Officer Elections

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016

Terre Haute – 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (EST)
Lafayette – 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (EST)
Danville – 6:30 am to 3:30 (CST)
Hutsonville – 6:30 am to 3:30 (CST)

THANK YOU VETERANS

Veterans Day - November 11
I want to start my report this month by thanking all of our Members and their family members that are Veterans. In recognition of Veterans Day, we want to share our appreciation for all of those who have served to keep this great country strong and free.

Our work has continued to be steady and we remain very fortunate that our Sister Locals have been able to provide some much needed travel opportunities. While we still don’t have any solid information to pass on yet, we do believe that the Cronus Fertilizer Project and repurposing project at SG Solutions will move forward in 2017. Those large projects are much needed for our Local and we are all ready for them to get started.

At the November 4th Union Meeting the membership voted on and approved putting the $.30 increase on wages beginning 1/1/17.

I talked about the transition to Nyhart as our record keeper for the Indiana Pipe Trades Defined Contribution Pension Plan in my last report. There have been several calls to the Plan office about the two statements that were mailed recently. Both of these statements had the Indiana Pipe Trades Defined Contribution letterhead on them. The first statement that you received was from McCready and Keene showing your beginning balance and an ending balance of $0. This is because they transferred your account information to our new record keeper, Nyhart. The second statement you received was from Nyhart which should reflect that transfer and your new balance. Please contact the Fund office if you have questions. Again that transition was made by the Trustees to improve the level of service and the transition is going well.

On September 23rd we held our Apprentice Graduation Dinner. I want to again congratulate all of our newest journeymen. This was another very strong class of skilled UA craftsmen. This is always a great way for us to recognize their accomplishments and share the celebration with their families. I want to thank the Training Department for all of their hard work on this event.

The October Union Meeting was another very special day. I want to congratulate all of those receiving their “UA years of service” pins. We had 159 receive their pins from 25 to 65 years of service, including 41 with 50 or more years of service. I was honored to receive my 35 year pin. Also at that meeting the new apprentices were sworn into the Local. This has become a great tradition for our newest Members witnessing the recognition of those who have worked for many years to make this the great Local that it is today. I hope it encourages them to follow in their footsteps.

The Local’s Officer Election is Saturday December 3rd. I hope that all eligible Members participate in this democratic process to elect your leaders for the next three years.

I hope everyone gets to relax and enjoy Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays with Family and friends and we all look forward to a happy and prosperous 2017.
As of this publication there are 130 Journeyman and 57 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 150 members on travel jobs. For the month of September we dispatched 194 Journeyman and 47 Apprentices with 27 call backs and 58 members to travel jobs. For the month of October we dispatched 105 Journeyman and 24 Apprentices with 22 call backs and 72 members to travel jobs. Work has improved since my last article due to the outage work at Edwardsport and several other projects that have started.

Morris construction has recently hired a few members for several projects at Marathon Refinery, most of which will start in the last quarter of this year or first quarter of next year. Freitag and Morris are currently bidding the flare recovery project at Marathon, which should employ around 20 members for approximately 10 months.

B&S was the successful bidder on the mechanical portion of the Northview High School expansion and renovation. This project is scheduled to start mid-November and I will be meeting with B&S soon to conduct a pre-job conference.

Sycamore was the low bidder on the Clay City School project and this project will also start in mid-November. I will be meeting with Sycamore soon to conduct a pre-job conference as well.

ICS was awarded the larger of the two mechanical portions of the water treatment project at Cayuga Powerhouse. ICS should start hiring the first week of December and will peak at 55 pipefitters. They will be working a 4-10’s schedule with a completion date of August 31, 2017.

There are several projects in our jurisdiction that I believe are being held up due to our impending election. By the time this reaches you hopefully we will have elected labor friendly officials that will help get these projects started.

There are still some travel opportunities available around the country. Anyone interested in traveling contact me at the hall and I will try to get you employed wherever you would like to go.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!
The workload for the fourth quarter in our Northern jurisdiction is looking promising. We should have good employment as larger projects develop and good weather continues. Some of the larger projects include work at Purdue University, St. Elizabeth Hospital and Subaru Industrial Automotive.

Work at Purdue continues at several projects. One of the largest is the Animal Life Science building which just concluded their steel erection topping out ceremony. With the warm weather I expect this project to move forward fast with concrete and overhead mechanical systems. As I have reported in the past DA Dodd was awarded this project. Shambaugh and Son are currently working on the infrastructure project feeding that same building. Last reports indicate that project is tracking on schedule as well. The Active Learning Center has finally reached substantial completion. DA Dodd has been maintaining a small crew working on fixtures and trim out. The 60 Million dollar Flex-Lab underground plumbing is ongoing. North Mechanical was successful in securing the plumbing for the project and is currently working onsite.

The Subaru Automotive plant continues to be a stable place of employment for several of our Members and contractors. Multiple design build projects are in the works as well as the long awaited expansion of paint #2. Production at the plant is currently 325,000 vehicles annually. That number is set to increase to 500,000 by the end of 2017. Most of the main infrastructure is in place for this increase with the exception of the paint systems and drying ovens. I had the pleasure of signing up HM White as a new mechanical piping contractor last month. They have been onsite at SIA for over 24 months. HM White was established in 1936 in Detroit Michigan as a heavy industrial sheet metal contractor for the automotive industry. Today they have grown to be a world leader in spray booths, paint finishing systems, and paint finishing equipment both design and install. They have typically subcontracted piping systems to other mechanical contractors throughout their history. I am proud to say that in Local 157’s geographic jurisdiction that they now are a signatory contractor and I look forward to a successful relationship that translates to local jobs for our Members. Once again Local 157 has a seat at the table of a world class Construction Company. At the time of this article I have no size or scope of any Thanksgiving or Christmas outages at the automotive plant. I anticipate this to change in the next few days. I also look for a busy end to the quarter and a fast pace for spring at Subaru. I will keep you posted.

I am also happy to report that DA Dodd was successful in picking up the Saint Elizabeth Hospital expansion. I have had a pre-job meeting with the contractor to go over size and scope as well as man power projections. As you all know the MEP bids have been pushed back several weeks so I am glad to see things progress. The addition is made up of five stories of patient rooms, so the demand for plumbers and med-gas certified Members will be front and center. The HVAC system is a complete stand alone system that will require new boilers, chillers and AHU’s. The peak man power is schedule driven but averaged 20 on paper. Weather will play a large factor in the schedule however the underground plumbing is 4-6 weeks out.

I mentioned several weeks ago that DYAD Industrial has become signatory to Local 157. While they are a heavy industrial contractor they have been taking a leap into the service world and started a service division. Currently they have two full time HVAC techs that have started taking the greater Lafayette area by storm. Most of their focus is residential and light commercial service and install. Please keep that in mind as your needs and your family’s needs for HVAC work creeps up in the future. It’s a good feeling when we can support each other. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to a successful partnership. The service industry is booming for all our service contractors. This is truly a market we can be very competitive and successful in. I look forward to helping Local 157 Members and contractors secure more and more work from our competition.

In closing, I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and remember......you can pick your friends but you can’t pick your family.
Out of Local 633, Owensboro, Kentucky, they have a dry fly ash job at the Gypsum Plant coming up in the spring. They will be hiring several travelers for this project.

In December or early January Rockford, Illinois has a 3 month outage at a car plant with the work schedule being 7-10’s for 90 days, taking up to 200 travelers. Also, in February Rockford has a nuclear outage taking 300 men for 70 days working 7-10’s. If interested in this job a background check is required.

Local 94, Canton, Ohio will have a job at the Canton Carol County Powerhouse. This is a Bechtel job with a UA-11 gate test required. Des Moines, Iowa Local 33 has a pork plant expansion starting late November. This job is paying per diem of $75 a day. This is a long term project.

Wichita, Kansas, Local 441 has a dry dairy product plant expansion. Work is scheduled to work 5-10’s and an 8, needing approximately 20 welders and 20 fitters. This job is paying $80 a day per diem.

For upcoming work at home; Cayuga redirection water project will be hiring at the end of November. This project will be hiring 55 pipefitters for 7 months. Morris Construction at Marathon will be doing some call backs for upcoming work scheduled at Marathon and will be hiring some off the list for the fab work and tier 3 project. Freitag has received some small projects at Marathon and will be hiring some fitters also. B&S Plumbing has several small projects around town and one large project at Indiana State University.

If you are interested in any of these projects please contact me and I’ll do my best to get those interested dispatched.

Please exercise your right to vote!

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**TRAINING NEWS**

**From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157**

**Rich Cheever**
Training Coordinator

**Jeff Ehrlich**
Welding Coordinator

**Mike Smelser**
Assistant Training Coordinator

As we have reached the end of October, the Training Center has continued to make progress in improving the hands-on training aspect of our Program. Jeff is currently building the new solder/braze lab station in the Terre Haute facility. When finished it will be a 9 station lab fed by both nitrogen and acetylene headers. Each station will have a chain vise, nitrogen flow meter with hose and turbo torch. This will allow both a convenient place to instruct our new solder/braze first year class and for the brazing portion of Med. Gas class. Once the “prototype” lab is completed in Terre Haute, the plan is to install similar stations in both Lafayette and Danville.

We are constantly tracking our progress in providing the certification opportunities to the Apprentices, since 2 certifications are required for completion of Apprenticeship. We are pleased with the progress our Apprentices are making in meeting this requirement. In performing this certification check it has been found that 39% of the current 3rd year Apprentices have already obtained 1 certification, 78% of the current 4th year Apprentices have 1 certification (22% of 4th years already have 2), and 71% of the current 5th year Apprentices attending classes have 1 certification with 47% already having the 2 required. It should be noted that the classes for certifications are always open to Journeymen and can be registered for by clicking the Certification Classes tab on the homepage of the 157trainingcenter.org website.

Weld tests for certification are held the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Terre Haute weld shop. Registration for these tests must be completed no later than the Wednesday of the weld test week. Registration can be completed by calling the Training Center and choosing the Weld Coordinator option or by clicking the email Jeff Ehrlich button on the contact page of the Training center website.

The Local Apprentice Contest date has been set for Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. We would like to welcome all Journeymen and non-competing Apprentices to attend. Please come observe the craftsmanship put forth in competition to advance to the 2017 ISPTA contest which will proudly be hosted March 28th, 29th and 30th at the Local 157 Terre Haute Training Center.

We would like to both thank and wish luck to all of the members who are standing up, in hope of representing Local 157 as an elected official. Please remember to get out and cast your VOTE!

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**WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER**

- **Saturday, December 17th, 2016 at 8:00 am**
- **Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at 8:00 am**
- **Saturday, February 18th, 2017 at 8:00 am**

You must call the Training Center at (812) 877-1736 and let them know you are interested.
During the months of August and September 2016 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 15,738 claims, totaling $6,285,140.68.

In this article, I would like to state the eligibility rules for shop owners and self employed members.

Participation and eligibility for shop owners and self employed members shall be based upon the reporting and payment of forty (40) hours per week (thirteen (13) weeks per calendar quarter) or the actual number of hours worked in the case of a bargaining unit individual, whichever is greater. Failure to report the minimum of one hundred sixty (160) or two hundred (200) hours per month in a calendar quarter shall result in a failure to establish Initial Eligibility or to maintain eligibility. Such shop owners or self employed members must be signatory to either a collective bargaining agreement with the Union or have signed a participation agreement.

In Memoriam

Frank O Turnock, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Winter Garden, Florida passed away on October 1st, 2016. Frank was born on August 24th, 1946 and was initiated into the United Association on September 20th, 1965.

Kermit V Ward, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away on October 6th, 2016. Kermit was born on September 28th, 1927 and was initiated into the United Association on May 8th, 1970.

Ralph R Biscart, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Danville, Illinois passed away on October 16th, 2016. Ralph was born on June 18th, 1919 and was initiated into the United Association on February 9th, 1968.

Hobert B Glosser, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Marshall, Illinois passed away on October 19th, 2016. Hobert was born on May 7th, 1923 and was initiated into the United Association on October 1st, 1973.

William D Hartman, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Ridge Farm, Illinois passed away on October 20th, 2016. William was born on January 23rd, 1923 and was initiated into the United Association on May 22nd, 1951.
Official Rules for Election of Officers for Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

The Election will be conducted on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at four Local Union Offices:

Terre Haute and Lafayette in Indiana from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Indiana Time
Danville and Hutsonville in Illinois from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm Illinois Time.

Rules & Regulations as established by the Constitution of the United Association, The Election Committee, and the By-Laws of Local Union #157.

1. No Member shall be eligible to vote unless they have been in “good standing” in Local 157 for a period of at least one (1) continuous year immediately prior to the election date.
   *Laws & By-Laws, Section 24 “United Association Constitution Section 124*

2. Voting shall be by secret ballot and those candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected.
   *Laws & By-Laws, Section 24 “United Association Constitution Section 122b*

3. Candidates desiring to do so have the right to one (1) observer, at the candidates own expense, at the polling place; who must also be a member in “good standing” of the Local Union.
   *United Association Constitution Section 122b*

4. Eligible members are to present their signed Membership Dues Card, or other photo identification; and must have their name listed on the “Eligible to Vote List” provided by the United Association.
   *United Association Constitution Section 124b “Local Union 157 Election Committee*

5. All persons voting must personally sign the “Eligible to Vote” list next to their name, in the presence of a member of the Election Committee, before receiving a ballot.
   *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

6. Members may vote for the number of candidates designated for each office, or less. Any ballot with more votes than designated will be null and void for that office.
   *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

7. Voting by writing the name of a person not nominated shall not be permitted.
   *United Association Constitution Section 122b*

8. Ovals on Ballots must be completely filled in and any ballot signed or having other identifying marks will be null and void.
   *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

9. Local Union Apprentices are not allowed to vote in an Officer Election.
   *United Association Constitution Section 148b*

10. All Indiana and Illinois polls will open promptly at 7:30 am, Indiana time, and close at 4:30 pm, Indiana time. Local Union 157 will notify each member by mail of his/her preferred but not restricted to, voting location. Any member voting more than once, WILL BE FINED $5,000.00 and possible expulsion from the United Association.
     Any member voting at any other location than their preferred voting area, will be classified as a contested ballot until all “Eligible to Vote” list’s have been compared and determined that the member has not voted more than once.
     *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

11. All voters must be in a designated voting area, as determined by the Election Committee, when marking their ballots.
    *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

12. There is to be no loitering, no smoking and no food or beverages allowed in the voting area.
    *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

13. Handicapped eligible voters may have the assistance of an Election Committee Member in the voting booth, if required.
    *Local Union 157 Election Committee*

14. Any tie votes affecting the determination of the winners will require a run-off election involving ONLY the candidates and/or offices affected.
    *United Association Constitution Section 122b*

15. Final determination of the results of the Election proceedings will be resolved by the Local Union Election Committee.
    *Any unresolved protests must be filed with the General President of the United Association within five (5) working days following the election. A copy of the protest must also be simultaneously served on the Local Union.*
    *United Association Constitution Section 125a*
# SAMPLE BALLOT

Officer Elections to be held on December 3rd, 2016
In case of a tie, a run-off election will be held on December 10th, 2016

## Business Manager
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Greg Thoennes
- [ ] 2 Mark W. Swaner

## Financial Secretary/Treasurer
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Paul R. Atterson
- [ ] 2 John "J.B." Strange

## Business Agent
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III
- [ ] 2 Jay Jacobs

## President
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Darrell W. Pickett
- [ ] 2 Scott Muff Mahan
- [ ] 3 Troy E. Bennett
- [ ] 4 Jeffrey C. Lindley
- [ ] 5 Shawn Martin

## Vice-President
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Jonathan L. Wooten

## Recording Secretary
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Timothy P. Wright

## Inside Guard
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Kenny Sanders
- [ ] 2 "Crazy" Dave Bell
- [ ] 3 Frank Stewart

## Executive Board
Vote for no more than four (4)
- [ ] 1 Steve D. Pearson Jr.
- [ ] 2 Steven M. Shaffer
- [ ] 3 Todd J. Boland
- [ ] 4 Justin "Opie" Weger
- [ ] 5 Matt Melin

## Finance Committee
Vote for no more than three (3)
- [ ] 1 Adam Wright
- [ ] 2 Mitchell W. Swaner
- [ ] 3 Joshua L. Bowman
- [ ] 4 James R. Giffel

## Welding Examiner
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Jeffery A. Ehrlich

## Plumbing Examiner
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Richard W. Cheever

## Fitter Examiner
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 Harold J. Lawrence

## Refrigeration Examiner
Vote for one (1) only
- [ ] 1 John E. Christeson

**SAMPLE BALLOT**
Office of Business Manager

Re-Elect Greg Thoennes
Business Manager

35 Years of Service to Local 157
3 Years Business Manager
8 Years Field Representative

The experience and commitment to do the job right and the dedication to serve the Membership of Local 157

Mark Swaner for Business Manager

35 Years of Service to Local 157
24 Years as an Elected Officer
3 1/2 Years Welding Coordinator
3 1/2 Years Training Coordinator
20 Years as an Instructor

Your Vote is needed and appreciated.
Mark W Swaner

Office of Financial Secretary/Treasurer

ELECT
Paul “P.A.” Atterson
Financial Secretary/Treasurer

“My intention is to change the scope of this job and give the Membership more Bang for their Buck”

Thank You, P.A.

RE-ELECT
John “J.B.” Strange
Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Continue the Protection of Your Union’s Treasury
37 Year Member
3 Years Recording Secretary
6 Years Vice-President
12 Years Financial Sec./Trsr.

Your Vote is Sincerely Appreciated!

Office of Business Agent

VOTE Jay Jacobs for Business Agent

As your Business Agent I will work with all your Officers for the Benefit of the Local, and represent you in a professional manner.

Your Vote and Support are appreciated and are not taken for granted.

Thank You,
Jay Jacobs
Office of President

VOTE Darrell W Pickett

30 Year Member

#1 on the Ballot

#2

Scott “Muff” Mahan

Everybody Wins

Office of President

Troy Bennett for President

I would appreciate your Vote for President

Office of Vice - President

VOTE For Shawn Martin

- 24 Year Member
- 5 Years on E-Board
- 1 Year Vice-President

Thanks for your consideration

Jon Wooten

I will respectfully represent the Office of Vice-President
### Office of Recording Secretary

**Tim “Mudflap” Wright**

- 38 Year Member
- 4 Year Apprenticeship
- 6 Years Finance Committee
- 1 Time UA Convention

Thanks for your Support

### Office of Inside Guard

**VOTE Kenny Sanders**
**Inside Guard**

### Office of Inside Guard

**Vote for “Crazy” Dave Bell**
**for**
**Inside Guard**

- 15 Years of Service to Local 157

**Vote for Frank Stewart**
**for**
**Inside Guard**

### Office of Executive Board

**Steve Pearson Jr**

- 22 Year Member
- 5 Year Apprenticeship

Your Vote will be appreciated

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**Elect Steve Shaffer**
**Local 157**
**E-Board**

- Vote for Shaff
Office of Executive Board

ELECT E-Board
Todd J Boland

Working for All our Brothers & Sisters!!!
I promise to do the right thing for the right reason!!!

Office of Executive Board

Office of Finance Committee

VOTE
Justin “Opie” Weger
for
Executive Board
Thank you

Office of Executive Board

Office of Finance Committee

VOTE Adam Wright
on December 3rd!

I would appreciate your Support for Re-Election to the Executive Board

Matt Melin

Brothers & Sisters,
My name is Adam Wright and I am asking for your vote for Finance Committee on Saturday, December 3rd. I am an 8 year Member of Local 157 that proudly completed the 5 year apprenticeship. I would look forward to serving the Members of Local 157 for the next 3 years.

Mitchell Swaner

I’d appreciate your Vote!

Josh Bowman

VOTE FOR ME!
Office of Pipefitter Examiner

Jimmy Lawrence

I will work for Your best interest and the Local.

Special Congratulations

Manny Dieckilman our 65 Year Pin Recipient!

Thank you for your years of service to Local 157 and the United Association.

VISION AND DENTAL OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's that time of year again, Open Enrollment for the Vision and Dental. If you are already participating, you will receive your renewal packet shortly. If not and you are interested, call the main office at (812) 877-1531 and request one. Remember this is a voluntary program and is not associated with the Pipe Trades Industry Health & Welfare. You will be required to make monthly payments or have the monthly premiums deducted from a checking/savings account.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016
Congratulations to our Service Pin Recipients

25 Years

30 Years

35 Years

40 Years

45 Years

50 Years

Congratulations to our New Apprentices that were sworn in at the October Union Meeting
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Local 157 Officer Elections
Saturday, December 3rd, 2016
7:30 am to 4:30 pm
(Indiana Time)
6:30 am to 3:30 pm
(Illinois Time)

Monthly Union Meeting Friday,
December 9th, 2016 at 8:00 pm
in the Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, January 7th, 2017 at
10:00 am in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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