



DETROIT LODGE NO. 7  
INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

March 19, 2005

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

There is a **change in date for the lodge's next membership meeting**. The next meeting of the lodge has been rescheduled from Friday, March 25 to Thursday, March 24. The meeting will still be at Dossin Museum. A speaker has been scheduled for this meeting. David Wright, who is Program Manager for the Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will speak to the lodge on the Great Lakes Navigation Study and progress to date on planning for a new replacement lock at Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Wright will begin his program at 11:00 AM, with the lodge luncheon to follow at 12:00 Noon. The lodge's final meeting of the winter season will be on Tuesday, April 5 at Mariners' Church.

The **password for the ISMA web site has been changed**. Please see the enclosed flyer for details on how to access the shipmaster.org web site.

There was a large turnout of lodge members at the **recent Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church**. Those serving in the uniformed honor guard included Tom Allor, Ted Cogswell, Don Erickson, Jack Frost, Ron Ingram, Bob Kerr, Kathy McGraw, Steve Nelson, Jim O'Hara, Pat Owens, Mel Riecher, John Sarns and Bob Schikora. There were several other lodges represented by uniformed members as well. Congratulations are extended to Jack Callahan and Bill Hoey (both of Detroit Lodge No. 7), Phil Knetchel (Toledo Lodge No. 9) and John Wellington (Twin Sault Lodge No. 22) who were honored as recipients of the **Captain Lewis Ludington Award**.

I regret to inform the lodge of the **death of member Arthur David Reed**, who passed away suddenly on February 8 at the age of 39. Captain Reed joined the lodge on February 28, 2000 and was issued pennant number 11860. He sailed as a mate with Algoma Central Marine. I have enclosed a sheet with a brief description of his career on the Great Lakes and a copy of the death notice that appeared in the Windsor Star on February 10 & 11, 2005. Personal condolences can be extended to his wife Vanessa at 344 Timberlake Drive, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 4B8.

The lodge also received word of the **death of lifelong Auxiliary member Josephine Ferson** (aka Ferguson). She passed away on February 22 at the age of 88 following a short illness. She was married to Past Grand President Shirel Ferson, who served as lodge President from 1956 thru 1960, as Grand President in 1962 and as lodge Secretary-Treasurer from 1970 thru 1982. Many of the longtime members of the lodge will remember Josephine's passion for the Girl Scouts, as she always had boxes of Girl Scout cookies on hand to sell at joint meetings of the lodge. A lengthy obituary appeared in the February 27 edition of a downriver newspaper, The Sunday News-Herald. I have enclosed a copy of the obituary with this mailing.

Congratulations to Captain Mel Riecher and his Dance Committee for an excellent job in coordinating all the festive activities at the lodge's annual Dinner Dance at Mac and Ray's in Harrison Township. Special thanks are extended to Gaelic Tugboat Co, J.W. Westcott Co., Engel's Greenhouses and marine artist Paul LaMarre for the donation of gifts to be used as raffle and door prizes.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow  
Secretary-Treasurer

**REMINDER – BALANCE OF LODGE WINTER SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS**

Thursday, March 24 – Program/Speaker 11:00 AM, Luncheon 12:00 Noon – Dossin Museum  
Tuesday, April 5 – Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 PM – Mariners' Church