

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7 INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

February 28, 2002

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The 2002 I.S.M.A. Convention is history, and by all accounts it was a great success. Lodge member Captain Patrick Owens has been installed as Grand Lodge President and Detroit Lodge No. 7 can take deep pride in having one of its own serve in that high office. Captain Ron Ingram and his Convention Committee are to be congratulated for a job well done!

The three boat trip raffles conducted by the lodge prior to convention allowed the lodge to cover all the expenses of the convention and leaves the lodge in good financial condition. The lodge could not have funded the convention without the generosity of the Interlake Steamship Company, the American Steamship Company, and the Oglebay Norton Marine Services Company, and we owe those three companies a deep measure of gratitude for donating the boat trips.

This lodge mailing contains a copy of the convention Program Book. Ken Gerasimos, who represented the lodge at the convention, has submitted his Convention Delegate's Report. A copy of his report is enclosed. Grand President Pat Owens has written a Thank You note to the lodge and it is provided as part of the Delegate's Report. The Motor City Stamp Club has donated a souvenir postal cachet to all lodge members in honor of the Tall Ship Parade and lodge picnic held at the J.W. Westcott Co. last July.

Port Huron Lodge No. 2 is raffling a trip-for-two on the cruise ship c. Columbus to support its convention planning for the 2003 Convention. A raffle ticket is being distributed to each lodge member to help this fundraising effort by our fellow Shipmasters in Port Huron. Ticket stubs should be returned to the address shown on the enclosed flyer. Additional tickets can be ordered via the same address, Port Huron Lodge No. 2 is grateful for whatever support the members of Detroit Lodge No. 7 can give.

John Polacsek has expressed his thanks to the lodge for the many lodge members who have volunteered to help Dossin Museum at recent events. Nine members (Tom Leinweber, Bob Baldwin, Pat Owens, Ken Gerasimos, Don Carns, Sam Buchanan, Bernie Ogden, Don Erickson and Eric Erickson) helped to staff the William Clay Ford pilot house during the December Ford Fleet Festival at the museum. Nineteen members (Dan Cook, Al Jackman, Bernie Ogden, Pat Owens, Bob Kerr, Tom Allor, Al Brata, John Sarns, Sam Tundo, Don Erickson, Eric Erickson, Dominic Gorno, Mary Taylor, Ken Gerasimos, Jim Nuzzo, Tom McMullen, James Hal Jackson, Oscar Rosso, and Neil Schultheiss) helped to staff the museum's exhibit at the February Detroit Boat Show.

Members who plan to be in uniform for the honor guard at the upcoming Blessing of the Fleet (Sunday, March 10) are reminded to call the church (313-259-2206) to insure that they will be listed in the church bulletin.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow

Secretary - Treasurer