

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

SCHEDULE UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 20, 2013

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 – Luncheon/Speaker Event – 12:00 Noon at Island Cove Marina

Chuck Kakuska of Sea-K's Licensing Service has been invited to address the lodge. Mr. Kakuska is an expert in maritime licensing and will speak to the lodge about the current licensing process. There are several upcoming changes in the licensing process and all licensed lodge members, those approaching license renewal and those seeking an initial maritime license are urged to attend. Members are encouraged to bring along friends who may be interested in this topic.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET INVITATION

Sunday, March 10, 2013 – Mariners' Church, Detroit Michigan – 11:00 AM (EDT)

The annual **Blessing of the Fleet** will include the Presentation of the Capt. Lewis Ludington Awards. The blessing of pennants, burgees and flags will also take place during the service. Uniformed members of the Honor Guard, who wish to have their names listed in the church bulletin, should contact the church. Free parking is available in the underground garage below Jefferson Avenue. See the enclosed Mariners' Church flyer for additional information.

TESTIMONIAL TO CAPT. ROBERT SANDERSON (deceased)

Enclosed is a fine testimonial about our departed member Robert "Sandy" Sanderson. Capt. Sanderson passed away in November of 2011 after a long battle with cancer. The testimonial appeared in the Fall, 2012 issue of the Sault Area Hospital Foundation newsletter "Building a Bridge to the Future." The testimonial is titled "**Hospitals a Lifeline to Tugboat Captain.**" It describes an aspect of Capt. Sanderson's life that many of us were unaware of. Special thanks to lodge member Len Bartlett for bringing this article to the lodge's attention.

GRAND LODGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Enclosed is a notice issued by the Grand Lodge. Due to budgetary constraints and increased postage costs, the Grand Lodge will no longer send the *ISMA Letter* via U.S. Mail. The *ISMA Letter* will be an electronic publication effective with the **May-June issue**. Lodge secretary/treasurers are expected to forward the electronic *ISMA Letter* to every member having an e-mail address. Local lodges are expected to make printed copies of *ISMA Letter* available for those members who do not have an e-mail address or access to the internet.

In Memory of

Capt. Robert A. Sanderson

December 11, 1930 – November 22, 2011

Member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 - 36 Years

Initiated February 25, 1975

Pennant No. 10152



Lodge Member Robert Alan "Sandy" "Pop" Sanderson passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the age of 80.

Sandy was the son of the late Tom and Sarah Sanderson. He is survived by his daughter, Justine McLeod, and his sister, Elaine Rajnovich (late John). Sandy was predeceased by four of his siblings: Ross (Jackie), Howard (Jo), Dawn Goike (late Joe) and Jack (Mary).

He will be sadly missed by his special friend, Kathleen Koster, as well as many nieces and nephews.

At Pop's request, no funeral service will be held. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions to the Sault Area Hospital, Canadian Cancer Society or the Group Health Centre Trust Fund would be appreciated. Pop was well known for life on the tug boats as well as his many tales of his life on the seven seas. Over a career of 65 years, he worked his way up from deckhand to the position of Captain, where he was best known for his many years with Purvis Marine.

Building a Bridge to the Future

Fall 2012

Planning Today for Our Hospital's Needs of Tomorrow

SAHF

SAULT AREA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Hospitals A Lifeline To Tugboat Captain

As a tugboat captain, Captain Robert Alan "Pop" Sanderson guided ships to safe passage for decades. In his later years, he invested in hospitals out of appreciation for keeping his life buoyant.

His generosity included the Sault Area Hospital, where the CT Scan waiting room in Diagnostic Imaging is dedicated in his name.

Like the water, Captain Sanderson's life on the tugboats had many ups and downs. He sustained various injuries while working – some that even threatened his livelihood. During these times, he received outstanding medical care. This attention allowed him to continue doing what he loved.

One of Captain Sanderson's most significant injuries occurred in 1970 at age 40. While working on his tugboat, he was struck on the legs by a snapped cable. He was rushed to the Port Colborne General Hospital.

Fearing amputation, the doctors and nurses worked around the clock to repair the damage. Captain Sanderson was released from hospital after virtually a year – including nine months of rehabilitation.

Had it not been for the dedication, persistence and amazing care Captain Sanderson received from the staff at Port Colborne General Hospital, this injury could have ended his cherished career.

From the moment Pop began working on tugboats in 1947, his life was one of adventure and excitement.

Starting as a cook, the animated, hard-working young man worked through the ranks, and ultimately became Captain.

His career allowed him to experience many waterways, including the St. Lawrence Seaway, Detroit-Windsor Bargeline, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and many others. In 1985, his work eventually led him to Purvis Marine located in his hometown of Sault Ste. Marie.

Pop – a nickname given to Robert as a boy that stayed with him over the years – was born here in 1930. Although his work took him many exceptional places, he had a special connection with his birthplace.

"The Soo was always his home," says Dan Rajnovich, Captain Sanderson's nephew.

"He had the utmost respect for all of the doctors and nurses who had helped him through the years. He even became lifelong friends with Dr. David Hurst, the doctor who saved his life in Port Colborne," said Dan.

Equally as important was the amazing medical care he received at SAH and an Ottawa-area hospital after losing a lung in 1952, and while undergoing treatment for throat cancer later in life.

As a result of this assistance, Captain Sanderson lived life to the fullest until his death in 2011. He was able to continue his career as a Captain. He would retire and buy a boat of his own to enjoy – the Seacue VI.

"He truly loved his boat, and would travel to St. Petersburg every year for a few months at a time. His life was on the water," says Dan.

Captain Sanderson not only had great admiration for the medical professionals who helped him, but also those who attended to his family members. *"His family was extremely important to him. He always spoke so fondly of them,"* remembers Dan.

Knowing he wanted to give back and say thank you to all those that save lives, Captain Sanderson began making monetary contributions to the various medical communities that had helped him and his family.

In addition to donating to the Sault Area Hospital, he gave generously to the Port Colborne General Hospital for saving his life and limbs, and to the Cancer Centre and Daffodil Lodge in Sudbury where he was treated for throat cancer.

Closer to home, donations were also made to the Group Health Centre and to Arch Hospice where his brother passed.

"There were a few things in life that my uncle was truly passionate about – the water, his family, and healthcare," says Dan.

Captain Sanderson's affection for the water and his family continue to be remembered by the stories he loved to tell.

His passion for healthcare lives on through his kind-hearted giving – donations that will continue to help and shape generations to come.



Important Announcement!

ISMA Newsletter Change

At the 2013 ISMA Grand Lodge Convention in Traverse City, it was determined that due to budget constraints and postage increases, the *ISMA Letter* will transition to an **electronic publication**.

Beginning with the May-June 2013 issue, distribution will be via e-mail through local lodge secretaries only.

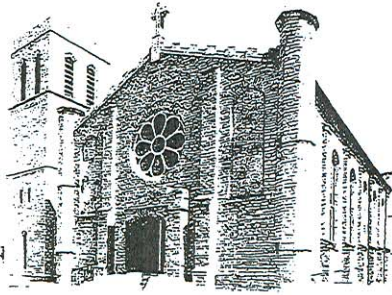
Once this transition is complete, *you will receive your newsletter as an e-mail attachment via your local lodge secretary.*

Please make sure your local secretary has your current and correct e-mail address.

In addition, the current newsletter, as well as back issues, are always available on the International Ship Masters' Association website, www.shipmaster.org, where you can view or download them at any time.

(If for some reason you do not have an e-mail address or access to the internet, please let your local lodge secretary know so that other arrangements can be made for you to receive a printed copy.)

Thank you.



Mariners' Church

The Maritime Sailors' Cathedral

Founded in 1842

A National and State Historic Landmark
"Worthy of the most careful preservation."

February 11, 2013

Invitation to the Annual Blessing of the Fleet

For the 49th consecutive year, the Blessing of the Fleet will be held in Mariners' Church of Detroit on Sunday, March 10, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time begins: "spring forward" one hour.)

Everyone is invited to bring Burgees, Colors, Pennants, and Pennons for presentation and blessing at the Altar. Have a card, with your name and organization clearly printed, and hand it to the Captain who will make the announcement. Please plan to retrieve your flag immediately following the end of the service.

There will also be the Presentation of the Captain Lewis Ludington Award to Ship Masters chosen by the Detroit Lodge of the International Ship Masters' Association.

The Rector and Trustees of Mariners' Church established this Award, in 1994, to assist in promoting and perpetuating the heritage of virtues and good works of the ISMA, as ably exemplified by Captain Lewis Ludington (1858-1934).

The awards - a gold lapel pin and certificate - are provided by Mariners' Church and will be presented by a member of the Ludington Family, at the model of Captain Ludington's lumber hooker, Alaska. The model of the Alaska was presented to Mariners' Church by Robert T. Hughes (d. 2003), a grandson of Captain Ludington.

Free Parking is in the Ford Auditorium Underground Garage. The entrance to the garage is in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward. The enclosed parking pass is to be filled out and given, with the garage ticket, to the attendant as you leave. The most convenient pedestrian exit from the garage is the southeast door leading directly to the entrance on the tunnel side of the Church.

We hope that you will be able to join us on March 10th.

Sincerely,

William R. Fleming (The Rev.)
Assisting Priest

To the Ship Masters and military personnel who plan to be in uniform and be part of the Honor Guard, and to the officers of the organizations to be listed in the bulletin: Please call the Church Office as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, March 4th, to confirm your attendance at this Service.

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