

HEALTH & WELFARE MEETINGS

We have the following meetings scheduled for all Local 157 members and their spouses:



Friday, October 8th at 6:00 pm
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Friday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm
Lafayette Meeting Hall



All members are encouraged to come and bring your spouses. Stephanie Morgan from the Health & Welfare will be there presenting information regarding the Health & Welfare and will be able to answer any questions you may have.



*Labor Day in the Park
Lafayette, Indiana
2021*





Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Since my last column there has been a lot of important union business transpired so this column will be going from one subject to the next.

First on August 9th Webb Crouch and myself met with the Industrial Relations Council and WVMCA to settle our contract. During this day we did come to an agreement of \$4.00 over a three-year contract with retroactive pay back to August 2nd. This was broken down to \$1.30 for the first year with \$1.00 in July, 2021 and \$0.30 in January, 2022, the second year is \$1.35 with \$1.00 in July, 2022 and \$0.35 in January, 2023, the third year \$1.00 in July, 2023 and \$0.35 in January, 2024. That brings our scale as of August 2, 2021 to \$39.43 with a total package of \$59.18. There was also with some language changes with the DC plan being paid by the 15th and the MOU regarding pre-apprentices was put into our CBA along with some updated language for direct deposit.

The next union business issue is Robinson Marathon Refinery, just to let everyone know, but most of you do know this fact that this refinery in at least the last fifty years has produced more manhours for our members and one of the reasons for the success of this local union. Having said that, we are now completing a turnaround that we could not completely man and did lose some work to the nonunion. We have about 204 members seeking employment that did not want to go to Marathon, we exhausted all avenues for travelers and turned to getting help from the Boilermakers. After notifying all members and all attempts to find manpower we fell short of fully manning this project. We always hear about a local that in the past gave their work away, well this is how that happens...when we don't man it, we lose it. I would like to thank the manpower we have at Robinson they have been productive and hope it is enough to finish on time.

I would like to thank all the delegates to the 40th UA National Convention. We all got to see the Team McManus unanimously get re-elected, including our very own past Business Manager Mike Pleasant, Congratulations to all. Our delegates showed up every day and participated, Local 157 was represented well.

In closing, with all the recent problems of COVID-19 spiking I would like to thank everyone who came out to our Local 157 Picnic, it was a very nice day and with all the space and the courteous membership we have I feel like it was a safe event.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 170 journeymen and 34 apprentices actively seeking employment. For the month of July, we dispatched 74 journeymen and 15 apprentices with 2 call backs and 49 members to travel jobs. For the month of August, we dispatched 141 journeymen and 52 apprentices with 7 call backs and 13 members to travel jobs.

I conducted a pre-job conference with Davis Houk Mechanical for the Carle Clinic project. We currently have two members on site and they will be hiring more people in the coming weeks.

I also conducted a pre-job conference with A&R Mechanical for the Vermillion County, Indiana jail expansion. We currently have two members on site and they will also be hiring a few more members in the next few weeks.

As of right now the Danville Prison water upgrade project is on hold and may have to be rebid.

I have nothing new to report on any of our larger proposed projects.

I am currently struggling to man the fall T/A at Marathon for Morris Construction. I have exhausted all avenues for manpower, even using Boilermakers on permit and we are still 40 short. It doesn't bode well for us with 204 on the out of work list and come up short on manpower. Marathon has already pulled work from Morris and has given it to a non-union contractor. There will be another T/A in the spring and if we fail to man it we will no longer be awarded T/A work.

I want to thank each and every member of 157 and travelers for working this T/A. I have worked in the Alki unit myself in the summer and winter and I know how miserable it is. Again, thank you all sincerely for manning our work!

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



This report I would like to start out with our recent 40th UA Convention. It was held this past August in San Diego, California. That is for our United States members. Our Brothers and Sisters to the north, the Canadians met in Calgary Alberta, Canada. We operated on a time delay and a direct feed to maintain a good interaction. Making it possible to complete the UA's business.

Some of the highlights of our convention were that all of our Delegates were vaccinated and were required to wear a wristband the entire time. We met without masks, even though some still wore them, but they were not required.

For the most part, people were quite respectful of one another and we were able to get our work done. It was reported the UA continues to grow, with our membership estimated at over 360,000. We believe the UA is the biggest it has ever been. Growth has come through increased Market Share and Organizing efforts.

One of the most pleasing things we heard at our convention was that our dues would remain at \$31.00 a month. Most likely for the next 5 years. I think everyone was pleased with this announcement.

Our General President Mark McManus was again unanimously voted in to lead our United Association. Along with Team McManus members Pat Kellett as General Secretary Treasurer and our very own Mike Pleasant as the Assistant General President. We all believe the UA and our Local Union are in very capable and trusted hands.

The convention, as always was top notch. The weather was perfect start to finish. I believe that everyone had a great time.

Back at home, we were able to have our annual picnic. For the most part we were able to get most of the things we were looking for. But because of supply chain issues or COVID, or people going out of business or whatever there was some changes.

After the year we have had, I personally will choose to count our many blessings and have as much fun as I can stand.

I hope you choose the same.



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Work continues to improve in the northern jurisdiction as time moves forward. We are not at our pre-covid 19 numbers for employment quite yet however we are looking at a full recovery in the first quarter of 2022. Right now, several projects are out to bid with more being released daily. As always, the demand will be in the HVAC, Plumbers and Med-gas skill set for this upcoming work.

As I reported in my last article the massive supply chain issue continues to plague construction budgets across the region. Experts are now saying this will be a multi-year problem that will be the new normal for construction going forward. Fortunately, our industry is resilient and will adapt and overcome this obstacle just like we have done several times before.

Several projects that are underway at Purdue University that should keep several of our members busy for the months ahead including the multi-million-dollar Vet Pathology building, Combined Heat and Power conversion at Wade Utility, Hagel Building (band orchestra), Purdue Airport and several lab remodels just to name a few. The Patty Jiscke Day Care Center is scheduled to bid in the days ahead along with 53-million-dollar Schleman/Stewart Hall renovation which is a compromise from the pre-covid 19 Data Building plans. From what I understand the Schleman/Stewart buildings are scheduled to be completely gutted with the new build out to house the planned Data Center. Purdue's new Aero-Space complex is shaping up with a planned 5-million-dollar Hypersonic (Mach 8) Applied Research facility. Also included is an additional 5-million-dollar secure research facility and a 25-million-dollar Rolls Royce testing facility addition in the weeks ahead. All of this means job opportunity for the region's largest, drug free, highly skilled team of plumbers and pipefitters. The future is bright without a doubt.

The municipal work is looking bright for the first quarter of next year. Both Lafayette and West Lafayette are still moving forward with their master plans and vision for both Cities. The 55-million-dollar Public Safety building in Lafayette has been bid and the apparent low for the plumbing and mechanical is Commercial Air. Commercial Air has been organized by Local 20 Sheetmetal workers and Local 440 Pipefitters about one year ago. While they are not new to the area they will be new for Local 157 to work with. I look forward to helping make their project a success and helping them build a first-class local team of plumbers and pipefitters.

The heavy industrial work is still moving despite the supply chain disruptions. The Tippecanoe Building Trades will be holding a pre-job meeting with SKANSKA about a new WWTP at the Arconic site in Lafayette yet this month. They are currently in price negotiations as I type. This project is scheduled to start this October. We still have crews at Wabash National, Rea Magnet Wire, General Electric, Subaru Industrial, Heartland Automotive and Raybestos in Crawfordsville to name a few. Both IU Health and St. Francis Hospitals continue to use our drug free, highly skilled workforce to improve and update their facilities as healthcare continues to lead the charge in life saving work.

Our service department is going forward at yet another record pace. Real refrigeration techs are currently in high demand as our work load continues to remain heavy in this market. The days of training in house service techs have long been removed from the budget by virtually every manufacture in our region. Our work demand is a direct result of that short sightedness. I only expect that demand to increase as we move forward.

In closing I want to say thanks for everyone who showed up for the Family Labor Day in the Park. While the rain was not perfect the turn-out was. It was great seeing everyone again and spending time catching up. I also want to thank the apprentices for volunteering to work and help out through out the day. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.



Summer
Youth
Expo
2021



Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to Congratulate the 26 New Apprentices that was selected for this year.

We will be having journeymen upgrade and recertification classes this fall. Saturday, October 23rd we will start a Backflow Prevention class in Terre Haute and in Lafayette. The classes will last 5 Saturdays with a test being conducted on the last Saturday to obtain the certification.

Saturday, November 6th and 13th, we will have the Industrial Rigging Recertification class and test in Terre Haute and Lafayette Training Centers.

On November 6th we will have the Med Gas Recertification class and test in Terre Haute.

Please go to our website and sign up for these classes.

157trainingcenter.org

Lafayette 2nd Year Apprentices, sketch, build and pressure test the copper wall project. Matt Melin is the Instructor.



Left to right bottom row: Logun Freed, Andrew Melin IV, Logan Kidwell, Ray Sorba, Ashley Thompson
Left to right top row: Zach Fuller, Hunter Hicks, Garrick Robbins, Stephen Beam,
George Novosel, Holden Billings, Michael Grider.



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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

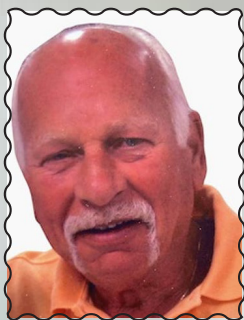
During the months of June and July 2021, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 17,377 claims, totaling \$5,757,134.51.

You should review your beneficiaries at least once per year and consider updating them when you experience a major life event. The Death Benefit is available to members eligible for coverage under the plan UNLESS they are covered under COBRA.

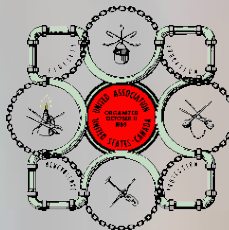
Upon the death of an eligible member and receipt of proper proof of death, the Plan shall pay the Death Benefit as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits to the designated Beneficiary. If the deceased Employee dies without designating a Beneficiary or if the designated Beneficiary has predeceased the Employee, the amount of the Death Benefit shall be paid to the first applicable of the following surviving individuals in equal shares, in descending order: The deceased Employee's surviving Spouse; child or children; parents; siblings; or failing these, to the deceased Employee's estate. Benefits payable to minor children may be paid to the minor's legal guardian. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Employee's designation of his spouse as Beneficiary shall become null and void automatically upon divorce. Should the Employee wish to maintain the Beneficiary designation of an ex-spouse, he must fill out a new beneficiary card after the divorce. An eligible individual may designate a new Beneficiary at any time by filling out and filing a new card. A change of Beneficiary shall NOT be effective until received by the Plan provided that said change is received prior to the eligible individual's death. No Death Benefits shall be paid on behalf of a deceased Eligible Dependent, widow, or widower.

Please contact the fund office for additional information or to inquire on filling out a new Beneficiary Designation Form.

In Memoriam

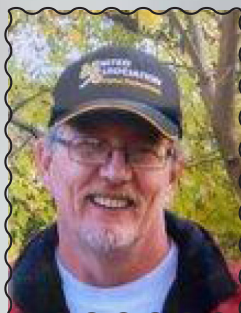


Delmar L. Simler, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on July 12th, 2021. Delmer was born on March 25th, 1943 and was initiated into the United Association on February 6th, 1967.



Louis B. Wiggins, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on July 28th, 2021. Louis was born on August 8th, 1934 and was initiated into the United Association on May 16th, 1973.

Michael G. Keltz, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Pelzer, South Carolina passed away on August 20th, 2021. Michael was born on August 29th, 1959 and was initiated into the United Association on March 1st, 1986.



Larry D. Byers, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Indianapolis, Indiana passed away on August 22nd, 2021. Larry was born on July 22nd, 1944 and was initiated into the United Association on October 11th, 1976.



APPRENTICE



ORIENTATION



LAFAYETTE AREA ORGANIZING BLITZ

Pictured L to R: ISPT Organizer Greg Pierle, ISPT Organizer Mike Lasarin, ISPT Organizer Duane Harty, 157 Training Coordinator Shane Alumbaugh, International Rep Robbie Johnson, 157 Field Rep Steve Snyder, ISPT Organizer Steve Shaffer, Gas Distribution Organizer Tom Gofourth, ISPT Organizer John Seed.

2021 Holiday Gift Baskets

With work being slow this year, we anticipate a lot of members needing assistance. Therefore this year requests for food baskets must be made by a Local 157 Member, each member is limited to **2 Requests Only**. They may request one either for themselves, another Local 157 Member, or for their immediate family member only. However, **Union Members will be given first priority**. Please use the attached form to submit your request and return it to Local 157~Basket Fund Request~8801 E Milner Avenue~Terre Haute, IN 47803 or call the main office at (812) 877-1531 or toll-free at (866) 373-3157

Requests must be received in the main office by November 17th and those who are approved to receive a basket will be notified by phone.

Baskets will be distributed on November 23rd and 24th.

Basket Requested For:

Name _____ City/State _____ Number of Household Members _____

Local 157 Member who is making the request

Name _____ Phone # _____

(This section must be completed)

All donations and requests can be mailed to

Local 157 ~ Basket Fund Request ~ 8801 E Milner Ave ~ Terre Haute, IN 47803

LOCAL 157 FAMILY PICNIC





SILLY SAFARIS



All photos can be viewed and downloaded from our website;
ualocal157.org/photogallery





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Meeting Hall Service Pins
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 	12	13	14	15	16 UA Weld Test 8:00 am 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Backflow Prevention Classes in TH & Lafayette start.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 	<i>Accepting Donations for the Holiday Gift Baskets</i>					

November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall	6 Industrial Rigging TH & Lafayette Med Gas Class TH
7 	8	9	10	11 	12	13 Industrial Rigging TH & Lafayette
14	15	16	17 FINAL DAY FOR BASKET FUND REQUESTS	18	19	20 UA Weld Test 8:00 am - TH You must call for appt. 
21	22  HOLIDAY BASKETS DISTRIBUTED	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30				

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, November 5th, 2021
at 8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, December 3rd, 2021
at 8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, January 8th, 2022
at 10:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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