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“With winter left behind we traveled to Tampa to hold Our Winter Meeting, tour the Imperial Shrine HQ, the Shriners Children’s Hospital and then sail to the Caribs’ Western Islands to share wonderful experiences visiting Mayan temples, jungle forests and snorkling in clear ocean waters!”

By IASYC Commodore Don Gortowski

“It was a blessing to take a winter break from the chilling winter. The drive down was shortened by use of the Amtrak Auto Train. Then it was on to Kissimmee, FL and a few days visit to Epcot and other attractions, followed by the trip to Tampa and the Best Western Tampa Bay (previously owned by the late George Steinbrenner and spring training home of the New York Yankees). Opening day was spent socializing in the Hospitality Room that overlooked the beautiful Tampa Bay. Well attended, it was the perfect setting for the IASYC Mid Winter Meeting and get-together.

“Friday was Valentine’s Day and we toured the Shrine’s International Headquarters and Tampa Shrine Hospital. What a memorable and informative tour! That night we enjoyed dinner and an incredible floor show at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.

“On Saturday we held our Board Meeting followed by our Annual General Meeting, while the ladies enjoyed Breakfast in the Hulk Hogan Restaurant.

“In the early afternoon we all met on the Hotel Pier to remember our past leaders and members who had passed over the bar into the sea of tranquility, a place we will all gather someday. During the General

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(L to R) Rear Commodore Bill Kennedy and Lady Betty, Lady Gail and Vice Commodore Bob Feustel in front of the Tampa Shriners Children’s Hospital.

HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE

Shown at right is Lady Neva Frohlick, wife of PIC George Frohlick pointing to their Memorial Medallion displayed at the Shriners Children’s Hospital in Tampa Florida. The Medallion denotes significant contributions made by individual Shriners, as well as other individuals, corporations, foundations and the



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Letters

To/From the Editor

Over the past few days I've been in bed having a really bad bout with a really lousy cold; however, along with the sneezing and sniffing, this rest has allowed me to reflect on the past year for IASYC. Whereas we have been fortunate in some areas to have increased our membership, we still deal with the serious problem of an aging population in many of our Centers; overage and oversized buildings that require more and more maintenance, increasing costs and reduced income. In some places our get up and go has just gone!

Is our glass half empty or is it half full? Are we intrigued by the fact that some of our Temples that are full of vinegar are out kickin' butt? As I lay here in bed with a runny nose and a coughing jag, I certainly hope so. We want to know what they are doing right. We want to get up the energy to emulate the really active Temples and help stimulate those who are just tired and about played out.

Everything depends on "getting out of bed" and back in the game. We want the best for our own yacht club, we want our regional association to shine, we want all our Temples to have active yacht clubs or units, we want IASYC to grab the flag and get out in front to lead the parade! "Are you with us? I repeat, "Are you with us"?

"Betty, hand me my cough syrup and sleeping pills...I think I overdid it and I need to get a good night's sleep."

bill

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

(Continued from front page)

Meeting, we honored those who had made special efforts to IASYC this past year. This included a plaque to Bill Davis District Commodore of Indiana (HADI) for his success in signing up new members. We also cited a number of 'Ladies' who worked so hard to make our Hospitality such a success. The group included: Sandy Harris, Ann Ramos and Betty Desrochers.

"Also, I want to thank my wife, Vera for all her efforts and support in bringing this Winter Meeting to a terrific conclusion. As a matter of fact, there are a number of people who should be recognized for their tremendous efforts this year. They include:

Commodore Elect Bob Feustel for the advanced planning of what portends to be a wonderful Meeting for the Summer Session in Minneapolis.

"Rear Commodore Elect Ray Desrochers for his dedication to IASYC and recruiting five open positions in Regional Jurisdictional Areas.

"And, to Fleet Captain Elect Gerry, Deacon and Dianne. Welcome Aboard!

"Also, to Dave Harris for his service and his personal help with our Hospitality.

"On Sunday, February 16 we boarded the Norwegian Dawn for our Western

Caribbean Cruise. After a day at sea we arrived at our first destination Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras. On a sight seeing and shopping tour I met a young man with several handicaps. I hope he is eligible and can be helped by the Shriners Children's Hospital. I will be looking into the matter further.

"The rest of our trip was spent sightseeing (tours to Mayan ruins, rain forests, snorkeling and shopping), ship board shopping, casino, shows, games, reading, dancing and, of course 24/7 eating. It was fantastic!

"Please remember to contact your webmaster for your Club events for the IASYC. Org website or emailing your information to lonramos@aol.com.

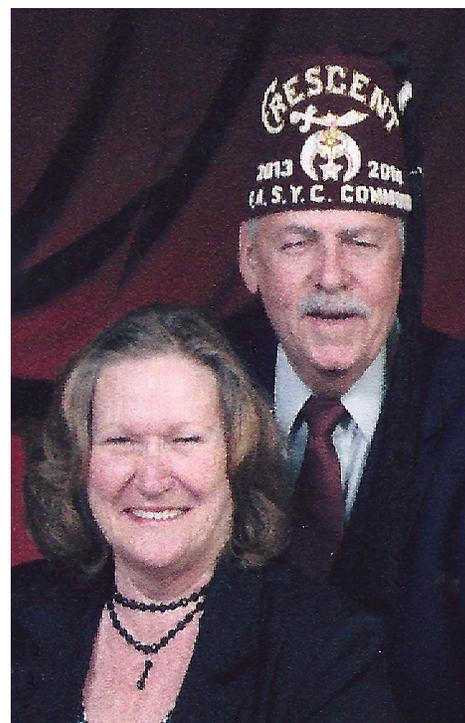
And, if you possibly can, **plan to join us at the forthcoming 'Change of Watch' Shrine Imperial Session in Minneapolis, July 6-10, 2014.**"

Don

And, now the last word from Vera:

"Thanks for all who came to Tampa and on the Cruise. Each time I see you, I get to know you better; and I always find something wonderful in each of you. So, friends, see you in Minneapolis. It will be here sooner than you think."

Vera



2013-2014 IASYC Commodore Don Gortowski And Lady Vera.

Letters to the Editor

"I want to express my thanks to Lady Vera Gortowski for the excellent job she did in arranging events for our recent IASYC Meeting in Tampa, as well as for the Cruise on the Norwegian Dawn to the western Caribbean. She went out of the way to keep us informed of all events, to arrange an excellent Hospitality and for us all to dine together aboard ship.

"Vera has continued to meet the high leadership standards set by Ann Ramos and the results are that we had a fantastic meeting and cruise. Vera, thanks so much for all that you do for so many others."

Betty Kennedy

"I'm still smiling when I think back on all the fun we had in Tampa at the Mid Winter this year. Both Don and Vera did a beautiful job putting this event together.

"This meeting was especially important to me because I got to tour the Shriners children's Hospital. I never dreamed it would have such wonderful equipment and state of the art technology.

"I was awed, too, by the Shrine Headquarters. You have to see it to gain an appreciation of what it truly means to be a Shriner. Thanks so much for giving me this experience."

Gail Feustel

Plan on joining
BoatU.S.
this year?

If so, don't forget that it will be 50% less expensive if you request a discount by virtue of being an IASYC member. Just refer them to the following group number:

639206

~ In Memoriam ~



Daniel L. Davis

*Former Member of Moslem Yacht Club
Died April, 2013*

Robert W. Donnahoo, Jr.

*PP of Amara: Former Member of Crescent
Died February, 2014*

Wade L. Neal

*Former Member of Murat Yacht Club
Died December 22, 2012*

John C. Brown

*Former Member of Murat
Died, 2014*

A note from Jeff A Davidson, Potentate 2014 Ben Ali Shrine, Sacramento, CA: Camp Winning Hands is First Lady Joanie's fundraising project for the coming year. This is a camp for children with hand differences and is sponsored by Shriner's Hospitals for Children Northern California, the Oakland Children's Hospital and the Taylor family Foundation. The camp provides education and emotional support through connections with other families, and includes activities such as a climbing rock wall, zip-line, archery, sports, arts & crafts, nature walks, swimming, games and more.

What's going on in your area? Let us know!

* COMING ATTRACTIONS *

**July 6-10, 2014 Summer Meeting -
Minneapolis, MN. Call now for Reservations
(See Page 5)**

**March, 2015 Winter Meeting -
Palm Beach, FL**

**July 5-9, 2015 Summer Meeting -
Houston, TX**

**March, 2016 Winter Meeting -
New Orleans, LA**

**March, 2017 Winter Meeting
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico**

Places We've Been:

California: San Diego, Martinez, Elk Grove

Florida: Key West, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Plantation Keys, Orlando, Bradenton, Marathon, Ft. Meyers, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, Singer Islands, Tampa,

Other: Scottsdale, AZ; Mobile, AL; Newburgh, IN; South Padre, TX; Charlotte, NC; Indianapolis, IN; Portland, OR, San Juan, PR

Foreign: Cabo San Lucas, MEX.

Welcome New Members!

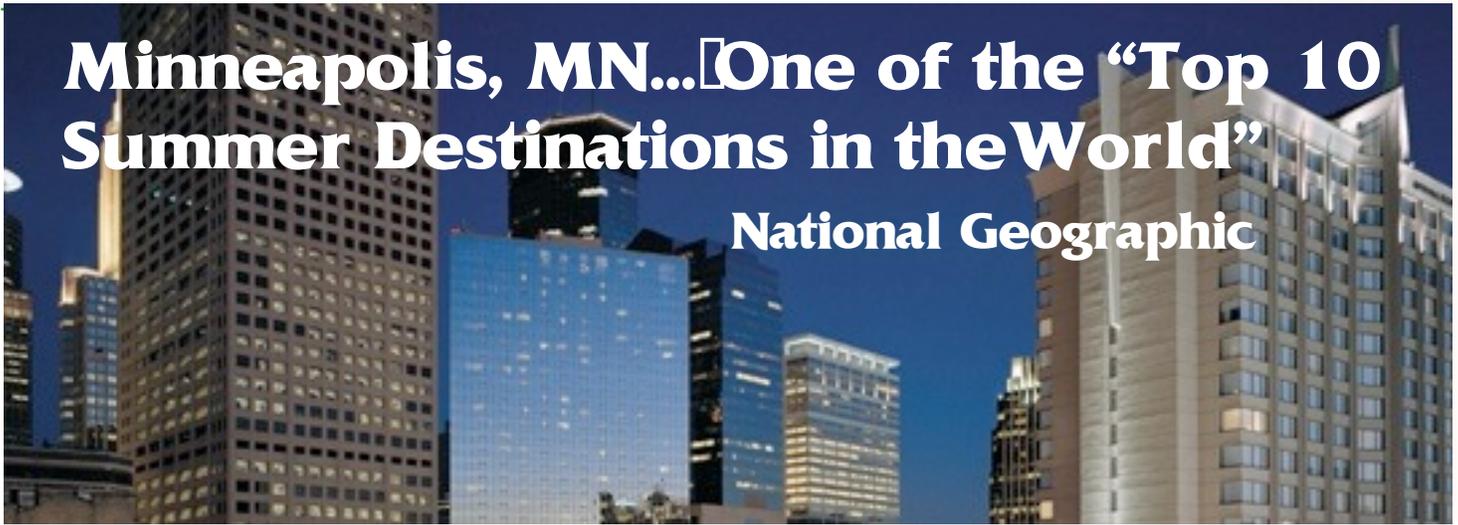
We cordially Welcome Aboard the following NEW IASYC Members:

Brian Ball (Hadi)
Nathan Bland (Hadi)
Paul Boling (Hadi)
Richard A. Burroughs (Mahi)
Jim Groce (Hadi)
James Hill (Mahi)
Doug Hipsley (Aahmes)
JC Land (Hadi)

Darren Lawrence (Hadi)
Brett Palmer (Hadi)
Mark J Shaw (Hadi)
Terry Shook (Bahia)
Robert F. Warn (Mahi)
Kurt Williams (Hadi)
James Woodard (Rizpah)
Steven Wonick (Hadi)

Minneapolis, MN... One of the "Top 10 Summer Destinations in the World"

National Geographic



Sign up Today for the 2014 Summer Imperial/IASYC Meeting! Three Glorious Days!

Imperial to Convene in Minneapolis July 6-10; IAYSC to meet concurrently.

In a venue loaded with exciting things to do, ranging from a cruise on Lake Minnetonka to a Segway tour of the Mississippi River Front to a visit to our Minneapolis Shrine Children's Hospital to casual shopping at one of the world's largest shopping malls (the Mall of America) to dining in a myriad of this country's finest restaurants, you will have it all when you join IASYC Commodore Elect Bob Feustel and Lady Gail on a marvelous trip to this northern wonderland.

What really makes this visit truly rewarding is the people you meet, and no city in the world has more friendly people than Minneapolis. Just for starters, you may want to visit the downtown statue of Mary Tyler Moore and get a snapshot of the two of you together; then walk block after block through the City's AC skyways that link almost the entire downtown area in air conditioned comfort. Bob and his entire Bridge have worked

tirelessly to ensure you a wonderful vacation in this exciting venue.

You may even want to plan to add a couple of days to the event just to visit many of the interesting places to see. For example: a cruise on an old fashioned paddle wheeler on the Mississippi River, a visit to the famous Minn./St Paul Zoo, tours of one of the many breweries that have long existed here (with sampling), the historic Pillsbury Mill House, a wonderful Farmers Market right down town, and a Landscape Arboretum not too far away.

The ambient temperature in this area in July is a comfortable 80 degrees so casual wear is the norm.

For those who enjoy strolling, the city offers a three hour walking tour that stops at five different restaurants



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Commodore Elect Bob Feustel and Lady Gail extend to you our Warmest Invitation to Join Us in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the 140th Imperial Session and to witness the Change of Watch of new IASYC Officers for 2014. “We are excited to share the many experiences that Minneapolis has to offer our IASYC Family!”

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel Inn and Suites in downtown Minneapolis, the closest hotel to the Convention Center. There is a menu of rooms for you to choose from:

Standard Rooms are \$132 per night, plus tax to include choice of one or two beds.

One Room Suites are \$152 plus tax (King bed, pullout couch, microwave and refrigerator).

Two Room Suites are \$199.00, plus tax for single or double (queen bed in separate room from small living room with pullout couch, micro-wave and refrigerator. A complimentary full breakfast is included for your pleasure.

Deadline for these room rates is MARCH 31ST.

Minneapolis is a magical place offering many opportunities to escape if time permits. From the landscaped Arboretum tours to the Theater District with sidewalk cafes. You will feel the culture of Minnesota-shopping is endless.. Lady Gail and I invite you to join us for what looks to be a great outing, a gorgeous summer day aboard a yacht on a 14,528 acre lake! Sit back, relax and view some of the most luscious landscape and magnificent mansions located



along the Lake’s 125 miles of shore line. The lunch buffet is highly rated! Excellency, a 67 ft. Skipper Liner is loaded with amenities including two-level seated dining, full bar, spacious climate-controlled cabin, covered top deck. Order your favorite cruising drink at the cash bar and relax as you bask in gentle breezes while enjoying the breathtaking views and a delicious luncheon. A comfortable motor coach will pick us up from the Holiday Inn Express in the morning and whisk us away to the Lake where you will board.

Hotel parking is available for in-house guests at an overnight rate of \$15.00, plus tax. There is a lot across from the Hotel where parking is available at a very reasonable rate.

Regarding Airport Transportation: Super Shuttle” provides transportation from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport to the hotel. Roundtrip shuttle cost is \$36.00. **CALL: 612-436-3300**



AGENDA

(IASYC Winter Meeting July 6 - 9, 2014)

	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday, July 5		
Bob and Gail Arrive	Holiday Inn Express - Greet Guests	3:00 pm
Sunday, July 6		
IASYC Guests Arrive		
IASYC Registration and Social	Holliday Inn Express - Hospitality Suite	12:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Imperial Public Opening	MCC Auditorium	3:00 pm
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom, A&B	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn Express - 2nd Floor	4:00 pm to -----
Monday, July 7		
Imperial Session	MCC Auditorium	8:30 am
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom, A&B	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
IASYC Bridge Officers Meeting	Hilton Hotel Room No. TBA	9 "00 am
General Meeting	Hilton Hotel Room No. TBA	10:30 am
Ladies Breakfast	Hilton Hotel Room No. TBA	9:00 am
Shopping Trip	Mall of America	1:00 pm
Dinner	On your own	
Hospitality	Holiday Inn Express - 2nd Floor	6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Tuesday, July 8		
Imperial Session	MCC Auditorium	8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom, A&B	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Lake Minnetonka Cruise	Bus to Lake leaves at 10:00 am	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Imperial Parade	See Map in your Packet	7:30 pm
Dinner	On your own	
Hospitality	Holiday Inn Express - 2nd Floor	6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Wednesday, July 9		
Imperial Session	MCC Auditorium	(9:00 am
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom, A&B	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
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IASYC Bridge Installation	Hilton Hotel Room No. TBA	11:30 am
Banquet Luncheon/Remarks	Hilton Hotel Room No. TBA	11:00 pm
Hospitality	Holiday Inn Express - 2nd Floor	4:00 pm -----
Thursday, July 10		
Check out/Goodbyes	Lobby	

Temple name: _____ **Current Title You Hold:** _____
Noble's Name: _____ **Lady:** _____
Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone No: _____ **Email:** _____

SIGN UP FORM

Guest's Name(s): _____, _____, _____

Hospitality Suite: \$30.00 P/person **No. Of People** _____ **X \$30.00 =** _____

Change of Watch Banquet: \$40.00 P/person **No. Of People** _____ **X \$40.00 =** _____

Ladies Breakfast at Hilton: \$24.00 P/person **No. Of people** _____ **X \$24.00 =** _____

Lake Minnetonka Cruise: \$48.00 P/person **No. Of People** _____ **X \$48.00 =** _____
 (Includes Bus Transportation, Cruise, Buffet Luncheon, Port of Excelsior Trip)

Optional Shuttle to Mall of America: \$4.00 P/person **No. Of People** _____ **X \$4.00 =** _____

TOTAL _____

**Send Attendance and Check to IASYC Treasurer Dave Harris,
 19078 Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948-3601.**

There are many activities to experience in the Minneapolis area. We have listed some of the more popular Tours that you may wish to take during your stay. Optional tours are available to you on Sunday July 6, or Monday July 7 as time permits. We will arrange your optional Tours with proper notification. These offerings are available on an individual basis. Times of Tours TBA.

Optional Tours Include: Segway Tour Along the Mississippi, Optional Walking Tour of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the Minneapolis/ St. Paul City Highlights Tour.

It's Promotion Time Again



Hold a Band Competition!

Use Temple grounds...invite Jr. And High School Bands to compete for Trophies and Cash Prizes...Sell Tickets...invite other Clubs and Units to attend (target them as new members of your Club/Unit)...Music and Competition is a great way to build crowds and a sparkling image for your Yacht Club!

KIDS ON A PONY PHOTOGRAPHS!

In the "Good Old Days," a guy used to walk through the neighborhoods with a Pony and a Camera and take a kid's picture for a buck! You can do the same for your own fame and fortune. Beg a gentle nag from your Horse Unit for a sunny weekend afternoon to use to provide a fun way to get great photos of Temple Members' kids. Run a few in the Temple Newsletter for Club publicity.



Ladies, It's Time for A PIE BakeOff!



That's right Ladies, it's time for you to get together and plan a homemade Pie Competition. Apple, Blueberry, Peach or whatever; get out your favorite Recipe(s) and set the date and the place and the time! Make sure that every lady in the club participates. Select your Judges from other clubs. As a matter of fact, you might want to allow the

Ladies from other clubs and units to participate! Following the judging and awarding of trophy, all pies would be auctioned off. Obviously, you would expect your own Noble to do the right thing and buy your pie! Right?. Pie Competitions are great fun for all the Temple families, plus you make money too!

Especially for the Kids!

The IASYC is all about families, but we have to ask ourselves if we really are involved with our kids and grandkids as much as we should be. For example, how long has it been since we included our entire family in Temple, Lodge and/or club/unit activities including breakfasts, dinners, trips, cruises, dances, outings of any kind, especially grandparents with grandkids? In this day and age, the world truly does seem to be going over the edge. There is no better time to reinforce our

family structure, our traditions and mores with our kids. Forget all their electronic gadgets, their seeming desire to be with their own all the time. Make sure they understand we also want them to enjoy some quality time with us and with our fellow Shriners. Here are a few ideas:

Boat raft-ups, fishing contests, plant a tree or shrub at the Temple Day, Kids Talent Night at the Temple, Golf Putting Contest, Kids Clown Costume Contest, Kids Art Show Competition... You get the idea!



*Yaach, It's
Zoop Night!
(Men can cook
too you know)!*

Getting tired of the same old breakfast pancakes and spaghetti dinners? Why not treat your club members to nights of exotic international soups, or a chili cook off, or yankee vs. New England vs. Western BBQ sampling, wild variety of Pizzas.

Why not tie the food event in with a silent auction, or a marine boat flea market...you get the idea! And, don't forget to include the kids, grandkids and friends.

District Commodores... "On the "Front Lines"

There are 56 District Commodore positions available in IASYC; one for each state, including Alaska and Hawaii, plus international territories such as Puerto Rico; and foreign countries including Canada (Quebec and Ontario provinces), Panama, Mexico, Germany and the Philippines.

(The term District Commodore is a bit misleading in that the position is actually an ambassadorial post limited to Temple Centers within a given state. It is public relations in nature, as we do not interfere in any way with the direct function of any Shrine Yacht Club or Mariner unit. We perform our activities solely as a "service function").

So, suppose you had just volunteered to become a District Commodore. Here are some of the questions you might ask:

What would your duties be?

First, it is vitally important that you gather as much information regarding the status of each Yacht Club and/or Mariner unit within your state as possible. How many members are there in each club? How many of the club's members also belong to IASYC? Which clubs are active and which are in need of assistance? Should a temple in your state not currently have a yacht club, is the temple interested in starting one? How do members who have joined IASYC perceive our organization? Once you have gathered such basic data, you need to try to find and appoint shriners who would be willing to assume the responsibilities of a club/unit Port Captain. In most states it is not practicable to assume you will be able to travel frequently to visit with these clubs/units. You will have to develop a cadre of men who can be on location to communicate directly with members of their own club/unit.

How long would your tour of duty last?

Each new IASYC Commodore reserves the right to select and approve staff positions when he assumes office. Traditionally, except in unusual circumstances, a new Commodore is grateful for having an experienced staff

organization already functioning well, and seldom makes staff changes.

How much of my time would it take?

It has been our experience that most spend about one or two days a month, depending on the number of clubs/units within his respective state. Obviously, if you are in a state with few Temple Centers, you are not going to spend as much time as someone with more. If there are no yacht clubs and you set about trying to establish new ones, it's going to take more time.

It's really up to you because if you want to become more intimately involved with your Port Captains now and want to visit each club/unit and, perhaps, speak to them regarding IASYC activities, then more time will be spent now than later.

To whom would you report?

A District Commodore reports to the Regional Ambassador, who in turn reports to the IASYC Fleet Captain. Frequently, all work together as a team to help promote IASYC projects to specific Temples.

So, if you think you are dedicated enough to "man up", contact Ray Desrochers, IASYC Fleet Captain today!

Our next issue will highlight the duties of the Port Captain.



This editorial information provided by IASYC Vice Commodore Bob

Come for a visit!

My first visit to a Shrine Hospital was one of the most heartfelt events in my life. I've spoken to many who have also made them and they are universally affected as well. Several of my friends are members of transportation units and say the rewards are among the greatest they could ever receive.

Please know that you are always welcome to come and visit any of our hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico. They include:

- Boston, MA
- Minneapolis, MN
- Chicago, IL
- Montreal, Canada
- Cincinnati, OH
- Philadelphia, PA
- Erie, PA
- Portland, OR
- Galveston, TX
- Sacramento, CA
- Greenville, SC
- St. Louis, MO
- Honolulu, HI
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Houston, TX
- Shreveport, LA
- Lexington, KY
- Spokane, WA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Springfield, MA
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Tampa, FL

Bob Feustel



We have been planning to incorporate into each issue stories written by our PICs , who are certainly among the most interesting people you will ever come to know. We begin this series with an historian, Robert K. Stanley (Al Koran), who resides in Bethel Park, PA (Bob was IASYC Commodore in 1998-1999).



A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

Fifty years before Gettysburg, the victorious Battle of Lake Erie on September 1, 1813, changed the course of American History. Had the British been victors in the naval battle, they would have controlled Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, and the strongholds in the states we know today as Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. Our country as we know it today would have looked vastly different, but it was not to be. With Perry's Victory, the western expansion that one day would take Americans to the Pacific Ocean was about to start.

The reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie was the brainchild of Dave Zavagino, who was Chairman of the Perry Group's Bicentennial Committee. Working along with Dave, was the S.National Park System, The Perry Group from Put-in-Bay, Ohio , and hundreds of local volunteers and businesses. It took over three years and tens of thousands of man hours that were put into this once in a lifetime live historical presentation. It gave me the opportunity to be my Great-Great-Great Grandfather Samuel McKinney for one day on the Brig Niagara. Samuel McKinney was a private in the 147th Pennsylvania Militia from Centre County who volunteered his service to fight the British in Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's Lake Erie Squadron.

Throughout the Labor Day weekend, there were countless activities in which to take part. There was a reenactment village with military demonstrations by the 2nd Kentucky Militia and tribal life of the Black Swamp Intertribal Re-enactors. The U.S. Navy Band performed on a daily basis. There was a parade of boats, tours of the U.S. Brig Niagara or cruises on the Tall Ships Windy from Chicago, Illinois, or Halie & Matthew from Eastport, Maine. If you just wanted plain rest and relaxation, all you had to do was sit down on a bench and watch the world go by.

Using the passenger count on both the Jet Express and the Miller Boat line, over 50,000 persons travelled from the north coast of Ohio to Put-in-Bay from Friday, August 30 to Labor Day. It was noted to be the largest crowd ever to be on South Bass Island.



Two Masted Pride of Baltimore flying Magnificent American colors.

On Sunday, September 1, the Ohio State Marching Band arrived on the island on Miller Boat Lines largest ferry boat. They came off the boat playing and marching through the Village of Put-in-Bay until they reached the plaza of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. That evening they performed an outdoor concert at the plaza with the finale being, of course, Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture complete with cannon fire and followed by a forty-five minute firework extravaganza!

Four Masted Tall ship "Windy" sailed all the way from Chicago, IL to commemorate the event.



Beautiful three masted Ship of the Line sails in heart of Tall Ships entering Lake Erie viewed by up to 50,000 visitors to this once in a lifetime event.

At dawn on Labor Day, we awoke to a gray chilly wind swept Lake Erie. Before we boarded the tall ships, all 557 re-enactors mustered one final time to go over the logistics of the day. Then it was off to the docks and get ready to sail. Along with the 17 tall ships, there were over 500 pleasure boats containing over 10,000 people on these pleasure boats that were on Lake Erie to watch the reenactment. By the time we reached the actual battle site, which was located by a buoy not far from West sister Island, the weather had changed. The clouds parted; the winds died down; and a beautiful warm sun had shown upon us all. While looking up in the sky during the battle, we had witnessed a World War II B17 and a B25 fly over us.

As we did two hundred years ago, we fought the British and once again we were the victors and I stood on the deck of the Brig Niagara as my Great-Great-Great-Grandfather did two hundred years ago.

A final thought. Because of our victory, it was the first time in British Naval History that an entire British Royal Navy Squadron was captured or sunk by the opposing Navy.

Don't Give Up the Ship!

Reports from the Bridge



IASYC Fleet Captain Ray Desrochers

While this is actually a bit of old news, I want to repeat again a few items that were discussed this past October at the Florida Shrine Mariners and YC Association Meeting. First was the decision to purchase an RC boat to raffle off as a fund raiser for the club. Your IASYC Bridge has made 2014 a target year for encouraging all our clubs and units to hold a minimum of two major promotions a year; one to raise funds for our hospitals and the other to attract new membership not only to the club, but also for membership in IASYC. As you know, our newsletter, the *YACHTSMAN*, welcomes all news about whatever promotions your club/unit conducts and will place this information prominently so that other clubs can plan similar events.

Secondly, if your Temple does not now have a yacht club or Mariner marching unit, we will assist by working with you and your Temple to form one.

Another subject is the number of places you frequent regarding nautical supplies that will give you a discount because of your IASYC membership. Let's start with joining BoatUS. You will find a number in this issue on Pg. 3 that you can use that will allow you to join at a 50% discount. There also are lots of other places that will allow you discounts ranging from marina gas and even slip fees. All you have to do is ask. Your IASYC Bridge is constantly looking out for bargains and will pass those we find in future *YACHTSMAN* issues.

I also want to take this opportunity to seriously ask you to consider volunteering to take on one of the many appointed positions available to you. This includes the posts of Regional Ambassador, District (state) Commodore, or Port Captain (there is one assigned to every club/unit throughout the nation) and you will find

all of these positions interesting and rewarding, and ones that we hope will lead you to someday consider accepting a position on our IASYC Bridge.

Here are the names of several men who have recently volunteered:

Illustrious Sir Donald Voss, PP (Sahib), District Commodore for the West Coast of Florida.

Located in Sarasota, FL., one of his primary duties is to maintain contact with all Shrine Clubs within the West Coast of Florida. Another is to determine which Temple Centers do not currently have an IASYC Club/Unit and determine if he can assist them in establishing one.

Illustrious Sir Larry Tipton, PP (Al Bedoo) as Ambassador of the Northwest Region.

This includes the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, plus the state of Alaska. The Region represents 15 Temple Centers. This is an enormous task because of the tremendous amount of distance to cover and, in addition, there is currently no IASYC representation. We most certainly are looking for volunteers to step up and assist Larry in developing a marketing plan-of-action for this region.

Noble Donald Shearer (Bahia) District Commodore for the State of Florida. Don will assist in helping to establish IASYC Clubs/Units in every Temple not having one and to assist every Club/Unit in increasing their membership.

We constantly are looking for benefits for our membership and will be happy to provide club members with such information. For example:

Inland Marina - 15% discount on overnight docking located at mile Marker 792 on the Ohio River, Evansville, IN.

Lamasco Bar & Grill, 10% discount on meals. Located at 1331 West Franklin St., Evansville, In.

Bertropolis Restaurant, 10% discount on meals. Located at 1331 West Franklin St., Evansville, IN.

The Miller Marina Gas Dock is offering all IASYC members 20 cents discount on a gallon of fuel and a free pump-out after spending \$100 on fuel. They are located at 24770 E. Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shore, MI.

We are here to assist you when you need to come to port or drop anchor. Let IASYC be your guide to an enhanced boating experience.

Here are a few things you might want to also consider doing:

1. Buy yourself a new IASYC shirt (and one for your wife) to wear at the next club/unit meeting. Also, a scrambled egg hat. An Order Form is printed in every issue of the *Yachtsman*.

2. While attending meetings, pass out Application Folders to all members. Email Dave Harris at: ace1946@juno.com

3. Suggest that your club/unit join with another club/Temple to hold an event to raise money for the Temple Transportation Fund.

4. Work the event like your entry into heaven depended on it! It just might you know?

5. Consider attending the July IASYC Summer Meeting in Minneapolis this coming July.

In the meantime, if any Noble has a question or requires my assistance in any way, please feel free to call me at 603-934-5198 or email me at: des.hov@gmail.com



Bobbie Jo Wright, accompanied by BEKTASH Noble Ray Desrochers, guests of HADI Mariners in Evansville, IN.

(This article provided by Ray Desrochers, IASYC Fleet Captain)

“On my recent visit to HADI Mariners Shrine Club of Evansville, IN, I had the distinct honor of having a special date accompany me to the HADI Annual Christmas Party. My date that evening was Bobbi Jo Wright; in 1970, Bobbi Jo was the little girl in the arms of a Shriner. Known to all Shriners as the “Editorial Without Words”, her image has appeared around the world as part of the Shriners Logo. She has appeared in photos, stained glass windows, mosaics, tie tacks, pins, and statues. A larger-than-life replica of the “Editorial Without Words” statue stands outside the International Shriners Headquarters in Tampa, FL. Bobbi Jo had many surgeries at the St. Louis Hospital as a result of her cerebral palsy, and is still able to walk with the aid of a cane or crutches. Thank you, Bobbi Jo, for accompanying me to this special event, and for your courage during your fight with cerebral palsy. You are an inspiration to many.”



Bobbi Jo Wright

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IASYC Boat Flag

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Circular Sew-on Patch

2 7/8" - **\$3**

8" - **\$20**

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