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A Message from Executive Secretary-Treasurer Vance Ayres

Brothers, Sisters and friends,

Spring is finally here and I hope it stays nice for a while, before it gets extremely hot. We have been working extremely hard trying to secure more work for the union building trades. We will continue our all out charge to regain the work we should be doing and the most important key to us regaining our work is you. What I mean when I say you is—you are the face of the union building trades and it is your work ethic and unmatched skills that can continue to propel the union building trades movement back to having more market share. You have to get up and go to work every day and continue to prove why we are the best choice for all folks involved in the construction world. We are the best choice, even though they are may pay a premium to use us. The fact is as history has proved over and over again we continue to complete projects on time and on budget. Toyota, Wal-Mart, Northrop Grumman, all types of power plants, the federal government, local government and many others have used us through PLA's for decades. Thousands of these types of projects have had no mandate to use PLA's because they know the simple facts are that we, being "you", the union building trades members, are the best trained and most highly skilled construction workforce on the planet. This is why "you" need to get up every day and go to work and do the best possible job you can do, so we, your union representatives, can continue to tell everybody everyday why they should continue to use you, or to start to use you, for all their construction work.

I read a *Letter to the Editor* the other day in the *Free Lance-Star* by Bryce Thorpe that really made me think what sets us apart from most of the non-union shops.

"Going through Wal-Mart the other day it occurred to me that it's an interesting microcosm of our country. As such, many societal problems can quickly be seen in the people and behaviors on display. Folks drive up the down aisles and down the up aisles. They walk in the exit and out the entrance. We are unable to follow simple instructions. Bags are unloaded and carts left with no regard for where they might roll or who or what they might hit. We no longer observe common courtesies. Shoppers bemoan the sad disappearance of neighborhood grocers, "Mom and Pop" stores, and decent wage jobs. Of course, they do this as they buy mass quantities of cheap imported products. We see no connection in what we say and what we do. Forty-Something, overweight smokers drive through the store on handicapped carts as 70 year old veterans limp through on prosthetic limbs. Our sense of pride and fierce independence is disappearing. Carts are filled with high-fat junk food destined to raise our cholesterol and lower our life expectancy. We then ask what government is doing about childhood obesity and better health care. We have no sense of personal responsibility for ourselves or our children. Crying kids are treated to another movie, toy, candy, or other treat. We have lost our ability to be content and, with it, our kids are losing their self-control and parental respect. When it is over, credit cards usually pay the bill. We suffer from an increasing lack of discipline and inability to live within our means. Immediate gratification is the norm. And we can't understand why our government is so far in debt. I wish I could say I am innocent in it all. I'm not. Maybe it is time for some self-examination."

I continue to challenge everyone to by products made in the USA to help strengthen our economy and to preserve our country.

Fraternally,
Vance Ayres
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Rodman Local Union 201

from Kevin McVeigh, Business Manager

Brothers, we are sending a few more members back to work, so keep in contact with the Union Hall.

Brothers, we send our prayers and sympathies to Brother Billy Swan and his family on the death of his wife last December and his mother this past March. Brothers, we send our hopes and prayers to Brother Edward Sullivan and Brother Gene Heiston who were both in the hospital recently.

As of the writing of this newsletter we did not have our April meeting, but we would have discussed and voted on what to do with the \$1.35 from our third and final year of this contract. We will report the membership's decision in next month newsletter.

We would like thank all the members who attended the Annuity Fund educational class we held last month and would also like to thank all the Annuity Fund staff that came to educate our members.

This is the **third** notice that during the meeting held on **May 20th** we will have nominations for Local 201 Officers and Convention delegates which will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. We will hold elections on **June 17, 2011** at 3:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Union Hall. To be nominated for office you must have been current on your dues for at least 24 months prior to nominations and election.

Local 201 has License Plate holders made with our Logo on them. They are \$4.00 each and all proceeds go to our Special Events Fund.

A REMINDER: you only have **72 hours** from receipt of the notice to take your drug 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 April meeting, then May's meeting will be \$325.00.

Due to the date this article was written the following members could have gone suspended as of April 30, 2011 for being six months behind in their dues: F. Arevalo, E. Belteton, A. Contreras, J. Escobar, J. Estrada, D. Flex, M. Gody, O. Gomez, L. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, C. Hernandez, M. King, A. Lemus, J. Mays, W. Pacheco, R. Palacios, J. Perez, W. Portillo, A. Rivas, P. Rivera, F. Salamanca, R. Webber.

Schedule of Meetings & Events

Wednesday, May 4, 3:00 p.m.

J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 12:30 p.m.

Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2:00 p.m.

Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 5:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Friday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.

*Local 201 Membership Meeting,
Nominations of Officers and Convention
Delegates. Nomination and Election of
Judges of Election*

Friday, June 17, 3:00 - 8:30 p.m.

*Local 201 Election of Officers and
Convention Delegates*

Boletín de Noticias

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

Hermanos, enviamos nuestros oraciones y simpatías al Hermano Billy Swan y su familia por la muerte de su esposa en diciembre y su madre el marzo pasado. Hermanos, enviamos nuestros esperanzas y oraciones a Hermano Edward Sullivan y Hermano Gene Heiston que estuvieron en el hospital recientemente.

Debido que este artículo fue escrito, no hemos tenido la reunión de abril, pero discutiremos y votaremos en qué hacer con el \$1.35 del tercero y año final de este contrato. Nosotros reportaremos la decisión en el boletín del próximo mes.

Nos gustaría darle las gracias a los miembros que asistieron la clase educacional del fuente de anualidad que tuvimos hace un

mes. También queremos darles las gracias a todos los expertos de la fuente de anualidad que vinieron para educar nuestros miembros.

Esta es el **tercero** noticia que en la reunión en el **20 de mayo** tendríamos nominaciones para la junta de Local 201 a las 6:00 de la tarde en El Local. Tendríamos elecciones el 17 de junio de 2011 a las 3:00 - 8:30 de la tarde. 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.

El Local 201 está vendiendo sostenedores para las placas de auto con nuestro logotipo. Cuestan solo 4.00 dólares cada una y todos los beneficios van a nuestro Fondo de Acontecimientos Especiales.

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 recibos: hotel, boletos Aéreos, etc.).

Tenemos una rifa para la membrecía sostenido cada reunión de miembros (el tercer viernes de cada mes). Solamente los nombres de esos miembros que están bien con sus cuotas son incluidos en esta rifa. **USTED TIENE QUE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA PARTICIPAR.** Si no hay un ganador agregamos \$25 dólares cada mes hasta que alguien gane. Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito, si no hubo un ganador en la reunión de marzo, el premio será \$325 dólares para la reunión de mayo.

Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito los siguientes miembros podrían haber ido suspendidos desde el 30 de abril de 2011 por estar ser seis meses atrasados en sus dudas: F. Arevalo, E. Belteton, A. Contreras, J. Escobar, J. Estrada, D. Flex, M. Gody, O. Gomez, L. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, C. Hernandez, M. King, A. Lemus, J. Mays, W. Pacheco, R. Palacios, J. Perez, W. Portillo, A. Rivas, P. Rivera, F. Salamanca, R. Webber.

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Plumbers Local Union 5

from the Business Office



Our presence in Annapolis has made a difference! HB 707 (raise the threshold on Maryland State prevailing wage projects from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000) and SB 660 and HB 743 (right to work in the state of Maryland) and several other anti-labor bills all died in committee. Not one of these bad pieces of legislation made it through committee!

These bills were just another attempt to destroy organized labor in the Construction Industry. We could not and we did not let them succeed. The Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO Unions and Maryland State and D.C. Building Trades *Annual Night in Annapolis* labor rally had a great turnout with too many names to mention, so congratulate yourselves on your opposition to this round, and remember, the fight is not over. We will always be defending the rights of workers.

