 2016 recipients of the Lewis Ludington Award were (right) Capt. **Jim Leaney** (PGP, Port Huron Lodge #2), (left) Capt. **Mark Stevenson** (Chicago Lodge #3), and (ctr) Capt. **James Daleski** (PGP, Northeast Michigan Lodge #19).



Scholarship Fund

Since the Convention, \$2652.00 has been received in donations from both individuals and local lodges to the ISMA Scholarship Fund. There is still plenty of time for you to donate before the 2017 Convention. Contact **Rebecca Hancock**, Scholarship Chair, for more information (see below).



ISMA Website:

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 username and password are case-sensitive.

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