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LOCAL CONNECTION



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BUSINESS MANAGER'S COMMENTS

As you know, we are all definitely facing some difficult challenges in both the professional world and in our personal lives. We have made some necessary changes to keep the office running consistently during this pandemic such as restricting visitors until a vaccine for COVID-19 is in place. Also, we have located a new monitor in the front lobby to allow members to see their place on the Available for Work List. Feel free to take a picture and share it with members. If you find any errors or inaccuracies please bring it to our attention.

We finally have our new website up and running. On the website we have added a "Members Only" section where you will be able to see members only news. We will be posting jobs as they become available and will add whatever relevant information that is supplied by the contractor. We are also implementing some new Available for Work List Rules that are more relevant to the times (see page 2).

I encourage any member who is sick, has been in contact with anyone who is sick or has travelled out of the country, to stay home. The only way we can beat this virus other than a vaccine is to not come into contact with it. I know it isn't pleasant isolating or distancing yourself from friends and family, but it is a precaution that could save your life.

Until further notice all Regular Union meetings are cancelled and the Executive Board meetings are being held via conference call as per International Office recommendations.

Vacation payout will take place on June 1st and 2nd at the rear of the building. Any remaining cheques here on June 3rd will be mailed out that morning. If you are on a jobsite and wish to have a designated person sign for multiple cheques, the list must be sent to the Benefits Office the week of May 25th. Email address for these employee lists is sue@ibew773.ca or fax to 519-948-6519.

For those who follow social media or the news you will have seen that we are being publicly recognized for our generosity feeding the frontline workers at local hospitals, EMS, and nursing homes.

All members should be proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together.

Until next time, be safe for you and your loved ones.

Fraternally yours,

Karl Lovett

Business Manager

IBEW Local 773

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IBEW Union Dues Update

We are currently accepting union due payments in person by Debit or Credit **only**. We are not able to take credit card payments over the phone and cash **will not** be accepted during this time.

We highly recommend signing up for monthly auto-withdrawal. Sign-up forms are available.

LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE

We have been working hard getting the new website up and running. Please visit: www.ibew773.ca and register as a new member. This will only take a few minutes of your time and will ensure that you will be kept up to date regarding any upcoming important news and job postings.

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NEW RULES & GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS- Available for Work List Rules

Note: Journeypersons in the top ten (10) will have the option of refusing or not calling back for five (5) posted jobs on the active member's only website

After five (5) calls have been posted and a member in the top ten (10) is still not bidding on calls that he would have been eligible to take, that member will have one (1) final chance at refusing or taking calls. It will be the members responsibility to check the members only section, or call the union hall to determine their position on the out of work list.

Those members in the top ten (10) will receive a courtesy call from the union hall notifying them of all available calls in the union hall. Those members outside of the top ten (10) will have the responsibility of making themselves available if they wish to bid on work.

Residential calls that are available will not count as refusals. Active members on the available for work list who are not in the top ten (10) will not be penalized for not calling in, or refusing calls.

Calls for work that come to the hall before 1 pm will be posted to be filled for the following day. Those members that have called in and made themselves available before 4 pm will be eligible to take the call. Those calls that come after 1 pm will be posted on the active member's page and referred for the day following the next working day. Those calls will also be available to members who have made themselves available for the day the call was posted.

All other rules regarding the hiring hall and out of work list apply. Calls that are deemed an emergency will be posted as soon as possible, and will be filled by calling members starting from the top of the list. All medical rules remain the same and are at the discretion of the trustees.

These guidelines have been posted on the website under "Forms and Information".

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.

Additional Mezzo and Lube Plus discount cards coming in next newsletter.

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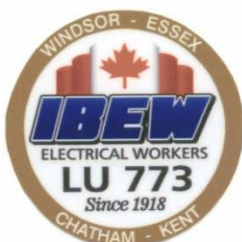
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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 to 5:00

Closed from 12:30 to 1:00 for lunch



Stay healthy and stay safe.

We will get through this together.