Mark your calendars!!! Ironworkers Local No. 5's *9th Annual Dad's Day Poker Run* is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2011. The Ironworkers run this event each year to raise money for *Dollars Against Diabetes*. This is a day of fun and fellowship with all proceeds going to a very worthy cause, and you don't have to have a motorcycle to participate. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. sharp at the Ironworkers Hall, which is located at 9100 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772. Call Jack Taylor at the Union Hall if you are interested in participating.

We send our congratulations to fifth-year apprentices Matthew Cartney and Stephen King. Matt Cartney won the Local No. 5 contest for Plumber and Steve King won the Local No. 5 contest for Welder. They will both be competing at the DC & VA Pipe Trades State Apprenticeship contest held in Richmond, VA, May 17-19. We all wish them good luck!

We send healing prayers to Apprentice Training Director, Gary Printz, who has undergone brain surgery. On Sunday, March 27, 2011, while visiting family in Utah, Gary suffered a seizure. It was determined that he had a brain tumor on his right frontal lobe. After two surgeries, he is now in an intensive rehabilitation program in Utah with his wife, Shawna, at his side. You may check in with Gary and his family by registering at www.caringbridge.org, clicking on "Visit," and entering TEAMPRINTZ. We are thankful for

his progress and look forward to his return.

We would like to recognize our fifty-year Life Members. These members represent what is best about our union. They have remained loyal through the good times and the bad times, and we appreciate their many contributions to our union.

Joseph S. Monaco - May 10, 1961
Joseph H. Cramer - March 8, 1961
John W. Hayes, Jr. - March 8, 1961
James J. Meisinger - March 25, 1961
Brian L. Crawford - September 14, 1960
Nelson M. Lyle - August 10, 1960
Donald L. Cornell, Jr. - July 13, 1960
George A. Peifer, Jr. - July 13, 1960
Earl R. Archer, Jr. - May 11, 1960
John S. Burgess, Jr. - May 11, 1960
Robert A. O'Neal - May 11, 1960
Fred R. Perna - March 11, 1959
Raymond A. Carroll - October 8, 1958
Richard D. Beard - May 14, 1958
Ralph L. Round - May 14, 1958
Wallis E. Sondheimer - April 9, 1958
Walter A. Harrigan - March 12, 1958
James P. Parrish - March 12, 1958
Johnny C. Bilotta - February 12, 1958
Jay L. Welch - February 12, 1958
Aubry M. Trainum - November 13, 1957
Guy J. Carson - October 9, 1957
Meredith W. Crown - October 9, 1957
James W. Grindstaff - May 8, 1957
Phillip Porter - April 10, 1957
Robert W. Rawlings - April 10, 1957
Ronald J. Redding - March 13, 1957
John A. McGuckin - February 13, 1957
Edward J. Record - January 9, 1957
Vernon C. Wolfrey - January 9, 1957
John R. Zug - January 9, 1957
Raymond F. Klotz, Jr. - November 14, 1956
Frederick L. Stuart, Jr. - November 14, 1956
Ralph C. Seek - June 13, 1956
Thomas E. Long - April 11, 1956
Howard L. Stokes - April 11, 1956
Thomas C. Hayden - February 8, 1956
Edward F. Collins - January 11, 1956
James Connors - January 11, 1956
George H. Bliss, III - December 14, 1955
Henry L. Rackey - December 14, 1955
James Dolan - October 12, 1955
Bernard A. Downey, Jr. - July 13, 1955
Bernard Brooke - April 13, 1955
James W. Needham - March 4, 1955
Edwin T. Healy - September 8, 1954
James F. Martinez - September 8, 1954

Ashton L. Owen - September 8, 1954
John Z. Baltimore - August 11, 1954
Gerald A. Seaton, Jr. - May 12, 1954
John T. Leadbetter - May 14, 1952
William E. Tavenner - October 10, 1951
William J. Foley - January 17, 1951
Earl R. Fogelgren - December 13, 1950
Deforest Z. Rathbone, Jr. - January 11, 1950
Richard L. Lehr - October 12, 1949
Raymond E. Mitchell - September 14, 1949
Thomas S. Edwards - April 13, 1949
Arthur Green - March 9, 1949
Hugh F. Dolan - February 9, 1949
William K. Weddle - August 16, 1948
Robert B. Widmayer - May 12, 1948
Robert F. McCarthy - April 14, 1948
Richard L. Nealis - December 10, 1947
John W. Mangan - November 12, 1947
Frank E. Ferro, Jr. - May 28, 1947
Alexander B. Bell - May 10, 1947
James A. Greer - February 26, 1947
Wilfred Berry - November 17, 1942
Justice H. Scott - March 7, 1941
James W. Simons - June 12, 1940

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

- The Medical Fund requires coordination of benefits 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 medical plan's *Summary Plan Description*.
- If you file for unemployment, please do not 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.

Journeyman Training Classes: If you are interested in attending any class, please call (301) 322-8810 to register. Classes are open to Journeyman members in good standing with Local Union No. 5.

Daytime Welding Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the school for details.

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Evening Welding Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the school for details.

We send our congratulations to Brother David B. Parrish, who retired February 1, 2011 with 24 years of service.

We also send our congratulations to Brother Louis P. West, who retired February 1, 2011 with 20.6 years of service.

We also send our congratulations to second-year Apprentice Brandon Allen and best wishes to Dana Graham, who were married on April 15, 2011.

The law firm of ASHCRAFT & GEREL, LLP is offering a scholarship to the Washington, D.C. Building & Construction Trades union members and their families to help with the high cost of education. Each year a one-time grant of \$5,000.00 is awarded to an eligible student for education expenses. If you are interested, check our website for details, www.local5plumbers.org.

The Special Order of Business The Special Order of Business at our May 11, 2011 Union Meeting will be:

1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.
2. Vote on appropriating \$15,000 from the General Fund and transferring it to the Local Union's Political Action Fund, and vote on appropriating \$95,000 from the General Fund and transferring it to the United Associations Political Action Fund.
3. Vote on changing Section 4 of the Bylaws: Change the start time of the meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

4. Vote on changing Section 19 of the Bylaws to read "The Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Full-time Officer or Secretarial Staff of the Local Union will collect dues:

- a. Five (5) days in the week, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
 - b. The Financial Secretary-Treasurer or a Full-time Officer will also collect dues at the regular meetings of the Local Union.
5. Vote on increasing the the Local Union's Burial Expense Benefit from \$7,000.00 to \$7,500.00.

The Special Order of Business at our June 8, 2011 Union Meeting will be:

1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.
2. Act on Christmas Donations (Rule 41 of the Bylaws).
3. Vote on the the disbursement of the \$1.50 wage and fringe benefit increase due August 1, 2011.

The Special Order of Business at our July 13, 2011 Union Meeting will be:

1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.
2. If needed, vote on the the disbursement of the \$1.50 wage and fringe benefit increase due August 1, 2011.

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

Calendar

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

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

Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day (Paid Holiday per C.B.A.)

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

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

Monday, July 4, 2011

Independence Day (Paid Holiday per C.B.A.)

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

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

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

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

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Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

Miércoles, 4 de mayo, a las 3:00 pm
Reunión de J.A.T.C.

Miércoles, 11 de mayo, a las 12:30 pm
Reunión de los Retirados

Miércoles, 11 de mayo, a las 2:00 pm
Reunión de los Shop Stewards

Miércoles, 11 de mayo, a las 5:00 pm
Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva

Viernes, 20 de mayo, a las 6:00 pm
Reunión de miembros del Local 201 y Nominaciones de la junta y delegados para nuestra convención

Viernes, 17 de junio, a las 3:00 - 8:30 pm
Local 201 Elección de la junta y delegados para nuestra convención