



# DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

## INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

March 11, 2009

**Enclosed is the schedule for the remainder of the lodge's winter meetings.** This schedule includes a correction for the date of the last meeting at Mariners' Church. The date was shown incorrectly on the Schedule Update mailed out last month.

The next lodge meeting (Tuesday, March 17) will be a joint evening meeting with the Auxiliary, spouses and guests at the Island Cove Marina on N. River Road in Harrison Township. As usual, the lodge will provide beverages and the main meat course. Everyone attending should remember to bring a dish to pass. After dinner, member Paul Elliott will give a power point presentation describing his experiences working in the Alaskan fishing industry.

The lodge meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the J. W. Westcott Co. should be an important one for the lodge's licensed mariners. **LCDR (USCG-Ret.) Chuck Kakuska of [Sea-K's Licensing Service](#)** will address the lodge on issues facing mariners involved in the licensing process, especially the impact of the new physical requirements recently imposed by the USCG. Chuck will be glad to respond to any questions from the membership, even personal licensing issues. He has spoken to the lodge in the past and his expertise in the field of marine licensing is well known. Lodge members are welcome to invite guests who may be interested in the licensing process.

The **final meeting of the winter schedule** will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at Mariners' Church in downtown Detroit. See the enclosed schedule for additional details.

The **annual dinner dance took place** on February 21 at Portofino's Restaurant and Banquet Center in Wyandotte. The dinner dance committee, which was co-chaired by Sam Buchanan and John Sarns, did a fine job managing all the logistics for the dinner dance. The lodge is grateful for their hard work. Marine artist Paul LaMarre, John Polacsek of Captain of the Fleet, Jim Hogan of the J.W. Westcott Co. and Patricia and Steve Carrothers of Gaelic Tugboat Co. contributed items for the prize table and the lodge is grateful for their support. J.W. Westcott Co. also sent along a generous cash contribution to support dinner dance festivities. The lodge was also honored to have ISMA Grand President Jerry Bisette and his wife Patricia in attendance.

Joel Stone, Curator for the Detroit Historical Society, addressed the lodge on March 7. He stated that the Society, which operates Dossin Museum, was very pleased the lodge was able to provide **volunteers to help staff the Society's booth at the annual Detroit Boat Show**. Art Brooks, Sam Buchanan, Jerry Folgmann, Paul Jagenow, Tom McMullen, John Polacsek, and John Sarns of Detroit Lodge No. 7, plus Wade Streeter of Lodge No. 2, all put in tours of duty at the booth.

**Two Grand Lodge Presidents have attended lodge meetings during 2009.** On February 3, just prior to the ISMA Convention, then-Grand President Robert Haller of Toledo Lodge No. 9 attended our meeting at the Island Cove Marina to discuss convention matters. On March 7 newly elected Grand President Jeremiah Bissette of Niagara District Lodge No. 20 attended our lodge meeting at the J.W. Westcott Co. Capt. Bissette, who updated the lodge on the recent Seaway meeting in Canada, was in town for the Blessing of the Fleet and moved up his arrival so that he could spend some time with the lodge. It was pretty unusual, not to mention a great honor for the lodge, to have visits from two reigning Grand Presidents within such a short period of time. It also afforded the membership a couple of excellent opportunities to meet and talk with the elected leaders of ISMA.

The annual **Blessing of the Fleet** took place on Sunday, March 8 at Mariners' Church. This year's **recipients of the Captain Lewis Ludington Award** were Captain Luke Clyburn and Captain Arthur Herrala of Detroit Lodge No. 7, and Captain Jeremiah Bissette of Niagara District Lodge No. 20. Congratulations to all three awardees.

A very **large contingent of uniformed lodge members served in the honor guard** at the Blessing of the Fleet. The participants from Detroit Lodge No. 7 included Art Brooks, Ted Cogswell, Luke Clyburn, Jack Frost, Paul Gallas, Bill Griffore, Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr. Past Grand President Ron Ingram, Kathy McGraw, Grand Second Vice President Tom McMullen, Steve Nelson, Mel Riecher, John Sarns, Sam Tundo, and Bob Waller. Other lodges represented in the honor guard were Port Huron Lodge No. 2 (Bill Barnhardt, Roger Hewlett, Jerry Knox, and Wade Streeter); Bay City Lodge No. 5 (Grand First Vice President Ed Morris); and Niagara District Lodge No. 20 (Grand President Jerry Bissette). Several additional lodge members were in the congregation including Bob Baldwin, Tom Baumgarten, Jim Douglas, Bill Hart, Malcom McAdam, Tom Ochs, Rogers Stahl, Oscar Rosso and Larry Stephenson, not to mention numerous spouses. As Mariners' was filled to capacity, it is likely that I may have missed someone in this lengthy list of lodge participants. I apologize in advance for any oversights.

The **ISMA website** is undergoing revision. Some pages are up and running. The website address is [www.shipmaster.org](http://www.shipmaster.org). Anyone needing the username and password should send a request to [detroitlodge7@aol.com](mailto:detroitlodge7@aol.com).

If anyone has any questions about the upcoming pot luck dinner at the Island Cove Marina, please feel free to call me.

Fraternally,

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