



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The lodge schedule for 2011-2012 is enclosed. The first two winter meetings will be at the Island Cove Marina on the Clinton River, Tuesday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 20. The remaining luncheon meetings will generally alternate between Island Cove Marina and J.W. Westcott Co. Island Cove meetings will mostly be on Tuesdays and Westcott meetings will be on Saturdays. Two of the Island Cove meetings are scheduled as evening dinner meetings with spouses and guests. The last winter meeting will be held at Mariners' Church on Tuesday, April 10. Maps to Island Cove Marina, J.W. Westcott Co. and Mariners' Church are attached to the schedule. The lodge is grateful to the following members, who are sponsoring the lodge at the various meeting sites: Sam Tundo and his wife Peggy at Island Cove Marina, Jim Hogan at J.W. Westcott Co. and Fr. Richard Ingalls, Jr. at Mariners' Church.

This mailing contains the **annual dues notice and the new lodge roster**. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2012. Please take the time to review the accuracy of your roster entry, which is taped to the dues notice. Use the remittance form to report changes or corrections to your roster entry. I would like to thank Bill Graham for continuing to maintain the database for the roster in his computer.

Nominations for the annual lodge election will take place during the Tuesday, December 20 meeting at the Island Cove Marina. If anyone is interested in serving or would like to recommend a lodge member for a position, please contact Mel Riecher, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (586-718-0059). Nominees are needed for Second Vice President, Convention Delegate, Alternate Delegate and three seats on the Board of Governors.

On October 8, 2011 the **Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society presented a special program "The Night the Fitz Went Down"** with Malcolm McAdam and Don Erickson as the special guest speakers at the event. It was announced that this event would be the last talk given by Capt. Erickson on this topic. The event at the Lions Hall on Harsens Island drew a standing room only crowd exceeding 250. Several lodge members attended including lodge surgeon Dr. Tom Baumgarten and our Past Grand President Pat Owens, who despite failing health the last few years, made a special effort to attend. Capt. Erickson and Capt. Owens were Captains together back in the days of the Ford Motor/Rouge Steel fleets.

The **Lost Mariners Remembrance at Dossin Great Lakes Museum** took place on Thursday, November 10. Malcolm McAdam was the coordinator and master of ceremonies, Co-Chaplain Fr. Russell Kohler was a participating clergyman, Jack Callahan served in the honor guard and Kathy McGraw served as necrologist. Neil Schultheiss produced the live web feed of the Lost Mariners Remembrance that was shown on www.boatnerd.com.

The annual **Great Lakes Memorial Service at Mariners' Church** took place on Sunday, November 13, 2011 with many Shipmaster members participating. Serving in the honor guard during the bell ringing portion of the service were Ron Ingram, Art Herrala, Art Brooks, Jack Frost, Tom Jannausch, Sam Tundo, Luke Clyburn, Rick Scott and Mel Riecher of Lodge No. 7, and Roger Hewlett, Bill Barnhardt and Brian Eickel of Port Huron Lodge No. 2. Several other lodge members also attended the Memorial Service, including Paul Gallas, Arlene Earl and Bill Hart.

Several **members have been mentioned in numerous articles of various news media** in recent months:

- Photographs of the Honor Guard at the 2010 Blessing of the Fleet and 2010 Grand President Ed Morris ringing the *Octorara* bell were part of an article about the then upcoming 2011 Blessing of the Fleet. The article titled "Mariners' Church service March 13 launches sailing season in region" was in the March 10, 2011 edition of the Livonia Observer & Eccentric.
- Capt. Ronald Ingram was the subject of an article titled "Veteran receives Navy Air Medal – 62 years later" in the March 24, 2011 edition of the Livonia Observer & Eccentric.
- Tom McMullen, Ron Ingram and Paul Jagenow appeared in an article about the ISMA Convention ("Livonia resident leads shipmaster organization") in the March 27, 2011 edition of the Livonia Observer & Eccentric.
- Steven Olinek was interviewed for articles in the May 11, 2011 edition of the Detroit Free Press (article titled "Port Detroit prepares to open") and in the November 14, 2011 edition of the Detroit Free Press (article titled "Detroit port seen as a plus for 2012 cruise ship season").
- Sam Buchanan was featured in two articles in the May 19, 2011 edition of the Grosse Pointe News (articles titled "From hobby to pro" and "Making model boats").
- John Polacsek and John Sarns appeared in a story titled "Drop anchor today" that appeared in the May 21, 2011 edition of the Macomb Daily. There was an error with the photo in the article. John Polacsek, who was in the photo, was misidentified as John Sarns.
- Joel Hepola and Paul Jagenow were mentioned in an article about pilotage at the Westcott mailboat titled "The good shepherds" in the May 26, edition of the Grosse Pointe News. The two pilots, Greg Leigh and Mike Robson, are former members of Niagara District Lodge No. 20.
- John Jamian was interviewed for articles in the June 6, 2011 edition of Crain's Detroit Business (article titled "John Jamian returns as director of Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority"); in the July 17, 2011 edition of the Detroit Free Press (article titled "Ahoy, Port of Detroit"); the July 19 edition of the Detroit News (titled "City Returns to Waterfront Roots"); the September 23, 2011 edition of the Detroit Free Press (article titled "Jobs on the Great Lakes Labors of Love"); and the October 18, 2011 edition of the Detroit Free Press (article titled "Detroit-Windsor ferry possible").
- Dr. Larry Stephenson was featured in an article titled "Surgeons's book gets to the heart of metro Detroit's medical history" in the October 9, 2011 edition of the Detroit Free Press.
- Jason Elliott, Paul Jagenow and deceased member Cathy Nasiatka were mentioned in a story titled "Them That Go Down to the River" on the internet newspaper Huffington Post, Huffpost Detroit blog.

I encourage members to let me know of any media coverage that mentions lodge members. I don't catch them all, so let me know if you see any, or better yet send me copies. I like to pass along news about our members to the entire lodge, as a way of keeping us all up to date on each other's activities. Most of the articles are also posted as links in the "News" section of the lodge's website.

John Sarns continues to manage the lodge's website (www.detroitlodge7.org). Be sure to check out the website when you have time as John updates it on a regular basis.

My telephone number and e-mail address are on the front cover of the lodge roster. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about lodge activities.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer