



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The **lodge schedule for 2010-2011 is enclosed.** The first winter meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7 at the Island Cove Marina on the Clinton River. The lodge's second meeting will be on Saturday, December 18 in the upper Regatta Room at the Bay View Yacht Club. The remaining luncheon meetings will alternate between Island Cove Marina and J.W. Westcott Co. Island Cove meetings will be on Tuesdays and Westcott meetings will be on Saturdays. Two of the Island Cove meetings are scheduled as evening dinner meetings with spouses and guests. The last winter meeting will be held at Mariners' Church on Tuesday, April 12. Maps to Island Cove Marina, Bayview Yacht Club, J.W. Westcott Co. and Mariners' Church are attached to the schedule. 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, Frank McBride at the Bayview Yacht Club, 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, 2011. 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 Saturday, December 18 meeting at the Bayview Yacht Club. 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 (586-718-0059). 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 7, 2010 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, John Sarns, Ken Suddick, Jack Frost, Rick Scott and Mel Riecher of Lodge No. 7, and Roger Hewlett, Jerry Knox, Bill Barnhardt and Brian Eickel of Port Huron Lodge No. 2. Rector Richard Ingalls, Jr. and Sexton Kathy McGraw were in attendance serving in their official capacities at Mariners' Church. Photos of the event appeared in the November 8, 2010 edition of the *Detroit Free Press*.

Several **members participated in additional memorial events** this month. Fr. Ingalls officiated at a memorial service at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum on Whitefish Point in the Upper Peninsula on Wednesday, November 10. The service marked the 35th anniversary of the sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. A video of the event can be viewed on the web: www.marinerschurchofdetroit.org/blog. The Lost Mariners Remembrance at Dossin Great Lakes Museum also took place on November 10. Malcolm McAdam was the coordinator and master of ceremonies, Co-Chaplain Russell Kohler was a participating clergyman, Jack Callahan served as a wreath bearer and Kathy McGraw served as necrologist. Neil Schultheiss produced the live web feed of the Lost Mariners Remembrance that was shown on www.boatnerd.com.

Several **members were mentioned in various media publications** in recent months. The *Detroit Free Press* of August 29, 2010 had a feature story about the "Ships Spectacular" weekend at Dossin Great Lakes Museum. The event was part of the museum's year-long 50th anniversary celebration. Sam Buchanan piloted the *J.W. Westcott II* mailboat to the museum for the event and was interviewed for the story. Larry Stephenson and James Ramsey recently enjoyed a trip on the *M/V Stewart J. Cort*, as guests of incoming Grand Lodge President Tom McMullen. Larry and Jim wrote about their experience aboard the *Cort* in the Late Spring 2010 issue of *The Grosse Pointer*, a publication of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The article "Superior Adventure Crossing Gitchigumi, Part

II" describes life aboard ship for Capt. McMullen and his crew. Jim Hogan and Jason Elliott were interviewed for the article "Long history of freighter navigation on the Detroit River" that appeared in the October 31, 2010 edition of the *Macomb Daily*. Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr. was interviewed for an article about Mariners' Church "Anchored in Rich History" that appeared in The Insider section of the November, 2010 edition of *Hour Detroit* magazine. Fr. Russell Kohler appeared twice in issues of the *Michigan Catholic*. The October 8, 2010 issue profiled his work with cancer patients at the Pope John Hospitality House in midtown Detroit. The November 19, 2010 issue reported on the 175th anniversary of Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood where Fr. Kohler has served as pastor since 1991.

The **lodge gained four new lodge members** during the summer months. Jay Downen of Southgate, Michigan and Scott Johnson of Plymouth, Michigan were initiated as members in July. Capt. Downen is employed by the Great Lakes Towing Co. Capt. Johnson is employed by the U.S. Shipping Corp. aboard the *ATB Freeport*. Robert Thibaudeau of Ocala, Florida and James J.W. Hogan of Highland, Michigan have also joined the lodge. Capt. Thibaudeau is Master of the *M/V James R. Barker* of the Interlake Steamship Co. James J.W. Hogan, on leave as a dispatcher for J.W. Westcott Co., is currently doing graduate work at the University of Connecticut. He is the son of member James M. Hogan. A hearty welcome is extended to one and all.

This fall the **lodge was saddened by the death of two members**. Richard Earl, husband of member Arlene Earl, passed away on September 15, 2010 at the age of 74. Dick held pennant number A-11870 and had been a member of the lodge for 10 years. George LaPlante, brother of member Ron LaPlante, passed away on October 12, 2010 also at the age of 74. George held pennant number 12236 and had been a member of the lodge for 5 years. Also, former member Robert Racette passed away last June 24 at the age of 71. He was a member of the lodge for 5 years back in the 1990's and held pennant number 11333 during his time as a Shipmaster. Mrs. June (Westcott) Hogan passed away on July 1, just shy of her 91st birthday. She was the President of J.W. Westcott Co., widow of departed member Joseph Hogan, mother of member James M. Hogan, grandmother of member James J.W. Hogan and longtime member of the Auxiliary of Detroit Lodge No. 7. Condolences are extended to the Earl, LaPlante, Racette and Hogan families. More complete obituaries are located on the lodge's website www.detroitlodge7.org

The **Convention Committee** is hard at work making arrangements for the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention. Last week Convention Chairman John Sarns mailed out to all ISMA members a registration packet containing a great deal of information about the convention. The Raffle Committee reports that ticket sales for the lodge's **boat trip raffle** have been very good. Congratulations to the membership in promoting, advertising and selling raffle tickets. The raffle was recently posted on www.boatnerd.com which should increase interest in the raffle. The raffle drawing will be held at the Grand Ball on February 11, 2011.

Member **Bob Schikora, who is currently studying for the priesthood** at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Connecticut, has sent word that he will be ordained on May 20, 2011 in the Saginaw Diocese. His first official Mass will be given the following day May 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, Michigan. Bob would be pleased to have his fellow Shipmasters in attendance. More information will be sent out at a later date.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me. My telephone number and e-mail address are on the front cover of the lodge roster.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer