

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7 INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

April 12, 2000

To: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7:

The agenda for the Detroit / St. Clair Operations Working Group meeting scheduled for April 20, 2000 in Sarnia has been released (copy enclosed). If you have any questions or input regarding any of the agenda items, please pass them along to Capt. Owens, Chairman of our Navigation Committee, who will be representing the lodge at the meeting. Pat can be contacted by either phone or e-mail: 810-364-8374 or POWENS7020@AOL.COM

A letter has been received from Grand Lodge President Al Tielke. He is requesting input from the membership regarding the aims, goals, possible shortcomings, improvements, etc of the I.S.M.A. The Grand Lodge Focus Committee will be meeting soon. Please refer to his letter of additional details. A copy is enclosed.

A 2-page Fax Memorandum was brought to our April 3, 2000 lodge meeting by member John Jamian, Executive Director of the Detroit / Wayne County Port Authority. The memorandum summarizes a recent lobbying visit made by the Ballast Water Management Coalition to the Michigan governor and legislature in Lansing. The membership should stay attuned to developments in this area as the state senate proposal S.955 threatens to seriously impact Great Lakes shipping as we know it. Also, be advised that the I.S.M.A. website also has member discussion on this issue. Ken Gerasimos, who attended the recent public hearing in Monroe will be posting his observations on the member discussion portion of the I.S.M.A. website in the immediate future.

Now that the lodge has held its last meeting of the winter months, I would like to publicly thank those lodge members who volunteered to serve as cooks for our lodge luncheons: Art Herrala, Ron Ingram, Mel Riecher, Sam Buchanan, Joe Salerno, James Howard Jackson, Oscar Rosso, Bernie Ogden, Scott Suomela, John Sarns, Tom McMullen, Bob Ranusch, Don Carns, Dick Weber, Tom Baumgarten, Pat Owens, and Kathy McGraw. It is the efforts of our volunteer cooks that make our winter meeting program a success and a major benefit of membership in Detroit Lodge No. 7. I would also like to thank John Polacsek of Dossin Museum in allowing the lodge continued access to the museum as the site of our lodge meetings. Finally, thanks to Rev. Richard Ingalls and his staff for hosting the lodge's last winter meeting held on April 10 at Mariners' Church.

Condolences are extended to member Tom Baumgarten upon the death of his mother Emma Baumgarten on April 4, 2000 at the age of 106. Personal condolences may be sent to Tom and his wife Cathy at 4947 Green Drive, Harsens Island, MI 48028.

Fraternally yours,