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ISMA LETTER

2023 Grand Lodge Convention

It's almost time for the 2023 ISMA Grand Lodge Convention, hosted by Detroit Lodge No. 7, January 26-29 (delegate caucus and committee meetings on January 25), at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Detroit-Dearborn.

If you've been procrastinating, now is the time to act! Full convention registration is now \$350 USD per person. You can find all the details and register today at <http://www.detroitlodge7.org/Convention23.html>.

January 13, 2023, is the deadline for the special \$149 USD (free parking) ISMA room rate at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. You can find a link to reserve your room on Lodge No. 7's Convention page above, or at <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/dtdbdt-isa-958a63aa-bf82-46e2-81a8-a2b39f5cce55/>.

Remember that hotel reservations and convention registration are separate items. See you there!



2023 Scholarship Winners Announced

The ISMA Scholarship Committee has announced the recipients of the 2023 Grand Lodge Scholarship Awards as follows:

Canadian Cadet Applicant:	Mr. Shane Burgess
US Cadet Applicant:	Mr. Daniel Linder
Hawsepipe Applicant:	Mr. Alex Murtha

Watch for more from them. They have been invited to attend the 2023 Grand Lodge convention in Detroit where the awards will be presented.



FROM THE LODGES

Detroit Lodge No. 7:

Lodge No. 7's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at the Great Lakes Yacht Club.

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15:

Lodge No. 15's next meetings will be January 24, February 28, and March 21, 2023, beginning at 1730, at Shorty's Grill in Owen Sound.

Green Bay Lodge No. 18:

Lodge No. 18 member Captain **Paul Haley**, first captain of the *Lake Express* high-speed ferry, retired in October 2022. **Paul** and his wife have relocated to Muskegon, MI.



Final Bells

Detroit Lodge #7 member **James "Jim" C. Douglas** (#A-11979) passed away on November 11, 2022, at the age of 89. After graduating from high school in Detroit, **Jim** served his country during the Korean War in the US Navy aboard the USS *Midway*. For over 50 years, **Jim** operated "Douglas the Tailor" in Roseville, MI, where many lodge members were fitted with their uniforms. He is survived by his wife **LuAnn**, two sons, and one daughter. Services were held on November 16 in East China Township, MI, with military honors at Rosehill Cemetery, East China, prior to interment.



NEW MEMBERS

Chicago Lodge #3:

Active Professional:	Benjamin Brandano	#13234
	Rosalie Johnson	#13235
	Thomas Kennedy	#13237
	Richard Rittmeyer	#13236
Associate:	Richard Lindo	#A-13233

Milwaukee Lodge #6:

Active Professional:	Charles Hanna	#13225
	Daniel Hecko	#13239
Associate:	Pedro P. Canche	#A-13238

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Professional:	John J. Fanti	#13226
	John Fanti	#13227
Associate:	Mary Ann Jensen	#A-13231
	Ralph Ziegler	#A-13232

Twin Ports Lodge #12:

Associate:	Ethan Rentschler	#A-13230
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Green Bay Lodge #18:

Associate:	Peggy Sheldon	#A-13228
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Grand Traverse Lodge #23:

Cadet:	Matthew Kreft	#C-13229
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**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

**Annual Blessing of the Fleet
Mariners' Church of Detroit
March 12, 2023**

The annual Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church of Detroit will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, March 12, 2023. In addition, the Lewis Ludington Award will be presented at the service. Mariners' Church is located at 170 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.

**30th Annual Mariners Service and
Blessing of the Fleet
St. George's Anglican Church
Owen Sound, Ontario**

The 30th Annual Mariners Service and Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 10:30 am, at St. George's Anglican Church, 1049 4th Ave. E., Owen Sound N4K 2P3. This traditional and historic service is open to all. Mariners who wish to join the procession are asked to arrive by 10 am, dressed in uniform, if possible. For more information, you can contact the "event captain," **Ray Schrempf** at isma.lodge15@gmail.com.



Historical Photos of Construction of the Livingstone Channel

An interesting series of historical photos showing construction of the Livingstone Channel can be found at <https://www.detroitnews.com/picture-gallery/media/photo/2022/10/22/construction-detroit-rivers-livingstone-channel/10554293002/>.

Brigs Youth Sail Training Program

Brigs Youth Sail Training Program (<https://www.brigs.ca>) has been operating sail training programs in Canada since 1963. Earlier this fall, they announced opportunities for two new captains for the brigantines *Pathfinder* and *Playfair* for their 2023 April to October navigation season. Compensation is \$45,000. If interested and qualified, visit their website to see if the positions are still available.

From the Editor

2022 has been my 28th year serving as *ISMA Letter* Editor. During each of those years, we published six bi-monthly issues of *ISMA Letter*. I have certainly enjoyed serving ISMA, an organization that will always be close to my heart. However, it is time to turn over the reins to a new editor. Therefore, this November-December 2022 *ISMA Letter* is my last issue as your editor.

If *YOU* have an interest in keeping our membership informed, enjoy writing, and have an interest in serving as editor, please let me or our Grand President know.

This is an appointed position, and the new editor will be appointed by the incoming Grand President at the 2023 Grand Lodge Convention next month in Detroit.

I am happy to answer questions and will certainly assist in any way I can.

--Christine Rohn-Tielke

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

Industry Newsbriefs –

- On December 27, 2022, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System announced that as a result of severe environmental conditions impacting navigation, the closing date for the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section was extended from 1200, December 31, 2022, to 1200, January 1, 2023. Previously, on November 4, the Seaway announced that as part of a season pilot program for the current navigation season, all vessels must be clear of the Welland Canal by 1200, January 7, 2023.

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Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- On December 20, 2022, the US House and Senate Appropriations Committees unveiled the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The 4155-page legislation includes \$38.5 million for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation in FY2023. It also designates funds from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for the Corps of Engineers deep draft operation and maintenance program, and money for the US Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program.
- On December 23, 2022, President **Joe Biden** signed the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which contains funding authorizations for a new Great Lakes icebreaker and increased spending for the Soo Locks expansion project.
- The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) satellite launched on December 16, 2022. The satellite is dedicated to observing surface water and currents throughout the earth, and is expected to produce much data on the Great Lakes.
- On December 16, 2022, US Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie began "Operation Taconite," its end-of-the-season icebreaking effort, following expanding ice in western Lake Superior. Operation Taconite is the USCG's largest domestic icebreaking operation. It will continue until closing of the Soo Locks on January 15, 2023.
- The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation reported that more than 31.5 million tonnes of cargo moved through the Seaway in 2022 through November. This number was down nearly 6.9 percent from a year ago. However, total number of vessel transits was 3,502 through November 2022, up from 3,443 in 2021.
- The Canadian Marine Careers Foundation (CMCF), formerly Canadian Marine Industry Foundation, has published its "Imagine Marine: The December Recap" online. For more information, see www.imagine-marine.ca.
- The December 2022 edition of "The Green Wave," is available online at <https://mailchi.mp/green-marine.org/the-green-wave-december-2022-issue?e=3fb68f52aa>.
- Ports are looking toward the future. The Ports of Cleveland, Monroe, MI; and Duluth-Superior are seeking to demonstrate the feasibility of container transport well inland on the Great Lakes-Seaway System. Read more at https://seawayreview.com/three-great-lakes-ports-seek-to-grow-container-trade/?utm_medium=SendGrid&utm_campaign=website&utm_source=WJEmail. Monroe Port Director and ISMA member **Paul LaMarre III** is quoted.
- The Montreal Port Authority released "Our Mission for the Future," on December 8, 2022. Find it at <https://www.port-montreal.com/en/the-port-of-montreal/news/news/logbook/editorial-mission>.
- On December 7, 2022, the Government of Canada announced that after 59 years of service supporting ocean science work in Canada and around the world, CCGS *Hudson* is taking its final voyage and is set for deconstruction and environmentally-responsible disposal.
- In early December, the US Coast Guard announced that its 2022 Christmas Tree Ship run was successful. The cutter *Mackinaw* pulled up alongside Chicago's Navy Pier and offloaded 1200 Christmas trees destined for Chicago area families. The *Mackinaw*'s annual holiday cheer trip traces the path of the ill-fated *Rouse Simmons*, the Great Lakes' famous Christmas Tree Ship, which sank in Lake Michigan in 1912 while carrying a huge load of holiday trees from Northern Michigan to Chicago.
- On December 2, 2022, a bipartisan bill, the Great Lakes Authority Act of 2022, was introduced in the US Senate by Senators **Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI) and **Rob Portman** (R-OH). The bill would establish a new regional authority to promote economic growth in Great Lakes states by creating a federal-state body tasked with promoting investments in manufacturing communities and economically distressed areas of the region. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Read about S.5180 at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/5180?s=1&r=4>.
- The *Detroit News* covered the November 13, 2022 Great Lakes Memorial Service at Mariners' Church. See the article at <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2022/11/14/detroit-church-remembers-sailors-lost-on-the-great-lakes/69644561007/>.
- In early November 2022, the US Army Corps of Engineers began Phase 3 construction for the New Lock at the Soo when contractor Kokosing Alberici Traylor, LLC, began moving large equipment to the site via a barge in the Poe Lock on November 3. KAT will set up trailers in preparation for the coming winter season. No major construction for Phase 3 will take place until Spring 2023 due to the harsh winter climate in Michigan's UP. Phase 3 construction includes demolishing the existing Sabin Lock, infilling the Davis Lock, constructing a new pump well, rehabilitating the downstream approach walls, and constructing the New Lock chamber.
- In early November, the Thunder Bay Port Authority announced that grain shipments in October rose by 33 percent from September and were 8 percent better than October 2021.
- On November 4, 2022, the White House announced the appointment of former Milwaukee port director, **Adam Tindall-Schlicht**, as the next Administrator of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.
- As we all know, ships provide the greatest economic efficiency among all forms of transportation. Here is a CBC article on cargo vessels and fossil fuel emissions: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/global-shipping-emissions-1.6636413>.
- At the beginning of November 2022, it was announced that Heddle Shipyards was awarded a \$135.5 million contract for the Vessel Life Extension of the CCGS *Terry Fox*, thus securing the future of Port Weller Dry Docks.

Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- The cruise industry organization Cruise the Great Lakes announced that the 2022 Great Lakes cruising season was a big success. More than 150,000 passengers visited ports large and small, generating an economic impact of about \$125 million. In 2023, the number of cruise vessels on the Lakes will increase from nine to eleven, and total economic impact is expected to hit \$180 million.



ISMA Website:

Contact your local lodge president or secretary if you don't know the log-in for the members-only portion of the ISMA website. Note that the password is case-sensitive.



- January 15, 2023 - Soo Locks close
January 19, 2023 - Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering (CIMarE) Annual General Meeting - Toronto
January 20, 2023 - Great Lakes Cruise Association - Annual Meeting - Toronto
January 20, 2023 - The Marine Club - 84th Annual Dinner - Toronto
January 25-29, 2023 - 133rd ISMA Grand Lodge Convention - Detroit, MI
February 5, 2023 - Annual Mariners Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet - St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound
March 2, 2023 - Chicago Maritime Industry Day
March 12, 2023 - Blessing of the Fleet, Mariners' Church, Detroit
March 22, 2023 - World Water Day
March 23, 2023 - World Meteorological Day
March 25, 2023 - Soo Locks Open
April 24, 2023 - MacArthur Lock at the Soo re-opens
May 18, 2023 - IMO International Day for Women in Maritime
May 22, 2023 - National Maritime Day - United States
June 8, 2023 - World Oceans Day
June 15, 2023 - Global Wind Day
June 21, 2023 - World Hydrography Day
June 25, 2023 - Soo Locks Engineer's Day
June 25, 2023 - International Day of the Seafarer

As I conclude this issue of ISMALetter, I want to thank you all for your newsletter contributions and kind words over the past 28 years!!

And thank you, ISMA officers and members, for your service to our organization.

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Christine



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