



DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

November 25, 2009

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Greetings to one and all. I hope everyone has enjoyed a good summer and fall.

The lodge schedule for 2009-1010 is enclosed. The first winter meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8 at the Island Cove Marina. The luncheon meetings will continue to alternate between Island Cove Marina on the Clinton River and the J. W. Westcott Co. on the Detroit River. Island Cove meetings will be on Tuesdays and the Westcott meetings will be on Saturdays. As a result, meetings will be about 10 days apart. Some of the Island Cove meetings are scheduled as evening dinner meetings. The last winter meeting will be at Mariners' Church on April 6. Maps to Island Cove and J. W. Westcott Co. are provided. 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, 2010. Please take the time to review the accuracy of your roster entry. Use the space provided on the dues 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 at the Tuesday, December 15 meeting. 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. Nominees are needed for Second Vice President, Convention Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and three seats on the Board of Governors.

The annual Great Lakes Memorial Service was held at Mariners' Church on Sunday, November 8, 2009 with many Shipmaster members participating. Serving in the honor guard during the bell ringing portion of the service were Ron Ingram, Ted Cogswell, Art Herrala, Bill Griffore, Bill Hart, Bob Waller, Paul Gallas, and Ken Suddick of Lodge No. 7, Roger Hewlett of Port Huron Lodge No. 2 and Harry Anderson of Cleveland Lodge No. 4. Other Shipmasters in attendance included Lodge No. 2 member Bill Barnhardt and Lodge No. 7 members Jack Frost, Roger Stahl, John Horton, Oscar Rosso, and Bernie Ogden. Rector Richard Ingalls, Jr. and Sexton Kathy McGraw were in attendance serving in their official capacities at Mariners' Church. In recognizing these participants, I hope I did not overlook anyone.

The lodge has gained five new lodge members. Capt. Bridget Hurst of Flat Rock and Mr. John Horton of Clinton Township were initiated in May. Allan Eaton of Kingsville, Ontario and Michael Koprowicz of Dearborn were initiated in July. Mr. Joseph Prijatel, a member of Chicago Lodge No. 3 since 1997, has transferred his membership to Detroit Lodge No. 7. He recently moved to Clinton Township from the Chicago area. A hearty lodge welcome is extended to one and all.

This summer the lodge was saddened by the death of one our senior members. **Capt. H. James O'Hara** passed away at Harsens Island, Michigan on June 20, 2009 at the age of 89. Capt. O'Hara was a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for 49 years and his love for the Shipmasters was well-known. I have enclosed a biographical page in Capt. O'Hara's memory.

A special thank you is extended to Capt. O'Hara's family. Jill and John Earles, who cared for Jim for a number of years, sent a very generous donation to the lodge in Capt. O'Hara's memory. As Jill and John noted in their letter to the lodge, Jim thought his fellow Shipmasters in the lodge were "a great bunch of guys." That sounded like something Jim would say. He always had a soft spot in his heart for his shipmates. And he was blessed to have such generous caretakers in Jill and John Earles.

Sincere condolences are extended to lodge member Bob Baldwin and his wife Barbara whose son Robert F. Baldwin passed away on October 20, 2009 at the age of 59.

Past Grand President **Capt. Victor H. Anderson** died on Thursday, November 5, 2009 in Boynton Beach, Florida. He served as Grand Lodge President in 1985. Details of his long career on the Great Lakes are reported in the current issue of the *ISMALetter*.

The lodge's Convention Committee hopes that the membership will continue to sell the raffle tickets mailed out last May. The committee has been pleased with the number of tickets sold to date, especially in these tight economic times. The raffle drawing will be held at the lodge's annual dinner dance at the Bayview Yacht Club on February 20, 2010.

I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming lodge activities. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me. My telephone number at e-mail address are listed on the front cover of the lodge roster.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer