



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The **2015 Membership Roster of Detroit Lodge No. 7** is enclosed. Please examine your roster entry for possible errors. If any corrections are needed, you can e-mail the lodge at either pjagenow@aol.com or DetroitLodge7@aol.com. I want to thank Bill Graham, who has been maintaining the roster data base now for many years, for all his hard work with the roster.

Numerous lodge members need to be recognized for their extra work that enhanced lodge activities during the past year. Rick Scott was able to help me in scheduling speakers and programs for several of our lodge meetings, all of which helped to promote the professional nature of the lodge. Rick represented the lodge as our delegate to the I.S.M.A. Convention and served as chairman of the lodge's annual dinner dance. He carried a heavy load for us this year and he did it with great skill. Scott Reynolds, John Polacsek, Tom McMullen, Sam Tundo, Laddie Hudson, Ron LaPlante and Bill Griffore all deserve pats on the back for helping the lodge Secretary-Treasurer with the cooking chores for the lodge luncheons. Tom and Sue McMullen pitched in to cook the main dishes for the lodge's two potluck evening meetings. John Sarns was a great help to the Secretary-Treasurer by sending out e-mail notices to the members reminding everyone of upcoming meetings and events. He also was helpful with some of the logistical aspects of the Secretary's job. John continues to manage the lodge's website and he does a great job in keeping the lodge updated on news affecting the marine industry. I encourage the lodge members to check the lodge website frequently as John updates it on a regular basis. Finally, Dale Mason, Ron LaPlante and Laddie Hudson are working on a Ludington Award plaque soon to be unveiled at Mariners' Church. Dale Mason did much of the fundraising to cover the cost of the plaque.

Regarding meeting sites, special thanks are extended to Jim Hogan of the J.W. Westcott Co., Sam and Peggy Tundo at the Island Cove Marina, Joel Stone of the Dossin Museum and Rev. Bill Fleming of Mariners' Church for making their facilities available for lodge meetings. For the sake of the lodge, I hope we will continue to have access to these sites in the future.

Lodge Co-Chaplain Fr. Russ Kohler, pastor of Ste. Anne de Detroit Parish, was interviewed by the Detroit Free Press for an article that appeared in the May 2, 2015 edition of the newspaper. Fr. Kohler's parish was to be visited by Detroit Mass Mob participants and a follow-up story in the Monday May 4 Detroit Free Press reported a standing-room only attendance for the service. A couple photos of Fr. Kohler at the event have been posted in the photo gallery of the lodge's website.

This summer a reporter for the Detroit Free Press took a trip on the *M/V Paul R. Tregurtha*. The **boat trip resulted in a weeklong series of articles** about the reporter's experiences on the boat and mariners he came in contact with. Lodge member Robert Thibaudeau is captain of the *Tregurtha* and he was featured in an article that appeared in the June 25, 2015 edition of the paper. A copy is enclosed.

In the Mariners' Church Newsletter of July, 2015, Rector Bill Fleming announced that the **Mariners' Angel, in honor of Wilma Ingalls**, was dedicated and installed in the church's Narthex. Wilma has been active at Mariners' for over 50 years. She is the widow of Bishop Richard Ingalls, who passed away in 2006. Bishop Ingalls served as Rector of Mariners' for 41 years and was a longtime Chaplain of Detroit Lodge No. 7. Wilma is also the mother of member Rick Ingalls, Jr., who succeeded his father as both Rector of Mariners' and Chaplain of Detroit Lodge No. 7. Fr. Rick is now Rector Emeritus and retired in Florida. Wilma was a lifetime member of the lodge's now inactive Ladies Auxiliary. Congratulations to Wilma on this special recognition of her long years of service to Detroit's "Maritime Sailors' Cathedral."

The Mariners' Church Newsletter of July, 2015 also had photos showing the honor guard and Ludington Award recipients at the Blessing of the Fleet last March. Additional photos have been posted in the photo gallery of the lodge's website. In a previous lodge letter I mentioned a number of lodge members who participated in the service. I always worry about overlooking someone and this year I did. I was initially told that Joe Mastropolitto was unable to attend, but later found out that he served as chalice bearer during the service. My apologies go to Joe for overlooking his active participation in the service.

Gifts Afloat, a retail store in St. Clair Shores, MI, held an **event to promote Great Lakes maritime heritage** on July 18, 2015. Member Art Herrala participated in the event and a press release from Gifts Afloat described his career on the lakes and his service as Captain aboard the Bob-Lo boats. A copy is enclosed.

I received a **call from member Richard Brown**, now retired in Puerto Rico, although he still works occasionally as a marine surveyor. He wanted me to mention his name to the lodge to see if any members might remember him from his Coast Guard days working as a marine inspector for U.S.C.G. District Detroit back in the 1970's or 1980's. He says he made a lot of friends back in those days, and he said (with a laugh) maybe some enemies too. He says that he is enjoying retirement, and wishes he could get back to the Detroit area for a visit.

Lodge meetings should resume in December. Typically, the lodge schedule and annual dues notice is mailed out in mid-November.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

After a great deal of thought, I have decided that I will not be a candidate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of Detroit Lodge No. 7 in the next lodge election. I have served as Secretary-Treasurer since 1983. When January, 2016 rolls around, I will have been in office for 33 years, certainly a long time. I feel that it is time for fresh hands to take over the duties and responsibilities of the office. I want to assure the lodge that I will remain an active member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 and will work to see that there will be a smooth transition with the person nominated and elected to be my successor.

June 8, 2015

BOBLO BOAT CAPTAIN TO APPEAR AT GIFTS AFLOAT ON JULY 18

Memories of excursions to Bob-Lo Island and midnight cruises on Lake Ste. Clair will be stirred on Saturday, July 18th at Gifts Afloat, 24601 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Gifts Afloat is hosting a promotion of Great Lakes maritime heritage with Captain Arthur Herrala on hand to talk with the public from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Over the years Captain Art worked on the overnight passenger vessel, Greater Detroit of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company, and he sailed around the lakes on the cruise ship S.S. South American. He worked delivering iron ore while on the freighter Charles Dunlap, and in 1955 joined the McCarthy Steamship Company. He sailed from Detroit on the converted freighter George H. Ingalls as it carried loads of 411 brand new automobiles on a special 'flight deck' to various ports on the Great Lakes. Captain Art later joined Browning Company's Bob-Lo Fleet that cruised the eighteen miles from the Detroit dock to Bob-Lo Island, and took midnight cruises on the waters of Lake Ste. Clair. Captain Art retired in 1991, after putting in a number of years as the captain of the S.S. Ste. Claire and the S.S. Columbia.

A special Bob-Lo memory item will be available in the form of a full color signed and numbered limited edition print by the marine artist Jerry Crowley. The 24 by 30 inch print depicts the S.S. Columbia leaving the Woodward Avenue dock in 1909. The view also shows the S.S. Tashmoo ready to depart on the daily trip across Lake Ste. Clair and up the St. Clair River to Port Huron. The print is available for \$30.00 as a fundraiser for the Great Lakes Maritime Institute. If a print is purchased on Saturday July 18th, Captain Herrala who served as the captain of the S.S. Columbia will personally autograph it.

Gifts Afloat is located at 24601 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080 and can be reached at (586)-777-8300 or giftsafloat@sbcglobal.net.



A 24 by 30 inch limited edition print of the S.S. Columbia sailing for Bob-Lo Island in 1909.