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2014 ISMA Grand Lodge Convention

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Hosted by ISMA Twin Sault Lodge #22

See You at the Soo!

Twin Sault Lodge #22 invites you to attend the 124th Annual Grand Lodge Convention, to be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, from February 6 to February 9, 2014. The convention theme is "Charting the Future."

The NELC meets at 4 pm on Thursday, February 6, followed by the delegate caucus at 7 pm. Grand Lodge meetings open on Friday morning, February 7. In addition to Grand Lodge business, a selection of guest speakers will provide up-to-date information on a variety of topics relevant to the maritime industry on the Great Lakes. The Grand Lodge installation ceremony and Grand Ball will be Friday evening. Saturday evening's theme is Mardi Gras. The convention weekend concludes with breakfast on Sunday, February 9.

The Kewadin is offering reduced room rates *until January 16, 2014*. The discounted rates are available from Wednesday, February 5, through Sunday, February 9. Rates are: \$61.95 plus tax for Single/Double; \$71.95 plus tax for Triple; \$81.95 plus tax for Quadruple. For reservations, call the Kewadin's front desk at 906-632-0530 and request the "Ship Masters' Convention" rate.

Twin Sault Lodge #22 has planned a few tours for early on Thursday, February 6 – the Cloverland Hydroelectric Power Plant, Vessel Traffic and the control tower. Times will be announced later.

You should have received registration information from Lodge #22 already. You can register for the Convention online, as well as view all the convention information and latest updates at www.ISMATwinSault22.com. Check it out. (Mailed registration forms should be sent to: Capt. Mary Ann Schallip, Twin Sault Lodge 22 Secretary/Treasurer, 17592 S. Simonsen Rd., Barbeau, MI 49710, *no later than January 18.*)

See you at the Soo!

FINAL BELLS

Since the last issue of *ISMA Letter*, we have lost three Past Grand Presidents:

Capt. **William A. Hoey III** (#10147) passed away on September 28, 2013, at the age of 75, after battling multiple myeloma for nine years. **Bill** was a member of Detroit Lodge #7 for



nearly 50 years, and served as ISMA Grand President in 1983. After **Bill** served in the US Navy, he returned to Detroit where he worked aboard tugs part-time. Then in 1964, he formed the Gaelic Tugboat Company; by the late '70s, the Gaelic fleet had grown to 15 tugs. In 1991, **Bill** purchased a former Arnold Line Mackinac Island ferry (renamed *Diamond Jack*) and began *Diamond Jack's River*

Tours, which grew to a fleet of three vessels. Both companies are now managed by **Bill's** daughter **Patricia Hoey-Carrothers** and her husband **Steve**. **Bill** was a long-time member of a number of maritime history groups, including Great Lakes Maritime Institute (where he was an early editor of their publication, *Telescope*) and Marine Historical Society of Detroit. He is survived by his wife **Katy**, two daughters, and a grandson. His son **William A. Hoey IV** passed away in 2001. Services were held in Brownstown Township, MI, on October 5.

Capt. **Patrick F. Owens** (#9870) passed away on November 12, 2013, at the age of 85, following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. He was an ISMA member for over 52 years, spending time in Detroit Lodge #7 and Port Huron Lodge #2. He was ISMA Grand President in 2002. In 1945, at age 16, **Pat** began his maritime career as a deckhand, boarding Interlake Steamship's *Adriatic* in the middle of the night from the ferry in St. Clair, not realizing he was embarking on a career that would last 46 years. (The only diversion from his

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sailing career was three years in the US Army.) In 1965, **Pat** joined the Ford Motor Company fleet as a third mate, rising through the ranks to Captain. Over the years, he sailed all the Ford/Rouge Steel vessels, retiring in 1992 after Interlake acquired the Rouge fleet (1989). **Pat** is survived by a daughter, three sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife **Elizabeth** and one son. Services were held on November 15.

Capt. **Dean G. Hobbs** (#10329) passed away unexpectedly on November 21, 2013, at the age of 59, after suffering a heart attack while playing hockey. He was secretary of Grand Traverse Lodge #23, and served as ISMA Grand President in 1999. **Dean** was senior captain of the Lake Michigan carferry SS *Badger*. **Dean** graduated from Great Lakes Maritime Academy in 1976, and also received a bachelor's degree from Maine Maritime Academy. Early in his Great Lakes career, he sailed with and served in fleet operations for the Inland Steel and American Oil Co. (Amoco) fleets. **Dean** joined Lake Michigan Carferry in 1995. He served as an adjunct instructor at GLMA. In addition, he was a sea trial master for Marinette Marine Corporation,



where he assisted in the sea trials and delivery of many of Marinette's newly-built vessels. He owned the sea trial and vessel delivery company, ABCD Marine LLC. He also served as relief master aboard the tug *Ken Boothe Sr.* early in 2012. **Dean** is survived by his wife **Brenda**, two daughters, and three grandchildren. A funeral was held in Traverse City on November 26, and a maritime memorial service is planned for early in 2014.



Other ISMA Passings:

Capt. **Richard M. Olson** (#10173), member of Twin Ports Lodge #12, passed away on September 8, 2013, at the age of 87. After discharge from the US Navy, **Dick** sailed for Hanna Mining Company, retiring as master of the *George A. Stinson*. While serving aboard the *Joseph H. Thompson* in May 1953, he was involved in the rescue of crewmen from the sinking *Henry Steinbrenner* during a severe Lake Superior storm. He is survived by a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, 12 great-

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grandchildren, three stepchildren, and six step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife **Arlene**. Services were held on September 16.

Capt. **H. Peter Gronwall** (#9295), of Toledo Lodge #9, passed away on September 10, 2013, at the age of 87. He sailed for American Steamship Company for 53 years, retiring from the *Indiana Harbor* in 1986. **Pete** is survived by his wife **Patricia**, three daughters, three sons, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Services were held in Woodville, OH, on September 14.

FROM THE LODGES

Port Huron Lodge #2:

At their December 12, 2013, meeting Lodge #2 elected the following officers to two-year terms:

President:	Fred J. Miller II
1st Vice President:	George P. Haynes
2nd Vice President:	Wade P. Streeter
Secretary:	Victoria S. Conradson
Treasurer:	George P. Haynes

The following officers were appointed to two-year terms:

Chaplain:	David R. Michelson
Marshal:	John S. Coulter
Warden:	Douglas R. Abbott
Sentinel:	Brian L. Eickel
Lodge Physician:	Dr. Dawn M. Severson

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Lodge #4 held elections at their November 14, 2013, meeting. Elected to two-year terms were:

President:	Wayne Bratton
1st Vice President:	Russell Brohl
2nd Vice President:	George R. "Skip" Skuggen
Secretary-Treasurer:	Christine Rohn-Tielke

The following officers were appointed for two-year terms:

Chaplain:	Rev. Al Hart
Marshal:	Steve Nevin
Warden:	William "Buck" McSweeney
Sentinel:	Jim Banjoff

Detroit Lodge #7:

Lodge #7's first meeting of the winter season was held at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on December 3, 2013. In addition to viewing the newly remodeled exhibits, the lodge heard from guest speaker **Joel Stone**, Senior Curator, Detroit Historical Society.

Lodge #7 member Capt. **Kathy McGraw** was recently recognized for her contributions to the Detroit Historical Society and Mariners' Church of Detroit. She has been a member of Lodge #7 for over 25 years and served as lodge president in 1999.

The annual Lodge #7 dinner dance is scheduled for February 22, 2014, at Sindbad's in Detroit.

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FROM THE LODGES, continued

Lodge #7 member **John Jamian**, Executive Director, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, wrote a recent column in the *Detroit Free Press* emphasizing the importance of Great Lakes shipping.

NEW MEMBERS
Buffalo Lodge #1:

Active Professional: **Thomas R. Sellers** #12829
Associate: **Thomas Hurley** #A-12830

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Associate: **Mike Mishler** #A-12834

Chicago Lodge #3:

Active Professional: **Christy Fell** #12832

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional: **Carl Fleming** #12831
Patrick McKee #12833



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

NOAA Ends Printing of Paper Nautical Charts

On October 21, 2013, NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, which creates and maintains over a thousand nautical charts of US coastal waters, announced upcoming changes. Effective April 13, 2014, the federal government will no longer print traditional paper nautical charts. NOAA will, however, continue to provide other forms of nautical charts, including print-on-demand (POD) paper charts as well as electronic and digital formats. POD charts are available from NOAA-certified printers.

NOAA electronic navigational charts and raster navigational charts, used in electronic charting systems, are updated weekly and available for download from the Coast Survey website. NOAA is also providing full-scale PDF nautical charts, available for download on a trial basis. Find out more at www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/.

Lithographic nautical charts have been printed by the US government since 1862 and sold to the public by commercial vendors. The decision to stop production is based on several factors, including the declining demand for lithographic charts, the increasing use of digital and electronic charts, and federal budget realities.

Twin Sault Lodge #22 Freighter Trip Raffle

Lodge #22 is sponsoring a raffle for a trip for four people during the 2014 navigation season aboard a vessel of The Interlake Steamship Company (most likely MV *Kaye E. Barker*, MV *Lee A. Tregurtha*, or MV *Hon. James L. Oberstar*). Tickets are \$10 each, and available via Lodge #22's website at www.ismatwinsault22.com or through the ISMA raffle trip site at www.freightertrip.com.

Dredging News...

In early December 2013, 34 members of the US House of Representatives from Great Lakes states signed a letter calling for provisions in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) to end the Great Lakes dredging crisis. The letter asks that at least 15 percent of all annual Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) appropriations be provided for maintaining the Great Lakes Navigation System (GLNS). It also asks that the GLNS be explicitly authorized as a single system. You can read more at the Great Lakes Maritime Task Force's website, www.glmf.org/2013/.

On November 22, 2013, the National Freight Advisory Committee approved a recommendation to pass legislation that will ensure that the Harbor Maintenance Tax is utilized for its intended purpose. The recommendation made by the Committee will go to US Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** to present to the Administration. Read more at www.marinelink.com/news/national-advisory361327.aspx.

Great Storm of 1913 Remembrance

The Port of Goderich and Lake Huron Shore Communities honoured the casualties of "The Great Storm of 1913" with events throughout the year. On November 8, 9 and 10, 2013, representatives from all over the Great Lakes region gathered to commemorate the centenary of the storm. (See ISMA Letter, *July-August 2013*, page 2.)



A monument, designed by **Keith Homan**, was unveiled in Goderich's Lighthouse Park on Friday morning, November 8. The steel sculpture depicts the forward end of a vessel – based on the lost steamer *James Caruthers* – being overwhelmed by waves. The monument's base is constructed of stone salvaged from the Victoria Street United Church, destroyed by a tornado in 2011.

Sixty-five descendants of those who died and a few who survived the storm came together for the first time, anywhere, ever. Attendees came from as far away as Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Detroit, Chicago, and Milwaukee.



A job fair and trade show, "Careers on the Water and Beyond," included representatives from Georgian College, a variety of Great Lakes shipping com-

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Great Storm of 1913 Remembrance, continued

panies, and many Lakes-related organizations including ISMA. "Our ISMA table was very busy, with many students asking about scholarship funds," said **Frank Frisk** (ISMA website committee chairman and Lodge #2 member). "Just over 2000 students went through in two days."



Speakers included shipwreck survivor **Dennis Hale**, diver

Dave Trotter, and videographer **Ric Mixter**. There were performances by singers **Lee Murdock** and **David MacAdam** (who was chairman of the Remembrance Committee).

Warren L. Robinson's play, *The Great Storm*, was performed in Sarnia on October 24-25, and at the Goderich Little Theater on October 31, November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10. Stories of storm victims, as recounted by their descendants, are told in the book, *Dear Ella*, by **Kathy Pletsch**.

The Remembrance weekend concluded with the 100th Anniversary Memorial Service on Sunday, November 10, at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Storm of 1913 Remembered in Port Huron

The centennial of the Great Storm of 1913 was observed at Port Huron Museum with a special exhibit and various presentations beginning in mid-September 2013. To honor the memory of all those lost during the "White Hurricane," a new Sailors Memorial was dedicated on November 9, at the International Bridge Plaza beneath the Blue Water Bridges. The assembled crowd, which braved gusty winds, included family members of some of the 250-plus sailors who perished in the storm. The special exhibit, "Storm of 1913 Remembered," is on display through January 14, 2014, at the museum's Carnegie Center.

Annual Lost Mariners Remembrance in Detroit

On November 10, 2013, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum (Detroit Historical Society) held its annual remembrance for mariners lost on the Great Lakes. A presentation by author **Michael Schumacher** highlighted the Great Storm of 1913. Also performing was balladeer **Lee Murdock**. A memorial wreath was placed on the Detroit River by the Honor Flotilla.

Several Detroit Lodge #7 members participated in or contributed to the event, including **Malcolm McAdam**, **Patrick Beard**, **John Jamian**, **Kathy McGraw**, **Joel Hepola**, **Scott Reynolds**, and **Arlene Earl**.

Annual Great Lakes Memorial Service

The annual Great lakes Memorial Service at Mariners' Church of Detroit took place on November 10, 2013. Shipmasters participating in the honor guard were Lodge #7 members **Ron Ingram**, **Jack Callahan**, **Jack Frost**, **Rick Scott**, **Ray Oset**, and **Mel Reicher**; Port Huron Lodge #2 member **Roger Hewlett**; and Grand Traverse Lodge #23 member **Gerald Achenbach**.

Noteworthy:

In December 2013, three past ISMA scholarship winners filled the deck officer positions aboard *MV Stewart J. Cort*: 1st Mate—**Rebecca Hancock**, 2nd Mate—**Cory Clay**, and 3rd Mate—**Brendan Groh**.

NMC Customer Service Hours Change

Effective November 1, 2013, the US National Maritime Center Customer Service Center hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 am EST to 6 pm EST (excluding federal holidays). Remember, you can also email IASKNMC@uscg.mil, and a customer service agent will respond within 1-2 business days.

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