



DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Now that the 2008-09 meeting schedule has concluded I would like to thank a number of people who made the lodge schedule possible. Most important were those who provided the lodge with sites for our lodge meetings - Peggy and Sam Tundo for sponsoring the lodge at the Island Cove Marina for the Tuesday meetings, Jim Hogan for allowing access to the J.W. Westcott Co. for our Saturday meetings, and Rev. Richard Ingalls Jr. for hosting the lodge's final winter meeting at Mariners' Church. The lodge is incredibly fortunate to have this kind of support within the lodge.

The lodge luncheons, a long tradition in Detroit Lodge No. 7, would not be possible without the support of lodge members such as John Polacsek, Arlene and Dick Earl, Tom McMullen, John Sarns, Bill Griffore and Sam Tundo, who volunteered to cook or arranged food for the luncheons. Additionally, Tom and Sue McMullen, John and Martha Polacsek, and Ron and Mary LaPlante prepared the main courses for the evening potluck dinners. Numerous other lodge members pitched in to help with clean up after lodge events. Ron LaPlante also deserves extra recognition for designing certificates of appreciation that were presented to each and every guest speaker who addressed the lodge at meetings this past winter. As lodge Secretary, I was pleased to have all this extra help at meetings this year.

A special milestone has been reached by one of our longtime members. Capt. Bob Greene was initiated into the ISMA on January 6, 1959 and was issued pennant number 9813. He has now been a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for 50 years, a reflection of his dedication to the Shipmasters for these many years. Capt. Greene spent his entire career on the Great Lakes, serving many years as a pilot with District 2, Lakes Pilots Association. Now retired from pilotage, Bob splits his time between Marysville, Michigan in the summer and Florida in the winter. He joins Capt. Don Erickson in the 50-year member category. Congratulations Bob!

Three members of Port Huron Lodge No. 2 have transferred their membership to Detroit Lodge No. 7. A hearty welcome is extended to Capt. Charles Reed Jr. of Rochester Hills, Capt. Dominick Principe of Waterford and Capt. Jason Dmitruchina of Allen Park. A warm welcome is also extended to John Horton of Clinton Township, who is joining the lodge as an Associate Member. Finally, we welcome back Capt. Tom Allor, who has reconsidered his resignation and is continuing as a lodge member. Tom, glad to have you back on board.

Condolences are extended to longtime lodge member Bob Kerr, whose wife Helen passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Helen, who served as Treasurer of the lodge's Auxiliary for many years, was a fixture at many lodge functions and Grand Lodge Conventions over the years. Helen was a great lady and will be sorely missed.

Capt. Lawrence W. Huston, who celebrated his 100th birthday last October, has died. He passed away on April 16, 2009 in Lafayette, LA. Joining the lodge on January 26, 1982, he was issued pennant number 10341. Capt. Huston spent a long career on the Great Lakes, serving on numerous vessels, including those of the D & C Navigation Company. He left D & C to sail as Captain with the Wabash Railroad's car ferry fleet on the Detroit River, which was eventually operated by the Norfolk & Western and finally the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Capt. Huston worked on the car ferries for over 25 years, retiring in 1975. His recent retirement years were spent in Lafayette, LA.

I recently received word that member Tom Schnell has been in the Cleveland Clinic for some time, where he is battling a life-threatening infection. Tom, who is retired, spent a long number of years as a pilot in District 2, Lakes Pilots Association. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

John Sarns, who maintains the lodge's e-mail address list and sends out many reminder notices and informational e-mails to the members, has spent a great deal of time developing a website for Detroit Lodge No. 7. Members can access the web site using the following address: www.detroitlodge7.org. Capt. Sarns has loaded the website with lodge history, a photo gallery of lodge activities, convention information, current lodge news, past lodge letters, a list of lodge officers since the 1930's, Lewis Ludington Award information, a list of lodge pennant numbers, links to maritime websites and more. I think John has done an excellent job, and I encourage the members to visit the site.

Fraternally yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer