



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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December 20, 2011

TO: The Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Your **ballot for the lodge's annual election** is enclosed. The ballot is printed on yellow paper and has been embossed with the lodge seal. It should be returned in the envelope provided. Your ballot, whether returned by mail or in person, will remain sealed until opened by the Election Committee at the lodge's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The **mail ballot contains an additional section this year** with the question: Shall the newly revised Constitution and By-Laws of Detroit Lodge No. 7 as revised at the Board of Governors meeting of December 10, 2012 be adopted? A Yes or No vote is called for. Adoption and ratification of the document requires a two-thirds affirmative vote. The Board of Governors urges a yes vote on the document.

Warning about holiday mail service: Because of the way holidays fall this year, the post office will not be delivering mail on Monday, January 2, 2012 due to the New Year holiday. If you plan on returning your ballot by mail, be sure to mail it early enough so that it will arrive in my mailbox by Saturday, December 31, 2011. Remember that you can hand-carry the mail ballot to the January 3, 2012 lodge meeting.

The following **newspaper stories** have come to my attention. The March 17, 2011 edition of the Oakland Press contained an article about the Sea Cadets and the *Pride of Michigan* titled "Sea cadet awarded chief petty officer" and member Luke Clyburn appeared in the photo that accompanied the article. The September 1 and September 15, 2011 editions of the St. Ignace News contained stories about the *Pride of Michigan* Sea Cadet research programs and Luke Clyburn appeared in those articles as well. In recent years, the lodge has generously provided financial support to the Sea Cadet program aboard the *Pride of Michigan*.

There will be a **meeting of the Board of Governors** on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10:30 AM at Island Cove Marina. The Board meeting will be followed by the usual lodge luncheon at 12:00 Noon with the **Annual Meeting of Detroit Lodge No. 7** to begin at 1:00 PM. The Annual Meeting will include a report on the lodge's revenues and expenses during the past year. As noted above, the results of the **lodge election** will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

Happy Holidays and the best of the New Year to one and all!

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer