



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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March 7, 2012

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Convention Delegate Art Brooks gave his **delegate's report** to the lodge at the February 14, 2012 lodge meeting. A copy of the report is enclosed for the benefit of those who were unable to attend that meeting.

The lodge has arranged **speakers for upcoming lodge meetings**. Please refer to the enclosed schedule update for additional details. The speakers scheduled to address the lodge are:

Saturday, March 10 – RADM Jerry Achenbach of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy

Saturday, March 31 – David Wright of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District

Tuesday, April 10 – CDR Gary Koehler, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit

We are still working to arrange a program for the joint evening meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

The **Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church** is this coming Sunday, March 11, 2012. Reserved seating is set aside for members in uniform who plan to serve in the uniformed honor guard. Recipients of the Lewis Ludington Award will be announced during the service. Please remember that Daylight Savings Time returns this weekend so be sure to turn your clocks ahead, "spring forward" as they say.

The **next social evening gathering** of the lodge will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the Island Cove Marina on North River Road in Harrison Township. Members are encouraged to bring spouses or guests. Social hour will commence at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. The **dinner will be potluck** so attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. The lodge will provide refreshments and the main meat course.

Rick Scott is to be congratulated for the success of the Dennis Hale speaker event sponsored by the lodge. Dennis Hale, the sole survivor of the sinking of the *S/S Daniel J. Morrell*, talked about his experience at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Sunday, February 19, 2012. The audience was spellbound by his narrative. Attendance was around 140, including quite a few lodge members. Special thanks go to John Sarns, for helping to advertise the event, and to Patrick Beard, who assisted Capt. Scott in admitting people at the door. Capt. Scott, as emcee for the program, did a fine job representing the lodge and explaining what the lodge is all about. Subsequent to the event, the lodge was approached by Comcast Cable TV to do a program about Shipmasters and maritime careers on the Great Lakes. Tom McMullen and Rick Scott were both interviewed for the program, and broadcast times are listed on the lodge website.

Congratulations and thanks are also due to Art Brooks and his wife Sue for an excellent job in putting on this year's **dinner dance at Mulligan's** on Selfridge ANGB. Everyone appeared to have a grand time. The lodge was honored by the appearance of Grand President Seann O'Donoughue and his wife Andrea, who drove down from Owen Sound, Ontario to join in the festivities. The Philbins (John and Wanda) and the Eickels (Brian and Carolyn) journeyed from Port Huron Lodge No. 2 to attend the dance as well. It was obvious that a lot of hard work went into putting on a very entertaining evening. The lodge is grateful to everyone who donated gifts for the giveaway table. Special thanks are extended to John Sarns for putting together the printed dinner dance program, to Rick and Eileen Scott for manning the registration desk, to Sam Tundo for arranging the band (The John Hammer Trio), to Sue Brooks for designing the table centerpieces and to Sarah Jagenow and Martha Polacsek for selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The winner of the 50/50 raffle turned out to be Grand President Seann O'Donoughue, who promptly announced that he would donate his winnings to the ISMA Scholarship Fund.

As a way of reducing production and postal expenses, the Grand Lodge is encouraging members to sign up for **online delivery of the ISMALetter**. The online version of the ISMALetter is usually sent via e-mail two weeks before the hard copy arrives by U.S. Mail. The Grand Lodge is aware that many members like to receive hard copies of the ISMALetter for their files or to show to prospective members, so receiving ISMALetter only via e-mail is strictly optional. If you wish to receive the ISMALetter only via e-mail, simply contact ISMALetter editor Christine Rohn-Tielke at chilston@aol.com and she will add you to the e-mail only list. Back issues of the ISMALetter can be found on the Grand Lodge website www.shipmaster.org. The lodge website www.detroitlodge7.org has a link to the Grand Lodge website.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer

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<p>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS – UPDATE March/April, 2012</p>

Saturday, March 10, 2012 – J.W. Westcott Co. – Foot of 24th Street, Detroit, MI

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

RADM Jerry Achenbach, Superintendent of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, will address the lodge. He will discuss the training programs at the academy that prepare deck and engine room cadets for careers in the maritime industry. Members with friends or relatives who might be interested in a maritime career are welcome to bring them to this meeting to learn about the academy.



Sunday, March 11, 2012 – 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: Daylight Savings Time begins on this date –
“spring forward” one hour.**



Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – Island Cove Marina –
32081 N. River Rd., Harrison Twp., MI

Joint Evening Meeting with the Auxiliary, 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: To be announced - 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 31, 2012: J.W. Westcott Co. – Foot of 24th St., Detroit, MI

Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM, Speaker 1:00 PM

David Wright, Chief of Operations, Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will address the lodge on dredging issues confronting the Great Lakes, dredging projects authorized for the coming year and the Harbor Maintenance User Tax.

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – Mariners' Church – E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI

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

CDR Gary Koehler, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit, will address the lodge on issues affecting mariners in the Detroit area.

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 the Fr. Richard Ingalls, Jr., Rector Emeritus of Mariners' Church and to Rev. Paul Innes, Acting 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.
