

## INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

www.DetroitLodge7.org

December 16, 2015

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Your ballot for the lodge's annual election is enclosed. The ballot has been embossed with the lodge seal and should be returned in the envelope provided. Your ballot envelope, whether returned by mail or in person, will remain sealed until opened by the Election Committee at the lodge's Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at J.W. Westcott Company. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. If you plan on returning your ballot by mail, be sure to mail it early enough so that it will arrive in my mailbox by Thursday, December 31, 2015.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at J.W. Westcott Company. The Board meeting will be followed by the usual lodge luncheon at 12:00 Noon with the Annual Meeting of Detroit Lodge No. 7 to begin at 1:00 PM. The Annual Meeting will include a report on the lodge's revenues and expenses during the past year. As noted above, the results of the lodge election will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

The lodge has an in-house supply of gold-filled I.S.M.A. lapel pins. Also, there is still a limited number of I.S.M.A. Detroit Lodge No. 7 coffee mugs remaining. The pins sell for \$25.00 and the mugs sell for \$7.00. Both are available from the lodge Secretary-Treasurer.

Chicago Lodge No. 3, hosting the 2016 I.S.M.A. Convention, plans to send all convention information via the internet and will not be using U.S. Mail. Detroit Lodge No. 7 recently received its first e-mail about the convention. A copy is enclosed. Future e-mails about the convention will be posted on the Grand Lodge and Detroit Lodge No. 7 websites as they are received from the Chicago Convention Committee.

Arlene Earl, who is undergoing comfort care at an assisted care facility, sends her greetings and thanks to the lodge via the enclosed card.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and the best of the New Year to one and all!

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow Secretary-Treasurer

## INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

Chicago Lodge #3 Founded January 25, 1890

Fellow Secretaries,

Our Convention Committee has assembled a communique that contains links designed to enable your membership to successfully attend the 2016 Convention. This communique will be the only distribution with this information, no mailings are planned. We would request that Lodge Secretaries forward it to their membership.

Lodge #3 would also request that the Formal Credentials accompany your delegates.

As a reminder, all proposals/resolutions that affect By Laws or the Constitution be sent to Grand Lodge Secretary Capt. Al Tielke 30 days prior to the Convention and that all resolutions regarding Navigation be sent to John Sarns.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Rob't Hansen @ #3

Greetings ISMA Members and Friends,

We would like to take this moment to invite you to our annual Grand Lodge Convention here at your southernmost lodge in Chicago February 4-7, 2016. This year's convention will be hosted at the Embassy Suites Hotel in beautiful downtown Chicago.

From this location you can enjoy views of Lake Michigan from the hotel and find yourself steps away from Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier. Guests affiliated with the Grand Lodge Convention will have access to special room rates starting at \$90 per night with valet parking for conventioneers at \$25/day. These rates will be available from January 31-February 9, 2016. Please follow the link below to make your reservations. Be sure to use the group code SHI to receive the special rates.

Full Convention Dining Packages are available at \$275 if purchased by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (\$300 after). A la carte pricing is available as well if you are only available to make it to part of the convention. Lunches are \$45 per day if purchased by January 15<sup>th</sup> (\$55 after) and dinners are \$80 each night (\$100 after January 15<sup>th</sup>).

Click the link below to get started. You will find more details and a link to the Embassy Suites Hotel accommodations there on our website.

http://www.chicagoshipmasters.com/grand-lodge-convention.html

We can't wait to tell you about the great programs in store for this year's convention...but until then, take a look at these guides to help you plan your perfect trip to our exciting city!

http://www.choosechicago.com/

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel\_Guide-g35805-Chicago\_Illinois.html

As always, save Saturday night for dancing! The southernmost lodge is planning a party you won't want to miss.

We look forward to seeing you in 2016!

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