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DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7 November 2, 2026

The annual dues notice is enclosed. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2027. 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.

The current lodge roster is enclosed. I also have pdf copies available upon request.

The lodge meeting schedule for 2026-2027 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 1 at the First United Methodist Church in Hazel Park. Our guest speaker will be Capt. Paul C. LaMarre III, Director at the Port of Monroe.

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 15 membership meeting. Call Pat at 313-884-7488 if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

I regret having to report on the loss of two lodge members over the summer. Thomas H. Allor Sr. passed away on August 22, 2026 at the age of 88. After a 47-year career at General Motors, Capt. Allor started a yacht delivery business and also worked on the EPA research vessel *Roger Simons*. He was also active within the Propeller Club. Capt. Allor was a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for 36 years.

Eric Erickson, of Allen Park, passed away on October 7, 2026 at the age of 67. From 1981-1989 he worked for the J.W. Westcott Company. He then moved to Ford Motor Company where he recently retired after 33 years of service. He was a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for 37 years. Eric was the son of Past Grand President Donald Erickson.

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 Paul C. LaMarre III and the members of Toledo Lodge No. 9 are making plans for the 2027 Grand Lodge Convention, which will be held in downtown Toledo, Ohio from Thursday, January 28 - Sunday, January 31, 2027. Registration will begin on November 15. Please visit https://www.isma2027.org for specific convention details.

The 134th Annual Dinner Dance of Detroit Lodge No. 7 will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2027, at the Detroit Yacht Club. Additional details will be posted on the lodge website after the new year.

Fraternally yours,

John Sarns
Secretary-Treasurer