



DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

February 13, 2010

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

A new [Updated Schedule of Events and Lodge Meetings](#) is enclosed. Please Pay close attention to it as there are some changes from the schedule distributed last November. For example, the luncheon scheduled for February 23 has been moved up to 11:30 am to allow more time for members to drive over to Selfridge ANGB for the tour of [U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Detroit](#). Also, the joint evening meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 has been moved back two days to Thursday, March 18.

The tour of USCG Air Station Detroit at Selfridge will include a short presentation and a brief tour of an aircraft and the Air Station. Participation in this event requires an RSVP. Due to homeland security concerns, the Coast Guard requires the first and last name and citizenship of each participant a day before the event. Anyone wanting to go on the tour must contact me by end of day Sunday, February 21 so that I can e-mail the list of names to the Coast Guard first thing Monday morning the 22nd. Photo Identification (driver's license, passport, state ID, etc.) will be required to gain entrance to Selfridge. TWIC and NEXUS cards are NOT accepted by Selfridge security forces. Drivers of vehicles also have to produce a valid driver's license, valid registration and proof of insurance. I have enclosed a separate sheet with all the requirements listed, directions to the Air Station, and a road map of the immediate vicinity. This should be a very interesting and informative event, and I want to thank our lodge Vice President, Art Brooks, for handling the arrangements with the Coast Guard.

The enclosed updated schedule includes a number of additional events of a maritime/nautical nature that might be of interest to the membership. This includes the premiere of the Noble Odyssey Foundation's newest film, being presented by lodge member Luke Clyburn on February 23 at the Macomb Intermediate School District Educational Service Center in Clinton Township. Also, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival will take place at the Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor on Saturday, February 27. See the updated schedule for exact addresses for these events.

I have listed the Maritime Symposium at Dossin Museum on the schedule. This event is on Saturday, March 6 and begins a year-long celebration of the museum's 50th Anniversary. Unfortunately, this event is on the same day as a lodge luncheon

and meeting. Members may wish to visit the museum at the conclusion of the lodge meeting.

This coming Saturday, February 20, is the lodge's 119th Annual Dinner Dance at Bayview Yacht Club. There is still time to get your reservations in to Dance Chairman Dale Mason. The winning ticket for the lodge's Boat Trip Raffle will be drawn during the course of the dinner dance.

This coming week the lodge will continue to sell raffle tickets at the Detroit Boat Show (February 13 to 21). John Polacsek is coordinating this selling effort, and he is still looking for additional volunteers to help staff the Dossin exhibit at the Boat Show. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact John Polacsek. Remember that volunteers get into the Boat Show for free.

A couple of members have been mentioned in the news in recent months. On January 5, 2010, Steve Carrothers was interviewed for a Detroit News story entitled "[Great Lakes shipping sails rough waters.](#)" The story was a report on the economic downturn on the lakes last season. On February 9, 2010, Arlene Earl was interviewed for a story entitled "[Ship keeps St. Clair River flowing.](#)" The story was a report on the ice jams hampering operations of the Harsens Island ferry.

I have received word that Barb Baldwin, wife of member Bob Baldwin, has been very ill, battling a number of medical problems. She is currently in the Hartland Health Care Center; 925 W. South Blvd.; Troy MI 48085. Please keep her and Bob in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer