



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

February 14, 2005

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Because of schedule changes and the addition of programs, I have enclosed an **updated meeting/program schedule** (*Revised Feb. 14, 2005*). To avoid confusion, be sure to dispose of the old schedules. The lodge has scheduled a **tour of the Sarnia Traffic Center** for Saturday, February 19 at 10:00 AM. See the enclosed flyer for additional details and directions. This is an excellent opportunity for lodge members to see how the facility has evolved over the years, and the tour should be especially interesting for those sailing members of the lodge who deal with Sarnia Traffic Center during the course of the navigation season. In addition, **two speaker/programs have been arranged**. Chuck Kakuska of Sea K's Licensing Service will address the lodge on February 25 and CDR Christopher Roberge of the U.S. Coast Guard Group/MSO Detroit will be attending our March 11 meeting. See the revised schedule for more details regarding topics. **An additional lodge meeting has been added to the schedule:** Saturday March 19 at the J.W. Westcott Co. Thanks are extended to Jim Hogan, General Manager at the J.W. Westcott Co., for allowing the lodge access to the building for a second time this season.

Port Huron Lodge No. 2 has scheduled speakers for upcoming meetings in Port Huron and has invited members of our lodge, who may be interested, to attend. The speakers and topics are listed at the bottom of the revised lodge schedule for Detroit Lodge No. 7.

Two reports are enclosed. Captain Mel Riecher has submitted his Convention Delegate's Report for the ISMA Convention, held earlier this month in Traverse City. Also, lodge President Jack Frost attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge Navigation, Engineering & Legislative Committee (NELC) and submitted a report of actions taken by the committee.

John Jamian, who is now Interim Director of the Maritime Administration in Washington, was the keynote speaker for the Grand Ball at this year's ISMA Convention. He spoke with pride of his membership in Detroit Lodge No. 7 and reminded everyone at the convention to consider him a friend of the Shipmasters' and that with him, the Great Lakes has a friend in Washington. His speech was very well received and at the conclusion of his remarks he received a spontaneous standing ovation from the attendees. We can be proud that he is a member of our lodge.

Cleveland Lodge No. 4 is sponsoring a boat trip raffle to support its fund-raising efforts for the 2007 ISMA Convention. I have enclosed one of the raffle tickets for your use. You are under no obligation to buy the ticket. Feel free to return it if you so desire. However, it bears noting that our lodge has had a fair share of luck in the past. Mary Taylor won a trip on the M/V Walter J. McCarthy Jr., Bill Vallier won a trip on the S/S Lee A. Tregurtha, and lodge surgeon Tom Baumgarten, who refuses to divulge the secret of his success, has had the good fortune to win two boat trip raffles over the years. And at the recent ISMA convention, Mel Riecher won a trip for two on the S/S Wilfred Sykes for the upcoming season. So try your luck, and if you sail on the big boats (obviously, the last thing you need is a boat trip), sell the ticket to the neighbor next door. This is just an effort to help our fellow lodge members down in Cleveland Lodge No. 4. Return ticket stubs with payment to Detroit Lodge No. 7 (so our lodge will get credit for the sale), or mail it directly to the Cleveland Lodge address on the ticket stub. Good luck.

The lodge's **annual dinner dance** is fast approaching, and it is not too late to get reservations in. Chairman Mel Riecher is awaiting calls from procrastinators! His dance committee has worked hard to provide a great evening of entertainment for all of the members of the lodge and their spouses and guests. He hopes to see you there.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer