

NEWSLETTER

BOILERMAKERS LOCAL LODGE #647 JANUARY 2022

NOTE FROM BILL POLCHOW:

Monthly meetings in Grand Rapids, MN will continue to be postponed until further notice. There will be MSHA training held the third Tuesday of each month in Grand Rapids. Please contact Bill if interested.

NOTE FROM WENDLIN PIATZ:

NORTH DAKOTA MEETING in Mandan, ND: THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH at 7:00 P.M.

Next Month North Dakota meeting in Mandan, ND: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH at 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING WORK

01/10/2022	Boldt/Utac/Forbes, MN/8 BM/2 weeks of 5-12's
01/18/2022	Jamar/Keetac/Keewatin, MN/12 BM/??
01/??/2022	Badger Labor/Fraser Shipyard/Superior, WI/?? BM/??
03/01/2022	ICI/Minnkota/Center, ND/?? BM/3-4 days of ??
03/14/2022	ICI/Coal Creek/Underwood, ND/90 BM/5 weeks of 6-10's
04/09/2022	ICI/Coyote/Beulah, ND/70 BM/7 weeks of 6-10's
Various Dates	Lakehead/Minntac/Mt. Iron, MN/?? BM/?? days of ??
Open Dates	ASV/Grand Rapids, MN/Supplemental Workforce Agreement/?? BM Wire Feed Welders/??
Open Dates	Meyer Utility/Hager City, WI/Supplemental Workforce Agreement/?? BM Mechanics/??

Layoff Line 763-712-5572

Call in the day after a layoff during the hours of eight (8:00) a.m. until four thirty (4:30) p.m. seven days a week.

AILING AND INJURED:

George Brutko
Merril Johnson
Leslie Lewis
Kelly Matheny

Dues Increase February 1, 2022

2022 monthly dues increased by \$2.50 for a total of **\$54.50**.

*As a reminder, we accept payments over the phone in the form of credit/check card.

Births: Connor Kovach-Baby Boy 12/03/21 Brandon Hess-Baby Girl 12/28/21

Deaths: Roger Cook 12/14/21-Retired Member

The Affinity Group has resumed their meetings. Meetings are being held at 4:00 p.m. at the hall in Ramsey, MN on the same day as the monthly membership meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Justin Holzer at holzerjt@gmail.com or Jessica Bruneau at jessicabruneau@live.com and be sure to check the Boilermakers Local 647 Affinity Group Facebook Group page.

The monthly newsletter will now be sent via text message through our text messaging system.

MESSAGE FROM BUSINESS MANAGER, LUKE VOIGT

Happy New Year! As each of you know, the last few years have been tough for our craft and Local. Looking to our future the hardships may continue on levels, but hopefully the worst is behind us. The global pandemic of COVID has proved to be a huge hurdle for our families and our jobs. But, as always, Boilermakers overcome challenges and continue forward. To this, our craft continues to look ahead for new opportunities and prepare for the tests ahead. There are several potential large-scale projects in the Local's jurisdiction that could significantly impact the need for our craft. In the meantime, we will continue to pursue work opportunities wherever we can find them. The Supplemental Workforce Agreements, while at a lower total package rate, give anyone who wants, or needs a job a chance to have one and provide for their families. We bargain the highest total package possible for the industries we are going into, unfortunately full field scale is not achievable in most of these places. But, a livable wage, health insurance and retirement benefits are always included in the wage and benefit package. As we wait for the potential new work to begin, these supplemental agreements will help us bridge the gap and provide work opportunities for many of our members. If you get a chance to work under one of the Supplemental Agreements, please take it seriously and perform to the best of your abilities, these facilities could provide work for us for many years and be a great resource for our members to make a living when our typical outage seasons are slow.

Fraser Shipyard continues to expect a strong winter fleet turnaround season and will be calling for people throughout the month.

2022 is the final year of our Agreement and our wage allocation of \$1.70 was decided by the members present at the regular November monthly meeting. Per previous pension Trustee action, we were required to increase the pension contribution by 2% which equaled \$.31 and left us with a \$1.39 to be allocated. The members present at the meeting voted to increase the wages by \$1.00 and increase the Annuity contribution by \$.39. Please contact the hall if you would like a new wage and benefit sheet.

Over the last several months, we have had many members and contractors contact us about the Presidential Executive Order and the new OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) regarding COVID vaccines. As of now there is nothing set in stone. We are monitoring the orders and the fall out and will keep everyone posted as we learn the details. We have been in constant contact with the Building Trades, the International, and our Attorneys to make sure things are done within the law. COVID rules and regulations on jobsites continue to change, please make sure you read the companies policies and contact us if you have any questions.

We continue to hold regular monthly meetings in Ramsey, and you will be notified if we need to cancel. Access to the meeting will be like jobsites and in compliance with state and federal mandates. If you are sick or have recently been around someone sick, please do the responsible thing and stay home.

We have been struggling to recruit people to sign up for the Apprenticeship, if you know someone who would make a good Boilermaker, please let them know we are always looking and have them reach out to the hall to visit with someone.

Please take care and be safe.