

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7
INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

November 27, 2000

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The annual Dues Notice and the new lodge roster are enclosed. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2001. Be sure to return the remittance portion of your dues notice so that payment and roster information can be properly recorded and verified.

Please review the lodge roster, checking your entry for any errors. There is space provided on the dues notice to mention any corrections required. Please remember that e-mail addresses can now be listed on the lodge roster if desired. Those with e-mail addresses should double-check that entry on the roster as some e-mail addresses had to be deleted from this year's roster because they did not work. I would like to thank Bill Graham again for continuing to maintain the data base for the lodge roster in his computer. His help, as always, is greatly appreciated.

The lodge meeting schedule for 2000-2001 is included in this mailing. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4. All of the lodge's business meetings will be held at Dossin Museum on Belle Isle, except for the last meeting in April, which will be held at Mariners' Church.

Carolyn Hoey is continuing the tradition of sponsoring the lodge's annual holiday cocktail party. This year's party will be held on Saturday, December 23 at Carolyn's residence on Grosse Ile A special invitation with additional details is enclosed.

Tom Baumgarten, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, is gearing up for the upcoming lodge election ballot. He would appreciate input from the lodge regarding candidates for Second Vice President, three Board of Governors positions, Convention Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Nominations will be made at the December 18 membership meeting. Call Tom at 810-748-3841 if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

Several members were mentioned in newspaper and Internet articles that came to my attention in recent days. The 25th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald and the annual Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial Service at Mariners' Church received considerable attention in the media this year. Don Erickson was mentioned in Fitzgerald stories that appeared in the November 2, 2000 edition of the Detroit Monitor and November 9, 2000 edition of the Detroit Free Press. Rev. Richard Ingalls was mentioned in an opinion piece on the Editorial Page of the November 10, 2000 edition of the Toledo Blade. Rev. Ingalls was also mentioned in stories about the Fitzgerald Memorial Service that appeared in the November 13, 2000 editions of the Cadillac News and the Windsor Star. Rev. Ingalls and Pat Owens could be seen in the photo that accompanied the Cadillac News story. Several lodge members, including Tom Allor, Pat Owens, Don Erickson, Bob Schikora and Art Herrala, could be seen in a photo that accompanied the Windsor Star feature story. Rev. Ingalls and Don Erickson were both mentioned in another Fitzgerald Memorial Service story that appeared in the November 13, 2000 edition of the Toledo Blade. Also, I received a telephone call from member Tom Leinweber who advised that the Fitzgerald and the Memorial Service received press attention down in Florida as well.

In other member news, congratulations are extended to Gus Markakis, who recently retired from Oglebay Norton Marine Services Co. He was a featured personality on "The Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News" web page dated August 30, which noted his long career on the Great Lakes and his retirement from the M/V Oglebay Norton on August 29. John Sarns was pictured in the American Maritime Officer dated September 2000. Alan Flood was pictured on a May 2, 2000 web page of the www.duluthshippingnews.com web site. Another web page dated August 17, 2000 on that same "Duluth Shipping News" web site featured Capt. Jim Nuzzo with raffle guest Tom Allor and raffle winner Bill Vallier alongside the SIS Lee A. Tregurtha. John Polacsek was pictured in a Veterans Day photo story that appeared in the November 11, 2000 edition of the Detroit Free Press. John was also pictured in a photo story about Dossin Museum that appeared in the September 15, 2000 edition of the Macomb Daily. A copy of that September 15 Dossin Museum story was included in last month's lodge mailing but I forgot to mention it in the lodge letter dated October 31, 2000.

The ISMA Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee has sent the lodge an "Application for Financial Honorarium" form. I have enclosed a copy of the application form and included the committee's cover letter, which explains the Scholarship Program. The deadline is December 1, 2000, a very short window of opportunity for potential applicants.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow

Secretary-Treasurer