From the Officers and Staff of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

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When paying online there are things you should remember.

1) Only Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

2) Pop-ups on your web browser must be enabled.

3) Unless you receive a receipt the payment has not been processed.

4) You will only be able to pay for the charges that are showing available for payment.
We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully you survived early frigid January weather too.

In the last two quarters of 2017 our Health & Welfare Plan continued to improve with $2,288,721 in the third quarter and $748,796 in the fourth quarter. That should put us well over seven months in reserve. We are trying to get twelve to fourteen months of reserve and we are finely heading in the right direction.

In Lafayette we are working on our school expansion/renovation. All of the bids are in and we hope to get started in the next couple months. This expansion/renovation includes new exit doors that will bring us up to modern code, new LED lighting, removable wall system that can divide the meeting area of the school into three classrooms, plus adding eight additional welding booths. This is a needed improvement for the future of our apprenticeship program.

We have a new addition to our Local 157 web site, the Member’s Only section now includes your job history. This new section will allow you to view your job history from 01/01/2003 and forward. It includes the contractor, referral date, layoff date and job location. This is in addition to your ability to already view your skills, hours and process your dues/initiation payments. Please take the time periodically to view this information and verify what we have is correct. It’s important to make sure all your dispatch history is listed. This allows us to watch for reciprocity monies and travelers assessments.

We are now in the slowest time of the year but 2018 should reveal some answers to questions that we have been waiting on for years. We hope by sometime in February most everyone will have an opportunity for employment and that 2018 develops into the start of a prosperous time for our members here at Local 157.
Business Agent’s Report
Wilbur E. “Webb” Crouch III

As of this publication there are 329 Journeyman and 82 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 43 members working on travel jobs. For the month of November we dispatched 54 Journeyman and 12 Apprentices with 12 call backs and 20 members to travel jobs. For the month of December we dispatched 43 Journeyman and 11 Apprentices with 14 call backs and 4 members to travel jobs.

Quasar is currently in search of an EPC Contractor for the liquid fertilizer plant at S&G Solutions. Nalin Gupta, the Quasar representative, is still confident of a 2nd quarter start on this project.

Cronus is still in contract negotiations with Thyssen Krupp for the proposed fertilizer plant in Tuscola, IL. At this point, if the contract is settled soon we anticipate a 2019 start for this project.

There is still some talk of a Combine Cycle Plant at Newport and I will keep you informed as more information comes available.

Coming up in February we should be able to get some members out to work in Local 136 and Local 553. When we get these calls, we will be sending out a robo call to all members on the will travel list.

The spring outage at Edwardsport is tentatively scheduled to start April 8th. The spring outage for Marathon is scheduled to start April 10th. We will be meeting with Hoosier Energy January 24th to discuss their spring outage details. I do not have any information to date on these outages as far as hours, duration, or manpower requirements but should receive some soon. Hope you all had a great holiday!

Financial Secretary Treasurer’s Report
Paul “P.A.” Atterson

As we start this new year, we all wait in anticipation of an announcement of one or more of our proposed big jobs.

Mark, Webb, Steve and myself all have great hope this year will bring some long awaited prosperity to Local 157’s jurisdiction. As we all realize a large percentage of our membership have been working in other locals this past year.

Without that help, especially from Indianapolis and Evansville, our year would have been quite different. For that help we are truly thankful.

Our members as well as locals throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Washington, DC. all helped us, there really is too many to name. Thank you to everyone in the UA who helped us.

Thank you to our membership for going out there and representing your local by going to work everyday and helping to get their jobs finished. I know I have mentioned this before but I am really proud of our younger hands, several who have gone out on the road and showed Local 157’s tradition of being top notch welders and fitters. These young hands have stepped up by taking supervisory roles, making critical lifts and generally leading on a day to day basis. These things are all a testament to Local 157’s Training Center and by the mentoring of our older more experienced members.

Every good hand will tell you, they did not get there by their self....it has taken a local full of people, a lot of classes and a lot of practice. Which brings me to this, right now in the worst weather we have seen in sometime it would be a good time to reflect on your past year. Could I have worked more had I had a welding certification or a plumbing license? A Rigging Certification, Medical Gas or an OSHA 30 will all come in to play for jobs coming up. Hospital work in Indianapolis as well as Bloomington will all be coming. Don’t be short sighted, plan for the future, make yourself more employable.

Gas Distribution continues to be busy. This past month our distribution contractors worked a total of 8,890 hours. We also signed up within the past month 4 helpers. Even though the weather has slowed our crews, it has not stopped them.

In talking with Local Union 136 Business Agent Randy Goodwin, something you might consider getting is a TWIC card. He said it is coming back to their IPL sites. The TWIC Card (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) is also used around the country. If you are wanting to be considered for Petersburg you will need it.

In closing I would like to say thank you to retiring International Representative Dave Posey, former Local Union 440 Business Manager and long time friend of Local Union 157. Job well done Sir! Hope you enjoy a long and Happy Retirement!
Field Representative’s Report

Stephen Snyder

Work for the New Year is looking promising throughout our Northern jurisdiction. The estimating departments of our signatory contractors have been busy and will continue to stay busy in the coming months ahead as school corporations, industry and the medical community look at their 2018 annual budget for operations and maintenance. Along will several new proposed capital improvement projects 2018 looks like another robust year.

The proposed $300 million dollar GEP Bio Fuel facility in Camden, Indiana has made little progress since my last report. I feel that it is noteworthy to keep everyone updated as much as possible. If and when this project goes it will be a huge economic boom for the local area.

Currently a very similar project is being designed by Shambaugh & Son in Ashland, Indiana which is located in Local 166’s jurisdiction. Shambaugh is a proven leader in the design build arena for heavy industrial projects and I look for their success to trickle down to our project. I will keep everyone informed as time goes on.

The school work for this year is abundant to say the least. The Lafayette School Corporation expansion and renovation campaign will continue with more projects and renovations being released for bid. West Lafayette School Corporation has several projects underway and on the books. Rossville Consolidated has a multimillion dollar renovation that will be awarded on January 9th at the School Board Meeting. I believe Local 157 should be successful on this project.

Arconic Press Number 3 addition is underway. I was informed that Freitag & Weinhardt has the piping package for the 41 thousand ton press. The actual press is still being built in Germany as I write this report. The delivery date has been pushed back to mid-March.

Evonics just finished up the year-end mad dash on their annual maintenance push. We had one of the highest numbers in recent memory of Local 157 Pipefitters on sight this year for the maintenance work. This is an indicator of what is yet to come. The plans for the new capital projects are still on the books for 2018.

Subaru Industrial Automotive continues to make plans for the summer outage. Most renovation projects are limited due to production down time at this point and things will be quiet for some time as the $450 million dollar expansion wraps up and production levels soars. I will acquire in the months ahead more information, size and scope of the summer outage.

Please be mindful of the 2018 legislative year. We are far too embedded to plead ignorance or apathy at this point. The American middle class is losing the battle for the right to earn a living wage. If you have the ability to get involved then you have a responsibility to this Local and your brothers and sisters to help right the ship. Everything starts at the local level. Contact your local county party chair and get involved. Please put aside the wedge issues that have been crafted to divide our message and membership. Remember GOOD PAYING JOBS solve a lot of social issues.
2018 is here and we are halfway through another school year.

During 2017 we have had multiple members get certification in various disciplines of our trade; Welding, Indiana Plumbing, Illinois Plumbing, Industrial Rigging, Signal Person, Level 1 & 2 Instrumentation, Med Gas, Foreman and OSHA 30.

You can check your certification status on the following site: www.ualocal157.org  Sign In:  (your card number)  
Password:  (8 digit birth date)

Illinois Journeyman Plumbing licenses will expire on May 1st. The renewal fee is $150.00. You will also need to take the 4 hour Continuing Education Class that is typically offered in October at Hustonville and Danville. Apprentices with an Illinois license have the same expiration date as the journeyman but with a $100.00 renewal fee. For those of you interested in obtaining an Illinois Plumbing License, please contact the Training Center for the information you will need.

The renewal fee for the Indiana Plumbing license is $30.00. This was due by December 31, 2017; and now has a delinquent fee of $50.00. For those of you that did not renew, please notify the Training Center.

In talking to some members, they have inquired about certifications in our curriculum and why most are only available in the latter stages of apprenticeship. The following certifications require 4 years of piping experience: Indiana Plumbing, Illinois Plumbing, Med Gas, Signal Person and Instrumentation.

On January 20, 2018 we will host our Local 157 Apprenticeship Contest in preparation for the state contest in March which will be held at Local 210 in Merrillville. Our contest will determine who represents Local 157 in the Plumbing, Pipefitting and Welding disciplines.

We are planning for our next Industrial Rigging Class which looks like it will be sometime in March. We are trying to get our CAD Program going with the help of Al Winters and Jay Giffel. We hope to offer one on our website soon.

Here's hoping 2018 is good to all of us!
During the months of October and November 2017, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 14,721 claims, totaling $5,574,617.53.

In this article, I would like to state the Plan’s Chiropractic Benefit.

The Plan shall pay eighty percent (80%) of the Usual, Customary and Reasonable charge incurred by an eligible individual for chiropractic services and x-rays, subject to a maximum annual benefit of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per person (SUBJECT TO THE DEDUCTIBLE).

Any out-of-pocket expense incurred under this benefit shall NOT be included in or accrue towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

Available to the following Pipe Trades Industry Health & Welfare Plan members:

- All Eligible Employees
- All Eligible Retired or Disabled (not entitled to Medicare) individuals
- All Eligible Dependents of all the above

BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017

LiveHealth Online is not available to individuals that have primary coverage under another plan.

1) Sign Up

It couldn’t be easier – just tell us your name, email address and a password, then answer a couple questions. You can sign up for LiveHealth Online in a few minutes.

2) Choose a Doctor

Log in with your email address and password, and you’ll be taken to the See a Doctor Now page. You'll see information about the doctors who serve your location; the ones with a green Connect button are available now.

3) Start a Session

Just click the green Connect button to be connected with the board-certified doctor of your choice. If that doctor is seeing another patient, you’ll have the option of going to an online waiting room or choosing another doctor who is available at that moment.
In Memoriam

Donald H. Watson, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Olney, Illinois passed away on November 3rd, 2017. Donald was born on April 11th, 1932 and was initiated into the United Association on June 27th, 1963.

William E. Moody, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Farmersburg, Indiana passed away on November 13th, 2017. William was born on June 29th, 1928 and was initiated into the United Association on July 14th, 1970.

William Cyr, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on November 20th, 2017. William was born on July 16th, 1927 and was initiated into the United Association on May 7th, 1951.

Donald C. Crose, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on November 26th, 2017. Donald was born on January 14th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on March 2nd, 1964.

Darrell R. Eveland, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Atwood, Illinois passed away on December 3rd, 2017. Darrell was born on January 26th, 1947 and was initiated into the United Association on September 3rd, 1965.

Conard F. Combs, a retired Division Trades Journeyman from Shelburn, Indiana passed away on December 3rd, 2017. Conard was born on December 25th, 1956 and was initiated into the United Association on February 1st, 1979.

Merle J. Neely, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Girard, Illinois passed away on December 19th, 2017. Merle was born on March 13th, 1954 and was initiated into the United Association on September 12th, 1981.

Walter C. Mercer, a retired Gas Division Journeyman from Lewisville, Indiana passed away on December 19th, 2017. Walter was born on July 13th, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on January 6th, 1977.
Deceased

Walter C. Mercer ~ December 19th
Merle J. Neely ~ December 19th
Conard F. Combs ~ December 3rd
Darrell R. Eveland ~ December 3rd
Donald C. Crose ~ November 26th
William Cyr ~ November 20th
William E. Moody ~ November 13th
Donald H. Watson ~ November 3rd
Dwayne L. Clark ~ September 14th
George T. Lyons ~ August 31st
Larry L. Rector ~ August 24th
James L. Botner ~ July 29th
Mark S. Simpson ~ July 19th
Richard L. Chrostowski ~ July 17th
Milton H. Glenn ~ July 13th
Roy R. Erwin Jr ~ July 5th
John H. Siemers ~ May 7th
Dennis N. Waggoner ~ April 17th
Donald R. Creasey ~ February 10th
Robert D. Lucas ~ February 9th
W Manny Dieckilman ~ January 11th
Albert E. Fisher ~ January 1st

Retired

Richard D. Leighty ~ December 1st
James L. Britton ~ November 1st
Randy A. Crain ~ November 1st
Stacy D. Atkinson ~ September 1st
Susan C. Hurley ~ September 1st
Paul F. Jenkins ~ August 1st
Randy R. McBurnett ~ August 1st
Jeffrey S. Boyd ~ July 1st
David L. Fryburger ~ July 1st
Greg A. Thoennes ~ July 1st
Pierre A. Butler Jr ~ June 1st
Peter K. Lamb ~ June 1st
Thomas M. Maroney ~ June 1st
Steven J. Ramsey ~ June 1st
Gary W. Byrd ~ May 1st
Leslie J. Hightshoe ~ May 1st
Thomas A. Simmonds ~ May 1st
Stephen D. Barnett ~ April 1st
Mickey L. Knuckles ~ February 1st
James G. Ferguson ~ January 1st
Douglas N. Franklin ~ January 1st
Robert D. Gallion ~ January 1st
Joseph N. Graves ~ January 1st
Frank J. Hoke ~ January 1st
Thomas M. Huss ~ January 1st
James J. Mcallister Jr ~ January 1st
Alan Lynn D. McIntyre ~ January 1st
James J. Newburn ~ January 1st
Mark S. Skinner ~ January 1st
John B. Strange ~ January 1st
Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

The event is open to the children and grandchildren of Members of Local 157 who are 11 years old and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration – 10:30 am
Crafts, Games, Pictures & Lunch – 11:00 am
Hunt – 12:00 noon
Presentation of Awards – 12:45 pm
Picture of Winners – 1:00 pm

AGE GROUPS
3 and under
4 through 7 year olds
8 through 11 year olds

Spring Retiree’s Luncheons

Terre Haute - Friday, March 2nd, 2018
Noon (EST)

Lafayette - Tuesday, March 6th, 2018
Noon (EST)

Danville - Thursday, March 8th, 2018
Noon (CST)

Whatever your life’s work is, do it well.
A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead and the unborn could do it no better.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS ARE FOR YOUR AREA

The following links for Indiana and Illinois allows you to enter your address and search for the contact information of the representatives in your area.

https://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/

https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/illinois-house/
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Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at
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Friday, March 2nd, 2018 at
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Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, April 7th, 2018
10:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

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