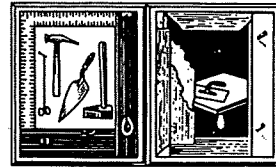


# QUARTERLY UPDATE

- Bricklayers
- Stone Masons
- Tilelayers
- Marble Masons



- Blocklayers
- Finishers
- Shopmen
- Cement Masons

- Pointers - Cleaners - Caulkers • Concrete Products Specialists

VOLUME 3, NUMBER 4

DECEMBER 1995

## Joyce narrowly defeats Carlisle for a 4th term

John T. Joyce was re-elected to a fourth five-year term as president of the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen at BAC's October convention in Chicago.

Joyce, 59, a native of Chicago and a bricklayer by trade, won re-election by a narrow margin of 45,218 votes to 43,120 votes for L. Gerald Carlisle, the union's secretary-treasurer. Carlisle's term ends Dec. 31.

All but one of Joyce's slate of officers for the Executive Board won re-election or election. Mike Carlander, Chattory, WA, defeated incumbent Thomas J. Uzzalino, 59, Ocean Gate, NJ, by 44,310 to 44,025.

**A** 'contest' at some point over implementation of the changes (recommended by the Project 2000 Committee) was an 'inevitability,' Joyce said.

John J. Flynn, an executive vice president, was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Carlisle. Flynn, 61, of St. Louis, defeated Brian Strickland, of

Kitchener, Ontario, by a vote of 46,970 to 41,365.

In the Executive Vice President races:

- Incumbent Frank Stupar, 66, of Detroit, defeated Frank O'Lone, Burbank, IL, by 46,650 to 41,685 votes.
- James Boland, 45, San Francisco, appointed to the union's Regional Council in 1994, won his race by defeat-

Please turn to ELECTION on Page 7

*"It's a repetitive stress injury...have you been bashing unions again?"*



## Effort to repeal prevailing wage act defeated – for now

A Republican effort to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act – camouflaged as a way to help balance the federal budget – has gone down to defeat, at least for now.

Joanna Reagan, head of government relations for BAC, told union officers around the country:

"We can declare a Davis-Bacon victory for 1995. Your calls and letters turned the tide."

BAC was one of 15 building trades unions that approved and implemented a four-part campaign aimed at preserving the law.

Please turn to REPEAL on Page 7

### KEEP IN TOUCH

**LOCAL TELEPHONES**  
612-379-2966 AND 612-379-4230  
**OUTSTATE TELEPHONE**  
1-800-257-8636  
**FAX**  
612-379-3754

### INSIDE QUARTERLY UPDATE

**GARY GOBLIRSCH:** It's time to stand up and fight/2  
**PROFILE:** Lantry is a labor, political and community activist/3  
**PEOPLE:** Children's Christmas Party will be Dec. 2/5  
**BRIEFLY:** Thanks for your help on Health, Welfare survey/6  
**KEEPING UP:** Turkeys will be given away at union meetings/8



C O M M E N T A R Y

**D**ELEGATES TO THE MINNESOTA AFL-CIO'S 38TH constitutional convention in Bloomington sent a message that it's time for workers to "stand up and fight" back against an unparalleled assault from lawmakers and corporate interests.

Speaker after speaker blasted attacks on working people by the Gingrich Congress, and condemned the array of Conservative-sponsored legislation affecting wages, employee representation, and regulation of workplace health and safety that could leave unions in their weakest legal position in a generation.

The 1,000 delegates agreed if labor is going to stop the attacks, it has to develop new ways to make workers' voices heard in legislative and political arenas.

As a first step, the convention voted to both change and expand the Minnesota AFL-CIO COPE (Committee on Political Education) program.

The changes will include everything from examining the way candidates are endorsed to developing new methods to increase the involvement of union members.

As federation President Bernard Brommer put it, "Workers have to stand up and fight to protect their human rights, their jobs, their incomes, their way of life."

**O**BVIOUSLY, PART OF ANY EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN TO STOP the attack is to elect people who will support the needs of ordinary working people. With this in mind, the delegates voted unanimously to endorse Sen. Paul Wellstone for reelection in 1996.

Wellstone has championed worker rights and safety, fought repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, worked to strengthen U.S. labor laws and has opposed cuts in Medicare and Medicaid to provide tax breaks for the rich. He is one of the few lawmakers in either the House or Senate with the courage to speak out time after time for working families, and he is already facing well-funded opposition because of his pro-worker stands.

To get labor's message out to trade unionists and the public, the state AFL-CIO unveiled plans to broadcast a



Minnesota version of the weekly program, "America's Work Force," on radio stations throughout the state.

The show is already being broadcast in Ohio and Indiana, and it should debut on about 15 stations around the state before the first of the year. We'll keep you posted on local stations and times.

In other convention action, delegates reelected Brommer as president and Bill Peterson as secretary-treasurer of the federation for four-year terms. Twenty-five vice presidents were also elected or reelected to similar terms.

No one can argue that America's workers are facing some

GARY GOBLIRSCH SAYS

*Delegates: 'It's time to stand up and fight back'*

real battles today. But there was a feeling of optimism among delegates that positive change is on the way. Part of the optimism was fueled by John Sweeney, who was recently elected president of the AFL-CIO.

**I**N A TAPED MESSAGE, SWEENEY SAID THE FEDERATION WILL mount aggressive campaigns against congressional Republicans at the polls next year and will pour resources into organizing at an unprecedented pace and scale.

Sweeney believes the time is right to organize workers because of sliding wages, 'downsizing' and the constant attacks on worker rights and workplace safety.

But Sweeney made it clear that if the battle at the polls and the drive to add millions to union rolls is to succeed, it will take the help of each and every union member in the country. Sweeney's right.

**President Gary Goblirsch (right) and Vice Chairman Robert Julkowski represented Local 1 at the federation convention.**



The AFL-CIO leadership can only be as strong as the rank and file workers standing with them. ■



PEOPLE

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1



**PROFILE: JERRY LANTRY HAS NEVER LOST HIS ZEAL FOR LABOR, POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM**

**J**ERRY LANTRY IS A UNION AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST for all ages. From the day he was handed his first trowel back in 1951 right up until today, he's fought to ensure labor's voice is heard in the political arena. And he wants the voice to be a shout – not a whisper.

"Some of the DFL Party people have forgotten what the 'L' stands for in DFL," Lantry said.

"It's time we re-educated them. Union members have to become politically active, and we have to endorse candidates who will be loyal to labor issues. Lawmakers must be held accountable on the tough votes, the sacred votes like right-to-work, prevailing wage and workers' comp."

Although Lantry's activism as a member of Local 1 goes back more than four decades, his introduction to bricklaying came about by accident.

"I started as a laborer working for a brick foreman," Lantry said. "One day he handed me a trowel. I really liked the work, and I was initiated in 1951.

"I'll never forget my first crew. The other seven men were Gold Card members. I was really the kid. At noon, I'd go out and get a jug for one of the guys. But all that has really changed."

**L**ANTRY WORKED AT THE TRADE UNTIL 1969, WHEN HE left to become head of the Labor Education Advancement Program, co-sponsored by the St. Paul Building Trades Council and the St. Paul Urban League to assist members of minority groups in securing apprenticeships.

From there, Lantry served for 18 months as legislative aide to former St. Paul City Council Member Len Levine, worked for Group Health and then served until retirement as a coordinator for the Minnesota Laborers Fringe Benefit Funds and the Basic Trades Audit Review.

But regardless of the job,

Lantry never lost his zeal for labor, political and community activism.

He was a member of the St. Paul Civic Center Authority for 15 years and its chair for 11 years, a director of the state DFL 4th District, a delegate to the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly for 35 years and a delegate to the Building Trades Council for 25 years. He chaired the "Union Advocate's" Board for a decade.

But no service, Lantry said, has been more rewarding than his quarter century as a trustee of the Bricklayers Pension Fund, a post he still holds.

"I remember back to 1973 when pensions were less than \$100 a month," he said.

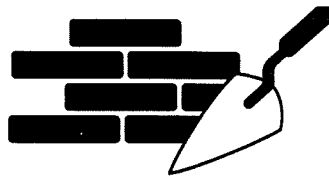
"The bottom had fallen out of the market, and our fund was down to about \$1 million.

"Today, the fund is \$70 million," Lantry continued, "and our members can retire with dignity. I know how wonderful it is to have that security. But our excellent pension system didn't just happen. The support of our members made it happen."

**A**LTHOUGH RETIRED IN 1991, LANTRY IS FAR FROM inactive. He and his wife, former state Sen. Marilyn Lantry, now spend part of the year at their lake home in Osakis and winter in Texas.

Lantry travels to the cities a couple of times a month, a bit more often recently when his daughter, Kathy, was making an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the St. Paul City Council.

"I was just a poor kid from (St. Paul's) Selby-Dale, but I was very fortunate," Lantry said. "I loved my trade, and it's been very good to me. Now we have to make sure, through our political involvement and by organizing the unorganized, that we keep our trade good for our young members. There are a lot of forces out there who would like to take it all away from us." ■



Lantry

**F**rom the day Lantry was handed his first trowel back in 1951 right up until today, he's fought to ensure labor's voice is heard in the political arena.



PEOPLE



**MILESTONES NOTED**

Congratulations to our new 25-, 40- and 50-year members.

**25-Year members**

- Harold Buerke
- Francis Chouinard
- Francis Christensen
- Vernon Hodgson
- Dewey Johnson
- Raymond Kimmes
- Gary Krieg
- Richard Larson
- Leo Lingofelt
- Brian Mattison
- Kenneth Paa
- Gerald Schoeder
- James Seifert
- Charles Tastel
- Randy Vogt
- Gary Youngdahl

**40-Year members**

- Elmer Ackerman
- Robert Anderson
- Kenneth Arcand
- Emil Biederman
- Clifford Buland
- James Carroll
- Edward Cedergren

**Honored for service**

- Robert Christenson
- Rodney Christopher
- Richard Clabo
- John Crowell
- Frank Derksen
- Burton Engebretson
- Robert Ferdelman
- Frank Fischer
- Gerald Fleagle
- Gerhard Fritsch
- Wallace Grabinger
- Walter Grabinger Jr.
- Rawland Hagstrom
- Thomas Hammer –
- Rudolph Hayek
- James Heinisch
- Gerald Jacobs
- Gerard Jenniges
- Roman Johnson
- Bernard Kane
- David Kemp
- Donald Kerner
- Eino Koitila

**Next year's Gold Card Dinner will be held Friday, June 21, 1996. More details later.**

- Kenneth Landborg
- Raymond Larson
- Richard Leyde
- John Ludins
- Emmett McGlade –
- John Munson
- Donald Niebergall
- Roger Palmer
- Dwaine Persell
- Wilfred Prawdzik
- Lowell Prestegord
- William Proshek
- Arthur Rame
- Willard Ratike
- August Reinke
- David Rose
- Hans Rupp
- John Sigstad
- Darrell Steen
- Vernon Stromberg
- Paul Theisen

- Robert Torkelson
- Jim VanGuilder
- C. Vantatenhove
- Ben Vickery Jr.
- Irwin Wahlin

**50-Year members**

- Harold Aldal
- Julio Arrigoni
- Lyman Barclay
- Warren Behmen
- Ben Bowen
- Jack Bussiere
- Thomas Caliguire
- Ronald Christensen
- Louis Christenson
- George Edwards
- Clifford Findell
- Donald Flood
- Harry Gilbert
- John Gill
- Robert Hansen
- Harold Hatch
- Donald Hofmeister
- Leroy Howes
- Andrew Hudak

- Arlo Hughes
- Christian Jensen
- Wayne Jenzen
- Ejner Jepsen
- Jerome Johnson
- Leon Kasper
- Alex Kinn
- Elliot Kjeseth
- Eric Larson
- Lyland Leegard
- Harlan Lind
- Richard Lindmeier
- Robert Listberger
- Warren Lynch
- Wesley Mikkelson
- John Molin
- Louis Nelson
- Bernard Neumann
- Franklyn Olson
- Martin Olson
- Kenneth Palmer
- Kenneth Paschke
- Raymond Pesota
- John Peterson
- Curtis Reichel
- Byron Riley
- William Sax
- Richard Schadel
- Clifford Senstad
- Robert Short
- Dwayne Skovbroten
- Wallace Stanway
- Richard Sundberg
- Donald Swedberg
- Bjarne Westberg
- Albert Whitley
- Donald Williams
- Roman Wozney
- Gordon Youngren

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

We are sorry to report these deaths:

NAME	CHAPTER	DATE
Mejnert Hansen	No. 2	October
Bernard Hilgert	No. 18	August
Robert Krause	No. 02	September
Millard Olson	No. 02	September
Aloysius Sobotta	No. 02	October
Roger Swanson	No. 02	September
Anthony Norman	No. 18	October

Anthony was recording secretary for Chapter 18.

We extend our sympathy to Earl Sickmann, whose wife passed away.

**Apprentices start school**  
 Forty-five brick-layer apprentices started school at St. Paul TVI. The teachers are John Skradski, Dan Quinlan, Richard Kentzelman and Dave Mensing. Eighteen apprentices joined Chapter 18 as tilesetters or finishers. Duane Weisen is the teacher. ■

**NEW MEMBERS**

- James Beardsley
- Terry Bemboom
- Keith Britton
- Shawn Deilke
- Darren Dick
- Kenneth Foss
- Stephen Gferer
- Erick Gillan
- Michael Keever
- Keith Leppanen
- Richard Luedke

- Curt Maiborn
- Wesley Mathwig
- Kevin Medchill
- Gerald Pavak
- Raymond Pooler
- Scott Richards
- Robert Spooner
- John Stauffer
- Daniel Tielbar
- Ben Vosejпка
- Michael Widmer





PEOPLE

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Date:** Dec. 2

**Time:** 9:45 a.m.

**Location:** Second Floor, 312 Central Ave., Minneapolis



**Bags of candy for young partygoers...The incomparable magic of Bruce Russell and Gigi...Children will be asked to participate.**

**OF COURSE, SANTA WILL VISIT SO CHILDREN CAN GIVE HIM THEIR WISH LISTS!**

## Have you had exposure to asbestos refractory or firebrick products?

The International is beginning an investigation to identify members who may be suffering from asbestos-related illnesses so claims can be filed against asbestos manufacturers.

Studies indicate that only those bricklayers who had substantial exposures to refractory or firebrick products are at higher risk for developing asbestos-related disease. Bricklayers with only red

### **If you have been exposed, contact Gary Goblirsch**

If you had exposure to asbestos refractory or firebrick products during the relevant years, please contact President Gary Goblirsch. ■

brick exposure and tile setters probably do not have cases against the manufacturers.

Members exposed to asbestos after the mid-1960s also probably do not have a basis for claims because of insufficient exposure time and various legal reasons.

Any member exposed only after 1972 has virtually no chance of recovery. ■



FROM THE FRONT PAGE

# ELECTION: Joyce wins 4th term in narrow vote

*Continued from Page 1*

ing Paul Delord, Nederland, TX, 49,830 to 38,505.

Joyce, who has been BAC president since 1979, told delegates that the real issue in the elections was whether BAC would complete the changes recommended by the Project 2000 Committee. A "contest" at some point over implementation of the changes, he said, was an "inevitability."

"That matter has been decided by this election," Joyce said. "Project 2000 will be fulfilled."

But Joyce added that BAC's leadership will "do all we can to carry them (the changes) through with the support of every member of this union and, if not the support, then at least the forbearance. It is our deep conviction that the program we are following

will strengthen the union over the years to come."

After his unsuccessful attempt to unseat Joyce, Carlisle told delegates his campaign had been about opening the union up to new members, new officers, new candidates and new ideas.

"This is a great union," Carlisle said. "I have had the honor and privilege of serving it, its officers and members for 36 years of my life."

## *Craft Fair is a celebration of the trade*

**Bricklayers celebrated 130 years of unionized masonry at the Chicago convention with a gigantic craft fair, touted as the world's largest exhibit of masonry skills, products and information.**

**The fair, sponsored by the International Masonry Institute, covered more than three acres in a city block in the heart of Chicago's Loop. Crowds packed the fair for a look at the efforts of hundreds of workers to pull together the exposition of masonry arts, crafts and sciences. More than 40 manufacturers, suppliers and trade associations participated.**

**Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, who cut the ribbon to launch the fair, praised the partnership between the bricklayers' union and contractors as they work to improve the industry's future. ■**

Carlisle said he has no intention now of walking away from the union because "this election didn't turn out the way we hoped it would. Even as we continue to raise the issues presented in this campaign, we must remember that we all are brothers and sisters and that our ultimate objective is protecting the Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen." ■

# REPEAL: Prevailing wage act is preserved – at least for now

*Continued from Page 1*

Repeal has been a top priority for anti-labor conservatives and business groups who argue the law requiring contractors performing federally supported construction projects to meet prevailing wage and working conditions costs the government billions of dollars annually.

But their arguments were undercut when their own GOP-dominated Congressional Budget Office said there was no way to prove eliminating Davis-Bacon would actually save the government money.

Finally, the GOP leadership backed away from the plan to tie repeal to the budget bill when it became a source of friction among moderate GOP House members and ran into a procedural road-block in the Senate.

The fight, however, is far from over. Many Republican House members have indicated they support killing the law, but believe it should be addressed in separate legislation.

The national AFL-CIO is backing legislation introduced in both the House and Senate that has 27 Republican co-sponsors and the support of many Democrats and numerous major contractor groups.

The legislation would continue to protect workers' wages, but would modernize the act and reduce the amount of paperwork for employers.

While Congress debates the issue, a renewed and escalated fight to repeal the state's prevailing wage law is expected in the Minnesota Legislature in 1996.

A repeal campaign was stopped last session, at least in part because of the efforts of building trades men and women who sent letters and made phone calls to their legislators.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO warns that the state fight will be crucial because even if federal money is involved in a project, state law prevails. The federation estimates 98% of Minnesota's prevailing wage jobs fall under state jurisdiction. ■



KEEPING UP



CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES

**Dec. 2**  
Christmas Party. 9:45 a.m. Second Floor, 312 Central Ave.

**Dec. 14**  
Retirees Club meeting. 9 a.m. Jax Cafe. Minneapolis.

**March 28**  
Retirees Club meeting. 9 a.m. Jax Cafe, Minneapolis.

UNION MEETINGS

**Jan. 2**  
Chapter 11-Mankato. 7 p.m. Teamsters Hall.

**Jan. 3**  
Chapter 4-St. Cloud. 8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St. N.

**Jan. 4**  
Chapter 6-Springfield. 8 p.m. American Legion Hall. Springfield.

**Jan. 8**  
Chapter 1 & 2-Minneapolis. 7 p.m. Second Floor. 312 Central Ave.

**Jan. 9**  
Chapter 18-Tilelayers. 8 p.m. Room 319, Griggs Midway Bldg., 1821

**TURKEYS WILL  
BE GIVEN  
AWAY  
AT ALL  
DECEMBER  
UNION  
MEETINGS!**

University Ave. St. Paul.

**Feb. 1**  
Chapter 6-New Ulm. 8 p.m. American Legion Club, 13 S. Minnesota. New Ulm.

**Feb. 6**  
Chapter 11-Mankato. 7 p.m. Teamsters Hall.

**Feb. 7**  
Chapter 4-St. Cloud. 8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St. N.

**Feb. 8**  
Chapter 1 & 2-St. Paul. 7:30 p.m. Labor Centre, 411 Main St.

**Feb. 13**  
Chapter 18-Tilelayers. 8 p.m. Room 319, Griggs Midway Bldg. 1821 University Ave. St. Paul.

**March 5**  
Chapter 11-Mankato. 7 p.m. Teamsters Hall.

**March 6**  
Chapter 4-St. Cloud. 8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St. N.

**March 7**  
Chapter 6-Springfield. 8 p.m. American Legion Hall. Springfield.

**March 11**  
Chapter 1 & 2-Minneapolis. 7 p.m. Second Floor, 312 Central Ave.

**March 12**  
Chapter 18-Tilelayers. 8 p.m. Room 319, Griggs Midway Bldg. 1821 University Ave. St. Paul.

**Semi-Annual Meeting**  
There will be a semi-annual meeting at 10 a.m. on April 6 in Rooms 217 & 218 for Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6 and 18. There will be no chapter meetings in April. ■

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Quarterly Update is published four times a year by Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen Local #1 of Minnesota to communicate with its members.

**Postmaster:** Send address corrections to Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen Local #1 of Minnesota, 312 Central Avenue, Suite 328, Minneapolis, MN. 55414.

**President**..... Gary Goblirach  
**Editor**..... Jackie Roedler  
**Design & Production**..... W. F. Cento

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen  
Local #1 of Minnesota  
312 Central Avenue, Suite 328  
Minneapolis, MN 55414



BULK RATE  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit #4408  
Minneapolis, MN

ON THE COVER: Joyce re-elected to a 4th term

