

*Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157
would like to wish everyone
a prosperous and
healthy year!*

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

2020

A PIECE OF UNION HISTORY



I am searching for this plaque that I am assuming hung outside the Apprentice Building behind the Hall on North 13th Street in Terre Haute. I would hope that it was removed when we acquired the property we now own and stored when the new apprenticeship buildings were built. I can't imagine anyone throwing this keepsake away. If you have any idea of its whereabouts or who might have had it at one time please let me know. I'll try to track it down. Thank you!

*Mitch Poynter
Local 157 Historian*



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

2020 is here, a new year and a new decade. With 2019 ending we hope all members were able to spend the holiday season with their family and friends.

Moving into the New Year, on January 4th we had our quarterly meeting and swearing in of our new officers. I would like to congratulate all new and re-elected officers and thank all the members who stood up and ran for office of this local union.

I would like to remind everyone that on January 1st the \$0.30 raise that was voted on in November is now being put into your Defined Contribution Pension Plan. Bringing that benefit up to \$2.00 an hour paid.

In reference to our Health & Welfare at years end the fund was able to put \$2.5 million dollars into investments. This will definitely increase our months in reserve and end the year in the black.

For those of you who are unaware, we have recently implemented a robotext system. This allows us to send out mass texts to our members. Therefore it is imperative that you confirm we have a good cell phone number for you so that you will receive any text alerts that are sent out.

On January 25th the Local 157 Training Department will hold their annual Apprenticeship Contest for all 5th year apprentices. Members are encouraged to come out and watch our skilled apprentices in action.

In closing I would like to thank the membership of the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 for confidence in the re-election of me as your Business Manager. With all indications 2020 should be the start of better work opportunities inside the jurisdiction of Local 157 than we have seen in the past few years.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 136 journeymen and 43 apprentices actively seeking employment with 76 journeymen and 4 apprentices on travel calls. For the month of November we dispatched 63 journeymen and 20 apprentices with 16 call backs and 25 members to travel jobs. For the month of December we dispatched 79 journeymen and 22 apprentices with 12 call backs and 25 members to travel jobs.

Test well drilling is currently under way at the old S&G plant that was purchased by Wabash Valley Resources. This test well is to check for the viability of CO2 sequestration which would help fund a portion of the project.

I recently received word that the Cronus project in Tuscola is fully funded now and that the general contractor, Thyssen Krupp, has contacted several contractors to bid the road work for the site.

I have nothing new to report on the Danville or Terre Haute Casinos but I will keep you informed as more information comes available.

Work in our jurisdiction and in sister locals is mostly short term and very sporadic at this time. There are still a few longer term travel opportunities available. If you are interested give Steve Snyder or me a call and we will try to get you out.

We have a lot of work on the books for 2020 and we are hopeful that we will see some of these projects take off in the spring.

I would like to thank everyone who supported Mark, Paul and I in the election. For those who did not support us I hope our actions in the next three years will prove to you that we were the right choice to lead our local.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous new year.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



I would like to start out by saying "thank you" to all my brothers and sisters of Local 157. Mark, Webb and myself are all extremely happy and humbled that you have entrusted us with another 3 year term. We think we have a great team, top to bottom. We want to thank everyone who stepped up to represent our Local's interests. It's because of our members involvement over the years that we continue to be blessed with our many successes. We think we have the local moving in a positive direction.

We want to continue to add money to our IPT Defined Contribution Plan. January 1, 2020 we went to \$2.00 an hour. This benefit is the only one we have that pyramids. Meaning that when working straight time our contractors will pay in on your behalf \$2.00 an hour for every hour worked, \$3.00 an hour for every hour worked at time and a half and \$4.00 an hour when working double time hours. So get on an overtime job and you should be able to rack up some savings.

The other benefit we will want to grow is our HRA (Health Reimbursement Account). An account that is tax exempt gives you a great value. Once we get this going, we believe our membership will be happy with it's many uses.

One thing I will never stop talking about is the need to continually educate yourself. To gain optimum employment, you need every skill, license and certification available. Soon in Terre Haute, Indiana and Danville, Illinois we will be experiencing the same shortage of licensed plumbers that our Lafayette, Indiana area has been going through for some time.

Our Training Coordinator Rich Cheever has made arrangements for all you Indiana Licensed Plumbers to obtain an Illinois Plumbing License. Please contact Rich for more information. Dual licenses could open up a lot of new doors for you.

We are excited to get the new year started. We believe this coming year will be full of opportunity. If you have certain goals you want to reach workwise, start making plans to obtain them. Our Training Department is here to help you. Don't procrastinate, secure your future.

In closing I want to wish each of you a good and prosperous new year.



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Work in our Northern territory continues to forge ahead. We have several large scale multi-million dollar projects in all phases of planning, design, bidding and construction. It has been challenging to say the least tracking these developments.

Many of the high profile projects at Purdue are still in full construct mode. The \$65 million dollar STEM building, the \$80 million dollar Agriculture Biological Engineering Building, the \$100 million plus P3 new dormitory buildings are still in the peak of the construction phase. The \$80 million dollar Purdue Memorial Union Hotel renovation that was awarded to Quality Plumbing and Heating has finally peaked on manpower.

The schedule for this project has been compressed and expedited due to unforeseen job conditions. I expect this schedule to revert back to normal levels at the end of January. The \$37 million dollar SABB Manufacturing facility in Purdue's Discovery Park is still in the design/build phase as several of our contractors have been contacted for their services. No timeline has been released yet for this project. The first phase of the \$140 million dollar Purdue Polytech Gateway project is all but finished. This first phase was a make ready utility package for the new 255K square foot facility which has 3 more phases. This building will replace the Michael McGlone and Nuclear Engineering building in the heart of campus. Phase 2 is currently out for bid with 2020 1st quarter start date. The Purdue Veterinarian Hospital renovation/addition is currently out for bid. This is a multi-phase project with a \$108 million dollar budget with a 2020 1st quarter start date. These projects along with the \$40 million dollar new Purdue Data Science building, \$20 million dollar new Purdue Band and Orchestra building and the \$20 million dollar State Farm/Purdue Admin renovation will keep demand for licensed plumbers at an all-time high in the months ahead.

The City of Lafayette and West Lafayette both have robust capital improvement projects currently underway. The most notable are the new \$25 million Loeb Stadium project and the Penguin exhibit both at Lafayette's Colombian Park. West Lafayette has a multi-million dollar City Hall renovation as well as a brand new Aquatic Center located on the North side of the city. Both of these projects are currently underway.

The Industrial work in the area remains robust. We still have crews working throughout the region at various factories and facilities. I report on this every month but I believe that it is important to stress how valuable skilled plumbers and pipefitters are becoming to maintenance directors and facility managers in the manufacturing world. The perfect storm is here for our valued skill-set to be in the front of this economy. The boomer retirements coupled with the absence of planning and training in house by manufacturers and industry leaders, who we serve, will continue to drive demand for the skills that we have and train for on a daily basis. It is a very exciting time to be a member of the best trade in the world.

ROBOTEXT

With this technology we are now able to send out mass texts to members. It is more efficient and gives us the confirmation that a text was sent and received by the recipient.

Therefore it is imperative that each member either check online or contact the office to confirm a cell phone number is on file and noted accordingly.

Robocalling relied upon hearing certain tones before it would leave a message, or a members voicemail box would be full or not set up. This assures us that the information is received.



TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Rich Cheever
Training Coordinator

www.157trainingcenter.org

Shane Alumbaugh
AWP Welding Instructor

"2020" is here. With the New Year, we hope for more job opportunities whether it is with overtime or not. The goal of the Educational Trust staff is to offer classes that will give our members choices for employment.

Technology has played a key role in a lot of our projects and we have taken steps to provide classes for our members. If any of our members have experience in CAD, REVIT or BLUEBEAM and have an interest in being an instructor, please contact the Training Department. Projects are now initially being 3D modeled before construction starts. By doing this, fabrication will play a bigger role in the project being built.

Certifications play a key role for Employment opportunities. Each Certification has its own renewal process:

EPRI Industrial Rigging – 5 year with a computer test for renewal. It typically requires 4-8 hours of material review.

Signal Person - Through NCCCO. 5 year with a written exam renewal. Class review is recommended.

Instrumentation I - 3 year with retest required for renewal. Prerequisite for Instrument II.

Instrument II - Supersedes Instrument I. 3 year with required documentation on renewal form. Renewal forms are available by request.

Foreman - 5 year with required documentation on form provided by the Training Center.

Med Gas - 3 year installer certification with 4 hour refresher required and passing a recertification test. This cert also includes a brazing cert with 6 month continuities. Both the Installer and Brazing have to be in good standing for certification to be current.

Indiana Plumbing License - Renewal is every odd numbered year. There is a \$30.00 fee to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

Illinois Plumbing License - Renewal is every year on May 1. There is a \$150.00 fee to the Illinois Department of Public Health. A 4 hour Continuing Education Class is required. These classes are typically scheduled in October and held at the Danville and Hutsonville Training Centers.

Weld & Braze Cert - Require 6 month continuities. All continuity forms are mailed to credentialed members before expiration. All member certifications can be monitored on the Local 157 website.

Dates to Remember:

Weld Tests - 3rd Saturday of each month

Instrumentation Level II - T.H. Training Center Jan 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1, 8 from 8:00 – 4:30 EST

ILL Licensed Plumber - T.H. Training Center Jan 13-Feb 18 Mon & Tues starting @ 5:30pm EST

CAD Class - T.H. Training Center Jan 27 – Mar 17 Mon & Tues evenings 6:00-9:30pm EST

Signal Person Recertification - T.H. Training Center Feb 26–Mar 19 Wed & Thu starting @ 6:30pm EST

LAF Training Center Feb 26-Mar 19 Wed & Thu Starting @ 5:00pm EST

DAN Training Center Feb 24-Mar 17 Mon & Tue Starting @ 5:00pm CST

Med Gas Recertification - T.H. Training Center March 28th 8:00–2:00 EST

Industrial Rigging Recertification - T.H. & LAF Training Center March 28th 8:00-4:00 EST

The computer test starts at 8:00am EST on April 4th

Local Apprentice Contest - January 25th

ISPTA State Apprentice Contest - Fort Wayne, IN. – March 24, 25 & 26

Be sure to check the Training Center website www.157trainingcenter.org to register for these classes as well as other information which may be of interest to you.



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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

During the months of October and November 2019 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 17,070 claims, totaling \$6,539,597.36.

The flu season is in full swing so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a couple benefits offered by the plan to all eligible insureds. The influenza, pneumonia and shingles vaccinations are covered at 100% as part of your Wellness Benefits. If your physician administers these vaccinations in their office, you will need to make sure they submit the claim to Anthem BCBS. If you receive these vaccinations at a local pharmacy, you will need to give them your SavRx prescription card. There should be no charge to you either way, so please contact the office should they try to collect a fee from you. Should the flu happen to find you, do not forget about the FREE and easy to use LiveHealth Online service your plan offers all eligible members and dependents not entitled to Medicare or other primary group coverage. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and can be accessed from any smartphone or computer with webcam capabilities. You will find the app in your smartphone's App Store. As with the vaccinations, if you should be charged for your LiveHealth visit, please contact this office so that we may assist you.

We wish you all a safe and prosperous new year!



In Memoriam

Wilbur E. Crouch Jr., a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hillsdale, Indiana passed away on November 10th, 2019. Wilbur was born on October 29th, 1948 and was initiated into the United Association on September 3rd, 1970.



Floyd C. Burt Jr., a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on November 13th, 2019. Floyd was born on June 14th, 1926 and was initiated into the United Association on October 18th, 1955.



Charles P. Schmidt, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Dennison, Illinois passed away on November 26th, 2019. Charles was born on April 3rd, 1941 and was initiated into the United Association on October 6th, 1972.



Ronald G. Kintz, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on December 7th, 2019. Ronald was born on June 22, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on January 1st, 1982.



William W. Wood, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Avilla, Indiana passed away on December 20th, 2019. William was born on March 26th, 1953 and was initiated into the United Association on July 19th, 1998.



Ryan J. Baughman, a Division Trades Journeyman from Delphi, Indiana passed away on December 29th, 2019. Ryan was born on April 26th, 1977 and was initiated into the United Association on June 18th, 2019.



2019***Deceased Members****January**James Baumgart**February**James Bryan - Brian Lewis
Myron Newhart - Robert Tryon Jr**March**Richard Teague**April**Don Armstrong - Walter Keller Jr
Donald Lanning - Alfred Miller Jr
Ernest Sutherlin**May**Jeff Atkinson - Randy Crain
Robert Revello - Louis Stein Jr
Lonnie Wiram**June**James Hughes - John Williams**July**Jackie Connelly - Louis Griffin
William Hardesty**August**Charles Malone - Edward Staub Jr
Dirk Wilson**September**Chad Bowers - James Kempf Jr**October**Joseph Melin - Kenneth Taylor**November**Floyd Burt Jr - Wilbur Crouch Jr
Charles Schmidt**December**Ryan Baughman - Ronald Kintz
William Wood***2019*****Retired Members****January**Gary Blackburn - Kenneth DeLong
Michael Fletcher - Kenneth Johnson
David Livers - Byron Piercy
Greg Wilson**February**John Edwards - Joseph May
Ronald Parrott - Tim Thacker
Chris Vogel**March**Robert Perkins**April**William Beard - Dennis Brady
Douglas Mefford-Russell Tomblinson**May**Bradley Hendrix - Stephen Morgan**July**Darrell Fehrenbacher - Victor Lowe
Darrel McCain - William Ryan
Carl Timmons - Charles Wilde**August**Dyck Allen**September**Scott Anderson - Thomas Anderson
John Childress - Garth Million
Jeffrey Wilson**November**Steven Clark - Charles Fisher
John Hill Jr - Kenneth Thompson**December**Robert Selsam*



1st Year Apprentice, James Morris



(L to R) - AWP Instructor Shane Alumbaugh,
2nd Year Apprentice Levi Jones and
2nd Year Apprentice Clay Travis

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO STEPPED UP AND VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR FOR US, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT CHRISTMAS. WATCH THE WEBSITE IN NOVEMBER SO YOU TOO CAN SIGN UP AND RING THE BELL FOR SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE.

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY NEXT SEASON TO JOIN IN!



ON THE JOB

Members on the job in the Lafayette area working for John E. Green Company. Pictured left to right standing are Foreman Jared Ashby, Thad Mann, Cory Austin. Back row left to right 2nd Year Apprentice Kathryn Hurrell and 2nd Year Apprentice Justin Baughman-Cain.

2019 Christmas Luncheons



Terre
Haute



Lafayette



Danville

Season of giving

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**Thursday
January
30
4:30PM-7:30PM**

**Helpful tip:
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meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**

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Bloodmobile outside of training area

Each donor receives a Powerbank (while supply lasts)
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February, 2020






SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2  Happy Groundhog Day!	3	4	5	6	7  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall	8
9	10	11	12	13	14  Happy Valentine's Day	15 UA Weld Test 8:00 am 
16	17  PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29  HAPPY LEAP day



March, 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6  Retiree's Luncheon Noon Terre Haute Meeting Hall Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall 	7
8  Spring Forward	9	10 Retiree's Luncheon Noon Lafayette Meeting Hall 	11	12 Retiree's Luncheon Noon Danville Meeting Hall 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 UA Weld Test 8:00 am 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		-----STATE APPRENTICESHIP CONTEST----- FORT WAYNE, INDIANA				
29	30	31				

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, February 7th, 2020
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, March 6th, 2020
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
 Saturday, April 4th, 2020
 10:00 am in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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