

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

November 24, 1999

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The dues notice for the year 2000 and the new lodge roster are enclosed. Please review the lodge roster, checking your entry for any errors. There is space provided on the dues notice to mention any roster corrections that need to be entered. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2000. Be sure to return the remittance portion of your dues notice so that payment and roster information can be properly recorded and verified. Special thanks to Bill Graham for continuing to maintain the roster database in his computer. His help is greatly appreciated.

Please note that I have moved so official lodge correspondence should be sent to my new address: 18258 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152-3238.

The lodge meeting schedule for 1999-2000 is included in this mailing. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6. All lodge meetings will again be held at Dossin Museum on Belle Isle, except for the last meeting in April, which will be held at Mariners' Church.

Carolyn and Bill Hoey are continuing their tradition of sponsoring the lodge's annual holiday cocktail party. This year's party will be held on Saturday, December 18 at the Hoey's residence on Grosse Ile. A special invitation from the Hoey's with additional details and a map is enclosed.

Please take special notice of the date for the lodge's annual dinner dance as shown on the lodge schedule. It will be held at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. Lodge President Kathy McGraw is working hard to make the evening a memorable one for the lodge members and their guests. The date of the dinner dance is Saturday, February 12, 2000.

The Detroit/St. Clair Rivers Operations working Group met in September and a copy of the official minutes is enclosed. The lodge was represented at the meeting by Capt. Pat Owens, Chairman of the Navigation Committee. Call Pat at 810-364-8374 if you have any comments or questions.

The lodge lost two lodge members to death during 1999. James V. Murphy (Pennant No. A-1525) passed away on January 16, 1999. Capt. Murphy was a lodge member for over 22 years, having joined on March 16, 1976. He worked on numerous Great Lakes vessels during his long sailing career including the R/V Roger R. Simons and various Lake Michigan carferries. He last worked for the St. Johns River ferry service down in Florida. Condolences may be sent to his wife Jeanette at 9717 Quandt, Allen Park, MI 48101. Ken Cookson (Pennant No. 11568) died suddenly on October 25, 1999. Capt. Cookson joined the lodge on April 7, 1997. He was very active in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadron, and had worked for Clinton River Cruises in recent years. Condolences may be sent to his wife Faith at 8128 Island, Grosse Ile, MI 48138.

Several members were mentioned in newspaper articles that came to my attention during the summer months. Don Schmidt, Bill Hoey Jr and Roger Stahl were mentioned in an article about the annual Detroit River tugboat race that appeared in the June 28, 1999 issue of the Windsor Star. Roger Stahl was the subject of a two-page feature story that appeared in the July 4, 1999 issue of the Livonia Observer. Rev. Ingalls and Don Erickson were mentioned in a story about the annual Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial

Service that appeared in the November 8, 1999 issue of the Detroit News. If anyone sees articles of interest that mention lodge members, feel free to send them along to me for possible inclusion in future lodge notices.

Three new members have joined the lodge. On October 27, Dick Boyle, James Steward, and James Howard Jackson, all of the J.W. Westcott Co., became lodge members following initiation by lodge President Kathy McGraw. I take this opportunity to welcome these new members and hope that they will enjoy their association with the I.S.M.A. and Detroit Lodge No. 7.

This mailing contains a special insert from Dossin Museum. Curator John Polacsek is in need of lodge volunteers to help staff the pilot house at the Annual Ford Fleet Festival in December. Dossin Museum has been an ideal home for the lodge for many years now. Volunteering to help out at the Ford Fleet Festival is one way that the lodge membership as a group can show appreciation to Dossin Museum and its staff for continuing to allow the lodge to hold our winter meetings at the museum.

Congratulations are extended to member Leonard Tanner, who recently received his initial Coast Guard license and is now an active professional member of the lodge.

Tom Baumgarten, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, is gearing up for the upcoming lodge nominations. He would appreciate input from the lodge regarding candidates for Second Vice President, three Board of Governors positions and Convention Delegate and Alternate. Nominations will be made at the December 20 membership meeting. Call Tom at 810-748-3841 if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow

Secretary-Treasurer