



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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November 23, 2015

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The lodge schedule for 2015-2016 is enclosed. It lists all the membership meeting dates, the dates of the annual Shipmasters Convention (February 4-7 in Chicago, IL) and the date of the annual lodge dinner dance (February 20 at the Concorde Inn in Clinton Township).

There will be plenty of variety in sites for the lodge meetings. Most of the meetings will alternate between Island Cove Marina and J.W. Westcott Co. However, the two evening potluck dinner meetings with spouses and guests will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Hazel Park (January 23 and March 22). Also, member Jim Anderson will sponsor a luncheon for the lodge at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (February 13). The last winter meeting will be held at Mariners' Church (April 12). The lodge is grateful to the following for sponsoring the lodge at the various meeting sites:

- Joel Stone, Senior Curator at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum
- Sam Tundo and his wife Peggy at Island Cove Marina
- Jim Hogan at J.W. Westcott Co.
- John Sarns at First United Methodist Church
- Jim Anderson at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
- Fr. Bill Fleming at Mariners' Church

The first winter meeting for the lodge will be at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The museum will be opened at 11:00 AM so that the members and their guests can view the exhibits. The lodge luncheon will be at 12:00 Noon. Following lunch, Joel Stone will present a program about passenger vessels on the Great Lakes based on his recent book "Floating Palaces of the Great Lakes." Members are encouraged to bring spouses and guests.

This mailing contains the annual dues notice. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2016. Your roster information as it appears in the 2015 membership roster is taped to the dues notice. Please take a moment to review the accuracy of your roster entry and use the remittance form of the dues notice to report changes or corrections as needed.

Nominations for the annual lodge election will take place during the Tuesday, December 15 meeting at the Island Cove Marina. If anyone is interested in serving or would like to recommend a lodge member for a position, please contact Sam Tundo (248-644-2850 or 248-425-2631), Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominees are needed for Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Convention Delegate, Alternate Delegate and three seats on the Board of Governors.

The annual Great Lakes Memorial Service at Mariners' Church took place on Sunday morning, November 8 with numerous Shipmaster members participating. Serving in the honor guard during the bell ringing portion of the service were Ron Ingram, Sam Tundo, Tom McMullen, Ron LaPlante, Mike Nall, Ray Oset, Rick Scott, Lynne Kogel and Dale Mason of Detroit Lodge No. 7; Roger Hewlett of Port Huron Lodge No. 2; and Admiral Gerald Achenbach of Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23. Several of those members also served as bell ringers. Photos of the event have been added to the Photo Gallery in the Detroit Lodge No. 7 website.

The new Ludington Award Plaque, financed by donations from individual lodge members, was presented to Mariners' Church after the conclusion of Great Lakes Memorial Service. The plaque describes the Lewis Ludington Award and lists all recipients of the award since its inception in 1994. The plaque was conceived by lodge member Dale Mason, who did much of the fundraising, while Ron LaPlante and Laddie Hudson worked on the plaque's design. A [photograph](#) showing Lodge No. 7 Sentinel Mike Nall, Fr. Bill Fleming of Mariners' Church and Lodge No. 7 President Ron LaPlante with the new Ludington Award Plaque has been posted on the lodge website along with the [group of images](#) depicting the Great Lakes Memorial Service.

The Lost Mariners Remembrance at Dossin Great Lakes Museum took place on Tuesday evening, November 10. Detroit Lodge No. 7 donated roses which were strewn on the waters of the Detroit River as part of the memorial ceremony. Several lodge members had active roles during the event:

- Lodge President Ron LaPlante and Board member Luke Clyburn served in the honor guard.
- Co-Chaplain Russ Kohler gave the invocation and blessing.
- Kathy McGraw served as necrologist, reading the names of the crew of the U.S. Life-Saving Station at Pointe Aux Barques that perished in the line of duty in 1880 and the lost mariners from the wreck of the Schooner *St. Clair*.
- Malcolm McAdam was the coordinator of the vessel flotilla
- Neil Schultheiss produced the Live Webcast of the event for Dossin Museum and Boatnerd.com
- Joel Hepola piloted the mailboat *J.W. Westcott II*, which was part of the Honor Flotilla on the Detroit River.
- Bob McGreevey of Bay City Lodge No. 5 was the keynote speaker. His presentation described the history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service.

The lodge is pleased to welcome three new members who joined the lodge during the summer months following initiation ceremonies held at J.W. Westcott Co.:

- Active Professional member Capt. Joseph Bowen of Lake Orion
- Active Professional member Capt. Scott Skrzypczak of Detroit
- Associate member Rev. Dr. Lynne Kogel of St. Clair Shores

John Sarns continues to manage the lodge's website (www.detroitlodge7.org). Be sure to check out the website when you have time as John updates it on a regular basis. Lodge members have occasionally reported that they have not been receiving lodge e-mail messages. John suggests that all members add "detroitlodge7@aol.com" to their computer contact/address list so that lodge e-mails are properly received and not treated a spam. That should help correct the incident of lost e-mails.

The lodge has been e-mailing the Grand Lodge's ISMA Letter to members with internet addresses and mailing hard copies to any members without e-mail addresses. Thus, everyone should be receiving the ISMA Letter either by e-mail or snail mail. If you are not receiving your copy in either format, please let the lodge know so that corrective measures can be taken.

Arlene Earl, affectionately known as the Flower Lady of the Great Lakes, has been in hospice care. She sent a note to the lodge thanking the many members who have sent her cards and good wishes over the last few months. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer

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Schedule of Events and Lodge Meetings (2015 – 2016)

- Tuesday, December 8, 2015 – Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle, Detroit**
Museum open 11:00 AM, Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Speaker 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon & Meeting 1:00 PM
Nomination of Lodge Officers
- Saturday, January 2, 2016 – J.W. Westcott Company, 12 24th Street, Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Saturday, January 23, 2016 – First United Methodist Church, 315 E. 9 Mile Road, Hazel Park**
Joint Evening Meeting with Spouses and Guests 5:30 PM
Potluck Dinner – please bring a dish to pass, the lodge will provide the main meat course and beverages
- Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
*** Convention Delegate Receives Voting Instructions***
- Thursday, February 4 thru Sunday February 7, 2016 – Grand Lodge Convention**
Embassy Suites Downtown, 511 N. Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL
- Saturday, February 13, 2016 – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe**
Luncheon (sponsored by Jim Anderson) at Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
Report of Convention Delegate
- Saturday, February 20, 2016 – Annual Dinner Dance, Detroit Lodge No. 7**
Concorde Inn, 44315 N. Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township, MI
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – Island Cove Marina, 32081 N. River Road, Harrison Township**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Saturday, March 12, 2016 – J.W. Westcott Company, 12 24th Street, Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
- Sunday, March 13, 2016 – Blessing of the Fleet, Mariners' Church, 11:00 AM**
- Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – First United Methodist Church, 315 E. 9 Mile Road, Hazel Park**
Joint Evening Meeting with Spouses and Guests 6:30 PM
Potluck Dinner – please bring a dish to pass, the lodge will provide the main meat course and beverages
- Saturday, April 2, 2016 – J.W. Westcott Company, 12 24th Street, Detroit**
Annual Lodge Barbeque 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM
125th Anniversary of Detroit Lodge No. 7
(lodge charter issued April 2, 1891)
- Tuesday, April 12, 2016 – Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit**
Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM