



## INTERNATIONAL SHIP MASTERS' ASSOCIATION DETROIT LODGE No.7

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### **Season's Greetings to the Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7**

As the 2025 shipping season on the Great Lakes draws to a close and the winter lay-up begins, I wish to extend my warmest *Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Holiday Greetings* to the International Ship Masters' Association (ISMA) Detroit Lodge No. 7.

This past year has been one of significant milestones and continued dedication to our maritime heritage. From the **135th Annual Grand Lodge Convention** in Alpena the **Lost Mariners Remembrance** at Dossin Great Lakes Museum to the poignant **50th Anniversary Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial Services** at the Mariners' Church of Detroit. Our lodge has remained a steadfast pillar of the Great Lakes maritime community. Your commitment to being the "respected voice of licensed professional mariners" and ensuring the safety of our waterways remains as vital today as it was at our founding in 1891.

As we look forward to the **136th Annual Grand Lodge Convention** hosted by Duluth, Superior Twin Ports Lodge No. 12, the Detroit Lodge **134th Annual Dinner Dance** on March 7, 2026 and the upcoming navigation season, I hope this holiday period provides a well-deserved opportunity for rest and reflection with family and friends. To those still on watch or away from home during these holidays, we wish you fair winds and following seas.

Thank you for your tireless work in promoting professional excellence and supporting the next generation of the Merchant Marine.

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

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