

**DATE:** July 24, 2017  
**TO:** ISMA Detroit Lodge No.7 members  
**FROM:** Ken Suddick, President  
**RE:** Soo Locks Flag

As some of you already know, our Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Oset, was touring the Soo Locks and had a discussion with the officials about the possibility of presenting and flying a Shipmasters flag at the Locks.

Many Detroit lodge members have offered to make donations toward the purchase a 3.5' x 6' flag at a total cost of approximately \$300. Donations would be the quickest way to pay for the first flag, while the offer of the existing flagpole is still available to us at the present time.

I have been in contact with the Grand Lodge President, Lee Barnhill, who supports this initiative and thinks it is a great idea. He has also offered to send a donation. In addition, Lee will bring this matter up for discussion at the Toledo convention, proposing that the Grand Lodge absorb the costs of future flags which will probably need to be replaced on an annual basis.

I am authorizing Ray to order the flag and we are ready to accept donations, of any amount, at this time. I would like to make this a Detroit Lodge project, however, if we fall short of funds, I can open this up to other lodges.

Please email me at: [ksuddick23@gmail.com](mailto:ksuddick23@gmail.com) with your donation pledge. Follow up with your check made payable to: **International Shipmasters Detroit Lodge No. 7 with "Soo Flag Donation" in the memo area of your check.**

**Mail your check to:**  
**Ray Oset**  
**21718 Fresard St. Clair Shores MI 48080-3919**

Thank you very much,  
Ken Suddick  
President, ISMA Detroit Lodge No. 7

