

March 13, 1997

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

An updated schedule for the rest of March and April is shown on the other side of this cover letter. We have speakers planned for the meetings of March 17 and March 31. See the updated schedule for additional details.

Remember that the next meeting of the St. Clair/Detroit Rivers Operations Working Group will be held in Sarnia at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20. As usual, Capt. Pat Owens will be attending on behalf of the lodge. The I.S.M.A. has requested that the following items be added to agenda for the meeting:

1. discuss the removal of aids to navigation in the rivers and whether they are to be of a permanent nature.
2. status of the Windsor marina extending into the Detroit River
3. status of the disposal area at the lower end of the Livingstone Channel

If anyone has any topic that should be brought up at the meeting, please inform Capt. Owens (Phone: 810-364-8374).

Lodge member Chuck Wilson recently was the focus of a feature story that appeared in the Michigan Chronicle of March 5-11, 1997.

The Jones Act continues to be in the news. Two pages are enclosed that contain a policy statement from the Great Lakes Maritime Task Force (the I.S.M.A. is a member of the Task Force), a couple of articles from the Journal of Commerce, and an extensive feature story from Workboat Magazine. These various articles give an overview of the current state of debate regarding the Jones Act.

From all reports, the lodge's annual dinner dance appears to have been a great success. The lodge is very grateful to the dance's corporate sponsors, Gaelic Tugboat Company, Captain of the Fleet, Lakes Pilots Association and J.W. Westcott Company. The combined financial support from these sponsors allowed the dinner dance committee to provide a well-rounded evening of enjoyment for all in attendance. The dance committee was pleased that members of Port Huron Lodge No. 2, Cleveland Lodge No. 4 and Toledo Lodge No. 9 took the time to come and enjoy the evening's festivities. The prestige of the Grand Lodge was also in evidence as four present and past Grand Lodge Presidents attended this year's dance, Vic Chamberlain of Cleveland Lodge No. 4 (P.G.P. 1987), Ron Ingram of Detroit Lodge No. 7 (P.G.P. 1991), Bill Cline of Port Huron Lodge No. 2 (P.G.P. 1994) and the current Grand Lodge President Mike Cap'ser of Toledo Lodge No. 9. The presence of these Grand Lodge luminaries made the dance a very special affair. Incidentally, the evening was dedicated to the memory of Commodore Edward Baganz, our senior lodge member who passed away last November. Dinner Dance Chairman Dominic Gorno merits the thanks of the lodge for a job well done.

Anyone wishing to order a membership badge can do so. Please see the enclosed flyer. Special thanks is given to the J.W. Westcott Co. whose sizable contribution to the dinner dance this year has allowed the lodge to defray a portion of the cost of the badges and shipping expenses.

Fraternally yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer