

**DETROIT LODGE NO. 7
INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

August 15, 2000

"We have a winner." The lodge's raffle (a trip for 4 persons aboard the S/S Lee A. Tregurtha) was held at the July 4th lodge picnic. Capt. Jim Nuzzo, Master of the Tregurtha, drew the winning ticket, and member Bill Vallier, who happened to be in attendance, heard his name called as the lucky raffle winner. Congratulations to Bill on his good fortune. Neil Schultheiss' "Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News" website had a story about the raffle drawing and a copy is enclosed. For the record, over 1,900 raffle tickets were sold which greatly enhances our 2002 convention fund-raising efforts. The lodge is to be congratulated for a job well done!!

I would like to thank several lodge members who helped to make the picnic a success: John Polacsek of Dossin Museum provided tables and chairs; Jim Hogan of the J.W. Westcott Co. provided the location; Arlene Earl of Chris Engel's Greenhouses provided table decorations, flowers and balloons; Dick Earl decorated the tables and manned the barbecue grills; Oscar Rosso, Kathy McGraw and Steve Nelson picked up supplies and provided logistical help; Sam Buchanan of the Westcott mailboat cheerfully gave numerous boat rides; Neil Schultheiss took care of publicity via his website; numerous attendees brought dishes of food guaranteeing that no one went hungry; and of course, Jim Nuzzo provided the prize and the "winning hand." Thanks also to mother nature for providing a beautiful sunny day for the picnic. Over 65 members and guests enjoyed the festivities.

Regarding our raffle winner, Bill Vallier and his three smiling guests boarded the Lee A. Tregurtha at the Rouge Steel Dock early this morning. Capt. Jim Nuzzo reports that the happy raffle winners will be traveling to Taconite Harbor to load ore for the LTV Dock at Indiana Harbor, then to Escanaba to load ore, again for the LTV Dock at Indiana Harbor. I'm sure everyone wishes Bill fair winds and following seas as he and his guests enjoy their week aboard the Tregurtha.

Congratulations are extended to member Wally Waldrop, who recently received an appointment by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to serve on the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee. A copy of the letter of appointment is enclosed.

The minutes of the St. Clair & Detroit Rivers Operations Group meeting of April 20, 2000 have at long last been received. A copy with various attachments is enclosed. Pat Owens represented Detroit Lodge No. 7 at the meeting and his 2 page report with observations about the issues discussed also is enclosed. If anyone has questions about any of the agenda items, please contact Capt. Owens at 810-364-8374.

In May, member Tom Allor attended the dedication of the "Captain of the Helm" statue at Navy Pier in Chicago. The statue was promoted and brought to successful completion through the efforts of Chicago Lodge No. 3. Capt. Allor highly recommends that members who travel to the Chicago area should make a special effort to view the statue. A story about the statue, plus a couple of Capt. Allor's photographs of the statue and paving bricks, is enclosed.

I am saddened to report that member Henry R. Cowan (Pennant No. 9652) passed away on April 17, 2000 after a long illness. A member of the I.S.M.A. for over 46 years, a biographical sketch is enclosed.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer