



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The winter lodge meeting schedule has now concluded until next December, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank several members who assisted in the lodge meetings in various ways. Several members volunteered to prepare or arrange food for the luncheons, including Art Herrala, Rick Scott, Sam Tundo, Tom McMullen, Bill Griffore, Sam Buchanan and Arlene Earl. Joe Prijatel and Bill Griffore regularly assisted in setting up and taking down tables and chairs, while numerous other members assisted in this effort at various meetings. Tom and Sue McMullen prepared the main course for each of the joint evening meetings with the spouses and guests. John Sarns, who manages the lodge e-mail address book, sent prompt reminders to the lodge of upcoming activities. Art Brooks arranged the tour of the USCG Air Station at Selfridge ANGB. The lodge is especially grateful to Jim Hogan and Sam Buchanan of the J.W. Westcott Co., Sam and Peggy Tundo of the Island Cove Marina and Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr. and his staff at Mariners' Church for providing meeting sites for the lodge and warmly welcoming the lodge to their facilities. All of these contributions made the lodge meetings a team effort and a great success. Thanks to everyone for helping, including those that I may have inadvertently failed to mention.

Warren Fuller of Green Valley, AZ became a 50-year member of the ISMA on March 1, 2010. He joined Detroit Lodge No. 7 on March 1, 1960 and was issued pennant number 9857. He joins lodge members Captains Don Erickson and Robert Greene as 50-year ISMA members. Incidentally, March 1, 2010 was also Captain Fuller's 91st birthday. Congratulations to Capt Fuller on reaching both milestones.

The lodge welcomes back associate member Richard E. Brown of Carolina, Puerto Rico, who has rejoined the lodge. He was a member of the lodge for a short time back in the 1970's before duties with the Coast Guard took him away from Michigan. He is now retired from the Coast Guard, living full time in Puerto Rico and working as a marine surveyor.

This mailing includes a flyer about a special fund-raiser for the ISMA Scholarship Fund. The fund-raiser is a tour of the Detroit Salt Mine, a site rarely open to the public. Please see the flyer for all the details. Special thanks go to Malcolm McAdam for arranging this tour to benefit the ISMA Scholarship Fund.

Also, enclosed in information about the second Boat Trip Raffle being sponsored by the lodge. The lodge's Convention Committee is very grateful to all the lodge members who supported the last Boat Trip Raffle, and the Committee hopes that it can count on the membership to continue its support. See the raffle flyer from Raffle Chairman Kathy McGraw for additional details. The raffle drawing will be held at the Grand Ball of the 2011 ISMA Convention here in Detroit next February.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of member Roger Stahl, who passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the age of 87. He was the long-time fleet engineer at the Gaelic Tugboat Company, retiring in 2003. Roger possessed a great depth of knowledge about tugboating on the Great Lakes, plus he was a vivid storyteller, able to regale us with stories and memories of his career and experiences on the Great Lakes. He often carpooled to lodge meetings with fellow members from Livonia (Ron Ingram, Bernie Ogden, Tom McMullen and myself) and usually carried the conversation. Those 50-minute drives from Livonia to the Island Cove Marina always seemed to pass in 10 minutes with Roger entertaining us in the car. We will miss him. I have enclosed a biographical sketch about Roger sent out via e-mail last week. I would like to thank Roger's family for providing the details of his life and career, and to Bill Hoey, who was kind enough to provide a recent photograph of Roger. On the reverse side of Roger's biography is a testimonial about Roger sent to the family by Paul LaMarre, who worked with Roger for many years at Gaelic. I was very impressed with Capt. LaMarre's heartfelt comments about what it was like to work with Captain-Chief Roger Stahl, and felt the lodge would appreciate reading them. In lieu of flowers and per the family's request, the lodge has made a donation in Roger's memory to Angela Hospice of Livonia, one of Roger's favorite charities.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer