

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7 INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

November 16, 2002

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The 2003 annual dues notice and the new 2002 membership roster of Detroit Lodge No. 7 is enclosed. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2003. Be sure to return the remittance portion of your dues notice (the bottom half) so that the payment and roster information can be properly recorded and verified. Please review your entry in the lodge roster to check for any errors. There is space provided on the dues notice to list any corrections required. Those with e-mail addresses should double check the entry on the roster, as a single incorrect digit will invalidate the address. I would like to thank Bill Graham for continuing to maintain the data base for the roster in his computer.

The lodge meeting schedule for 2002-2003 is included in this mailing. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2. 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. The schedule includes special events.

The Detroit/St. Clair River Operations Working Group met on November 13, 2002 at the offices of U.S. Coast Guard Group Detroit. Lodge Navigation Chairman and Grand Lodge President Pat Owens represented the lodge at this meeting. The agenda items discussed and Captain Owens' report on those agenda items is enclosed, along with a memorandum from the Windsor Harbor Master pertaining to Emergency Anchoring in the Ojibway Anchorage. The minutes of the previous Detroit/St. Clair River Operations Working Group meeting held in Sarnia on April 18, 2002 are attached to the agenda and Captain Owens' Report. If anyone has questions about any of the agenda items discussed, please contact Capt. Owens (810-364-8374)

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 21 at Carolyn's residence on Grosse Ile. A special invitation with additional details and a map 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 16 membership meeting. Call Tom at 810-748-3841 if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

Back in October, the U.S. Coast Guard released its report on the *J.W. Westcott* mailboat sinking, which claimed the life of member Cathy Nasiatka. The lodge sent out an e-mail to advise those lodge members with e-mail addresses of the report's release. A copy of the e-mail is enclosed for the benefit of the entire lodge. The e-mail gives the web site address for downloading the report, which with all of its assorted attachments runs nearly 80 pages. The basic text of the document runs only about 20 pages. If anyone is unable to download or otherwise get a copy of the report, please let me know and I will try to

get one to you. The *Detroit Free Press* of October 12, 2002 published an article about the Coast Guard's report on the sinking and it is reproduced on the backside of the enclosed e-mail.

Member Steve Olinek of the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority, was quoted in an article about a proposed overhaul of the Seaway that appeared in the September 22, 2002 edition of the *Detroit News*. The Nasiatak family has organized an annual "Capt. Cathy's Cruise for Kids" in her memory. A story about the first annual cruise appeared in the September 28, 2002 edition of the *Detroit Free Press*.

A brochure titled "Homeland Security River Watch Program" is enclosed. Member Bob Schikora provided a sufficient quantity of brochures for distribution to the membership. Capt. Schikora is serving as Chairman of the Commercial Vessel Sub-Committee of the Southeastern Michigan Port Security Committee.

The annual Fitzgerald Memorial Service was held at Mariners' Church on Sunday, November 10, 2002 with numerous lodge members in attendance. Local stations provided television coverage and the uniformed honor guard included lodge members Patrick Owens, Don Erickson, Art Herrala, Jack Frost, Bob Kerr, Tom Allor, Richard Fowler, Justin Kreimes, Mel Riecher, Ron Ingram, and Elmer Dunn, as well as the several members of other lodges, Roger Hewlett (#2), Fred Leete (#3), Victor Chamberlain (#4), Harry Anderson (#4), and Mike Capser (#9). Arlene Earl and John Foley served as bellringers. Members of the lodge Auxiliary (Jean Weber, Cathy Baumgarten, Mary McGraw, Anita Frost, Pat Rosso, Mary Ann Ingram and Kathy McGraw) served as hostesses for the social hour following the service.

Congratulations to member Alan Flood, who has retired after a 34-year sailing career on the Great Lakes. After graduating from Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy in 1968, Alan sailed for 16 years with Cleveland-Cliffs, and then 18 years with American Steamship, with some USS Great Lakes Fleet time in between. He first sailed on his license as 3rd Mate aboard the Str. *Pontiac*, and was serving as 2nd Mate aboard the M/V *Walter J. McCarthy, Jr.* when he retired on July 9, 2002. The lodge wishes Alan a long and enjoyable retirement. Congratulations also to member David Tozer, who has been issued his initial 100-ton license with commercial assistance towing endorsement and is now an active professional member of the lodge. Finally, congratulations to member Richard W. Ingalls, Jr. On August 25, 2002 he was ordained to the diaconate at Mariners' Church by the Right Reverend Bishop Robert Godfrey. Looking on were his proud parents, Wima and the Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Sr.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer