



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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November 12, 2013

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The **lodge schedule for 2013-2014 is enclosed**. The lodge schedule lists all the membership meeting dates, the dates of the annual I.S.M.A. Convention (February 6-9 at Sault Ste. Marie) and the date of the annual lodge dinner dance (February 22 at Sindbad's in Detroit).

The **first winter meeting** for the lodge will be at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. This will be a homecoming of sorts, as the museum was the lodge's home for nearly 40 years. This summer lodge President Patrick Beard approached Joel Stone, Senior Curator with the Detroit Historical Society, about the possibility of holding a lodge meeting at the museum. As it turned out, Mr. Stone had been thinking along the same lines as a way of thanking Detroit Lodge No. 7 for the lodge's annual donations meant to support museum programs and exhibits. For this special meeting on December 3 the museum will be opened at 11:00 AM so that the lodge and its guests can view the newly remodeled exhibits. The lodge luncheon will be at 12:00 Noon with Joel Stone addressing the lodge at 1:00 PM. As Mr. Stone will be our speaker, the lodge will not conduct a business meeting. Members are encouraged to bring spouses, guests and prospective members, who may wish to learn more about both the lodge and the museum.

The **remaining lodge luncheon meetings** will generally alternate between Island Cove Marina and J.W. Westcott Co. Two of the Island Cove meetings are scheduled as evening potluck dinner meetings with spouses and guests. One of those evening meetings has been scheduled for a Saturday evening (January 25). The last winter meeting will be held at Mariners' Church on Tuesday, April 8. The lodge is grateful to Joel Stone at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Sam Tundo and his wife Peggy at Island Cove Marina, Jim Hogan at J.W. Westcott Co. and Fr. Bill Fleming and his staff at Mariners' Church for sponsoring the lodge at the various meeting sites.

This mailing contains the **annual dues notice**. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2014. Your roster information as it appears in the 2013 membership roster is taped to the dues notice. Please take the time to review the accuracy of your roster entry. Check for typographical errors, transposed numbers and address/e-mail changes. Use the remittance form to report changes or corrections to your roster entry. I would like to thank Bill Graham for continuing to maintain the database for the roster.

Nominations for the annual lodge election will take place during the Tuesday, December 17 meeting at the Island Cove Marina. If anyone is interested in serving or would like to recommend a lodge member for a position, please contact Mel Riecher (586-718-0059), Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominees are needed for Second Vice President, Convention Delegate, Alternate Delegate and three seats on the Board of Governors.

The annual **Great Lakes Memorial Service at Mariners' Church** took place on Sunday morning, November 10 with several Shipmaster members participating. Serving in the honor guard during the bell ringing portion of the service were Ron Ingram, Jack Callahan, Jack Frost, Rick Scott, Ray Oset and Mel Riecher of Detroit Lodge No. 7; Roger Hewlett of Port Huron Lodge No. 2; and Admiral Gerald Achenbach of Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23.

The **Lost Mariners Remembrance at Dossin Great Lakes Museum** took place on Sunday evening, November 10 commemorating the Great Lakes Storm of 1913. The storm caused numerous vessel casualties and the death of over 250 mariners. Several lodge members had active roles in the program. Malcolm McAdam was the coordinator and master of ceremonies for the event. Lodge President Patrick Beard and John Jamian of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority served in the honor guard. Kathy McGraw served as necrologist, reading the names of vessels damaged or sunk and crewmembers lost during the Great Storm. Joel Hepola served aboard the mailboat *J.W. Westcott II* and Scott Reynolds served aboard the fireboat *Curtis Randolph*. Both vessels were part of the Honor Flotilla on the Detroit River. Arlene Earl was listed as a contributor for the event.

Kathy McGraw was recently recognized for her contributions to both the Detroit Historical Society and Mariners' Church. Enclosed are copies of the tributes in Kathy's honor. Capt. McGraw has been a lodge member for over 25 years, and served as lodge President in 1999.

Enclosed is a **memorial page on Past Grand President Bill Hoey**, who passed away in September following a long battle with multiple myeloma. Capt. Hoey was a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for over 49 years, serving as lodge President in 1978. He was elected Grand Lodge President in 1983. He established the Gaelic Tugboat Co. and Diamond Jack Cruise Lines, decking them out in Irish green and orange colors reflecting his Irish heritage. His influence in the I.S.M.A. will be greatly missed, and his legacy as a noted marine historian will be long remembered. The Detroit Marine Historian and the Detroit News both published obituaries that included many details of Capt. Hoey's career on the Great Lakes. Copies of the obituaries are enclosed.

John Sarns continues to manage the **lodge's website** (www.detroitlodge7.org). Be sure to check out the website when you have time as John updates it on a regular basis. At least two lodge members have reported that they were not receiving lodge e-mail messages. John suggests that all members add "detroitlodge7@aol.com" to their computer contact/address list so that lodge e-mails are properly received and not treated as spam. That should help correct the incident of lost e-mails.

The lodge has been e-mailing the Grand Lodge's **ISMA Letter** to members with internet addresses and mailing hard copies to any members without e-mail addresses. Thus, everyone should be receiving the **ISMA Letter** either by e-mail or snail mail. If you are not receiving your copy via either format, please let the lodge know so that corrective measures can be made to insure that you receive it.

My telephone number and e-mail address are on the front cover of the lodge roster. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about lodge activities.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

Schedule of Events and Lodge Meetings (2013 – 2014)

- Tuesday, December 3, 2013 – Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle, Detroit**
Museum open 11:00 AM, Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Speaker 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 17, 2013 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon & Meeting 1:00 PM
Nomination of Lodge Officers
- Saturday, January 4, 2014 – J.W. Westcott Company, Foot of 24th Street (12 24th St.), Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
- Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Saturday, January 25, 2014 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Joint Evening Meeting with Spouses and Guests 5:30 PM
Potluck Dinner – please bring a dish to pass, the lodge will provide the main meat course and beverages
- Tuesday, February 4, 2014 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
*** Convention Delegate Receives Voting Instructions***
- Wednesday, February 5 thru Sunday February 9, 2014 – Grand Lodge Convention**
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER, SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
- Saturday, February 15, 2014 – J.W. Westcott Company, Foot of 24th Street (12 24th St.), Detroit**
Luncheon Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
Report of Convention Delegate
- Saturday, February 22, 2014 – Annual Dinner Dance, Detroit Lodge No. 7**
SINDBADS RESTAURANT AND MARINA, 100 ST. CLAIR ST. – DETROIT
- Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Saturday, March 8, 2014 – J.W. Westcott Co., Foot of 24th Street (12 24th St.), Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Sunday, March 9, 2014 – Blessing of the Fleet, Mariners' Church, 11:00 AM**
- Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Twp.**
Joint Evening Meeting with Spouses and Guests 6:30 PM
Potluck Dinner – please bring a dish to pass, the lodge will provide the main meat course and beverages
- Saturday, March 29, 2014 – J.W. Westcott Company, Foot of 24th Street (12 24th St.), Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM

In Memoriam:

Capt. William A. Hoey III

April 30, 1938 - September 28, 2013

Member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for 49 Years

Initiated March 3, 1964

ISMA Pennant No. 10147

Lodge No. 7 President - 1978



On Saturday, September 28, 2013 Detroit Lodge No. 7 lost one of its senior members when Capt. William A. 'Bill' Hoey passed away at the age of 75 after a nine year battle with multiple myeloma. Born and raised in the Detroit area, Captain Hoey grew up in Ferndale, the son of Winston A. and Florence Hoey.

As a youngster he spent summers at his uncle's cottage in northern Canada, which nurtured his interest in boats. Through a neighbor who was involved with the Detroit Historical Society, Bill was introduced to their museum ship at the time, the J.T. WING. At a young age, Bill joined the Great Lakes Maritime Institute, and served as an early editor of their publication, the TELESCOPE.

After graduating from Ferndale High School in 1956, Bill spent a brief period in the U.S. Navy before returning to Detroit and going to work for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. At the same time, he worked part-time on the Fuller and Becker tugs and began what was to be his permanent career. In 1964, he formed the Gaelic Tugboat Company and purchased his first tug, the TIPPERARY. When Warren Fuller retired in 1965, Bill acquired Fuller Marine Towing Company, and in June of 1968, he obtained his masters license. Shortly thereafter, Bill left Michigan Bell so he could devote all of his time to Gaelic, which continued to grow with the 1971 acquisition of the Frank Becker Towing Company. By the late 70's, the Gaelic fleet had grown to number 15 tugs.

In 1982, Bill achieved a life-long ambition when his WILLIAM A. WHITNEY captured the overall prize in the International Freedom Festival Tugboat Race.

During the 1983 ISMA Grand Lodge convention at the Northfield Hilton in Troy, Bill was elected to the office of Grand Lodge President. One of the notable accomplishments of his time in office was the establishment of Niagara District Lodge No. 20.

