



# INTERNATIONAL SHIP MASTERS' ASSOCIATION

## DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

March 15, 2025

Please remember we have a meeting this coming Tuesday, March 18, at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. This is an open meeting where spouses, guests and prospective members are welcome. We will have a luncheon at 12:00 Noon, followed by our speaker at 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be Capt. Luke Clyburn, president of the Noble Odyssey Foundation. He will give an update on his group's mission of bringing together scientists, educators and youth, and will discuss the outlook for the future.

On February 11, 17 ISMA members visited University of Michigan's school of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in Ann Arbor. The school maintains the Aaron Freidman Marine Hydrodynamics Laboratory on main campus that dates to 1904 and has been used to develop many innovative technologies in the maritime space, including the bulbous bow design. After a brief presentation from Professor Collette containing an overview of the program and what students are taught, the group was guided through the facility by Assistant Director Anika Szuszman.

Members were given a tour of the model workshop where project plans are built into scale models for testing, then rode the carriage in the Model Basin where the hulls are pulled through the water and observed for data collection. Thank you to Scott Skrzypczak for arranging this outing for the lodge.

Congratulations on a job well done is extended to dinner dance Chairman Randy Pagel following the lodge's annual dinner dance held at Sindbad's Restaurant on February 22. In addition to the contributions by Randy & Linda Pagel, special thanks are extended to Sue Brooks, along with Dale & MaryLou Mason, who donated items for the silent auction table. Additionally, Jim Hogan of the J.W. Westcott Co. very generously made an additional financial contribution to the dance. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The 61st annual Blessing of the Fleet took place on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at Mariners' Church in downtown Detroit. Members from seven ISMA lodges participated in the honor guard during the service.

Captain Jason Dmitruchina of Detroit Lodge No. 7 was the recipient of this year's Lewis Ludington Award. During the presentation ceremony, Rev. Todd Meyer represented Mariners' Church and Scott Reynolds of Detroit Lodge No. 7, served as reader of the recipient's biography.

After the service, light refreshments were served in the Julia Anderson Room on the lower level of the church. The Blessing of the fleet was covered by WDIV – Channel 4. See the lodge news page for links to the story & video. Additionally, photos and additional details have been posted on the lodge photo page.

The lodge has received word on the passing of Capt. Dino Dini on Friday, March 14, 2025. Dino sailed as Captain for Algoma Central for many years, retiring from the *Algoma Guardian* in July of 2021. Capt. Dini and his late wife Kim Getin were regular attendees of many Grand Lodge Conventions over the years. Funeral arrangements are pending; when announced, they will be posted on the lodge news page.

We have also learned of the death of former Mariners' Church secretary Sue Palmer, who passed away on March 2, 2025 at the age of 90. As secretary at Mariners for 30 years, she will be remembered by many of our lodge members. Her obituary and on-line guest book has been posted on our lodge news page.

Our upcoming meeting schedule can be found below; please make note of these dates and check the lodge calendar of events page for updates.

Fraternally,

John Sarns  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Detroit Lodge No. 7

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025** Open Meeting of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle

100 Strand Dr.; Detroit, MI 48207

Luncheon at 12:00; Guest Speaker at 1:00 PM;

Our Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Luke Clyburn, Founder of the Noble Odyssey Foundation.

This is an open meeting and a good opportunity to bring spouses, friends, etc.

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025** - Regular Membership Meeting of Detroit Lodge No. 7

First United Methodist Church

315 E. 9 Mile Rd.

Hazel Park, MI 48030

Luncheon at 12:00; Meeting at 1:00 PM; Our Guest Speaker will be Paul Gross, Meteorologist Emeritus from WDIV Local 4. He will talk about the Great Storm of 1913, which was the deadliest and most destructive natural disaster to hit the Great Lakes in recorded history.

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025** - Regular Membership Meeting of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Mariners' Church of Detroit

170 E. Jefferson Avenue

Detroit, MI 48226

Board of Governors Meeting at 11:00 AM; Luncheon at 12:00; Our guest speakers at this meeting will be Meteorologist Deanna Fielder and Hydraulic Engineer Melissa Kropfreiter, both of the US Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District.

Parking in the Ford Underground Garage

Entrance in the median strip on Jefferson Ave.

Note that parking cannot be validated for this meeting.

**Saturday, May 3, 2025** at 12:00 - Annual Lodge Barbecue at J.W. Westcott Company.

12 24th Street; Detroit, MI 48222

This is an open meeting for Spouses & Guests.

The main meat dish will be provided by the lodge; please bring a dish to pass.

Representatives from USCG Sector Detroit will be on hand at this meeting. Commander Eddie Valdez, Chief of Sector Detroit's Prevention Department, will be our guest speaker.