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Attend special-call meeting on Jan. 5

THERE WILL BE a special-call meeting for all chapters at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the United Labor Center, 312 Central Avenue,

Minneapolis, in second-floor meeting rooms 217 and 218.

This will be an important meeting for members to attend, as we plan to discuss the pos-

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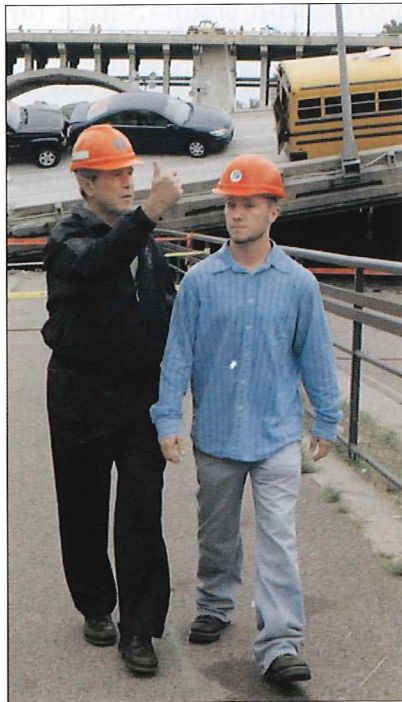
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BENEFITS

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Local 1's bridge collapse hero



President George W. Bush walks with Gary Babineau at the site of the Minneapolis bridge collapse. Behind them is the school bus from which Babineau helped rescue injured children.

WHEN THE I-35W BRIDGE collapsed in Minneapolis Aug. 1, Gary Babineau went down with it. He climbed out of his wrecked truck to help an injured woman off the bridge, and then he went back to take terrified children from a school bus to safety. Two days later, a recognized hero of the disaster, he was the one chosen to revisit the site with President George W. Bush.

Gary Babineau, 24, is a member of BAC Local 1 MN/ND. A terrazzo worker from Blaine, he had been on his way home that Wednesday afternoon from a job in Lakeville.

"It was really heavy traffic, we were moving at five or 10 miles an hour, bumper to bumper," Babineau said later. "I was just getting onto the bridge when suddenly I went into free fall. I watched the whole thing out my windshield, watched the whole bridge fall down right in front of me as I was falling. Everything just disappeared into a huge cloud of dust."

His truck nose-diving into a crevice between collapsing sections, Babineau said he landed so hard that he thought his back might be broken. He checked fingers and toes,

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sibility of building a new headquarters to house both administrative and training facilities. There are many good reasons to do this, and we need your input as we decide on the best way to proceed. We will also be discussing and voting on providing more funding for local promotion of our trade.

Looking forward: Our local is growing

The Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota / North Dakota is still experiencing growth in our Apprenticeship programs, even in our current economic slowdown.

The future of any local union, including BAC Local Unions, depends on education for all members. The educa-

tion for our membership should encompass all of the BAC crafts and include cross-training.

Looking forward, the Management Committee and the Joint Apprenticeship Board, which includes both labor and management trustees, feels that the membership would benefit from combining the Local Union office with the Apprenticeship Training Facility into one jointly-owned building. This would create economic stability for both parties. The Local Union would use approximately 10 percent of a 30,000-square-foot building, leaving most of the financial burden on the Apprenticeship Fund. Currently, the combined rent between the Local Union and the Training Center is just over \$110,000 per year.

The labor trustees would propose a pre-tax \$.10 per hour contribution

into the Apprenticeship Building Fund, effective May 1, 2008. We would project that a 20-year, \$2 million mortgage could be satisfied in approximately 10 years. A new, larger facility would create a better learning environment and better prepare our BAC members for the future. We have to remain on the cutting edge by offering classes with the newest products on the market. A well-educated membership will help sell our trades to the architects and engineers who design today's buildings.

We need to act now. The buyer's market and the interest rates have never been better. Please attend the "Special Call Meeting" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the United Labor Center, 312 Central Avenue, 2nd floor, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414. The future of our union depends on you

Scholarships sponsored for union families

PARENTS WHO WANT TO HELP their children find scholarships for college should know that many good opportunities are available only to union families. Scholarship season begins in the spring, with one of the best awards having an early deadline.



A scholarship that would award \$2,500 per year for up to four years to sons and daughters of BAC members will be due Feb. 28, 2008. Students eligible to apply for Harry C. Bates Scholarships are those who are currently high school juniors, who have completed the PSAT test, and who plan to graduate in Spring 2009 and start college the following fall. Information how to apply is available at the Union office in Minneapolis, by phone at 1-888-880-8BAC ext. 3111, or by e-mail from askbac#bacweb.org.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO also offers scholarships with deadlines from April 1 to May 1. Watch Web site mnafl-cio.org for posting of information on these awards; follow the link marked "Scholarships 2007." The March Quarterly Update will provide more information.

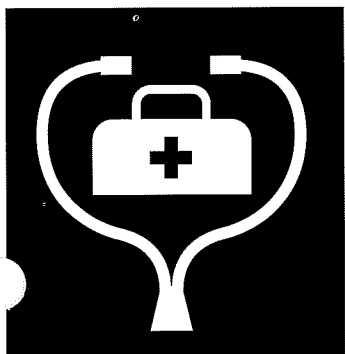
Much information about scholarships available to union families can be found at www.unionplus.org, a nation AFL-CIO website. Under "Benefits Quick-Find" at the top of the page, click on "Education Services."

IT'S UP TO YOU...

Use health insurance with understanding

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT aspects of your compensation as a BAC member is group health insurance through the self-insured Minnesota & North Dakota Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Health Fund, which is sponsored by Local 1.

The Fund became a part of the fringe benefit package in the late 1960's and is now a cornerstone of a strong wage package that ensures security for you and your family throughout your working career and into your retirement.



Understanding how to remain insured by the Fund is critical to you and your family. Each family should keep a copy of the Fund's Summary Plan Description (SPD) in a place convenient for easy reference.

The Fund's administrator, Zenith Administrators, Inc., is available Monday through Friday from 7:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer questions that you may have regarding your insurance status and benefits. Our union website, www.bac1mn-nd.org, has information and links regarding your health insurance program.

Local 1 and the Fund's Board of Trustees have continually striven to make available to all participants in the Fund high quality information regarding member benefits. It is your job, however, to read and understand this information and ask questions when something is unclear.

Working together, we can achieve the best outcome for participant/members in the use of these important benefits. The following are aspects of the Fund's rules that are important to you:

1. Self-Payments: There are very detailed self-payment rules. Self-payments may be necessary when you have not had sufficient contributions made on your behalf to meet the eligibility requirements for insurance. The eligibility requirements, found in your SPD, are as follows:

QUALIFYING PERIOD	PRESCRIBED HOURS	COVERAGE PERIOD
Apr, May, Jun.....	375 Hours.....	Oct, Nov, Dec
Jul, Aug, Sep.....	375 Hours.....	Jan, Feb, Mar
Oct, Nov, Dec.....	375 Hours.....	Apr, May, Jun
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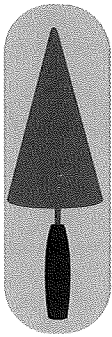
The "Qualifying Period" is the months that you work in

employment under the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The "Coverage Period" is the months where your insurance is in effect. If you do not have the required number of hours in a Qualifying Period to obtain coverage and you are available for work in covered employment, generally you are able to make a self-payment for up to four consecutive quarters to remain insured under our program.

From time to time, the Fund's Board of Trustees is asked to accept a late self-payment. In the overwhelming number of appeals, the Board does not accept late self-payments. The Board of Trustees expects that participants will be aware of their work history and ask questions when they are unclear as to their eligibility status. Zenith provides participants with at least two written notices that participant's insurance may lapse. You can't purchase homeowners insurance to cover a fire that has already taken place; you can't purchase health insurance to pay for claims that have already been incurred. Make sure that you keep tabs on your work hours and insured status. Make sure Zenith Administrators has your correct address.

2. HRA Overpayments: Occasionally, an overpayment may occur from your HRA account. This happens, typically, when the insurance system gets a claim that is later backed out of the system. An example of this may be ordering a prescription and then failing to pick up the medicine. The insurance system automatically pays you from your HRA (if that is the election that you have made) for your out of pocket expense, but later backs out the claim if the medicine is not picked up at the pharmacy. However, in the mean time, a check has been sent to you for a purchase that was not really made. In these overpayment situations you must repay the Health Fund; it is a matter of federal tax law, and not discretionary with the Fund trustees. Your account will be frozen, in terms of future payments, until the matter is resolved with Zenith Administrators. We appreciate your help and understanding that this is necessary to protect the tax exempt status of the Health Fund.

3. Other Insurance: Zenith Administrators has been specifically instructed by the Board of Trustees to take all necessary steps to make sure that the Fund pays claims only when the Fund is legally responsible. In accident situations and workers compensation situations, the Fund has detailed and specific procedures in place to help prevent payment of claims that are someone else's responsibility. You may receive letters asking for further information regarding claims from Zenith. The Board of Trustees asks for your patience and cooperation with providing this information, to help control costs in the plan. The plan is there to pay claims that it is legally obligated to pay; the Fund does not pay claims that are someone else's responsibility.



Architecture students design and build with masonry

THIRD-year architecture students at the University of Minnesota

who signed up for Arch 3250 – Masonry Workshop this fall had no idea what they were getting into or how much real work a workshop could be.

The class, taught by Mark Wickstrom, BAC Local 1 MN/ND apprentice and training coordinator, was an immersion in masonry materials and construction, where for seven weeks 18 students spent every Friday afternoon and volunteered to come in for extra time on a Saturday and a Wednesday just to make sure their projects would be complete in time for their critique.

With about six hours of “trowel time,” as Wickstrom called their rudimentary training in masonry techniques, they enthusiastically took on the tasks of designing and building a project with little physical help, and only minimal direction. Several short classroom lectures accompanied the hands-on activities, providing basic technical information on material properties, wall types and basic design requirements. The success of their newfound knowledge is demonstrated in the projects they built.

The assignment was to design an area either in, or adjacent to, a children’s library, and then to build an element from that design. One team was assigned an entry to that space, one an exit from it, one a place to sit either in or near it, and one a place to play, also in or near it. Their only constraints were those of size (a 4’ x 6’ footprint, 4’ high) and available materials (brick, block, stone, glass block, tile).

Jurors who critiqued the projects

To learn more about the International Masonry Institute, visit us at www.imiweb.org on the Internet.

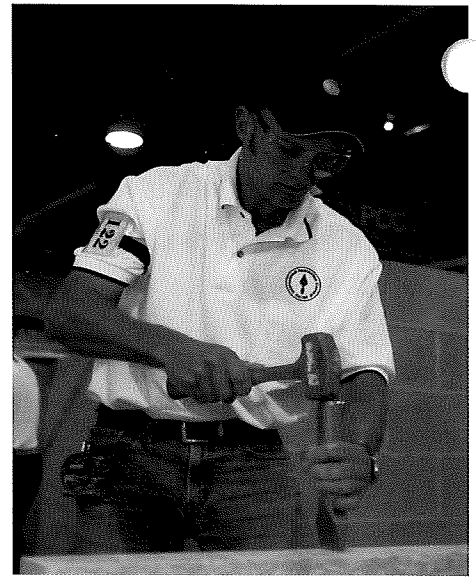
were Mark Wickstrom; Olene Bigelow, Minnesota IMI area director; Mike Hawthorne, BAC Local 1 MN/ND vice president; Philip Waugh, preservationist with Collaborative Design Group, and Ben Ibarra, associate professor of architecture, University of Minnesota.

During the process the students “learned to live by the rule and the level,” as one of them said, and “opinions clashing was what made this really work.” Divergent points of view eventually coalesced into structures representative of the students’ understanding of their clients’ (children) needs, and how they move and think, and what motivates them. They learned, in a very profound way, the value of collaboration and developed a keen appreciation for the skill of a well-trained craftworker.

As juror, Philip Waugh, stated, “They really took the idea of pushing masonry beyond its normal boundaries into a more organic form” and still were able to “really appreciate the precision and craft” of masonry, as Ben Ibarra said. Mark Wickstrom added, “I’m really proud of these students. They have great creativity and really came to understand masonry by using it in some very innovative ways. They were an experiment, a pilot program that we hope we can build on in the future.”

Minnesota Stone Mason Places Second in National Competition

“Just being around [the other contestants] and talking to them made me think I didn’t have a chance”, but Eric Brichacek couldn’t have been more wrong in his modest assessment of his own skill. He took second-place honors at the BAC/IMI International Apprentice Contest in the Stone category, bringing home \$2,500 in cash, a \$5,000 savings bond, a generous gift certificate for tools, a commemorative plaque and a BAC jacket.



Apprentice Eric Brichacek

Eric, whose infant son was born just days prior to the regional competition in July, felt the regional event was more stressful than the national, “probably because I’d never done it before” and because the pressure was there to qualify for the nationals. “To not qualify would not have been good,” he said. “The fact that the designs were the same also helped at the nationals. I took one look and said, ‘Hey, this is a good deal. I can do this.’”

“Also at the national competition,” he added, “the anchors we used were pre-bent for us. At the regionals, we had to do that ourselves, so it saved a lot of time.” The difference, however, was the number of spectators and news people. “There were so many bystanders, and cameras it really made me nervous, so I was really surprised when they called my name at the banquet.”

Brichacek was among 107 apprentices competing in eight craft categories Sept. 21-22 at the newly-dedicated John J. Flynn IMI/BAC Training Center in Bowie, MD. The training center is a \$30 million facility offering training to BAC members at all stages of their careers, along with education programs for contractors, designers and others.

For more details on the International Apprentice Contest or to learn more about the new BAC/IMI National Training Center, go to www.bacweb.org or www.imiweb.org.

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found he could move, then started choking on dust that was pouring in through the open windows. Babineau said he started to climb out of the truck, then crouched back into the cab when he realized that cars were raining down to his right and left.

"A piece of concrete just above me was on a really steep incline and the cars started skidding down and falling off that incline. I was waiting for one to fall on me. After they all got done falling, I got out and looked up, and there was a car right above me. All the cars fell off and that one stuck, for some reason. I couldn't believe that when I saw it."

Babineau saw a woman crawling on her hands and knees and he helped her off the bridge. Then he could hear kids on the school bus "screaming and crying" and he went back and climbed back up onto a tilted section of the bridge.

Already there were a couple of kids off the bus. I started helping them off. There was a big group of kids on the bridge and they couldn't get off because it was still another eight or nine feet down. I jumped off, and told the kids to lean forward and I could grab them. I told them, 'I will not drop you, I promise.' They all did it." Some, in shock, were like zombies," he said; others seemed to have broken arms or legs, and he and other rescuers handed them off to others.

Finally, he said, he went around and looked in all the cars to see if anyone else needed help. Then he went down and looked to see if there were any people struggling in the water. There weren't.

By early Thursday, Babineau began getting calls from the media. Quickly, the calls turned into a deluge, coming in at a rate of 50 to 60 every 10 minutes or so. He did interview after interview, and was invited to appear on the Larry King Show, Good Morning America and other TV shows.

On Friday, Babineau said, the White House called. "They said the President is going to be in town tomorrow, and we'd like you to meet with him." Babineau said he could manage that.

"I thought it was going to be a 30-second thing, shake his hand and he's gone," Babineau said. "But I was with him alone for about a half-hour. We talked about the bridge. We talked about the baby coming."

When the bridge went down, Babineau's fiancée, Elizabeth Lansing, was within days of delivering the couple's first child. Babineau said he told Bush that when his truck started falling, he was sure he was going to die and that he would never get to see his child.

Babineau said Bush told him to send an e-mail when the baby was born, and he would send a letter to the baby



In this photo taken soon after the collapse, Babineau's truck, its lights still on, is seen wedged into the bridge wreckage. Just above is the white car that, to his amazement, never fell on him.

from the White House. After Joseph Gary Babineau was born Aug. 15, Babineau said he did e-mail Bush. Soon a letter arrived.

Babineau read from it. "It says 'Dear Master Joseph Gary Babineau, welcome to the world. Mrs. Bush and I wish you the best in the future and I know you will follow in the footsteps of your courageous and patriotic father.'"

Babineau is recovering slowly. He still has pain in his back when he tries to lift anything, and that has brought at least a temporary end to his work as a terrazzo worker. He is working right now as a CNC milling machinist, a job in which he can stand or sit as he chooses.

People tell him he's a hero, Babineau said, but he feels he only did what anyone would have. "When you heard those kids screaming, you would have done the exact same thing."

He said he does think now about how quickly life can change, how you can be driving home from work and suddenly find yourself falling. "Life is that much more precious than I realized before, because it can be taken away from you so fast."

BUILDING A MODERN CATHEDRAL

Shrine to open July 2008

A Renaissance-style church being built on a hillside near La Crosse, Wis., has become a showcase for some of the craft's highest-level skills.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, due to open July 31, 2008, has drawn BAC Local 1 members from the Twin Cities to work alongside fellow union members from Wisconsin. Contractor for the job is Twin City Tile and Marble Co., St. Paul.

BAC Local 1 members from the Twin Cities work alongside fellow union members from Wisconsin at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

TCTM Stone Division Manager Joe Becker has doubled as manager of the Shrine project. On this one, he said, "the detail is about as high as we'll ever do."

The building was designed by Duncan Stroik, a liturgical architect who teaches at Notre Dame. Stroik has described the design as referring to a period in the history of the Catholic Church when early Renaissance Romanesque architecture was created to attract late Medieval pilgrimages. The Shrine is not intended for use as an ordinary church, he said, but as a place where ordinary people can

come to experience beauty and peace.

Inside the Shrine, Stroik said, are references to the grandeur and glory of the Church at the height of its power: mosaics created in the Vatican, statuary from Italy, Corinthian columns, gilding, intensely-colored marbles of purple, yellow, white and red.

Craftworker assembling the building are working with elements designed in St. Paul, created in Italy and shipped back to the U.S. Putting it all together "is like a big jigsaw puzzle," Becker said. Pieces fit together snugly; joints in the marble floor, for instance, measure 1/16th of an inch.

Workmen at the Renaissance-style Shrine have gotten to experience some Renaissance-style work. It wasn't possible to bring a crane into the building over the marble floors, so a system of ramps, pulleys, chains and scaffolding was created to set monolithic marble in place. The men even found that singing together helped as they lifted 7,000-pound columns onto pedestals.



Four men on ascending scaffolding worked together to lift and place the third of four marble columns that ultimately will surround a marble tabernacle.



TCTM Foreman Curt Nelson drilled holes into the stone pedestal while Rob Frahm (left) and Ted Konz (right) assisted. Four half-inch stainless steel dowels were epoxied into the drilled holes. Mated with matching holes in the column base, the dowels provide alignment and keep the column from twisting or sliding.



Manpower, wheels and pulleys built Medieval cathedrals, and they've been used here. Every available workman put his back into pushing the 7,000-pound marble column up a 40-foot ramp to be raised into place. The column rode on a cart whose rubber wheels protected the marble floor.



Down it came, to be settled onto the waiting stainless steel dowels. In the center is a pipe for electrical wiring. Rob Frahm (right) and Ed Geiwitz (left) helped Nelson make final adjustments.

'It's like a big jig-saw puzzle.' - Joe Becker



The job was finished, and it was on to the next one.



Prep work had included running steel cable through the column core, anchoring it at the bottom end and knotting the top end into an eyelet. With a hook through the eyelet, the men began working in unison to pull chain through a chainfall—the same procedure that's used to lift a grand piano. The column went up slowly, finally lifting into the air to be moved, suspended from a trolley on an I-beam, to center over its pedestal.



2007 – CHECK YOUR CALENDAR 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. **Please see the 2008 calendar on next page.**

Chapter #1 – Minneapolis-St. Paul
 Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave.,
 Oakdale: All Metro members, 7 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 10

Chapter #3 – Duluth-Hibbing
 Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: 7 p.m.
 Dec. 12

Chapter #4 – St. Cloud-Brainerd
 St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St.
 N.: 7 p.m. Dec. 5
 Brainerd, American Legion: 7 p.m.
 Dec. 6

Chapter #8 – Rochester-Faribault
 Rochester, Rochester Labor Hall: 7
 p.m. Dec. 3

Chapter #11 – Mankato-New Ulm

Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club: 7
 p.m. Dec. 6

**Chapter #15 – Bemidji & North
 Dakota**
 Dickinson, St. Anthony Club, 8 p.m.
 Dec. 13
 Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks
 American Legion, 7 p.m. Dec. 12

OTHER EVENTS

Retirees Club Breakfast Meetings
 Jax Café, Minneapolis
 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6

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



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312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:
4:30 p.m. Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, May 12, June 9, Aug. 11, Sept. 8 (Chapter Nominations), 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. Jan. 9 (Wage Allocation meeting), March 12, June 11, Sept. 10 (Chapter Nominations), Dec. 10 Hibbing, Electricians Hall: 7 p.m. Feb. 13 (Wage Allocation meeting), May 14, Aug. 13, Nov. 12

Chapter #4 – St. Cloud-Brainerd
St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St. N.: 7 p.m. Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 5, May 7, June 4, Aug. 6, Sept. 3 (Chapter Nominations), Nov. 5, Dec. 3
Brainerd, American Legion: 7 p.m. May 8, Sept. 4, Dec. 4

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

Chapter #11– Mankato-New Ulm
Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Jan. 3, March 6, June 5, Sept. 4 (Chapter Nominations), Dec. 4
New Ulm, American Legion: 7 p.m. Feb. 7 (Wage Allocation meeting), May 1, Aug. 7, Nov. 6

Chapter #15 – Bemidji & North Dakota
Bemidji, Elks Club: 7 p.m. Jan. 3, March 6, May 1, June 5, Aug. 7, Sept. 18 (Chapter Nominations), Nov. 6, Dec. 18
Bismarck, AmVets: 8 p.m. March 14 (meeting and Gold Card Dinner), Sept. 11
Dickinson, St. Anthony Club, 8 p.m.:

BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 1 MINNESOTA/NORTH DAKOTA

NOTES

√ *There will be no chapter meetings in April, July or October.*

Jan. 10, June 12, Dec. 11
Fargo, Moorhead VFW: 7 p.m. Feb. 12, May 15, Aug. 14 (meeting and Gold Card Dinner), Nov. 12
Fergus Falls, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Feb. 7
Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks American Legion, 7 p.m. Feb. 13, May 14, Aug. 13 (meeting and Gold Card Dinner), Nov. 13
Minot, VFW: 7 p.m. Jan. 9, March 13 (meeting and Gold Card Dinner), June 11, Sept. 10, Dec. 10

WAGE ALLOCATION MEETINGS

All chapters are invited to vote. Minneapolis: 312 Central Ave. 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5

GOLD CARD DINNERS

Cards 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 #4 – St. Cloud-Brainerd
Eagles Club, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 5

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

Chapter #11 – Mankato-New Ulm
Best Western Hotel, Mankato
6 p.m. Friday, April 25

Chapter #15 – Bemidji & North Dakota
Minot: VFW, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13
Bismarck: AmVets, 8 p.m. Friday, March 14
Grand Forks: American Legion, Wednesday, Aug. 13

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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, April 4, Oct. 3

Semiannual Meeting – All of Minnesota & North Dakota
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis
10 a.m. Saturday, April 5, Oct. 4 (Local 1 Nominations)

Chapter #1 Apprenticeship Banquet
Jax Café, Minneapolis
6 p.m. Thursday, April 24

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

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TRAINING

Journeyman Upgrade classes to be offered

A series of Journeyman Upgrade classes will be offered during Spring 2008 at the BAC Apprenticeship Training Center. All classes will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Members who attend classes can receive stipends of \$150 per day and \$75 per half-day from the Worker Readiness Fund.

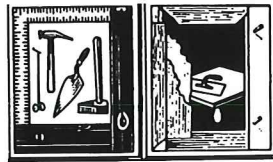
Dates and topics are:

- Jan. 18: Welding
- Jan. 25: Welding
- Feb. 15: Flashing
- Feb. 22: Basic Bricklaying Skills
- March 21: Ashlar Stone
- March 28: Marble & Granite
- Apr. 4: ICF System (Styrofoam Form System)
- April 25: Flashing

OSHA-10 classes scheduled in spring

ALL CLASSES are held at the BAC Apprenticeship Training Center, 415 Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul. For more information, call 651-487-5500.

OSHA-10 safety training will be offered during Spring 2008 at the BAC Apprenticeship Training Center. This training provides the federal OSHA certification required on jobs. Topics covered include electrical systems, scaffolding, hazardous materials, tools, stairways, ladders and personal protective equipment. Classes last two days each and pay a stipend of \$100 per day. They are scheduled for Jan. 4 and 7; Feb. 1 and 4;



APPRENTICESHIP CORNER

For more information on any of these programs, contact the BAC Apprenticeship Training Center at 651-487-5500.



PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Tile Instructor Mark Welch (right) inaugurated the new BAC Local 1 MN/ND tile training program in northeastern Minnesota Oct. 16 by beginning a renovation of the Labor Center in Duluth. When complete, the lower level meeting rooms, corridor and rest rooms will all sport new tile floors. Here, Welch coaches apprentice Chad Bedard on floor preparation.

Feb. 29 and March 3, and April 11 and 14.

Tile Reps to Speak

Representatives of the tile industry will present informative lectures throughout Spring 2008 at the BAC Apprenticeship Training Center. Originally created for Tile Finisher and Tile Layer Apprentice classes, the lectures also serve as Journeyman Upgrade classes paying a stipend of \$75 per four-hour class. All tile members are welcome to attend. Classes, all scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, are:

- Jan. 9: Jim Theis, Noble Company
- Feb. 6: Bill Hall, Ardex Engineered Cements
- March 5: Jim Studeny, Miracle Sealants/JDL & Assoc.
- April 2: Carl Chew, TEC