

February 20, 2009

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Enclosed is an **update on the lodge's schedule of events and meetings**. The lodge has scheduled several programs for upcoming meetings. The following **speakers are coming to address the lodge** –

Tuesday, February 24 – Mr. Steven Olinek of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority  
Saturday, March 7 – Mr. Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society  
Tuesday, March 17 – Capt. Paul Elliott of Detroit Lodge No. 7 (joint meeting program)  
Saturday, March 28 – LCDR (USCG Ret) Chuck Kakuska of Sea-K's Licensing Service

Dates, times, locations and additional information about the topics to be addressed are included in the two-page schedule update. Please keep it handy for future reference.

Enclosed is the **Delegate's Report for the 119<sup>th</sup> ISMA Shipmasters' Convention**, recently held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Capt. Paul Gallas represented Detroit Lodge No. 7 as convention delegate, with Capt. Tom McMullen serving as alternate delegate. The report contains a thorough account of proceedings at the convention. The **new ISMA password**, which is used at lodge meetings, is on the last page of the report.

**Special congratulations are extended to Capt. McMullen who was elected to the office of Grand Second Vice President.** Over the next two years, he will go through the chairs at the Grand Lodge, and will eventually assume the office of Grand President of the ISMA in 2011. The convention in 2011 will be the first hosted by Detroit Lodge No. 7 since 2002 when Capt. Pat Owens was installed as Grand President. Besides Capt. Owens, other surviving Past Grand Presidents installed at conventions hosted by Detroit Lodge No. 7 are Capt. Ron Ingram (1991), Capt. Bill Hoey (1983) and Capt. Don Erickson (1970). Detroit Lodge No. 7 can be proud of its history of leadership in the ISMA.

Yesterday evening (February 19) lodge member **Capt. Luke Clyburn, President of the Noble Odyssey Foundation**, participated in the premier of the foundation's eighth Noble Odyssey Film of Great Lakes Exploration, Research and Adventure. The **award winning film "Great Lakes, Ancient Shores: River Channels"** was shown at the Macomb Intermediate School District Educational Service Center in Clinton Township, MI and was viewed by a large audience, which included several lodge members. The

film portrayed underwater research conducted in and near the Straits of Mackinac during the past year and included dives on several shipwrecks in the area. Capt. Clyburn is an experienced diver and took the underwater footage that appeared in the film. Luke is Master of the *R/V Pride of Michigan* and has spent over a quarter century training young people in the Sea Cadet program.

**Congratulations to lodge member Dr. Larry Stephenson, whose article about 1000-foot long vessels was published** in the Winter 2009 issue of The Grosse Pointer, the official publication of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The article was titled “Great Lakes’ Leviathans” and described the history and development of 1000-footers on the Great Lakes. A related article in the magazine included details of a visit by four club members to the *M/V Paul R. Tregurtha*, where Capt. Tom McMullen provided valuable insight into the operation of a large vessel. Lodge member Jim Anderson also appeared in that article. Larry and Jim are members at the Yacht Club.

Mentioned in the same issue of The Grosse Pointer was **lodge member Frank McBride**. Frank, a Past Commodore, and his wife Jere were thanked for their generosity in helping to fund landscaping around “The Mariner”, a nine-foot-tall bronze statue that stands in the courtyard of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The enclosed schedule update lists the upcoming **Blessing of the Fleet** at Mariners’ Church (Sunday, March 8). Apparently, **daylight savings time** (“spring forward”) takes effect on that Sunday. If you plan on attending, remember to reset the clock by turning it ahead 1 hour before you retire Saturday night, or you risk being an hour late for the service.

Fraternally yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer