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Photo courtesy of University of MN archives



Artist rendering of the new University of MN stadium

In 1924, Hilding Mortenson, then 15, helped lay brick for the old U. of M. stadium. In April of this year, Mortenson, now 100 years old, returned again to lay brick, this time for the new U. of M. stadium.

Hilding Mortenson, A Glimpse of History

By Patricia Johnson

Regardless of how quickly our lives seem to pass or how far technology has brought us, true history is recorded only by those who have lived it and can share it with others.

And Hilding Mortenson does just that. His sharp memory, his detailed stories, his calm demeanor and ageless appearance take us to places where we otherwise could only read about.

Hilding Mortenson was born in Minneapolis in 1908 the very same year Henry Ford introduced the Model T car. And he can tell you the exact address of his very first home. In April of this

year, Mortenson celebrated his 100th birthday, the very same year the first female made history by winning an Indy car race.

In 1924, as a 15-year-old sophomore in high school, Mortenson laid brick helping his father and other relatives build Memorial Stadium on the University of Minnesota campus.

Eventually his family lived above a corner meat market his father owned on 26th and Cedar. Later it was traded for an 80-acre farm in Olivia, Minn., where the residents heard that his father was in construction and employed him to build a high school. Mortenson's mom and two brothers, one older and one younger, tended the farm and Mortenson was the waterboy. Five years later the farm was sold and the family moved back to Minneapolis.

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In the late 1920s, Leck Construction had made its mark as the largest construction company in the area, and it was around this time Mortenson began working for them. In 1934 he became a union member and today Mortenson's a 74-year member of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union, earning him Gold Card status as the senior and oldest member.

for the bricklayers' softball team and during the Depression, a time keeper. Eventually he would return to his tools and still later he put them aside for a foreman position.

Mortenson is one of the precious few that has seen the Minneapolis and St. Paul communities come to life and who has played a role in their development. Mercy Hospital, Richfield High School, St. John's University, Fairview Hospital, just to name a few of the buildings he helped construct.

"My best job was working as a foreman on the St. Louis Park high school," he says. "There was a huge diversity of material – brick, glazed tile, glass tile, and interior brick. The architect was demanding, but we got along great. It was the biggest job. A big, big school." Mortenson says he also got along with the main inspector rather well.

In 1944, a year before WWII ended, George Adolfsen asked Mortenson to join forces, but he declined. Adolfsen would later team with Gordon Peterson to become today's Adolfsen & Peterson Construction.

The day came though that his stay at Leck would end when Leck demanded Mortenson to fire his men. Mortenson adamantly refused and also lost his job. "It hit me pretty hard," he says. He eventually went to work for Mortenson Construction, founded by his brother in 1954, until his retirement in 1973 at the age of 65. Today Leck Construction is no longer in business.

Soon after retirement Mortenson and his wife sold their home and moved to a cottage in Sauk Centre. "I played golf every day for the next 10 years," he says. Then later moved back to Minneapolis.

The memory of endless golf sparked the

story of his first golf outing. Back in his high school days he and a friend skipped out of the intelligence test that students were required to take to determine qualification for college. Instead they hopped a streetcar on 26th and Chicago and took it to Columbia Heights, he says with a chuckle. Mortenson thought he was going to be kicked out of school, but a favorite teacher bailed him out.

How does Mortenson account for his longevity? "I've worked outside all my life. In high school I was a runner," he says.

And of the biggest change he's seen throughout the years? "The coffee breaks on the job. Before they weren't legal. Now they are."

The brick business has been good to him although he never liked creasing mortar and doesn't miss the business at all. "Retirement's been going well, too. I've been playing golf up until this year." He has the self appointed title of sidewalk inspector noticing great brickwork like a piece of fine artwork. He points out that the Young-Quinlan Building in Minneapolis is one of the nicest around.

Recently after his 100th birthday party, Mortenson returned to the building site of the new University of Minnesota stadium to lay the first brick. He says he was very exhausted after the long day, but has it all recorded in a memory book along with his birthday cards.

Occasionally he'll watch the news and sports, but insists that some sports are too rough. And every day Mortenson drives himself down the road four miles to visit his wife of 70 years.

Thanks for your commitment throughout the many years, Hilding. The very best to you.

New wage rates are in effect

beginning May 1, 2008 for most areas under the jurisdiction of BAC1MN-ND. Check out our Web site for the 2008 wage addendums.

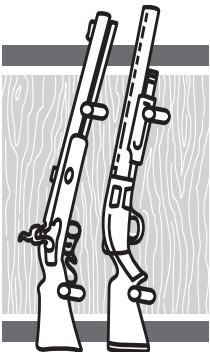
Throughout the years the struggling economy took Mortenson away from his hometown like many others, traveling to where work was, but he would eventually return to

Leck, staying with the company for more than 30 years.

"Jobs were scarce. There were no defense projects," Mortenson says. One year he along with Helen, his wife now 94, and their newborn son traveled to Utah for work where George Adolfsen opened his home to them. Mortenson recalls when at a picnic to his surprise he met about 200 Minnesota bricklayers who had also made the same journey. The work would continue for one year and Mortenson and his family would later travel back to Minnesota and to work for Leck once again.

Other work opportunities took him to Fort Knox in Louisville, KY, Ann Arbor, MI, Plattsburgh, NY, and Wahpeton, ND.

Even though a wrist injury sidelined Mortenson for a while he never strayed far from bricklaying. He was a manager



The BAC Local 1 MN/ND Sporting Clays shoot will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 9 a.m. The event will take place at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays 13481 County Road 3, Clear Lake, MN. Entry fee is \$50 – this includes targets, 2 boxes of shells and lunch. Please send a check made out to 'BAC Local Union 1 MN/ND' to the Local Union office, mark it to the attention of "Mike Cook – Sporting Clays Shoot". Entry deadline will be Aug. 8, 2008. Space is limited. Get your entry in early. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Mike Ganz at 612-865-0343.

GOLD CARD RECIPIENTS



St. Cloud, MN

Gold Card Party on April 5, 2008

Pictured left to right are Vice President Michael Ganz, 50-year Gold Card member Kenneth Strack and President Jim Lundquist.



Bismark, ND

Gold Card Party on March 14, 2008

Pictured left to right are Business Representative Randy Carlson, 40-year members Tim Perius and Ladel L. Wilson, 51-year member Herbert Ritz and Executive Vice President Michael Cook.



Mankato, MN

Gold Card Party on April 25, 2008

Pictured left to right are Executive Vice President Michael Cook, President James Lundquist, 50-year Gold Card member Donald L. Theissen, Business Representative Mark Caron and Vice President Terry Wong.

Working Outside of Your Home Local

Recently, members have been asked to work in jurisdictions that we do not represent, such as: Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Montana, Missouri and Nebraska. These states have their own Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) and somewhat different work rules. When your employer works in these areas they need to sign a CBA for that area and comply with their work rules.



Jim Lundquist
President/
Secretary-Treasurer

When a member is sent to work on a project outside of their home local union area, each member should contact the local union in that area and sign a reciprocity agreement to make sure that all of your fringe benefits are sent back to your home local union. If you are unsure who to contact when working outside of Minnesota/North Dakota give us a call at 1-800-257-8636 and we can contact the Business Representatives in that area. We will have them stop at the job with the proper paperwork.

Local 1 MN/ND trustees will not accept benefits submitted from your employer when working outside of your home local area without properly signed documents. This is not just a rule that we made up. The trustees and the administrator have strict rules and guidelines from the Department of Labor and ERISA that we must follow. Local 1 MN/ND trustees have worked hard in the past and will continue working hard to retrieve your benefits wherever you work. Most importantly, you can't afford to let your health benefits lapse just because your benefits have not been sent back to your home local.

Union Sportsman Alliance

FKA – TRCP – Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

Look for a mailing

BAC Local Union 1 MN/ND is a proud sponsor of the Union Sportsman Alliance - a hunting and fishing club designed exclusively for union sportsmen and their families. Sometime this summer, you will be receiving by mail a letter from Local 1 MN/ND and an application form. With your \$25 membership fee you will automatically be eligible for prizes. Please review the material when you receive it or visit their Web site at www.unionsportsman.org.

Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club, Rogers, Minn.

Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota

Tee Off Time: 7 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Be There to Sign In by 6:30 a.m.

COURSE REQUIREMENT: ALL GOLFERS MUST WEAR SOFT SPIKES!

SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – A "Scramble" is a competition among foursomes, not individuals. Everyone in the foursome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. The foursome will have only one score on each hole.

COST IS \$80 PER PERSON – This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Deadline for reservations is July 15. Entrants will be limited to the first 144 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one.

Retired members will pay \$65 for golf.



Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Jim Lundquist or Mike Cook at 612-379-2966; Dick Kentzelman, 612-889-1435, or Roger Buirge, 651-777-6460.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is July 15. No exceptions! The golf tournament is open to all members of B.A.C. Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.

PAYMENT MUST BE WITH RESERVATION – Make your check payable to B.A.C. Golf Day. Send to B.A.C. Local Union 1 MN/ND, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

RESERVATION B.A.C. GOLF TOURNAMENT

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

NAMES OF OTHERS IN YOUR FOURSOME _____

FOR MN & ND BRICKLAYERS & ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 1 MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

This is a summary of the annual report for the MN & ND Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Mutual Relief Association, (Employer Identification No. 41-0164670, Plan No. 501) for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$439,143 as of December 31, 2007, compared to \$384,558 as of January 1, 2007. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of \$43,131. This increase includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of \$98,465. This income included employer contributions of \$81,681, realized gains of \$1,476 from the sale of assets and earnings from investments of \$15,308. Plan expenses were \$43,880. These expenses included \$11,500 in administrative expenses and \$32,380 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries.

Your Rights To Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;
3. Assets held for investment;
4. Transactions in excess of 5% of the plan assets.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Plan Sponsor: International Union of Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Local 1, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, United Labor Centre, Minneapolis, MN, 55414 (612) 379-2966.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. These portions of the report are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan: (International Union of Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Local 1, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, United Labor Centre, Minneapolis, MN, 55414) and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Suite N-1513, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees
James Lundquist
Michael Cook
Roger Buirge
Michael Hawthorne
Michael Ganz

PRESENTING THE

THE CLASS OF 2008 – Apprentice and Training Program, BAC Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota – participated in the annual completion ceremony on April 24 at Jax Café in Minneapolis.

Family, friends, union officials, instructors and mentors also attended to express their support for these members as they finish their apprenticeship. The ceremonial dinner and celebration was one of the largest ever for this event – 113 total.

Congratulations to all for a job well done! The hard work and dedication you've demonstrated to your craft thus far will carry you to even greater accomplishments. We wish you all the best!

— BAC Local 1 Minnesota/
North Dakota



Pointer, Cleaner, Caulker Completions

Left to Right Bottom Row: Dave Mensing: Instructor, Renee' Ritter, Chris Kasinger. Behind: Mark Wickstrom: Apprenticeship Coordinator. Not pictured: Gary Lawver, Kenneth Stachowski, Steven Kirchner, John Kozicki and Ryan Sly.



Bricklayer Completions

Left to Right Bottom row: Dave Mensing: Instructor, Jeff Wolff, James Goff. Left to Right Top Row: William Knight, Daniel Johnson, Scott Natzel, Ryan Kunst, Joseph Hoffman, Mark Wickstrom: Apprenticeship Coordinator. Not pictured: Maksim Megega.

CLASS OF '08 BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentices Completions



Tile Finisher Completions

Left to Right Bottom Row: Amir Sahbegovic, Sam Greenwood: Instructor, Nafid Karic: Instructor, Rick Martagon: Apprenticeship Coordinator, Rodrick Schmidt: Instructor, Cory Crust. Left to Right Top Row: Michael Gade, Matt Jasper, Adam Scherff, Luis Luna, Joe Fiebiger III, Matt Frazer, Jeremiah Starkey, Ben Reno, Weston Weber. Not pictured: Michael Klatt and Edhem Demirovic.



Tile Layer Completions

Left to Right Bottom Row: Jarad Jamar, Sam Greenwood: Instructor, Nafid Karic: Instructor, Rick Martagon: Apprenticeship Coordinator, Rodrick Schmidt: Instructor. Left to Right Top Row: Matt Gade, Amber Winston, Eric Gulden, Isaac Hunt, Steve Wehman, Michael Smith, Jason Bouellette, Shawn Quinn Jr. Not pictured: Andrew Waldon.

Roger Buirge Retires with Fond Memories and Gratitude

By Patricia Johnson

IN 1966 Roger Buirge's life took a different direction: he married his wife Sharon and he became an apprentice bricklayer in the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 St. Paul, which after many mergers would later become Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota. More than four decades later, in July 2007 he retired, and on April 7th of this year he stepped down as vice president of the union. This summer he'll travel with his wife.



"It seems like yesterday," he says.

Buirge's cousin was a bricklayer and in the late 1960s, during Woodstock and the Vietnam War years, it was helpful to know someone in the trades. His first job site was the Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, MN, and the last, the Minneapolis School Board. The first bricklayer he worked with was Jerry Lantry. Throughout his career, Buirge thoroughly enjoyed being a bricklayer while working for a variety of companies.

His enjoyment didn't begin and end with his craft though. Buirge became an alternate trustee for the union's health fund in March 1980, and in September 1989 he became a full trustee as he remains today. Buirge would later take on additional responsibility in December 1996 when he was elected into his first term as vice chairman of Local 1, a position that would later be renamed vice president.

The mild mannered retiree has only appreciation and thankfulness for the opportunities he's had. "It's been an honor to serve and I want to thank the members for allowing me to do so," he says. "And I truly believe my successor and the current officers will make it a better

Local than it was before. They'll do a wonderful job. They're a great bunch of guys. I'd also like to thank them." Buirge also expresses thanks to Lantry for his mentorship and advice.

Buirge prides himself in the fact that he was the only elected official that actually continued to work with his tools. "The best part was traveling and meeting the members throughout the state. It was a true pleasure," he says.

Silently reflecting for a moment, Buirge appears to recall the numerous trips away from home, the dinners

and meetings that took him away from family. He then expresses a heartfelt thank you to his wife and the other officers' wives – Sue, Debbie, Julie and Mandy – for their understanding, love and support throughout the years.

He'll also miss being with Jim and Mike and the other guys in the office, too. And the events.

There have been many changes throughout the years, but Buirge is quick to note that if you want to progress you have to make changes. To have a strong union, he encourages members to attend and participate in the meetings and eventually an apprentice will rise to an elected official, such as himself.

Buirge admits that retirement has been a bit difficult to adjust to. He's used to working hard, but his home remodeling project gives him longer work days than before retirement. Make sure you have something to keep you busy. Have a regular routine, he says. He's busy and happy though, walks daily, at times up to six miles, and does strength building exercises.

In June, Buirge and his wife will go on an Alaskan cruise and also fish, golf and tour the state with his brother David and sister-in-law Kathy. And later Buirge will indulge in his hobby by framing historic photos of Local 1.

We wish you all the best as your life takes on yet another new direction, Roger. Happy retirement!

Gray Block Committee Continues Work

The consultants assisting the joint committee comprised of representatives from BAC Local 1 MN/ND, MC&MCA, MCMA and IMI presented results of their market research study at the joint MC&MCA/MCMA convention March 14 to a large crowd of interested participants. Subsequently, the committee met to determine the next steps in the process. It was decided to continue the work, by first trying to determine the current usage level of gray block for loadbearing, partition wall, infill, backup and other structural applications. The groups will also review and better coordinate their respective Web sites to provide the most helpful information to designers, continue and expand its work with university students and Local 1 craftworkers and contractors, and investigate using the Internet for Web seminars for architects and engineers. Future activities will be regularly reported in all industry publications. Numbers are added up and the totals point to projects influenced in favor of masonry installed by union craftworkers.

• **On the Education Front** In just the first quarter of 2008, IMI has reached a total of 463 design professionals with lunchbox-type programs and major educational events in Minnesota. Topics have ranged from “Flashing and Moisture Control”, for architects and as a journey-level upgrade program for craftworkers, to “Traditional Arch Design”, a program presented by IMI’s special projects coordinator, Matt Redabaugh, along with Chris Hartnett, an engineer with Mattson, Macdonald & Young, a Minneapolis consulting firm. Redabaugh also presented his program on mortar and stone patch colors for craftworkers the following day at the training center.

• **What’s the UPMW?** The education effort doesn’t stop with students or practicing professionals – IMI chairs the national steering committee which annually conducts the University Professors’ Masonry Workshop, a 2-day program where the national masonry groups come together to “train the trainers”



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and teach university professors how to improve, or create their masonry curriculum at the college level. This spring’s program was held at Drexel University in Philadelphia, drawing 50 architecture and engineering professors from around the country. The Minnesota IMI office sponsors at least one professor to attend each year.

• IMI Launches New Local Editions of “IMI Today”

IMI has recently implemented a new version of its online newsletter with the publication of a series of regional editions of its popular “IMI Today”. To be added to the email list for the Minnesota/North Dakota edition, or the national edition, contact obigelow@imiweb.org, or call 612-332-2214. If you don’t have access to the Internet and prefer a printed copy, call the phone number. And be sure to check out the IMI web site at www.imiweb.org for the latest in masonry details on the tab marked “Masonry Detailing Series”. It’s been called “awesome”, and “a fabulous tool” by designers and educators nationwide.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members...

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cory Ahlm | Drew Koski |
| William Billington | Joseph Langner |
| Seth Black | Jasen Lazerte |
| Jerid Brown | Joshua Lehman |
| Leslie Cable | Timothy LePage |
| Adam Carlson | Robert Marchand |
| Nicholas Dills | Steven Moats |
| Gregory Dorau | Nathan Nowariak |
| Nicholas Dubord | Chad Severance |
| Brian Hable | Terry Steel |
| John Hable | Kim Strom |
| David Harvey | Dennis Teel |
| Scott Hasse | Ryan Torkelson |
| Michael Hill | Hjalmar Westie |
| Halil Husnic | |



DECEASED MEMBERS

We are sorry to report the deaths of these members who are listed under their pre-merger locals.

#1 MN—St. Paul
Lewis Saad
Robert Sanders Jr

#2 MN—Minneapolis
Gerhard Fritsch
John Peterson
Michael Arnold

★★★★★★

#3 MN—Duluth
John Berg
78-year
Membership
in our Union

#4 MN—St. Cloud
Jon Anderson

#6 MN—New Ulm-Springfield
Clarence Nordang

#8 MN—Rochester
William Helgerson
Martin Devries

#15 MN—Brainerd
Alton Baglien

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2008 CALENDAR

CHECK FOR IMPORTANT DATES

Please clip the calendar and post it in a convenient spot so it's handy when you want to check meetings and events.

Chapter #1-Minneapolis-St. Paul
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:
4:30 p.m. June 9, Aug. 11, (Sept. 8
Chapter Nominatias), Nov. 10
Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave.,
Oakdale: All Metro members, 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 8

Chapter #3-Duluth-Hibbing
Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: 7 p.m.
June 11, (Sept. 10 Chapter
Nominations), Dec. 10
Hibbing, Electricians Hall: 7 p.m.
Aug. 13, Nov. 12

Chapter #4-St. Cloud-Brainerd
St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St.
N.: 7 p.m. June 4, Aug. 6, (Sept. 3
Chapter Nominations), Nov. 5, Dec. 3
Brainerd, American Legion: 7 p.m.
Sept. 4, Dec. 4

Chapter #8-Rochester-Faribault
Rochester, Rochester Labor Hall:
7 p.m. (Sept. 8 Chapter
Nominations), Dec. 1
Faribault, VFW: 7 p.m. May 5, Aug.
4, Nov. 3 (Faribault Bean Feed)

Chapter #11-Mankato-New Ulm
Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club:
7 p.m. June 5, (Sept. 4 Chapter
Nominations), Dec. 4
New Ulm, American Legion: 7 p.m.
Aug. 7, Nov. 6

**Chapter #15-Bemidji & North
Dakota**
Bemidji, Elks Club: 7 p.m. June 5,
Aug. 7, (Sept. 18 Chapter
Nominations), Nov. 6, Dec. 18
Bismarck, AmVets: 8 p.m. (meeting
and Gold Card Dinner), Sept. 11
Dickinson, St. Anthony Club, 8 p.m.:
June 12, Dec. 11
 Fargo, Moorhead VFW: 7 p.m.
Aug. 14 (meeting and Gold Card
Dinner), Nov. 12



**BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED
CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 1
MINNESOTA/NORTH DAKOTA**

NOTES

✓ *There will be no chapter
meetings in July or October.*

Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks
American Legion, 7 p.m. Aug. 13
(meeting and Gold Card Dinner),
Nov. 13
Minot, VFW: 7 p.m. (meeting and
Gold Card Dinner), June 11, Sept.
10, Dec. 10

GOLD CARD DINNERS

Letters will be mailed.

Metro Area Gold Card Luncheon
Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave.,
Oakdale
11 a.m. Thursday, July 10

Chapter #3-Duluth-Iron Range
Duluth area: Downtown Radisson,
6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10
Iron Range area: Hibbing Elks Club,
6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

Chapter #8-Rochester
Rochester Marriott Hotel
6 p.m. Friday, June 6

**Chapter #15-Bemidji & North
Dakota**
Grand Forks: American Legion,
Wednesday, Aug. 13

OTHER EVENTS

Retirees Club Breakfast Meetings
Jax Cafe, Minneapolis
9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, Dec. 4

Duluth-area Retirees meetings
9:30 a.m., Miller Hill Mall food court,
Duluth
First Wednesday of each month

Executive Committee meeting
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis
9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3

**Semiannual Meeting-All of
Minnesota & North Dakota**
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis
10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 (Local 1
Nominations)

**Bricklayers and Allied
Craftworkers Golf Tournaments**
All members are welcome at both
tournaments.
Twin Cities Metro area: Pheasant
Acres Golf Club, Rogers
7 a.m. Saturday, July 26

**Chapter #3 area: Grandview Golf
Links, Duluth**
8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6



CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL UNION CHAPTER OFFICERS COMING THIS FALL.
NOTICES WILL BE MAILED EARLY AUGUST.

Chapter #1 Sept. 8
Chapter #3 Sept. 10

Chapter #4 Sept. 3
Chapter #8 Sept. 8

Chapter #11 Sept. 4
Chapter #15 Sept. 18

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MINNESOTA kicked off the Labor 2008 campaign on May 17.

The Minnesota events were part of a nationwide effort by the AFL-CIO to send union members door-to-door to talk with other union members about the economy and health care--two key issues in the upcoming elections.

Although the AFL-CIO has not yet endorsed a presidential candidate, political analysts in Minnesota and in Washington, D.C. are working to make sure that union members know that the likely Republican nominee, Senator John McCain, is no friend of working families.

McCain would tax employer paid health care benefits, and despite his own status as a Vietnam era veteran and former Prisoner of War, Sen. McCain has said he would actually cut back on veterans' health services.

Our next president will play a large role in determining what direction our nation takes on health care reform. Drastic changes are needed, but they must be the right changes, the kind



Candidates Ashwin Madia (CD 3) and Elwyn Tinklenberg (CD 6,) joined Minnesota AFL-CIO President Ray Waldron, Congressman Keith Ellison (CD 5) and candidate Steve Sarvi (CD 2) at the metro area Labor 2008 Kick-off. Photo by Michael Moore, editor, St. Paul union advocate.

that will help families afford high quality health care without sacrificing our paychecks and retirement.

Instead, Sen. McCain promotes high-deductible health savings account plans that provide fewer benefits at higher costs. Left to police themselves, big insurance companies will cover only the healthiest workers, charge excessive premiums and limit benefits. This approach would also allow insurance companies to skirt state consumer protection laws and refuse to cover people

with pre-existing conditions, such as cancer.

Working families need a president who will work to make sure that all of us can afford the high quality health care we need so we can stop trading our wages for health care at the bargaining table.



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