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1040 Montour West
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Coraopolis, PA 15108*

Business Manager's Message

Dear Member,

This Christmas, it is probably easier than most years to feel like Ebenezer Scrooge. Social and mainstream media bombard us on a daily basis with negativity and divisiveness in order to spin their own narrative of the actual stories. It's enough to make even the most positive person turn negative.

Despite the constant reminder of everything that is wrong in America, we need to remind ourselves that we still live in the greatest nation in the world. A country where workers have the right to unionize, and because of that freedom we are able to improve our working conditions by way of bargaining. This is certainly not true everywhere in the world.

It is easy to overlook and even take for granted all that unions have accomplished. The 8 hour workday, the weekend, overtime pay, worksite safety and unemployment benefits are not inherited rights. These things only exist because of unions.

This Christmas, we should try to be mindful of the role that unions have played in our good fortunes. More specifically, the role that Local 27 has played in our abilities to provide for our families and ensure that Christmas time is a special time. Every member whether they be an apprentice, foreman, organized journeyman, or superintendent owes part of their success to the benefits of belonging to Local 27.

We should be proud of Local 27's history in America. Our charter was established in 1890, but we actually began in the late 1870's through the affiliation with the Knights of Labor. We survived 2 World Wars and the Great Depression while many other organizations perished. To help put our longevity into perspective, most Americans didn't even have electricity in their homes until the late 1920's, decades after our story began.

The holidays, are indeed, a time to reflect and be thankful. Our reflection must include the plumbers who have come before us. For it was through their sacrifices, determination to sur-

vive, and foresight to succeed that we enjoy the family sustaining wages and great benefits that we have today. Their struggle of 60 hour workweeks with no overtime for \$3.50 per day in the 1890's is hard to even fathom. Pensions and healthcare didn't even exist until the 1950's and pale in comparison to what we have today. That's putting it mildly. The fact of the matter is that we have it easy compared to our forebearers, but also because of them.

Local 27 has proven that it is here to stay. We have been proving ourselves for over 131 years. Our obstacles are huge but non-union competition, biased politicians, and anti-union rhetoric are nothing new. We've been fighting it since 1890, and unfortunately that fight is not going away, but together and only together, we will be up for the challenge. Our future looks brighter than ever.

Job Opportunities

Allegheny County Plumbing Inspector
Apply online

Allegheny County Housing Authority
Boiler Techs needed. Apply online

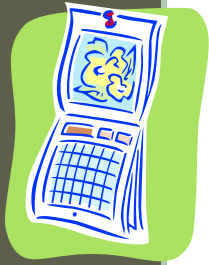
City of Pittsburgh Plumber
City residency required. Apply online

Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh
Apply online

Allegheny County Airport Authority
Apply online

Free Cemetery Plots

Red Metzinger, recently deceased member, had two extra cemetery plots at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery and asked his family to offer them to Local 27 members for free. If you may be interested in these, please call Red's Daughter, Kathy Metzinger at 412-653-5580.



Calendar of Events

**Jan
11**

Union Meeting—7:30 PM

Location: Plumbers Local Union #27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park

**Feb
8**

Union Meeting—7:30 PM

Location: Plumbers Local Union #27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park

The officers and members of Plumbers Local 27 wish to extend their condolences to the families and friends of our deceased members

Member's Deaths

Dominic Police—November 10, 2021

Deaths of Member's Loved Ones

Judith Clark-King—Mother of Craig King



Union Meeting Door Prize Winners



November 9

Penguins vs Canucks Mike Kimmell
 Penguins vs Canadians Mike Dzon
 Penguins vs Ducks Geoff Cole
 Steelers vs Lions Zack Rothwell
 Steelers vs Lions Kevin Bishop

December 14

Penguins vs Sabres Henry Sipko
 Penguins vs Devils JoHanna Clendenning
 Penguins vs Sharks Jack Grimm
 Steelers vs Titans Corey Keene
 Steelers vs Titans Brian Vukela
 50/50 Ryan Truby

Union Dues

If you receive a union dues reminder letter, please do not ignore it. Contact the union office at 724-695-8175 if you any questions concerning your union dues. You cannot be dispatched if your dues are delinquent.



Election Results

Business Manager	Edward J. Bigley
Bus Agent Zone 1	William P. Carl
Bus Agent Zone 2	Keith J. Yeager
Bus Agent Zone 3	T.J. Sandell
President	Patrick J. Bigley
Vice President	Timothy J. Friedberg
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Election Committee	JoHanna L. Clendenning Ronald A. Edinger James J. Houser Craig M. Thomas

Administration Change

Plumbers Local 27 is changing administrators from Beacon Administrators to CDS Administrators effective January 1, 2022. Beginning then, please contact the new administrator with any concerns with Pension, Healthcare, Retirement, etc. Also please mail any healthcare payments and retirement loan payments to CDS beginning next month.

CDS Administrators

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Duncan Financial Advice	412-238-7331

Healthcare Info:

Active members	Highmark
Prescription	Maxor
Dental	TruAssure
Vision	VBA
Retired Members (Medicare).....	Aetna

Retirement Fund Access:

www.newportgroup.com

Attention Veterans

Future newsletters will include a Veteran's Corner to learn about, acknowledge, and thank our members who served our country. Please complete the form below and mail or email it to us at

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Veteran Questionnaire:

1. When were you drafted or when did you enlist: _____
2. When were you discharged: _____
3. What Branch did of military did you serve in: _____
4. Where did you serve during the war: _____
5. What did you miss most about home: _____

6. Are there specific battles that you fought in or accolades that you received: _____

7. How did your military training help you in your career as a plumber: _____

8. Anything else that you would like to add: _____
