

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7 INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The I.S.M.A. web site is now up and running. Web site designer, lodge member Neil Schultheiss, has made many changes and improvements to the site, including a "Detroit Lodge No. 7 Home Page. " Everyone is encouraged to visit the site. I have enclosed a couple of sample web pages. Feel free to contact Neil with feedback or suggestions for improvements to or enhancements of the web site.

The address for the site is: <http://www.shipmaster.org/>

Click on "News and Announcements"

To enter the MEMBERS ONLY section, you will be asked to enter a USERNAME and PASSWORD.

(Please note that USERNAME and PASSWORD are upper and lower case specific.)

The USERNAME is: ISMA

The PASSWORD is: Cork

(Note: on February 9, 2000 the new PASSWORD becomes: Hobbs)

With the help of member John Sarns, we recently sent a web site update to all lodge members who have e-mail addresses on file with the lodge. If you did not receive an e-mail regarding the web site, either we do not have your e-mail address or the one we have on file is incorrect or defective in some way. Please let us know if we need to correct your e-mail address or add your e-mail address to the lodge roster.

There is a "Directory of ISMA Members" available on the web site. Having your name, address, phone numbers and the like on the Directory page is strictly voluntary. Your name and address can be added only with your action or permission the Directory is for the "MEMBERS ONLY" section of the web site. You might want to review the current Directory and use your own judgment as to whether you want your personal data listed or not.

There is an enclosure in this mailing pertaining to a tour of the Sarnia Traffic Center on Saturday, February 5, 2000 at 1:00 am. The tour has been arranged by Port Huron Lodge No. 2. Members of our lodge and guests have been invited to participate. There is also the possibility of a tour of the Canadian Coast Guard Cutter Samuel Risley. The tour of the Risley is contingent on the vessel being in port and not on icebreaking duties. Many in the tour group plan to adjourn afterwards to a local Sarnia restaurant, the Brittany Arms, to buy lunch.

A speaker has been scheduled for the February 7 lodge meeting. Maggie Resor of the U.S. Census Bureau will give a brief review of the 2000 census and will answer questions from the members. While this speaker is not in the maritime or nautical arena, we thought the census, which will affect most of us as U.S. citizens, would be of general interest to the lodge.

Please be advised that with the conclusion of the ISMA Convention in Westlake, Ohio there is a new lodge password. The new password for the ISMA to be used at future lodge meetings is "Hobbs." Convention delegate Kathy McGraw and Alternate Delegate Steve Nelson ably represented the lodge at the convention. The lodge had nearly 30 members, spouses and guests in attendance, a very fine turnout. Additionally, lodge member Patrick F. Owens was elected Grand Second Vice President of the ISMA ensuring that Detroit Lodge No. 7 will be the host lodge for the 2002 ISMA Convention. Congratulations to Capt. Owens on his elevation to Grand Lodge office.

Tickets for the lodge raffle have been printed and a small batch of tickets is being mailed to all lodge members under separate cover. Please be on the lookout for that mailing. We hope the lodge membership will support this fund-raiser for the 2002 convention.

Time is getting short to make a reservation for the lodge's annual dinner dance to be held on Saturday, February 12, 2000 at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. Please contact John Sarns (248-544-1615) if you need more information or would like to make a reservation. The Dinner Dance Committee is planning a fine evening of dining and dancing, so if you can, please plan on attending.

I continue to receive inquiries about the engraved blue, white and gold colored lodge badges that many members wear at lodge functions. You can order your own lodge badge directly or you can contact me to order it for you. There are three different styles now available. Please refer to the informational flyer from the N-Hill Sign Co. The flyer contains illustrations and an order form.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow

Secretary-Treasurer