
APPRENTICES

Before you attend Trade School you must notify your employer. Upon layoff you must sign the Out of Work List stating you are “Attending Trade School”. When you are finished school, you must report to the union hall again. A reminder, you have 90 days to write your C of Q. If you aren’t successful prepare to visit the Council.

ATTENTION

International President Lonnie Stephenson reminds us that any unauthorized audio/video recordings of **ANY** official local meeting is strictly **prohibited**.

NEWS FROM THE BENEFIT OFFICE

- SUB cheques are printed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.
 - Clothing Allowance cheques are printed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
 - **Vacation Payout for November 1 to April 30, will be Monday June 1, 2020.** Any cheques not picked up by the end of the day Friday June 5, 2020 will be mailed out on Monday June 8, 2020. (If you wish to have your cheque picked up please call ahead for the rules or have your Steward create a signing sheet by Friday May, 29 2020).
 - **Semi-private coverage** is paid from the **Benefit Office** not Green Shield. You must notify the hospital to bill Local 773 **NOT GREEN SHIELD** upon check-in. Also, be aware that coverage is for a maximum of 30 days per calendar year. Any stay over the 30 days is at your expense.
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CELL PHONES

We have received numerous complaints that mobile devices are being used at work, during working hours. Facebook post, Instagram and Snap Chatting should happen on your own time. It not only makes us inefficient, by focusing our attention on things other than our assigned tasks, it creates an unnecessary liability that could relate to a workplace injury or fatality.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE IBEW YOUR OBLIGATIONS ARE:

Article 21
Sec.1. No member is entitled to notice of monthly or quarterly dues of his L.U., nor of arrearages, but must take notice when payments are due. Sec.2. When a member’s working card has expired, he at once, stands suspended from all L.U. benefits, No member will be dispatched without a current dues receipt.Sec.3. Any member indebted to his L.U. for three months’ dues or having any past due indebtedness to the IBEW for dues or assessments, shall stand suspended, and the L.U. may refuse to accept dues from any member who is indebted to it. Such member cannot be reinstated until all indebtedness has been paid, unless waived by the L.U. However, dues cannot be waived. Sec.4. any member indebted to his L.U. for six (6) months’ full dues shall be dropped from membership by the F.S. and cannot become a member in good standing again in the I.B.E.W. except by joining as a new member.

AS OF JANUARY 2020, DUES are \$62.00 PER MONTH

If you get 90 days behind in your International dues the International office charges a \$30 late fee

Accepting Visa/MasterCard for monthly dues for a charge of \$1.00 extra

Direct Withdrawal for dues is available. Bring a void cheque and fill out the form at the hall.

Please inform the hall with any changes to your personal information phone number, Address and E-mail.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Take advantage of the offers provided for some great service. The cards included in the newsletter are provided from friends of Local 773. These companies are very reputable businesses and have been supportive of Local 773 causes in recent years.

Also, please welcome back Laurie as she trains our new office administrator Tanya. Be patient while she learns our systems and business structure.

P.A.C. - Political Action Committee

On February 20th a group of approximately 20 members assembled at the union hall to discuss forming a political action group, with a goal in mind of getting more active in local, provincial and federal politics. At this early stage the group will be tasked with picking some directors/committee members that will spearhead the political initiatives. This group is an open forum for all to attend and gather information, by contributing their own knowledge of politics.

The first project the group will be working on is the by-election for Windsor Ward 7. Mike Malott, a labour activist and member of Unifor is a candidate that I approached and asked to speak at our General Membership Meeting. Following his successful presentation at the meeting speaking on some of the issues important to the local union we have decided to back his campaign.

Ted Fess, a journeyman with local 773, has reached out to the campaign headquarters of Mike Malott and has offered the services of our newly formed Political Action Group. Some but not all of the tasks required will be knocking on doors and delivering the message of the campaign manager, pounding in signs, answering phones, and cold calling people in the Ward 7 boundaries. Also on election day, we are planning on providing a shuttle service for those people who don’t have transportation to the polling stations. I personally want to thank Ted for taking the initiative to call over to the campaign office and offering our support, and getting the ball rolling with this group.

On February 24th I introduced Mike Malott to the various Business Managers that attended the Windsor Building Trades meeting. Mike received a warm reception and will definitely be getting support from the other trade unions.

At the writing of my letter a firm date hasn’t been decided on when and where the meetings of the committee will take place, but I propose 5pm the second Thursday of every month. Please be cognisant of the fact that the agenda and direction the committee intends to go must be approved by the officers of the union in order to be vetted for accuracy and content.

For more information visit [IBEW 773 PAC \(Political Action Committee\) on Facebook](#)

Fraternally yours,

Karl Lovett
Business Manager

Ted Fess
Committee Chairperson

Josh Horan
Committee Secretary

ORGANIZING FRONT: We recently organized and certified Ideal Power and Control. As many of you probably remember, we did extensive work for them through TUCKER during the initial build of the Aphria green house. We had upwards of 70+ members working on that project at the time.

Ideal power works exclusively in the greenhouse industry via their parent company, Thermo Energy. Who is an industry giant. We are currently in the process of ensuring any electrical work obtained by Thermo Energy will be completed by IBEW 773 members.

So, on a side note if you see any electrical work being performed by either Ideal Power or Thermo Energy please notify the union hall ASAP so we can ensure it’s our members doing that work!!

SALTING: At the moment, there are currently multiple competitors of ours looking to hire electricians and apprentices on various platforms. If you’re interested in applying for these jobs while your laid off, in an effort to help organize them into the union, please contact Regional Organizer Joe Logan to go over the details, requirements and activities involved.

If you are interested in “salting”, you will require CLEARANCE to do so. Clearance allows our members to obtain gainful employment with a non signatory contractor while staying in good standing with the local.

If you know of any of our member’s currently working non-union please contact the union hall so we can ensure they have clearance to do so in an attempt to organize.

BASEBALL FRONT - This year’s OPC Baseball tournament has been announced and will be held by Local 804, August 28th-30th at the Peter Hallman Ballyard in Kitchener. More details to follow as they become available. Any interested members should be prepared to fundraise to assist in costs associated with entering a team.