



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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March 7, 2011

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Enclosed is an **updated schedule** for the remaining lodge events and meetings during March and April. Speakers have been scheduled for the March 12 meeting at the J.W. Westcott Co. and the March 22 evening dinner meeting at the Island Cove Marina. The Blessing of the Fleet is Sunday, March 13 at Mariners' Church. See the schedule for additional details.

The **Grand Lodge Convention is over**, and the lodge can be proud. The work of our Convention Committee ensured that the 121st annual convention would be a memorable one in the annals of the I.S.M.A. Capt. John Sarns, as Chairman of the Convention Committee, is to be congratulated for a job well done. He kept a steady hand on the helm and made excellent use of the many lodge members, who helped out in various capacities during the convention. Fund-raising, which included the two lodge raffles, the silent auction at the Grand Ball and corporate sponsorship, was very successful, ensuring that all the costs of the convention would be covered. **Photographs taken at the convention** have been posted on the lodge website (www.detroitlodge7.org) as part of the Photo Gallery. The Grand Lodge has also posted photographs in the "Members Only" section of the Grand Lodge website (www.shipmaster.org).

Convention delegate Sam Tundo has submitted his **delegate's report**. A copy is enclosed. The membership should take special notice of these changes that were announced at the convention.

Capt. Tundo also was proud to report that Capt. Tom McMullen of Detroit Lodge No. 7 was duly elected to serve as Grand Lodge President for the ensuing year.

Lodge members Jim Ramsey and Larry Stephenson designed and published a **booklet titled "Freighter Country, Tales of Ships and Shipping on the Great Lakes"** for distribution at the convention. Also participating in the project was member John Polacsek, who contributed a historical article "Detroit: Port City on the Straits." Congratulations to the authors for an excellent job in producing the booklet. The lodge is making an effort to ensure that all lodge members receive a copy. Many members have already received their copy either at the convention or at subsequent lodge meetings. Members of the lodge, who were not able attend the convention or recent lodge meetings, are receiving a copy of the booklet in this mailing. A copy of the Convention Program Book was sent out to all members just before the convention. If anyone fails to receive either the Program Book or the "Freighter Country" booklet, please contact the lodge and a copy will be sent along.

The following new members have joined the lodge in the last month: Capt. Glinda Mantyk of Algonac, MI; Mr. Ross B. Stone of St. Clair Shores, MI; Mr. Harry Warner of Detroit, MI; and Mr. Jason R. Smith of Farwell, MI. A hearty welcome is extended to one and all. Also, rejoining the lodge is Capt. Paul C. LaMarre, Jr. of Algonac, MI. Capt. LaMarre originally joined Detroit Lodge No. 7 in 1978, but transferred to Port Huron Lodge No. 2 in 1998. He has decided to return to his roots here in Detroit Lodge No. 7, and we are pleased to welcome him back.

Jerry Crowley continues a slow recovery from heart bypass surgery. Jerry has been a member of the lodge's Board of Governors since 1992 when he began going through the chairs of elective office. He served as lodge President in 1994. We wish him well and hope to see him at lodge meetings in the near future.

On Saturday, April 2, 2011 the lodge will celebrate its 120th anniversary during its regular meeting at the J.W. Westcott Co. It doesn't seem that long ago that the lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary at Mariners' Church, and photos of that event are posted in the Photo Gallery on the lodge's website. Hopefully, we can take a few ceremonial pictures at the upcoming 120th anniversary to make comparisons of the passage of time, graying of hair and even the changing face of the lodge membership, both old and new. The original lodge Charter and the original lodge Bible will be brought to the meeting for the occasion. Licensed members who would like to wear their uniforms for the event are welcome to do so.

I sometimes review past lodge letters, and in doing so, I discovered an oversight. I noticed that I had forgotten to recognize a very fine gift of hospitality extended to the lodge. Back on December 18 **Frank McBride** invited the lodge to Bayview Yacht Club as his guests for lunch. His invitation generated our largest member turnout of the season, which almost overwhelmed the Bayview staff. Frank was a most gracious host, and his generosity was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Capt. McBride, for what you did for the lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS – UPDATE
March/April, 2011

Saturday, March 12, 2011 – J.W. Westcott Co. – Foot of 24th Street, Detroit, MI

Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Program/Speaker 1:00 PM

Capt. George Haynes, a registered pilot with the Lakes Pilots Association and a member of Port Huron Lodge No. 2, will give a presentation showing the interaction between large commercial freighters and small vessels. Titled “Sharing the waterways with large vessels”, Capt. Haynes’s topics will describe capabilities and limitations while maneuvering large vessels, demonstrate visibility sightlines from the bridge of large vessels, discuss the right of way rules in narrow channels, the presence of tugs, barges and towlines, and night time safety involving depth and speed perception and background lights.

Sunday, March 13, 2011 – Mariners’ Church – E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI

Blessing of the Fleet 11:00 AM

The Lewis Ludington Awards will be presented to ISMA members chosen for the honor by Detroit Lodge No. 7. Reserved seating is available to licensed members who plan to participate in the uniformed honor guard. Free parking is available in the Underground Garage beneath Jefferson Avenue.

**Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins on this date:
“spring forward” one hour.**

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – Island Cove Marina – N. River Rd., Harrison Twp., MI

Evening Dinner Meeting with spouses and lodge guests

Social/Cocktail Hour - 6:00 PM

Pot Luck Dinner - 7:00 PM

The lodge will provide the main meat dish.

Everyone planning to attend is asked to bring a dish of food to pass.

Program/Speaker: Ken Suddick of Detroit Lodge No. 7 - 8:00 PM

Captain Suddick will give a power point presentation on his experiences while working aboard Mega Yachts.

Saturday, April 2, 2011: J.W. Westcott Co. – Foot of 24th St., Detroit, MI

Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM, Video after meeting

This date is the 120th anniversary of Detroit Lodge No. 7. Detroit Lodge No. 7 was issued its charter and became part of the Shipmasters Association on April 2, 1891. In honor of the occasion, the original lodge Bible and lodge charter will be on display. We will take a group photo of those in attendance to commemorate the occasion. Those members who would like to wear their uniforms for the group photo are encouraged to do so.

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 – Mariners' Church – E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI

Luncheon 12:00 Noon, with meeting to follow at 1:00 PM

For many years now, the lodge has concluded its winter schedule by holding its last luncheon meeting at Mariners' Church, as a sort of bon voyage gathering. Special thanks are extended to Fr. Richard Ingalls, Jr., Rector of Mariners' Church, for allowing this tradition to continue.

NOTE: Mariners' Church is unable to provide free parking on weekdays. The nearest paid parking is available in the Underground Garage beneath Jefferson Avenue. Free parking might be available at nearby casinos.