

April 21, 2006

To: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The **winter lodge meetings have ended**. I want to extend special thanks to Jim Hogan of the J.W. Westcott Co. and Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr. of Mariners' Church for allowing the lodge the use of their facilities so that the winter meeting schedule could be completed without interruption. The Board of Governors will be meeting during the summer months to arrange a new home (or homes) for the lodge now that we no longer have access to Dossin Museum for our lodge meetings.

Our longtime lodge Chaplain Rt. Rev. Richard Ingalls suffered a severe stroke after going to bed on the evening of Sunday, April 2. The stroke left Bishop Ingalls paralyzed on the right side and unable to speak. Sadly, the effects of the stroke proved to be more severe than originally thought. Bishop Ingalls' condition has not improved. After two weeks of hospitalization with extensive testing and consultation with numerous medical specialists, the family has chosen to honor his prior wishes and has moved him into hospice care. Certainly, our deepest concern goes out to his wife Wilma, his son Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr. and his extended family during this sad and difficult time. This is a sorrowful blow to the lodge as Bishop Ingalls has served as our lodge Chaplain for over 41 years and is one of our senior members. All we can do for now is to keep Bishop Ingalls and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Condolences are extended to member Kathy McGraw. Her mother Mary McGraw passed away on March 25 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Mary McGraw, who was 80 years old at the time of her death, was a lifetime member and past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Detroit Lodge No. 7. A graduate of Michigan State College, Mary taught for many years at Lutheran East High School in Harper Woods and completed a Masters Degree at Wayne State University. In her retirement years, Mary was a volunteer for the Oakland Literacy Council teaching adults to read and to learn English as a second language. She was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings, and a faithful member of the Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit. A memorial service was held at the church on March 29 with several members of the lodge and auxiliary in attendance.

Lodge members have been mentioned in recent newspaper articles. The Grosse Pointe News of February 23, 2006 had a feature story about Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr., who is following in his father's footsteps as Rector of Mariners' Church. The Detroit Free Press of March 23, 2006 had a news story about the City of Detroit turning over operation of the Detroit Historical Museums, including Dossin Museum, to the Detroit Historical Society. Member Kathy McGraw was interviewed for the article. The Detroit

Free Press of March 27, 2006 contained a feature story about the retirement of Dossin Museum Curator John Polacsek. The article enumerated John's accomplishments during his 25 year career as Curator, and was a nice testimonial of John's service at the museum and his concern for the future of the museum. John has been a member of the lodge for 25 years, and, as everyone in the lodge knows, he was instrumental in allowing the lodge the use of DeRoy Hall for lodge meetings during his time as Curator.

The **Mariners' Church "Memorandum from the Rector"** for March 2006 contained a photograph of lodge members Oscar Rosso, Rev. Ingalls, Jr and Frank McBride attending WJR's St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Fisher Building on March 17. Also, there was a page of photographs taken at this year's Blessing of the Fleet held on March 12. Ron Ingram, Sam Buchanan and lodge President Luke Clyburn are shown presenting the lodge flag and there is also a picture of this year's recipients of the Lewis Ludington Award. Congratulations to Jim Ray of Detroit Lodge No. 7, Joe Ruch of Port Huron Lodge No. 2 and Grand President Ron Brezinski of Chicago Lodge No. 3 on being recognized and honored by Mariners' Church.

The 30th annual **U.S. Navy League Service** will be held at Mariners' Church on Sunday, April 30 at 11:00 am. Lodge President Luke Clyburn will be bringing the Sea Cadet vessel, the *Pride of Michigan*, to the service and will be tying up at Hart Plaza. If anyone is interested in traveling to the Navy League Service aboard the *Pride of Michigan*, please contact Capt. Clyburn. He has some space available aboard the vessel and would be glad to have lodge members join him for the trip from the vessel's berth on the Clinton River to Hart Plaza and back.

I know many of the working members of the lodge have returned to the waters of the Great Lakes and beyond. I hope everyone will enjoy "fair winds and following seas" returning to safe harbor after every voyage. Have a good summer.

Fraternally yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer