



INTERNATIONAL SHIP MASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

www.DetroitLodge7.org

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

October 30, 2025

The annual dues notice is enclosed. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2026. Be sure to return the remittance portion of your dues notice (the bottom half) so that the payment and roster information can be properly recorded and verified. Dues can also be paid on the lodge website. Please review your entry in the lodge roster to check for any errors. There is space provided on the dues notice to list any corrections required.

I did not distribute a printed roster this year, but do have copies available on request, either in printed or pdf format.

The lodge meeting schedule for 2025-2026 is included in this mailing, and is also available on the lodge website. Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our speaker coordinator Rick Scott, we are shaping up to have an interesting lineup of guest speakers this season. If anyone has suggestions on speakers or presentations, please contact Rick directly.

The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 at the First United Methodist Church in Hazel Park. Our guest speaker will be Mollie Mahoney of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.

Pat Beard, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, is gearing up for the upcoming lodge election ballot. He would appreciate input from the lodge regarding candidates for First Vice President, Second Vice President, three Board of Governors positions, Convention Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Nominations will be made at the December 16 membership meeting. Call Pat at 313-884-7488 if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

I regret having to report on the loss of a lodge member over the summer. Capt. Norman T. Sieloff, a life-long resident of Wyandotte and a member of Lodge 7 for 29 years, passed away on June 4, 2025 at the age of 83. After a decades-long career with the Detroit Police Department, Capt. Sieloff went on to obtain his USCG license in addition to founding and operating a private detective agency.

We have 5 new members to welcome into the lodge. Thomas A. Cieslinski of St. Clair Shores, John J. Bushaw III, also of St. Clair Shores, Cristina Staats of Boyne City, Ronald W. Dober, Jr. of Detroit and Robert J. Cioletti of Shelby Township have all recently submitted applications. Congratulations and welcome to all these new members as they complete the application process.

The lodge news page continues to be updated with items that may be of interest to the membership. Please visit <http://www.detroitlodge7.org/Newsletters.html> for the latest news and information. As always, suggestions and articles are welcome. Please email news items to detroitlodge7@aol.com.

Our 1st Grand President Chris Edyvean and the members of Twin Ports Lodge No. 12 are making plans for the 2026 Grand Lodge Convention, which will be held in downtown Duluth, Minnesota from Wednesday, January 28 through Sunday, February 1, 2026. It will be a full (Wednesday evening - Sunday morning), convention, which will include ten meals as part of the convention package. Lodge No. 12 is actively seeking/requesting sponsorships and sponsorship pledges (including convention book advertising) to offset the cost of full registrations for our members. Please visit <https://ismalodge12.com> for specific convention details, including the link to book rooms.

Fraternally yours,

John Sarns
Secretary-Treasurer

Mariners' Church

The Maritime Sailors' Cathedral

Founded in 1842

A National and State Historic Landmark



24 Oct 2025



The 50th Anniversary *EDMUND FITZGERALD* Memorial Services

Sunday, November 9, 11am – Doors will open at 10am

You are invited to join us for the Memorial Service honoring those who served on the *EDMUND FITZGERALD* on **Sunday, November 9 @ 11am**. The bell will toll twenty-nine times for each life lost plus one additional time for ALL Sailors and Military Personnel who have sacrificed their lives on the Great Lakes. Active and retired members of our maritime and military friends and other Great Lakes personnel are invited to be part of the uniformed Honor Guard during the Memorial Ceremony in the service.

There will **not** be a reception following the service due to the large turnout anticipated for this historic event. We look forward to welcoming you at 10:00am to our beloved “House of Prayer” for all people.

The **8:45am Service for The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity** will be held and the Holy Communion will be served.

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### **Monday, November 10, 12:10pm-Doors will open at 11am**

In partnership with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, all are invited to participate in this special memorial service, to remember and reflect on the actual day of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The bell will toll, as stated above, during this service of Holy Communion.

You are also invited to lunch at the law school located across the street at 651 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Please RSVP for the luncheon here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/detroit-mercy-law-special-law-review-symposium-tickets-1770473557069?aff=oddtcreator>

Complimentary validated parking is available in the **Ford Underground Garage both services**. Please bring your parking ticket with you into the church to receive your validation sticker.

Mariners' Church of Detroit  
**Rev. Todd A. Meyer, Rector**

Both services will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel:  
[YouTube/marinerschurchofdetroit](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmarinerschurchofdetroit)