



# The TRADES

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## A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Vance Ayres

Hello Brothers, Sisters and friends,

WE FINALLY DID IT! I want to start off with some great news—we, the Washington, DC, Building Trades Council, along with all of our affiliates, the Laborers, and the Carpenters have finally agreed to and signed two Project Labor Agreements for two GSA Projects. This will put a good amount of our members to work starting now; if it hasn't already by the time you see this article. I want to thank our Business Managers for sticking together; the Building Trades Department Mark Ayers, Sean McGarvey and Mike Monroe for all their support; Gerry Waites council to the DC Building Trades and Rich Resnick council to the Department for the many long hours and effort it took to pull this off. This was due to the way the GSA requirements were set up for these projects. The specs for these PLA's were absolutely ridiculous and clearly had not been set up by anyone who had ever participated in setting up a PLA before.

We did not succeed in getting a PLA for the GSA Headquarters project because the General Contractor, Whiting & Turner, would not agree to the minimum standards we, the Building Trades, require for the agreement to be an actual PLA. However, we will have a majority of our union Building Trades folks working on that project which will, in turn, put more of our folks to work.

**!!!!!!!Pay attention to the information below!!!!!!!**

On another extremely important front, unions, as a whole, are being attacked all over the nation. Starting with the most recent and drastic attack in Wisconsin by the newly elected Republican Governor, along with the newly elected republican majority in their state house. The number one thing these ultra conservative republicans did was to have an all out assault on the right to collectively bargain in the state. There has been a large percentage of union representation in Wisconsin for years. Because of this, it has been considered one of the best places to live and raise a family because of the median income, low crime rates and everything else determined through surveys when people consider the best places in the United States to live and raise a family. So, higher union density creates a better life for all workers, public and private, that provide good income, good health benefits and a livable retirement. Up until recently, Wisconsin was one of the best examples of a state on how to treat workers.

Now, because of a lack of folks, whether union or not, that didn't get off their duffs to go vote for the Democrat running for Governor, they have been made the first casualty in an all out assault on the unions by the conservatives. Now, because of what is happening to workers and union members, in what use to be union-friendly Wisconsin, is so outrageous, President Obama has started to take action there because of how unbelievable these acts against unions have been. This gives him another struggle to deal with to try and protect us from what we, being labor, could have prevented if we had only been able to get more of our own union folks in Wisconsin to the polls to vote for the worker-friendly Democrat. I am highly concerned by what is happening in this country when it comes to being able to stand up for workers rights, union or not; also for the right to form unions and to actually be able to have groups that will help protect and promote workers rights.

Lastly, I want to reiterate to all of our members, employers, vendors, pension funds/investment groups, lawyers and everyone else in the union circle of life, whether you think you're a republican or not, you better wake up and see the light and start to support, promote and vote for the legislators that promote and support working people. Otherwise, we will wither away and your work with the unions will right along with us.

Fraternally,  
Vance Ayres  
Executive Secretary- Treasurer



# Rodman Local Union 201

from Kevin McVeigh, Business Manager

**B**rothers, we are sending some members back to work, so keep in contact with the Union Hall.

Brothers, we send our prayers and sympathies to Brother Carlos Portillio and his family on the death of his brother.

We would like to thank our members who attended the Community Services Agency of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO **Bowling For Gold**. Everybody had a great time. Thanks again to: Wayne Thompson, Dennis Siow, J.C. Recinos, Mauricio Blanco, Bob Migliaccio and Kevin McVeigh

Brothers, at our **April's meeting** we will discuss and vote on what to do with the \$1.30 from our third and final year of this contract. Brothers, it is the members who come to this meeting and vote that will decide on how this raise is spent.

**This is the first notice that at our May's meeting we will have nominations for Local 201 officers and will hold elections in June.** To be nominated for office you must have been current on your dues for at least 24 months prior to nominations and election.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** On Friday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m., before our regular meeting, we will have MASS MUTUAL here from our ANNUITY FUND to discuss and educate our members on their annuity accounts. It is very **important** to attend this meeting to learn how **YOUR** annuity account works. **(THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH & SPANISH.)**

April is just around the corner, so once again here is the break down for dues and deductions for 2010: 12 months dues at \$37.00, seven deaths at \$18.00, 6% of your gross wages for check-off, and all tools and gloves. For new members that paid initiation fees, Apprentice - \$100.00, A-Rodman - \$100.00 and Journeyman - \$250.00, these are tax deductible.

**A REMINDER:** you only have **72 hours** from receipt of the notice to take your test. If you fail to respond to this notice, you will be put on the inactive list. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS YOU MUST CONTACT THE LOCAL AND MOBILE MEDICAL**

(1-888-662-8356). If you miss the test in 72 hours the only ways to fix this is if you were out of town working (with pay stubs) or you have moved (prove change of address) or on vacation (prove with receipts: hotel, air fare etc.).

We have a membership drawing held at every regular membership meeting night (third Friday of every month) the names of all members in good standings are in the drawing and **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**. If there is not a winner \$25.00 will be added each month until someone wins. Due to the date this article was written, if there was not a winner at the February meeting, then March's meeting will be \$275.00.

Due to the date this article was written, the following members could have gone suspended as of February 28, 2011 for being six months behind in their dues: J. Aparicio, E. Belteton, J. Colocho, R. Cook, H. Darby, D. Davis, N. Estrada, O. Gomez, L. Gutierrez, J. Hernandez, R. Holloway, M. King, L. Ladner, A. Lemus, W. Martinez, T. Nelson, W. Pacheco, A. Palma, R. Palacios, J. Turner, R. Webber, A. Zuniga.

## **Schedule of Meetings & Events**

**Wednesday, March 2, 3:00 p.m.**

*J.A.T.C. Meeting*

**Wednesday, March 9, 12:30 p.m.**

*Retirees Meeting*

**Wednesday, March 9, 2:00 p.m.**

*Stewards Meeting*

**Wednesday, March 9, 5:00 p.m.**

*Executive Board Meeting*

**Friday, March 18, 6:00 p.m.**

*Local 201 Membership Meeting*

## **Boletín de Noticias**

**H**ermanos estamos mandando algunos miembros al trabajo, entonces manténgase en contacto con la oficina del local.

Enviamos nuestras oraciones y simpatías al Hermano Carlos Portillo y su familia por la pérdida de su hermano.

Queremos darles las gracias a todos nuestros miembros que asistieron al Community Services Agency of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO jugar

**Bolicho por Oro.** Todos le pasaron bien. Muchas gracias a Wayne Thompson, Dennis Siow, JC Recinos, Mauricio Blanco, Bob Migliaccio Sr. y Kevin McVeigh.

En la **reunión de abril** discutiremos y votaremos en que hacemos con el \$1.30 de nuestro tercero y final año de este contrato. Los miembros que vienen a este reunión y votar que van a decidir en como este aumento se divida.

**Esta es la primera noticia que en la reunión de mayo tendríamos nominaciones para la junta de Local 201 y tendríamos elecciones en junio.** Para ser nominado para la junta usted tiene que estar al día con sus cuotas por lo menos 24 meses antes de nominaciones y la elección.

**NOTICIA IMPORTANTE:** Viernes, el 15 de abril a las 5:00 de la tarde, antes de la reunión regular, Mass Mutual del fuente de anualidad va a hablar y educar nuestros miembros en su cuentas de anualidad. Es muy **importante** que usted asista esta reunión para aprender como sus cuentas de anualidad funciona. **(Esta clase va a ser en inglés y español.)**

Abril está muy cerca entonces nuevamente acá están las cuotas y deducciones para 2010: 12 meses Cuotas @ \$37.00 dólares, 7 muertes @ \$18.00 dólares, el 6 % de sus salarios para check-off, y todos las herramientas y guantes. Para nuevos miembros que pagaron honorarios de Iniciación, Aprendiz @ \$100.00 dólares, A-Rodman \$100.00 dólares y Hierros \$250.00 dólares éstos los puede declarar en sus impuestos.

**UN RECORDATORIO:** Usted solamente tiene **72 horas** del recibo del aviso para hacerse la prueba. Si usted no responde al aviso, su nombre será puesto en la lista de trabajadores inactivos. **ES IMPORTANTE QUE NOTIFIQUE AL LOCAL Y TAMBIEN A MOBIL MEDICAL** (1-888-662-8356) si usted se mueve o cambia su dirección. Si falta de hacerse la prueba de drogas después de 72 horas, la única manera de corregirlo es si usted estaba fuera de la ciudad trabajando (con colillas de cheque), si usted se ha movido (con prueba del cambio de dirección) o si usted estaba de vacaciones (prueba de

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# Plumbers Local Union 5

from the Business Office



Everyone should have received their Collective Bargaining Agreement in the mail by now. Take a few minutes and read through it; there have been changes. If you did not receive a copy, call the Union Hall and we will mail you one.

We thank the following members, who volunteered to come in and help with the mailing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Jason Jimason, Keon Walters, Gary Robinson, Jeff Taylor and Warren Graham. Your efforts are much appreciated.

There is a great demand for welders! In just a very short time, depending on your skill level, you can be certified. Members who want to learn to weld can do so at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, free to members in good standing! This is another way to make yourself more employable. Sometimes we have to reinvent ourselves; having a certification in welding may increase your opportunity to get a job. Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursdays, from 3-5 p.m. and evenings 5-8 p.m.

To our members who are using Core Drilling and Ground Penetrating Radar companies, please use a company that is signatory with Plumbers Local 5. Here is a list to choose from:

#### Concrete Technology Services

(Core Drilling/Saw Cutting)  
(301) 794-7500  
Terry Gilliam

#### Concrete Visions, L.L.C.

(Ground Penetrating Radar)  
(410) 923-2210  
Chris Gilliam

#### DOT Diamond Core Drilling

(Core Drilling/Saw Cutting)  
(440) 322-6466  
Matt Nolan

#### G & M Services, L.L.C.

(Core Drilling/Saw Cutting)  
(301) 809-1665  
Chris Gilliam

#### Mid-Atlantic Construction Group

(Core Drilling/Saw Cutting)  
(443) 871-3472  
John Emrick

Next time you need core drilling, saw cutting or ground penetrating radar work performed, hire a Union Contractor! Our Union Contractors!

Mark your calendars! There will be a Retirement Security Rally in downtown Annapolis, MD on March 21st, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Richard Trumka, President of the AFL/CIO will be the guest speaker.

### Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

- The Medical Fund requires coordination of benefit with Medicare eligible retirees and eligible dependents. It is important that you and/or your dependents enroll for Medicare at age 65, or if disabled prior to age 65, when you are eligible for Medicare coverage. Be sure to enroll in both part "A" and part "B" of Medicare. Failure to do so will result in lower medical protection and greater out-of-pocket expense. Refer to "Coordination with Medicare" in the plan's Summary Plan Description.

- If you file for unemployment, please don't list Local 5 as an employer. List the company your payroll check was drawn on. If you list Local 5 as your employer, your benefits could possibly be delayed while it is sorted out.

- Per the IRS, please be advised that your Burial Fund Beneficiary will receive a Form 1099-MISC and will be expected to pay taxes on your Burial Benefits.

- Members, get current on your dues and assessments. April 1st is just around the corner.

### Reminder!

Medical Fund Reimbursement Forms are due to the medical fund no later than March 31, 2011 for 2010 calendar year expenses.

**2011 Journeymen training classes are still being formed.** If you are interested in attending any class or classes please call (301) 322-8810 to register. Classes are open to Journeyperson members in good standing with Local Union No. 5. Dates are subject to change. All classes are subject to cancellation based on poor participation, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Training is offered free of charge to members in good standing, however, some classes require third-party testing for certification. Any testing fees listed are the amounts paid by the Apprentice School for the mandatory third-party testing. ALL CLASSES begin promptly at 5:00 p.m.

**Backflow: Re-certification (Two Classes) 8**

hours, B Building. Must attend both nights per session to re-certify. Instructor: Contic, Session III, April 14-15, 2011.

**UA STAR CLASS:** \$125.00 Testing Fee; 4 nights plus test night; Instructor: Haley; April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2011.

**Virginia Continuing Education Code Class Plumbing/Gasfitter:** A Building, 4 Hours: Session III- February 18, 2011, 5-9 p.m.; Session IV- April 15, 2011, 5-9 p.m.

**Green Awareness: Instructor:** Shavatt, 6 nights, May 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 2011.

**Plumber's Math:** 3.5 Hours, Instructor: Haley: Session III- January 21, 2011, 5-8:30 p.m.; Session IV- April 15, 2011, 5-8:30 p.m.

**Daytime Welding Class:** 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the school for details. **GET CERTIFIED!**

**Evening Welding Class:** 5-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the school for details. **GET CERTIFIED!**

Please join us in congratulating the following members who will earn years of service awards in the first quarter (January, February and March) of 2011:

☞ **25 Years** ☞

James K. Blevins  
Anthony G. Dustin  
Jeffrey D. Jones  
James L. McIlwain  
Thomas W. Melton  
Craig R. Washington

☞ **35 Years** ☞

John W. Brown  
Vernon F. George  
Paul F. Sollers  
Michael D. Wilson

☞ **40 Years** ☞

Bernard B. Adams  
Stephen E. Arnold  
Robert E. Beavers  
Michael J. Bell  
George C. Carlisle  
Gary S. Daly  
Nicholas P. Dibari  
Thomas V. Dillon  
C. William Garity  
Michael W. Hobson  
Lothar H. Kranefeld  
Richard T. Martin  
Edward A. Nealis  
Dennis M. Reedy

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recibos: hotel, boletos Aéreos, etc.).

Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito los siguientes miembros podrían haber ido suspendidos desde el 31 de enero de 2011 por estar ser seis meses atrasados en sus dudas: J. Aparicio, E. Belteton, J. Colocho, R. Cook, H. Darby, D. Davis, N. Estrada, O. Gomez, L. Gutierrez, J. Hernandez, R. Halloway, M. King, L. Ladner, A. Lemus, W. Martinez, T. Nelson, W. Pacheco, A. Palma, R. Palacios, J. Turner, R. Webber, A. Zuniga.

### **Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos**

**Miércoles, 2 de marzo, a las 3:00 pm**  
*Reunión de J.A.T.C.*

**Miércoles, 9 de marzo, a las 12:30 pm**  
*Reunión de los Retirados*

**Miércoles, 9 de marzo, a las 2:00 pm**  
*Reunión de los Shop Stewards*

**Miércoles, 9 de marzo, a las 5:00 pm**  
*Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva*

**El viernes, 18 de marzo, a las 6:00 pm**  
*Reunión de miembros del Local 201*

## Plumbers Local Union 5 *continued*

Foster G. Rohrbaugh, Jr.

Joseph M. Wilson  
⌘ 45 Years ⌘

William R. Cross

Daniel W. Ferro

Gordon L. Gasch

Leon R. Mason

Douglas E. McPherson

John Redding

Charles M. Saia

Richard Talley

Richard T. Tyler

Joseph H. Vose

⌘ 50 Years ⌘

Joseph H. Cramer

John W. Hayes, Jr.

James J. Meisinger

We send our congratulations to Brother Bruce Valade, who retired January 1, 2011 with 35 ½ years of service.

We send get well wishes to Retired Brother Edward H. Brown. Brother Edward had open-heart, double-valve replacement surgery on January 27, 2011. It was touch-and-go for several days, but we hear he is now on the mend. I know we all send him warm wishes and healing prayers.

**The Special Order of Business** at our Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Union Meeting

will be to:

1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.

**The Special Order of Business** at our Wednesday, April 13, 2011 Union Meeting will be to:

1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.

2. Appropriate funds for the Local and United Association P.A.C.

3. Vote on Section 19 of the Bylaws - Collection of Dues

**Current Assessments Due:** Death 1128, Revolving 187 and Michael A. Collins Assessment (2011).

### **Calendar**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2011**

*Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School*

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

*Executive Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Union Hall*

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

*Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School*

**Wednesday, April 27, 2011**

*Executive Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Union Hall*

