

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7 INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

February 20, 2001

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

This mailing includes an updated lodge schedule and supersedes the schedule that was sent out to the lodge last November. Programs and speakers have been arranged for some of the upcoming lodge meetings. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for additional details.

Captain Steve Nelson, who served as the lodge's convention delegate, has submitted his report regarding the actions of the Grand Lodge at its recent convention in Duluth, Minnesota. A copy of Capt. Nelson's convention report to the lodge is enclosed. The thanks of the lodge are extended to Captain Nelson for the professional manner in which he represented Detroit Lodge No. 7 at the convention.

The new lodge password was changed at the ISMA convention. This password is used at lodge meetings and is also used to gain access to the ISMA web site on the Internet. Member John Sarns has prepared instructions on how to access the ISMA web site. See the reserve side of this letter for details.

Steve Nelson and his Dinner Dance Committee deserve hearty congratulations from the lodge for a fine effort in planning the lodge's 10th annual dinner dance held at the St. Aidan Activity Center in Livonia this past Saturday, February 17th. A special thank you goes out to Chris Engel's Greenhouse, Gaelic Tugboat Co./ Diamond Jack Cruise Lines, R. Hirt Co., J.W. Westcott Co., Dossin Museum and Captain of the Fleet for the donation of door and table prizes which significantly enhanced the festive atmosphere of the evening.

The following lodge members volunteered to help staff the Dossin exhibit at the boat show: Cathy Nasiatka, Ken Gerasimos, Dominic Gomo, Kathy McGraw, Paul Jagenow, Oscar Rosso, Bob Kerr, Sam Buchanan, Steve Nelson, Al Brata, John Sarns, Jim Jackson and Jim Nuzzo. Dossin curator John Polascek was very grateful for the assistance of these lodge members at the boat show.

Congratulations are extended to member Joe Salerno. Enclosed is a copy of his engagement announcement, which recently appeared in a local downriver newspaper. Also enclosed is a letter from member Ron Weisburg reporting on the progress of his six-year cruise of the world. For lack of a better address, his roster address is shown as Atlantic Ocean.

Deepest condolences are extended to member John Knecht whose wife Patricia passed away on February 15 at the age of 34 following a two-year battle with breast cancer. Personal condolences may be mailed to John and their two children Alex and Alyssa at 19595 Lamplighter Trail, Macomb, MI 48044. The family requests that any memorial tributes in Patricia's name can be made to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow

Secretary-Treasurer