



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

November 25, 2008

To: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The lodge meeting schedule for 2008-2009 is enclosed. The lodge will commence its winter meetings on Tuesday, December 9. The meetings will alternate between Island Cove Marina on the east side and the J.W. Westcott Co. on the downriver / west side. Island Cove Marina meetings will be on Tuesdays and the J.W. Westcott Co. meetings will be on Saturdays. As a result, meetings will be about 10 days apart. Two of the Island Cove Marina meetings will be dinner meetings. The lodge's last winter meeting will be held at Mariners' Church in April. Maps to Island Cove Marina and J.W. Westcott Co. are provided.

This mailing contains the annual dues notice and the new lodge roster. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2009. Please take the time to review the accuracy of your roster entry. If you find any errors, or if changes are needed, please specify corrections in the space provided on the dues remittance form. I would like to thank Bill Graham for continuing to maintain the roster data base in his computer.

Nominations for the annual lodge election will be held at the Tuesday, December 16 lodge meeting. The lodge needs nominees for Second Vice President, Convention Delegate, Alternate Convention Delegate, and three seats on the Board of Governors. If anyone is interested in standing for election or would like to recommend a lodge member for a position, please contact the lodge President or Secretary – Treasurer. Tom Baumgarten, who was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee back in 1990, has decided to step down as Chairman. The lodge is grateful to Dr. Baumgarten for his many years of dedicated service to the Nominating Committee. A replacement has not yet been appointed.

The annual Great Lakes Memorial Service was held at Mariners' Church on Sunday, November 9, 2008 with many Shipmaster members in attendance. Ron Ingram, Bob Waller, Tom Jannausch, Art Herrala, and Mel Riecher of Lodge No. 7, Roger Hewlett of Port Huron Lodge No. 2, and Harry Anderson of Cleveland Lodge No. 4 served in the honor guard for the bell ringing portion of the service. Other uniformed members of the lodge in attendance included Jack Callahan, Ted Cogswell, Sam Tundo, Jack Frost, and Paul Gallas. Also attending were members Oscar Rosso, Arlene Earl, Tom Baumgarten, Bob Baldwin, Mike Pipia, Bernie Ogden, and Roger Stahl. Rector Richard Ingalls, Jr. and Sexton Kathy McGraw were in attendance serving in their official capacities at Mariners' Church. In recognizing these participants, I hope that I did not overlook anyone.

Some lodge members reached milestones this year. Congratulations to member Lawrence Huston who celebrated his 100th birthday on October 9, 2008. He presently resides in a nursing home in Lafayette, Louisiana. He has been a lodge member for 26 years and holds pennant number 10341. Don Erickson has reached 50 years as a lodge member of Detroit Lodge No. 7. He joined the lodge on March 25, 1958, transferring from Twin Ports Lodge No. 12, where he had originally joined the ISMA in 1952. Captain Erickson is the lodge's senior member in terms of membership and holds pennant number 9570. Oscar Rosso had an unusual milestone in August. He turned 80 years old on 08-08-08, quite a numerical coincidence.

Retirement congratulations are extended to Capt. James Nuzzo and Capt. Jack Callahan who have retired after long and successful careers on the Great Lakes. Jim and Jack both came up the ranks working for the fleets operated by Ford Motor Company and Interlake Steamship Company. At the time of retirement, Capt. Nuzzo was serving as Captain of the M/V Lee A. Tregurtha and Capt. Callahan was serving as Captain of the S/S Kaye E. Barker.

The lodge lost three members to death during the course of the spring and summer months. Ronald Nelson passed away on Thursday, March 27 at the age of 69. An honor guard composed of lodge members Oscar Rosso, John Novak, Paul Jagenow, Sam Tundo, Luke Clyburn, Roger Hewlett of Lodge No. 2 and Coast Guard Auxiliary member participated in the funeral services in Algonac on March 31. On August 11, Captain Nelson's ashes were spread on the waters of Lake St. Clair with the assistance of the St. Clair Shores Coast Guard Station. Lodge member John Novak provided a second vessel for lodge members who participated. Capt. Nelson was a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for nearly 20 years and had served as lodge Marshal since 1991 until ill health kept him from attending lodge meetings. He held pennant number 10909.

Thomas Leinweber passed away on Saturday, September 6 at the age of 83. His ashes have been interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Capt. Leinweber was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Merchant Marine and a veteran of the Korean War serving with the U.S. Navy. He sailed for the D&C Navigation Company, T. J. McCarthy Steamship Company, and was a pilot in District 2, Lakes Pilots Association, retiring in 1995. Capt. Leinweber was a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for 49 years and served as lodge President in 1991. He held pennant number 9814.

Donald Endres passed away on Friday, September 12 at the age of 79. Don was the owner of Don Endres Associates and was a past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron. He had only recently joined the lodge in 2006 and was issued pennant number A-12294. He was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in Marine City.

The lodge's Auxiliary also lost two of its longtime members. Clare Jagenow, mother of Paul Jagenow and mother-in-law of Ronald Ingram, passed away on Saturday, May 24 at the age of 91. She was the widow of Capt. William Jagenow, who served 11 terms as Grand Secretary of the I.S.M.A. and was President of Detroit Lodge No. 7 in 1974. Joan Weber, wife of Fred Weber, passed away on Tuesday, July 22. She was one day shy of her 81st birthday. Clare and Joan served terms as President of the Auxiliary.

Several other lodge members suffered the loss of loved ones over the summer months. Joseph Kennedy's father Peter Kennedy died on Tuesday, March 25 at the age of 73. Duane Upton's mother Wanda Upton passed away on Monday, July 21 at the age of 88. Sadness struck the family of John Polacsek twice in the span of two weeks. His mother Irene Polacsek passed away on Friday, July 18 at the age of 86 and his father John A. Polacsek passed away on Tuesday July 29 at the age of 88. Warren Fuller's wife Anita Fuller passed away on Sunday, September 14 at the age of 88. Condolences are extended to all.

Again, be sure to review the lodge meeting schedule regarding upcoming events. I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming lodge activities. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me. My telephone number and e-mail address are on the front cover of the roster.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary – Treasurer