

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

The lodge is pleased to announce that we will have a very special guest in attendance at our March 24, 2003 lodge meeting. Traveling in from Toronto will be Capt. Gary Kassbaum, Senior Regional Investigator for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. He will explain how the TSB operates, how it responds to maritime casualties and accidents, and what it does to notify the marine community of potential hazards and of corrective measures to be taken by marine officers and personnel. Capt. Kassbaum will discuss the *Windoc*/Bridge 11 incident in the Welland Canal. Included in this portion of the presentation will be actual video footage of the lift bridge coming down onto the *Windoc* as the vessel was passing under the bridge, a dramatic video to say the least. In addition to the *Windoc* incident, Capt. Kassbaum will discuss another bridge related incident, this one involving the *Catherine Desgagnes* doing significant damage to marinas while trying to pass through a bridge on the Black River of Lorain Harbor. Capt. Kassbaum was the Senior Investigator following these incidents and he feels that there is much to learn about bridge/vessel safety as a result of the TSB investigations. This program will be of great interest, especially to mariners who pass through bridge openings on a regular basis.

An updated lodge program/meeting schedule is included in this mailing to reflect the addition of Capt. Kassbaum's program to the lodge's schedule.

Congratulations are extended to lodge members Alan Flood and Gus Markakis, who each received a Capt. Lewis Ludington Award during the recent Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church. Also receiving a Ludington Award was Capt. Hicks McBeth, senior member of Port Huron Lodge No. 2.

A large number of members from Lodge No. 7 served in the uniformed honor guard at the Blessing of the Fleet. They included: Tom Allor, Ted Cogswell, Elmer Dunn, Don Erickson, Alan Flood, Jack Frost, Ken Gerasimos, Ron Ingram, Tom Jausch, Bob Kerr, Justin Kreimes, Kathy McGraw, Steve Nelson, Jim Nuzzo, Mel Riecher, John Sarns and Bob Schikora. Representing other lodges were Bill Cline and Wade Streeter of Port Huron Lodge No. 2, Mike Capser of Toledo Lodge No. 9 and Charlie Lampman and Jack Cork of Twin Sault Lodge No. 22. Many other members of various ISMA lodges were seen in the congregation that filled Mariners' Church to capacity.

Condolences are extended to members Dan & Tom Allor, whose mother Elizabeth Allor passed away on March 11 at the age of 88 following a long illness. The funeral was held in Milford, MI on March 13.

At our most recent lodge meeting of March 17, our invited speaker, Chuck Kakuska of Sea-K's Licensing Service, gave the lodge an update on changes in marine licensing and the required replacement of all merchant marine documents (MMD's). Member John Sarns recently found a USCG notice pertaining to MMD's in the Federal Register of February 20, 2003. To notice can be viewed at the following link:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-4145.pdf>

Hearty thanks are extended to Jim Nuzzo and his dinner dance committee. They did a fine job in planning the lodge's 112th annual dinner dance this past March 1, 2003 at Sindbad's Restaurant and Marina on Detroit's eastside. From all appearances, everyone in attendance had a great time.

Again, I would encourage the membership, especially our licensed members, to make an extra effort to attend next Monday's lodge meeting to hear Capt. Kassbaum discuss bridge/vessel safety. If you know of fellow mariners in the area who may not be lodge members but who would find this program of interest, feel free to bring them along.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow Secretary-Treasurer