

ISMA Lodge 3
January Meeting Minutes
Chicago Maritime Museum

Start Time: 1902

Invocation: Marko gave the invocation tonight.

Roll call of officers:

President: Gabe Argumedo - Absent

1st Vice President: Paul Ryzak - Present

2nd Vice President: Ray Novak - Present

Outgoing President: Tom Blakely- Present

Secretary/ Treasurer: Kelli Kovach - Present

President's report:

1. N/A On his honeymoon, will report next meeting. Congrats!

Secretary/ Treasurer Report:

1. Collecting 2023 Dues! Due by April 15th!
 - a. Dues can be paid by the following options
 - i. Checks
 - ii. Cash
 - iii. Zelle: treasurer@chicagoshipmasters.com
 - iv. Paypal: link on our website- reminder there is a fee for paying this way.

Committee Reports-

Membership Report:

1. Kaila Simmon was put up for voting to become a cadet member-
 - a. Marko Nominated
 - b. Seconded by Diamond
 - c. All in favor- all ayes

Scholarship Report:

1. Dave Wilson, member of lodge and teacher at Explorers Guide Maritime Academy would like to sponsor two seats in his course to our sponsorship winners.
 - a. Looking for thoughts on this.
 - b. Course cost is about \$1,200
 - c. Our scholarship deadline is still 9/30 every year
 - d. We will reach out to other courses to let them know about this
 - e. This will help expand our scholarship program

Industry Day Report:

1. Will be at DoubleTree in Alsip on March 2, 2023.
2. Excited to be back
3. Looking at roughly 150-175 in attendance
4. Some of the presenters will be:
 - a. Captain of the Port
 - b. PVA- Eric Christensen

- c. Mark Bobal
- 5. City Cruises donated to our organization a large projector
 - a. This will save money for having to rent for this event and others
- 6. Kenny has already volunteered to help at registration desk
- 7. Buffet lunch again
- 8. Big topics will include
 - a. Sexual Harassment will be a large push and a big topic this year
 - b. Marijuana will also be a big topic the more it becomes legal
 - c. Results from the big boat fires
- 9. Timing is roughly 8am-3pm
- 10. More information on our website

Website Report:

- 1. N/A

Blessing of the Fleet/Maritime Day Report:

- 1. Looking the weekend of May 20th, will coordinate with Navy Pier and get an exact date TBD
- 2. Will not be paying for PR again this year
- 3. Will need to discuss route in more detail again
- 4. Had great recreational boater turnout but less commercial passenger this year

Christmas Ship Report:

- 1. N/A

Harbor Safety Report:

- 1. A new board was elected
 - a. President- Mike McElroy
 - b. VP- Don Campbell
 - c. Sec/Treas – Tom Blakely
- 2. Had a board meeting recently
 - a. Homework was to put together a list of objectives we would like to complete this year.
 - b. Would like to see more sector reps attend other sector meetings
 - c. Want to be more in the public
 - i. Like the boat show
 - d. Updating their education guides
 - i. Finding more ways to get the important information out there
 - e. If any ISMA member would like more info or have something they would like to add please contact Ray.
 - i. We are the solo merchant voice and we DO have a voice
 - ii. We are always included in conversations
- 3. The board sponsored our Industry Day on the platinum level \$1,000

Grand Lodge Report:

- 1. Dues will be going up \$10 next year so we will also be upping our dues in our lodge
 - a. Last time the dues went up on the GL level we did not raise ours internally
- 2. The person who was doing our newsletter has stepped down
 - a. If anyone would like to fill in that spot please let us know
- 3. Cadet level name change on GL level is now “Officer Candidate”
- 4. We have a new Sec/Treas- he is from a Canadian lodge

- a. There will be a lot we have to figure out from this so that he can access the American bank accounts
- b. Our books are going through a massive audit
 - i. No money is missing but the books need to be organized
- 5. Delegates will be meeting monthly instead of once a year
- 6. Next GL will be held in Milwaukee
 - a. Kelli and Tom have already been to their meeting to work on assisting them
 - b. We will need more help the closers we get
 - c. Tom will be making the website universal so all lodges going forward will be using the same one instead of making a new one every year.

New Business/ Good of the order:

- 1. We had three guest this meeting
 - a. Paul who is ex USCG Aux and looking to get into boating on a part time level
 - b. Matt who started in the Navy and now works for Army Corp.
 - c. Rich who does a lot of sail boating but is looking to work commercially
- 2. Yachtaplauza (misspelled my apologies) at Crowley's will be March 18th
 - a. Head to Uncle Bobby's bar after to an after drink and a Polka band will be playing from 3pm till close
- 3. New Member Tim Roche has suggested moving up the meeting time closer to 5/6pm since many get off work around 4/5pm then go home and do not want to head back out especially in the winter months- thoughts on this are welcome
 - a. We will also put out a questionnaire on this for feed back
- 4. Crowley's has a really cool boat they just brought in- check it out!
- 5. Chicago Maritime Museum is only a \$35 membership fee and they have a lot to offer
 - a. They to presentations every 3rd Friday of the month
 - b. They have been very nice to us
- 6. Reminder you are always welcome to bring new ideas to the table
 - a. Call/text or email any time
 - b. This is how we continue to grow as an organization!

End Time: 2035