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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lozupone

February is about midway through winter. Before you know it, it's time to prepare for spring. Our Organizing Department is looking for job sites where we can put up union banners, so if you know of a site where they can install a banner, please contact Jim Lowery at (301) 702-1010 or Bill Garity at (301) 899-7861. The Iron Workers have been promoting Thursdays as "Union Tee Shirt Day". If you have a union logo type of tee shirt, try and remember to wear it on Thursdays.

We are still offering discount Capitals hockey tickets through our Web site, www.dcbuildingtrades.com. Your local union may have a link as well. Please take advantage of these discount tickets. For every four tickets you purchase, one ticket will be available for a wounded soldier and family member. Support our troops.

If you know of anyone wanting a career as a construction worker let him or her know your local union offers top professional training – we are the NFL of construction, not the minor leagues. We are especially interested in District residents.

The baseball stadium and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge are progressing well. Both should be completed on time. There is talk of a new soccer stadium at, or near, RFK. The Anacostia Waterfront Development is moving forward and we want to be on that work too.

If you or someone you know isn't registered to vote, ask him or her to do it now. As I said last month, the more members we get registered to vote, the more time and effort we can spend informing them of the differences between different candidates.

We will have our annual Monday Night in Annapolis. We will meet and greet Maryland Legislators about issues important to Building Trades. I hope to have the date by the next issue; in the meantime, you can get more and current information about upcoming events on our Web site at www.dcbuildingtrades.com.

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Rodman Local 201

Work continues to be good into this New Year with some jobs slowing and others starting. All our members are working.

Brothers, 2007 hopes to bring us a good year. We hope to have our new hall up and finished in 2007. This year also brings us into a new and old time, because in 1917 Rodman Local 201 was chartered. We are proud to announce that Local 201 will be celebrating our 90th year anniversary in this great International. We will be holding our **90th Year Awards Banquet** on April 14, 2007 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Ninety years only comes once so we plan to have a big gala and room will be limited. Tickets will be \$30.00 per person so get your tickets early. We will also be blocking rooms at the Washington Court for those who are traveling in or just want to stay the night (prices have not been set as of this newsletter).

Brothers, at our regular January 19 Union meeting, IMPACT and Mobile Medical were here at the local to start the mandatory drug testing. We now have two more testing dates here at the Local; (1) Saturday, February 24, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, and (2) Friday, March 16, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Brothers, by April 1, all members, travelers and permit men must be tested or you will be put on the ineligible to work list. If you do not test on these dates, you will need to come to the hall and pick up a test package to go to our nearest test facility. **BROTHERS, DON'T PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS TESTING DONE NOW.**

Brothers, this is a second notice if you did not receive a letter from the Union hall letting you know that the hall was broken into a little while back and our computers were stolen. Once again, we want you to know that any personal information in those computers was protected.

Once again, with the new year starting and taxes right around the corner, here is the breakdown for dues and deductions for 2006:

- Six deaths at \$18.00
- 5% of your gross wages for check off
- All tools and gloves
- Initiation fees for new members:
 - o Apprentices up to \$100.00
 - o Journeyman up to \$250.00

Remember, as of January 1, 2007, dues went up to \$26.00 for journeyman and \$21.00 for apprentices.

All members will need to have the OSHA 10-hour course by the end of 2007. We will be announcing the dates of the upcoming classes. If you have already taken this class you will not have to take it again. If you are not sure if you have the 10-hour certificate, please call the Apprenticeship Office.

Schedule of Classes

OSHA 10 (English)

March 3, 2007 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

OSHA 10 (Spanish)

March 10, 2007, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Journeyman Upgrade Post-Tension (20-hour class for certification)

April 28 and May 5, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

These classes will be conducted in English. You will be required to read part of the manual in the two weeks prior to the first class and you will be expected to study and do homework between the two classes. You must attend both classes. The certification test will be given on the second day. Space is limited so sign up early.

Due to the date this article was written, the following members could have gone suspended as of January 31, 2007 for being six months behind in their dues: Allen Bryant, Mark Canterbury, Carlos Castera, Jose De-Roa, Juan Garcia, Bernhard Prebble and Arnold Rivera.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

Wednesday, February 7, 3:00 p.m.

J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 12:30 p.m.

Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 p.m.

Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 5:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Friday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

Local 201 Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 24

8:00 a.m. until noon

Drug testing (Union Hall)

El trabajo continúa siendo bueno en este Año Nuevo con ciertos trabajos retrasando y otros comenzando. Todos nuestros miembros están trabajando.

Hermanos, 2007 espera traernos un buen año. Esperamos tener nuestro pasillo nuevo acabado este año. El año 2007 también nos trae a un tiempo nuevo y viejo, porque en el año 1917 nuestro local estableció los estatutos de organización. Estamos orgullosos anunciar que el Local 201 celebrará nuestro noventa aniversario con en este gran internacional. Llevaremos a cabo nuestro banquete el 14 de abril de 2007 en el Washington Court Hotel aquí en Washington, DC. Noventa años solamente viene una vez, así que planeamos tener una gala grande, y el sitio será limitado. Los boletos serán \$30.00 por persona así que conseguir sus boletos temprano. También bloquearemos cuartos en el Washington Court Hotel para nuestros miembros que estarán viajando y desean permanecer la noche (los precios no se han fijado en fecha de este boletín).

Hermanos, en nuestra reunión regular el 19 de enero, IMPACT y Mobil Medical estaban aquí en el local para comenzar la prueba obligatoria de drogas. Ahora tenemos dos fechas de prueba aquí en el local; sábado 24 de febrero, de 8:00 a.m. hasta medio día y viernes 16 de marzo de 3:00 p.m. hasta 7:00 p.m. Hermanos, todos los miembros, viajeros y trabajadores de permiso tienen que ser probados o su nombre será puesto



en la lista de trabajadores inelegible. Si usted no prueba durante una de estas fechas, necesitará venir a la oficina y recoger un paquete de la prueba para ir a una facilidad cerca y tomar la prueba. **HERMANOS, NO PASEN ESTA OPORTUNIDAD DE HACER LA PRUEBA AHORA.**

Hermanos, este es el segundo aviso si no recibió una carta de la unión para dejarle saber que robaron las computadoras de nuestra oficina. Quisiéramos, de nuevo, avisarle que cualquier información personal en esas computadoras fue protegida.

Con el año nuevo comenzando y los impuestos alrededor de la esquina, aquí son las cuotas y deducciones para el año 2006:

- Seis muertes – \$18.00
- 5% de su sueldo para check-off
- Herramientas y guantes
- Para los nuevos miembros que pagaron iniciación de aprendizaje:
 - o Aprendices hasta \$100.00
 - o Journeyman hasta \$250.00

Recordar que efectivo el 1 de enero de 2007 las cuotas para los Journeyman aumento a \$26.00 mensual y aprendices a \$21.00.

Todos los miembros necesitarán tener el curso de 10 horas de OSHA antes del fin de 2007. Anunciaremos las fechas de las clases que vienen. Si ya han tomado esta clase no tendrá que tomarla otra vez. Si no esta seguro si tiene el certificado de 10 horas por favor llame la oficina del aprendizaje.

Horario de Clases

Clase OSHA 10 (en inglés)

3 de marzo, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Clase OSHA 10 (en español)

10 de marzo, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Journeyman Poste-Tensión

(clase de 20 horas para la certificación)

28 de abril y 5 de mayo de 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Las clases serán conducidas en inglés. Usted será requerido leer parte del manual durante las dos semanas antes de la primera clase y usted será esperado estudiar y hacer tarea entre las dos clases. Usted tiene que atender las dos clases. El examen de certificación será dado el segundo día. Espacio es limitado así que fírmese temprano.

Debido la fecha que este artículo fue escrito, los siguientes miembros habrían podido ir suspendido el día 31 de enero de 2007 por estar seis meses detrás en sus cuotas: Allen Bryant, Mark Canterbury, Carlos Castera, José De-Roa, Juan García, Bernhard Prebble y Arnold Rivera.

Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

Miércoles 7 de febrero, 3:00 p.m.

Reunión de J.A.T.C.

Miércoles 14 de febrero, 12:30 p.m.

Reunión de los retirados

Miércoles 14 de febrero, 2:00 p.m.

Reunión de los Stewards

Miércoles 14 de febrero, 5:00 p.m.

Reunión de la junta ejecutiva

Viernes 16 de febrero, 7:00 p.m.

Reunión de miembros del Local 201

Sábado 24 de febrero, 8:00 a.m. hasta mediodía

Prueba de las drogas en la oficina de la unión

Plumbers Five

by C. William Garity
Assistant Business Manager

We hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday season and we extend our best wishes to all for the New Year. The new Congress is in session and I truly hope common sense prevails and we actually accomplish those agendas which help all Americans equally. That statement may be a little too ambitious. Congress, and especially the Democratic Party, needs to show the American people they have the ability to govern

responsibly for the good of all. This Congress has been dealt a difficult hand to play. The whole world is watching. They need to put political B.S. aside and show they can govern. On the other side of the aisle, the Republican Party needs to stop showing favoritism to corporation greed. Hold corporate America accountable to their employees, to the environment and bound by the laws of the land. And, most importantly, stop running up the red ink and putting this economy in such enormous debt. President Bush preaches how Americans need to save and invest for their futures. Disregarding his own advice, he pushes the government deeper into debt. What a hypocrite!

Don't forget to apply for your medical reimbursement allowance. Per our Medical Fund, eligible members and/or dependents are allowed a \$300.00 per year reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred during the 2006 calendar year. These submissions must be submitted by March 31, 2007. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** If you procrastinate and wait till the last minute and file incomplete documentation, your claim will be denied. Follow up on your submission. Remember there are NO EXCEPTIONS to the March 31, 2007 deadline.

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 experience. Refer to "Coordination with Medicare" in the plan's Summary Plan description.**

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Plumbers 5

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Apprenticeship Program's Progressive Life Center Christmas Party

We would like to thank the Student Council members and the students of Plumbers Local #5's Apprenticeship Program for their outstanding charitable contributions to the Progressive Life Center Orphanage of Washington, DC. Through their fundraising efforts, they were able to provide a merry Christmas to 29 children in the Life Center Program. The pictures below speak volumes to our apprentices' efforts.

Journeyman Training Classes: Sign Up Early

Listed are the upcoming classes and the start dates of these classes: International Code (DC & VA), winter class starts March 16, 2007. Also, individual plumbing code practice is available in the computer lab provided space permits. Call the school at (301) 322-8810 for additional information and registration dates. All classes are subject to cancellation based on poor participation.

Parents with dependent children over the age of 19 and attending college or junior college programs in full time status must provide the Medical Fund Office with a student certification from their school in order to maintain medical eligibility.

Don't forget – don't suffer a break in coverage for your child.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended the families of the following departed Brothers: Edeline B. Rhodes, born May 10, 1919, initiated April 13, 1949, departed November 12, 2006; Roger Harley, born October 26, 1946, initiated March 10, 1971, departed December 2, 2006; William J. Fitzgerald, born December 26, 1929, initiated November 13, 1968, departed December 23, 2006. Our thoughts are with all of the departed Brothers' families.

Our new Web site should be up and running by the time you read this. Log on and see our new site. Our address is: www.Local5Plumbers.org.





The Two-Month Look Ahead

Friday, February 2

Groundhog Day

Sunday, February 4

Super Bow XLI

February 8, 1910

Boy Scouts founded

February 11, 1847

Birth of Thomas Edison

Wednesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 14

League of Women Voters Day

Sunday, February 18

Chinese New Year's Day

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day observed. Paid holiday for **Service Agreement Only** if work was performed under this Agreement the day after Thanksgiving.

February 20, 1962

First Orbit Flight

Tuesday, February 20

Mardi Gras Day

Wednesday, February 21

Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 23

Iwo Jima Day

Wednesday, February 28

Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Local Union Business Office

Sunday, March 4

Purim

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time starts

Wednesday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 21

Vernal Equinox

Wednesday, March 28

Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Local Union Business Office

Special Order of Business

At our February 2007 Union Meeting we will vote on the Finance Committee Report.

Current Assessments Due: Death #1051 and Michael A. Collins Assessment.

Elevator Constructors Local 10

From the business office

We would like to congratulate all the new officers.

Local Constitution and By-Laws reminder: Article XV, Section 21 On construction and modernization work, the mechanic and/or mechanic in charge shall inform the Business Office before starting work on any job, giving the name, address and location of the job, the number of men, (Mechanics and Helpers) the general contractor and the company he is working for. This includes unloading of any trucks.

Please check your vacation check to ensure accuracy:

Mr. Dana Brigham, General President
International Union of Elevator Constructors
7154 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Mr. Brigham:

This is to confirm the understanding and agreement reached at the recent contract negotiations between the Company and the Union.

It is understood and agreed that where a man has worked for more than one company and has worked at least 1750 hours entitles him to the minimum vacation pay guaranteed by Article XII. The obligation to pay minimum Vacation Pay shall be prorated between all the companies for whom the man worked based upon the hours the man worked for each company. The determination regarding a proration shall be made as of the end of the Vacation year December 31.

Very truly yours,
Company Representative

Agreed: Dana Brigham

I would like to thank all the members for my Christmas present.

Thank you, Elaine

2007 Annual Credit Union Scholarship Awards.

Apply today for the 2007 Credit Union Scholarship Awards and you may be \$1,000 closer to meeting your college expenses. Applicants must be a Maryland or DC-based credit union member either entering college or currently enrolled. Your 750-word essay on the topic "What advice would you give to credit unions seeking low-cost ways to attract and serve young members (those under age 25)?" serves as the basis for the award. Download your application at www.cufmddc.org/essay.htm

Local #10 Business Office Regular Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Email: information@ibew26fcu.com

Web site

Please check our Web site for all current and up to the minute information at www.iuec10.com.

Retirees

Retirees meet the second Thursday of each month at Tuckers Restaurant off of Pennsylvania Avenue for a 10:00 a.m. breakfast. All retired brothers are welcome to attend.



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