

## DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

### INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7:

December 21, 1999

Enclosed is the official lodge ballot for election of officers for the ensuing year. Each ballot has been embossed with the lodge seal and should be returned in the envelope provided. The ballots returned by mail or in person will remain sealed until opened by the Election Committee at the lodge's Annual Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2000. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to the lodge ballot, this mailing includes a form to be used in nominating worthy ISMA members for the Capt. Lewis Ludington Award which is bestowed at the Annual Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church. Mariners' Church has provided an information sheet on the Capt. Lewis Ludington Award which lists qualifications for nominees and a list of previous recipients. The nominating form should be returned to the lodge no later than February 15, 2000.

A hearty thank you is extended to Carolyn and Bill Hoey for again hosting the lodge's Holiday Cocktail Party at their home on Grosse Ile this past Saturday, December 18. The event was especially well attended this year, and everyone had a grand time.

Member Jim Nuzzo, who is Master of the S/S Lee A. Tregurtha, is pleased to announce that Interlake Steamship Company has allocated a boat trip to Detroit Lodge No. 7 as a convention fund raiser. The trip will be used for a lodge raffle, with the drawing tentatively scheduled for July 4, 2000. The raffle prize will be a trip for 4 persons aboard the S/S Lee A. Tregurtha this coming August. Special thanks to Captain Nuzzo for his efforts in securing a boat trip for a lodge raffle prize. Last year's raffle of a boat trip was very successful in raising convention funds. The lodge's fund Committee is presently applying for a state raffle license which will allow the lodge to print raffle tickets. More details about the raffle will be provided as they become available.

Dossin Museum is sponsoring another Ford Fleet Festival at the museum Tuesday, December 28 thru Thursday, December 30. The museum is still looking for lodge volunteers to help staff the William Clay Ford pilot house during the Ford Festival. The Ford Festival is greatly enhanced by the participation of lodge members. Please contact the museum at 313-852-4051 if you can help.

Happy Holidays and the best of the New Year to one and all!

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow

Secretary-Treasurer