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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lozupone

In the last newsletter I had mentioned our annual "Monday Night in Annapolis" in March, and that I hoped to have more information for you in this issue. Unfortunately so many groups, such as ourselves, want to hold meetings in Annapolis now that we have an administration that responds well to their concerns. As a result, we held our meeting on February 19. Please check our Web site, dcbuildingtrades.com, for news on this and other events, as well as regular updates on the 2007 Maryland and Virginia legislative sessions.

Many of our Locals have, and continue to, organize in a big way. The construction business is driven by supply and demand. Currently construction is experiencing a shortage of workers, and most trades need more qualified journeymen and apprentices.

We all know at least one non-union tradesperson. That person may not know about the union building trades or might have the wrong opinion of us. If you see that person, talk with them about your union. Help us all to organize the unorganized. If you're not sure what to tell them, refer them to our Web site, dcbuildingtrades.com, or tell them to call the Council office at (301) 899-8134.

If you would like to purchase discount tickets to Capitals hockey games, please go to our Web site for more information on our "Tickets to Troops" campaign. Remember, for every four tickets we purchase, we can get an injured service person a free ticket to a game. Also, we have some upcoming events: our annual charity golf outing will be on Friday, June 1, 2007 followed by the DAD's Day Poker Run, for the Diabetes Research Institute, Saturday, June 16, the day before Father's Day. For more information and updates on all of these events, visit our Web site at dcbuildingtrades.com.



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Rodman Local 201

Work continues to be good and some jobs were slowing down. We have a few of our members not working, but by this newsletter they should be back to work.

It saddens us to report our first death of 2007 with the passing of Brother James R. Owens. Brother Owens died on January 7, 2007, at the age of 64. Jimmy became a member of Rodman Local 201 in 1964 and was a 42-year member. He will be missed, and as reported in the death notice in The Washington Post, there weren't any services. Local 201 is asking for any member who would like to make a donation in Jimmy's name to call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

Second Notice: 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. Please let the Washington Court Hotel know you're staying under the Ironworkers Local 201 block of rooms. Prices are \$219.00 per night.

Brothers, we are proud to report that at our regular January 19 Union meeting, IMPACT and Mobile Medical were here at the Local to start the mandatory drug testing and we had over 130 members tested.

We now have one more testing date here at the Local before the April 1 deadline: Friday, March 16 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (union meeting night). 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 have not been tested by this date, 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 LAST OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS TESTING DONE AT THE HALL.

Schedule of Classes

All members will need to have the OSHA 10-hour course by the end of 2007.

OSHA 10-hour class (English)
Saturday, March 3, 8:00 a.m.

OSHA 10-hour class (Spanish)
Saturday, March 10, 8:00 a.m.

Post Tensioning Certification Class
Two full days: April 28 and May 5, 8:00 a.m.

Call the hall to sign up for these classes.

Our Organizer, Juan Carlos Recinos, is actively working a campaign on a company and we would like to thank Brother Carlos Portillo for all his time and effort working with JC on home visits.

This is the first notice that at our April meeting we will decide what to do with the \$1.30 from our second year of our contract.

We hold a membership drawing at every regular membership meeting night (the third Friday of every month). The names of all members in good standing are placed in the drawing. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** If there is not a winner, \$25.00 will be added each month until someone wins. The drawing is now at \$75.00 for the March meeting.

Due to the date this article was written the following members could have gone suspended as of February 28, 2007 for being six months behind in their dues: Genis A. Barrera Morales, Phillip L. Bowie, Robert M. Campbell, Efren C. Cruz, Luis Gutierrez, John E. Hergett, Jorge L. Osorio, Pedro A. Perez, Phillip H. Pickett, and Oscar E. Sanchez.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

Wednesday, March 7, 3:00 p.m.
J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 12:30 p.m.
Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.
Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 5:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting

Friday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Local 201 Membership Meeting

Friday, March 16
3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Drug testing (Union Hall)

Correction

As of January 1, 2007, journeyman dues are \$36.00 and apprentice dues are \$31.00, not \$26.00 and \$21.00 as printed in the February newsletter.



El trabajo continúa siendo bueno. Algunos trabajos retrasaron. Tenemos algunos de nuestros miembros que no están trabajando pero por este boletín de noticias deben haber regresado a trabajar.

Nos entristece para divulgar nuestra primera muerte del 2007 con la muerte de nuestro Hermano James R. Owens. El Hermano Owens murió el 7 de enero de 2007, en la edad de 64. Hermano Owens se hizo miembro del Local 201 en el año 1964 y fue un miembro por 42 años. Lo extrañaremos mucho. No tuvieron servicios. El Local 201 está pidiendo que cualquier miembro que quisiera hacer una donación en el nombre de Jimmy, llame al American Cancer Society (La Sociedad Americana del Cáncer) en 1-800-227-2345.

Segundo aviso: Llevaremos a cabo nuestro banquete celebrando 90 años el 14 de abril del 2007 en el hotel Washington Court en Washington, DC. Noventa años viene solamente una vez así que planeamos tener una gala grande, y los asientos estarán limitado. Los boletos cuestan \$30.00 por persona así que conseguir sus boletos temprano. También bloquearemos cuartos en el hotel Washington Court para los que estén viajando o apenas desean pasar la noche. Cuando llame a ser su reservación, por favor mencione que usted permanece bajo el bloque del Local 201. Precios son \$219.00 por noche.

Hermanos, estamos orgullosos divulgar que en nuestra reunión regular de la unión del 19 de enero, IMPACT y Mobile Medical estaban aquí para comenzar la prueba de la droga y tuvimos un total de 130 miembros probados. Ahora tenemos una fecha

de prueba aquí en el Local antes del 1 de abril. El viernes 16 de marzo de 3:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. (noche de la reunión de la unión). Hermanos, antes del 1 de abril, todos los miembros, viajeros y hombres del permiso deben ser probados o serán inelegibles para trabajar. Si no han probado por esa fecha, necesitará venir a la oficina y recoger un paquete para la prueba e ir a una facilidad cercana para hacer la prueba. **HERMANOS, NO PASEN ESTA ÚLTIMA OPORTUNIDAD DE HACER LA PRUEBA EN NUESTRO OFICINA.**

Horario de Clases

Todos los miembros necesitarán tener el curso de 10 horas de OSHA antes del fin de 2007.

Clase de OSHA de 10 horas (en inglés)

Sábado 3 de marzo, 8:00 a.m.

Clase de OSHA de 10 horas (en español)

Sábado 10 de marzo, 8:00 a.m.

Clase de Certificación de Post-tensioning

Dos días completos: el 28 de abril y 5 de mayo a las 8:00 a.m.

Llame a la oficina para firmarse para estas clases.

Nuestro organizador Juan Carlos Recinos está trabajando activamente en una campaña con una compañía y quisiéramos agradecer a nuestro hermano Carlos Portillo por todo su tiempo trabajando con JC en las visitas de casas.

Éste es el primer aviso que en la reunión de abril, nosotros decidirá remos qué hacer con los \$1.30 a partir de nuestro segundo año de nuestro contrato.

Tenemos un dibujo de miembros en cada reunión regular de la calidad de miembros (el tercer viernes de cada mes). Los nombres de todos los miembros en buenas situaciones están en el dibujo y **USTED TIENE QUE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR.** Si no hay un ganador \$25.00 es agregado cada mes hasta que alguien gane. El dibujo ahora está en \$75.00 para la reunión de marzo.

Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito, los siguientes miembros habrían podido ir suspendido desde el día 28 de febrero de 2007 por estar seis meses atrasados en sus cuotas: Genis A. Barrera Morales, Phillip L. Bowie, Robert M. Campbell, Efen C. Cruz, Luis Gutierrez, John E. Hergett, Jorge L. Osorio, Pedro A. Perez, Phillip H. Pickett, and Oscar E. Sanchez.

Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

Miércoles 7 de marzo, 3:00 p.m.
Reunión de J.A.T.C.

Miércoles 14 de marzo, 12:30 p.m.
Reunión de los retirados

Miércoles 14 de marzo, 2:00 p.m.
Reunión de los Stewards

Miércoles 14 de marzo, 5:00 p.m.
Reunión de la conjunta ejecutiva

Viernes 16 de marzo, 7:00 p.m.
Reunión de miembros del Local 201

Viernes 16 de marzo, 3:00 p.m. hasta 7:00 p.m.
Prueba de las drogas

Corrección

Efectivo el 1 de enero de 2007 las cuotas para los journeymen son \$36.00 y para los aprendices son \$31.00 y no son \$26.00 y \$21.00 como se escriben en el Craftsman en febrero.



Plumbers Five

by C. William Garity
Assistant Business Manager

TOO LITTLE TOO LATE!!!

Last night I watched, as did many Americans, our President give his State of the Union address. He truly is the spin doctor. While listening to his words, I wondered where he and his party have been for the last six years. Health care has been sky rocketing out of sight for many Americans as well as high energy cost which threaten the very existence of fixed income Americans. His spin is: he's trying to get the American people to focus back on domestic issues so he lessens the heat on his Iraq policy. Sound familiar? He did the exact opposite on the war on terror and weapons of mass destruction. By his words, years ago, he got the American people to focus on fear, just like the life insurance salesman, and not our urgent need to address the medical needs of thousands of American families. Both our energy and health care crises are forcing many fixed income households to choose whether to eat, stay warm or do without needed medication. The President and his party should be ashamed of how they have ignored the American people. We as Americans should be ashamed if we allow this debauchery to continue.

I applaud Senator James Webb of Virginia on his remarks following the President's address. We, the middle class, are being shafted without mercy by corporate greed and selfishness. If we don't put our foot down or up someone's exit portal then our grandchildren "won't have a pot to 'P' in or a window to throw it out of." Personally, Jim Webb should be our President. He certainly spoke of honor and integrity befitting a Senator, a veteran, and more importantly, a citizen, of this great nation. JIM WEBB FOR PRESIDENT!

Over the past few months, several recent retirees have asked about working after retirement. Apparently their former employers have asked if they would entertain the possibility. I have referred those individuals to the Plan Booklet which is very clear on this topic. The answer is:

Retirees prior to the age of 65 **cannot:**

- Work for any Contributing Employer,
- Work for any employer in the same or related business as a Contributing Employer,
- Self-employment in the same or related business as a Contributing Employer,
- Employment or self-employment in any business which is under the jurisdiction of the union, or
- Employment by the union or any fund or program to which the union is a party.

After age 65, such employment is allowed as long as hours worked do not exceed 40 hours per month. Don't risk suspension of your pension benefits.

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. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** If you procrastinate and wait until 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 expense. Refer to "Coordination with Medicare" in the plan's Summary Plan description.**



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 a college or junior college program 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.

We would like to acknowledge the following members who will celebrate their 25 years of membership in Local No. 5 in 2007. They are: Byron Armel, Justin Brown, Roy Chaisson, Archie Cheng, Charles Collins, Jr., Michael Corsillo, Terence Foley, Bijan Homayouni, Percy Jackson, Robert I. King, Dale Krahling, Gary Mitchell, Derek Moore, Michael Seasay, Gerald Sines, Samuel Smith, III, James Lou Spencer, James V. Todd, Jr., Roger Viens and Thomas Woloszyn.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Brother Paul J. Dale on the passing of his wife, Stephanie, on January 23, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and his family.

Our new Web site is up and running. Log on and see our new site. Our address is: www.Local5Plumbers.org.

The two-month look ahead:

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

Sunday, April 1

April Fool's Day

April 4, 1968

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, April 8

Easter

Wednesday, April 11

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

April 14, 1865

Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

April 14, 1912

Titanic Sinking

Sunday, April 15

Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 18, 1775

Paul Revere's Ride

Wednesday, April 25

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

Special Order of Business

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

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



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Elevator Constructors Local 10 From the business office

Brothers and Sisters, please remember safety is our top priority. We have started the new year with two (2) jobsite fatalities. We all came into this industry for a better life, not a shorter one.

Also, be very careful what and to whom you teach/explain how to repair or operate elevators. It is a violation of the Constitution & By-Laws to teach people how to reset elevators. We have to be careful sometimes; a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. Building Engineers that attempt to work on elevators put themselves, the general public and us in dangerous situations.

On a better note, we have, as of January 19, 2007, signed a tentative agreement with Schindler, Otis and Kone Elevator. Keep an eye out for your postcard regarding our Local 10 ratification meeting.

As always, please work and play safe.

– Jimmy Demmel

We now have the revised copies of the International Constitution & By-Laws in the Business Office. Please stop by and pick up one.

Please remember to update your beneficiary with the Business Office.

Total Dues Paid

Dues and Assessments paid in 2006 were \$1269.00

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.

Condolences

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Dave Wuerthner and his family on the death of his mother.

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