

March 19, 1998

TO: Membership of Detroit Lodge No. 7

This lodge notice contains an updated lodge schedule for the remaining membership meetings of the season. Please refer to it regarding scheduled speakers and activities.

I have enclosed a recent article that appeared in the Detroit News of March 10, 1998 regarding the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority and port revival. The newly appointed Port Director, John Jamian, is the guest speaker for our March 30 lodge meeting, and I felt the article would give the lodge some good background material to read. Member Chick Ferriss was mentioned in the February 20, 1998 issue of the Detroit News regarding cruise ship plans in the Bay City area..

Also enclosed is a transcribed copy of remarks given by Rev. Richard Ingalls at this year's Blessing of the Fleet. Rev. Ingalls mentioned a number of lodge members in his homily, and I thought that everyone in the lodge should have a copy of his remarks to read. I would like to thank my sister, Mary Ann Ingram, for transcribing Rev. Ingalls' remarks from the church's audio cassette.

Mariners' Church was recently written up in the Corps of Engineers bulletin "Soundings" of Winter, 1997. Rev. Ingalls was kind enough to provide the lodge with sufficient copies to distribute to the entire membership. On the backside of the sheet is a listing of all Lewis Ludington Award recipients since the award was instituted in 1994. Congratulations are extended to this year's recipients, Captain Bill Graham and Captain Steve Hammarskjold.

Special words of thanks are extended to Bill and Jeanie Graham, who hosted the lodge's annual Blessing of the Fleet brunch at their residence on Harbor Island Drive on Detroit's eastside. Even though the day happened to be wet and rainy, the Grahams provided a very warm and hospitable setting for the lodge to relax and enjoy the afterglow from the Blessing of the Fleet service at Mariners' Church.

Fraternally yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer