

# DETROIT LODGE NO. 7 INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

January 13, 2003

To: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Detroit Lodge No.7 is pleased to announce the results of the lodge election held on Monday, January 6, 2003:

**President: Robert D. Baldwin**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Melvin E. Riecher**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: John S. Frost**

**Secretary-Treasurer: Paul M. Jagenow**

**Convention Delegate: James L. Nuzzo**

**Alternate Convention Delegate: Robert D. Baldwin**

Board of Governors (3 year terms):

Thomas R. McMullen, James L. Nuzzo, Patrick F. Owens

Congratulations and good luck to the newly elected lodge officers.

Tom and Sue McMullen are sponsoring an ISMA Potluck Dinner at their home in Livonia on Saturday, January 18. All members of the lodge, the Auxiliary and their spouses and guests are invited. The evening's festivities begin at 6:30 PM. The lodge is providing the main course and all the beverages. The McMullens will prepare the main dinner entree. Please bring a dish to pass. See the enclosed flyer for additional information. Call the McMullens (734-462-1151) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Special thanks are extended to Carolyn Hoey for hosting the lodge's annual holiday cocktail party this past December. Those in attendance were again the recipients of Carolyn's generous hospitality.

The official minutes of the Detroit/St. Clair Rivers Operations Working Group meeting held on November 13, 2002 are enclosed. Last November the membership was mailed the agenda for this meeting and the comments by Capt. Pat Owens (Chairman of the lodge's Navigation Committee) on each agenda item discussed. To save the members the trouble of referring back to that November mailing, the agenda and Capt. Owens' comments are reprinted on the backside of the official minutes. Any questions or comments about the meeting should be addressed to Capt. Owens (810-364-8374).

The Dossin Museum will have an expanded exhibit at the upcoming Detroit Boat Show. The show will run from February 8 through 16. Dossin Curator John Polacsek is again calling upon the members of the lodge to help staff the exhibit. Please contact him at the museum (313-852-4051) if you can participate. A benefit in helping Dossin at the exhibit is being able to see the Boat Show for free as part of your volunteer effort.

This mailing contains information and a nomination form for the annual Lewis Ludington Awards, which are given at Mariners' Church during the annual Blessing of the Fleet. Nominees must be licensed mariners and meet the qualifications listed. A listing of all previous recipients of the award is also provided. Nominations must be

turned into the lodge by February 15, 2003, either hand-carried to a lodge meeting or mailed to Detroit Lodge No. 7 at 18258 Mayfield Street, Livonia, MI 48152.

December was an extremely difficult month for the lodge as we lost 3 lodge members in a matter of 8 days. I would like to comment briefly on the lodge's departed members .

Capt. Robert R. Green (Pennant Number 10331) died on December 18, 2002 in Fort Wayne, Indiana from the effects of a severe stroke. Capt. Green, formerly of Dearborn, had been suffering from Parkinson's disease and was living near a daughter at a senior care facility in Fort Wayne. Capt. Green was a retired Corporate Yacht Captain for Masco Corp. and had been a member of the lodge for over 20 years. He was elected lodge President in 1993 and served as convention delegate in 1994. Bob's wife Eileen died in 1996. The lodge will remember Bob and Eileen as a dedicated ISMA couple, Eileen being extremely active in the lodge's Auxiliary and Bob rarely missing a lodge meeting until declining health kept him at home. A family memorial service was held at Mariners' Church on December 20 with burial in Detroit's Woodlawn Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Bob's son and lodge member Robert S. Green at 14414 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Bothell, WA 98011.

Dr. Calvin H. Hughes (Pennant Number A-1 1570) died on December 25, 2002 in Detroit, Michigan of pulmonary fibrosis. Dr. Hughes had joined the lodge in 1997 and was extremely active in the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla 12-04 in St. Clair Shores. The Detroit News of December 29, 2002 printed a very fine obituary about Dr. Hughes' career and a copy is enclosed. A memorial service will take place at Mariners' Church later this spring. Condolences may be sent to Cal's wife Wanda at 26926 Koerber, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Capt. Michael A. Gerasimos (Pennant Number 9750) died on December 26, 2002 in Trenton, Michigan. He had been visiting family for the Christmas holidays and was dressing to participate in the Ford Fleet Festival at Dossin Museum when he collapsed and died. Cause of death was heart disease. Capt. Gerasimos was the senior lodge member of Detroit Lodge No. 7, joining the lodge on January 8, 1957 and remaining a member for almost 46 years. He served as lodge President in 1981. A memorial service was held at Mariners' Church on January 4, 2003. The memorial service program is enclosed, and it contains a brief biographical sketch of Capt. Gerasimos. His illustrious sailing career was highlighted in obituaries that appeared in the Detroit News of January 2, 2003 and the Detroit Free Press of January 3, 2003. Copies of the obituaries are included as an insert in the memorial program, and on the other side of that page is a copy of the eulogy given at the service by Mike's son and lodge member Ken Gerasimos. Condolences may be sent to Mike's wife Joanne at 324 Whitetail Drive, Prudenville, MI 48651 or to his son Ken at 2256 Riverside Drive, Trenton, MI 48183.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow  
Secretary-Treasurer