

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

February 19, 2003

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

This mailing includes an updated lodge schedule, which supplements 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 Jim Nuzzo, who served as the lodge's convention delegate, has submitted his delegate's report regarding the actions of the Grand Lodge at the recent ISMA convention in Port Huron, Michigan. A copy of Capt. Nuzzo's report to the lodge is enclosed. The thanks of the lodge are extended to Capt. Nuzzo for the professional manner in which he represented Detroit Lodge No. 7 at the convention.

The lodge password was changed at the ISMA convention. This new password is used at lodge meetings and is also used to gain access to the ISMA web site on the Internet. If you have never visited the ISMA web site, please refer to the reverse side of this sheet for instructions on how to access it.

A memorial plaque has been placed on the grounds of the Seafarers International Union Hall in Algonac, Michigan. It is dedicated to the memory of our late member Capt. Cathy Nasiatka, who drowned in the sinking of the *J. W. Westcott II* mailboat back in October of 2001. An article about the memorial appeared in the January, 2003 edition of the SIU Log. A copy is enclosed. A story about the U.S. Coast Guard report on the sinking of the mailboat appeared in the Dec 2002/Jan 2003 edition of the Professional Mariner magazine. A copy of that article is also enclosed.

Long-time member John LeCorn (Pennant No. 10514) passed away on January 26, 2003 after a long battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. A memorial service was held at Mariners' Church on January 29, 2003 with numerous uniformed lodge members in attendance. A copy of the memorial service program is enclosed. In addition to a biography of Capt. LeCorn, the program contains the eulogies delivered at the service and also a copy of the obituary that appeared in the Detroit News of January 31, 2003. Deepest condolences on behalf of the lodge are extended to the LeCorn family. Personal condolences can be mailed to John's wife Ardis at 16351 Rotunda Drive #479E, Dearborn, MI 48120.

The following lodge members volunteered to help staff the William Clay Ford pilot house at Dossin Museum's Ford Fleet Festival during the recent holiday season: Pat Owens, Bernie Ogden, Bob Kerr, Dominic Gorno, Tom Leinweber, Larry Millen and Bob Baldwin. The following lodge members volunteered to help staff the Dossin exhibit at the boat show: Ken Gerasimos, Dominic Gorno, Paul Jagenow, Oscar Rosso, Bob Kerr, John Sarns, Jim Jackson, Eric Erickson, Bernie Ogden, Tom Allor and Jim Nuzzo. John Polacsek, curator of Dossin Museum, was very pleased with the assistance provided by the membership at these recent museum events. In addition, members Mel Riecher and Jerry Folgmann helped with a couple of repair projects in the museum.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer