



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

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

November 17, 1997

Your 1998 Dues Notice 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 note any changes or corrections required. Dues should be paid by January 1, 1998. Be sure to return the remittance portion of your dues notice so that your payment and roster information can be properly recorded and verified. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Bill Graham for maintaining the lodge's roster data in his computer. His help is greatly appreciated.

The lodge meeting schedule for 1997-1998 is included in this mailing. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8. All of the lodge's 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. Joint evening meetings with the Ladies Auxiliary are not on the schedule at this time. If any joint meetings are arranged, the lodge will be duly notified.

The lodge's annual holiday cocktail party is to be held on December 20 at the home of Carolyn and Bill Hoey on Grosse Ile. An special invitation from the Hoeyes is enclosed. Please note that the Hoeyes have moved from their old residence on East River Road, so be sure to follow the directions on the back of the invitation to find your way to their new home on Old Depot Road.

Tom Baumgarten, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, would appreciate input from the lodge regarding candidates for Second Vice President, three Board of Governors positions, Convention Delegate and Alternate, and possible candidates for Grand Lodge Second Vice President. Lodge nominations will be made at the December 22 membership meeting. Call Tom at 810-748-3841 if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

Pat Owens, Chairman of the Navigation Committee, attended the September 18, 1997 meeting of the Detroit/St. Clair Rivers Operations Working Group on behalf of the lodge. A copy of the official minutes of the meeting is enclosed, with Capt. Owens' report to the Grand Lodge attached to the official minutes. Call Pat at 810-364-8374 if you have any comments or questions.

I have received word that former member Capt. Peter P. Pulcer (Pennant #9236) passed away on September 21, 1997 at the age of 88. He joined the lodge in 1946 and served as lodge president in 1949. He retired as Master of the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1971. Capt. Pulcer retired to Florida and was a member of the lodge until 1980. A copy of the obituary that appeared in the Macomb Daily in September is enclosed. Incidentally, I would like to thank Rev. Ingalls for the fine obituary that he mailed out to the lodge following the death of member Richard Riley on July 16, 1997. Capt. Riley was a member of the lodge for over 20 years having joined Detroit Lodge No. 7 on March 16, 1976. He held pennant number 10163. Mariners' Church held a memorial service for Capt. Riley on September 13, 1997.