In 1991, Bill began a new venture, Diamond Jack's River Tours, with the purchase of a 65-foot former Arnold Line Mackinac Island ferry, the DIAMOND JACK. The company has since grown to a fleet of three vessels.

In 1992, the Great Lakes Maritime Institute recovered an anchor which the S/S EDMUND FITZGERALD lost in the Detroit River in 1974, one year before the FITZGERALD sank on Lake Superior. Bill played a major role in the recovery of the anchor, donating both his time and the assets of his company. Along with Mal Sillars, Bill was active in planning the live TV broadcast of the anchor recovery, which aired on July 20th, 1992 from the bottom of the Detroit River. "*Live Dive: the Legend of the Edmund Fitzgerald*" was the talk of the town. Today, the anchor is on display on the grounds of Dossin Museum thanks in no small part to the efforts of Bill Hoey.

Now managed by Bill's daughter, Patty Hoey-Carrothers and her husband Steve, the vessels of Gaelic Tugboat Company and Diamond Jack's River Tours continue to be familiar sights on the Detroit waterfront.

Bill was preceded in death by his son, William A. Hoey IV, who passed away in 2001. He is survived by his wife Katy; two daughters, Patricia (Steve) Carrothers, and Susan Pomerleau; grandson Nicklaus Carrothers; and sister Catherine (Michael) Roberts.

Thanks to the Marine Historical Society of Detroit and the Great Lakes Maritime Institute for providing some of the above bibliographical information. Bill was a member of both organizations for over 50 years. He also served on the board of directors of boatnerd.com and was also a member of several other maritime history groups. He was particularly knowledgeable about the Detroit River, with wisdom gained from a lifetime spent navigating its waters, and was always willing to share information and photographs with others.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the John Molnar Funeral Home - Brownstown Chapel; 23700 West Road; Brownstown, MI 48183. Visitation at 3:00 PM followed by service at 4:00 PM.

The family has requested memorials be made to:

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (www.themmrf.org)
383 Main Avenue; 5th Floor
Norwalk, CT 06851

Society Member Profile: Kathy McGraw of Dearborn Heights



Society and Dossin Maritime Group member Kathy McGraw at the annual Lost Mariners Remembrance event.

For longtime Detroit Historical Society member Kathy McGraw, involvement with the Society is in her genes. Kathy's mother, Mary, became a member of the Detroit Historical Society Guild in the 1960s, helping with projects at Historic Fort Wayne.

"In the 1970s the Guild was working on restoring Fort Wayne," Kathy reminisces, "My mom, sister and I would spend many a weekend volunteering." Kathy, a Detroit native, grew up in the northwest part of the city and attended Wayne State University, receiving a degree in history.

Kathy got her start working at the Detroit Historical Museum gift shop in 1978. Not long after, she was hired to work for the Historical Department of the City of Detroit and assigned to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, where Kathy caught the maritime bug.

"I remember when the former owner of the *City of Detroit III* came to the museum; he walked in and looked at the Gothic Room, (the men's smoking lounge from the ship), touched the wooden panels and said, 'I used to own this.' He was just the nicest man, so down to earth, a real gentleman."

It was while she was working at the museum that Kathy first began editing the *Telescope*, the quarterly magazine of the Dossin Maritime Group. Since 1980, Kathy has been an editor of the magazine and remembers actually having to set the type. Now, Kathy is happy to report that producing the magazine is a lot easier due to technological advances.

In 1988, Kathy took the test to receive her Boat Operators License. After taking and passing the four-hour test, Kathy was qualified to drive a 100-ton passenger boat. When her friends seemed impressed with this accomplishment, she would often liken it "to someone getting a private plane pilot's license, whereas the training and testing to become a freighter captain was more like being a commercial airline pilot." Kathy said that, unlike the test that freighter captains take, the test she took was much easier. "The freighter captains had to take an exam that takes five days — eight hours each day!" After receiving her license, Kathy put her new knowledge and skills to the test by working at Gaelic Tug dispatching tug boats.

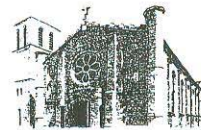
Even now, in her current job as a Sexton at Mariners Church in Detroit, Kathy isn't far from her maritime and Society roots. People around the world know about Mariners' Church from the famous lines in Gordon Lightfoot's ballad "The Wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*." The church is also featured in the Society's Historic Houses of Worship Tours.

As a Society and Dossin Maritime Group member, Kathy is very involved in the Lost Mariners Remembrance event held each year at the Dossin Museum to memorialize and remember all the sailors who have died on the Great Lakes. Every year, Kathy is responsible for reading aloud the names of lost sailors.

When asked what she thinks people can do to best enjoy their Society membership, Kathy enthusiastically responds, "When there are speakers, attend! You will learn so much from them. They are more than happy to share their information with you."

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Sexton Profiled

Mariners' Church Sexton Kathy McGraw was recently profiled in the Detroit Historical Society Fall 2013 newsletter, which recounts her long-time dedication to and work with the Society and the Dossin Museum Maritime Group. Kathy's mother Mary joined the Detroit Historical Society Guild in the 1960s, and in the 1970s, Kathy and her sister worked alongside her restoring Fort Wayne. After receiving a degree in history from Wayne State University, Kathy started work at the Detroit Historical Museum gift shop. Shortly thereafter she was hired to work for the Historical Department of the City of Detroit and assigned to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, where she caught the maritime bug. While working at the museum, Kathy began editing the *Telescope*, the quarterly magazine of the Dossin Maritime Group, and continues as editor today.

In 1988 Kathy passed the four-hour test to receive her Boat Operators License, which qualifies her to helm a 100-ton passenger boat. She put her new knowledge and skills to work for Gaelic Tug dispatching tug boats. In her current position as Sexton at Mariners' Church, Kathy's maritime knowledge and historic interest provides context as she conducts church tours and helps maintain our historic landmark. Kathy is also the necrologist for two annual events memorializing sailors who have died on the Great Lakes. She reads the names of lost sailors at Mariners' Great Lakes Memorial Service, and does the same for the Lost Mariners Remembrance event held at the Dossin Museum. We are fortunate to have a Sexton who is so knowledgeable about maritime and historic matters, and very much appreciate Kathy's work with us.

CAPT. WILLIAM HOEY, GROSSE ILE

Tour boat operator was 'institution' on the river

BY TONY BRISCOE
The Detroit News

When Capt. William Hoey III told people about his plan to open a ferryboat service along the Detroit River, most thought the idea was absurd. But his love for the city of Detroit and his nautical leanings motivated his venture.



Mr. Hoey

"He traveled to Chicago, Cleveland and Baltimore and saw boat tours," said Steve Carrothers, his son-in-law. "He said, 'I can do it in Detroit,' and 23 years later his vision is still going strong."

Mr. Hoey, owner and operator of Diamond Jack's River Tours and Gaelic Tugboat Co., died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, after a nine-year battle with multiple myeloma. He was 75.

Born and raised in Ferndale, Mr. Hoey's interest in boats was fostered while spending summers at his uncle's cottage in northern Canada.

After joining the Great Lakes Maritime Institute at a young age, he served as an editor of

their publication Telescope.

"Bill was quite an institution on the Detroit River," said friend Paul Jagenow. "He was in love with the water since he was a little kid."

In 1956, Mr. Hoey graduated from Ferndale High School, after which he briefly served in the Navy.

Upon returning to Detroit, Mr. Hoey began working part time in the tugboat industry. It wasn't long before he bought his first tug, the Tipperary, and founded his own enterprise, Gaelic Tugboat Co., in 1964.

By the late 1970s, he acquired two towing companies, earned his master's license and saw his fleet grow to 15 tugs.

As the company expanded, Mr. Hoey worked full time and had earned the esteem of Michigan's boaters.

"He was one of the most knowledgeable guys about shipping in the Great Lakes," Jagenow said.

"He was an encyclopedia of nautical information."

Mr. Hoey was initiated into the Detroit Lodge No. 7, the International Ship Masters' Association, on March 3, 1964.

He was voted lodge president

in 1978 and grand lodge president in 1983, and remained a member for 49 years.

In 1991, Mr. Hoey launched a new venture, Diamond Jack's River Tours, after buying a 65-foot former Arnold Line Mackinac Island ferry, which he named Diamond Jack.

Critics told him the Detroit riverfront was too industrial for tours at the time, but as it developed, the company, which operates three ferries, thrived, said Carrothers, who manages the company with his wife, Patty Hoey-Carrothers, who owns it.

"Bill loved the water," Carrothers said.

"That was his lifeline. Everything revolved around the water. Fortunately for him, his passion was his livelihood."

In addition to his daughter and son-in-law, he is survived by his wife, Katy; his daughter, Susan Pomerleau; a grandson, Nicklaus Carrothers; and a sister, Catherine Roberts. Mr. Hoey was predeceased by his son, William A. Hoey IV.

A memorial service was held Saturday in Brownstown Township.

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