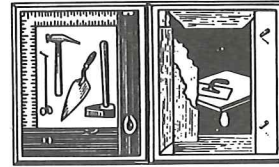


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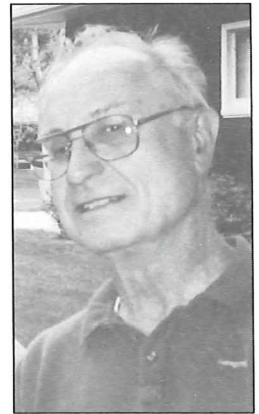


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Matt Etten is enjoying a comfortable retirement that he helped create for himself and others



Matt Etten... a good listener and a team player.

MATT ETTEN'S HOME IS FILLED WITH CERAMIC TILE, expertly laid. Over the years, Etten took care of his craft in the same way, patiently laying in block after block of apprentice training, benefits planning and union leadership, to build a structure as durable and lasting as one of his own tiled walls.

Matt Etten, 74, retired in April after having served as chairman of Tilelayers Local 18 for almost 20 years, and as a member of the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 executive committee for more than six.

He'll be missed, says Bricklayers President Gary Goblirsch. "He was a good team player no matter what we did," Goblirsch said of Etten. "He was a good listener, and people listened to him when he spoke. Credibility, I guess, is the word."

AS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE member, Etten "was a fiscal conservative and he wanted a reason for everything you were doing," Goblirsch said. "He always wanted sound reasoning. If you needed

a dues increase, you'd better have some rationale that made you come to that conclusion. He was just an even-tempered, strong thinker about what you were doing."

Etten has moved into a comfortable retirement, together with his wife Colletta, in the Roseville home they built together in 1953. The two of them play as much golf as they can, and during the winter they try to get away to Las Vegas to spend time with their daughter and two grandchildren.

MIKE HAWTHORNE NAMED

Matt Etten's retirement in April opened a seat on the B.A.C. Executive Committee which Local 1 President Gary Goblirsch has filled with the appointment of Mike Hawthorne, chair of Tilelayers Local 18.

Hawthorne, 41, lives in Chisago and has been a Tilelayers member since 1986. He also serves as instructor for the tile finisher apprentices.

Hawthorne's appointment to the B.A.C. Executive Committee is temporary, to last until the seat is filled permanently by a November election. ■

MORE THAN MOST retirees, Etten deserves his comfort. He created his own economic security, and created it for others as well. Beginning in 1959, first as recording secretary and then as chairman of the then-independent Tilelayers 18, Etten worked to improve the lives of his fellow-crafts-

Please turn to ETTEN on Page 7

KEEP IN TOUCH

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OUTSTATE TELEPHONE
1-800-257-8636
FAX
612-379-8754

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Volunteers needed for State Fair

Mark your calendar for the Minnesota State Fair, Aug. 26-Sept. 6. Volunteers are needed, both active and retired, to help staff our booth. Please call 612-379-2966 for more information.

Cards mailed

New wage scale cards for each chapter were mailed in May. If you didn't receive a card, please call the Local 1 office.

Slips to be mailed

Verification slips for January, February and March will be mailed on June 15.

Convention Set

The Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council will hold its annual convention July 28, 29 and 30 in Duluth.

Out of Work?

Please call the office (612-379-2966). We have calls!

Retiring?

If you're considering retiring, please contact the Union Office three months in advance to fill out the necessary papers.



Stay happy!

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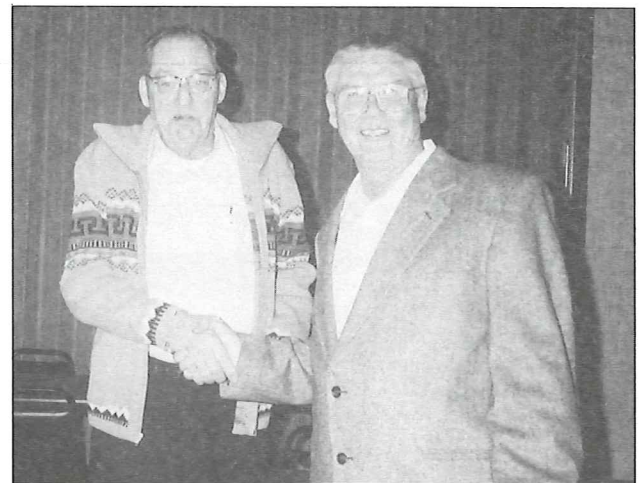
Wrong address

Many members are still sending their union dues to the wrong office, and some are still sending the wrong dollar amount. Dues payments should be sent to 312 Central Ave., Room 328, Minneapolis MN 55414. If you're uncertain about your dues amount, call the office. ■



50-year members saluted in St. Cloud

Domnick Lommel (above) receives a gold card at his home from Chapter Chair Les Cave. In another ceremony, Willie Hoffman (below) receives congratulations from Cave.



Rat Patrol

Two hundred New Jersey union members, along with two big inflatable rats and a Bricklayers Local 5 member in a seven-foot-tall rat costume, demonstrated at DeMag Delaval Turbomachinery Corp.'s Trenton plant as strike-breakers left the day shift.

Steelworkers Local 3355 has been on strike since September, and the rally protested the company's refusal to return to bargaining

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and its hiring of permanent replacements. Plumbers Local 9 and Operating Engineers Local 68 provided the inflatable rats. .

Campus active

From university teaching assistants fighting to organize to student activists rallying against sweatshop abuses, campus activism is on the rise. The AFL-

CIO's Union Summer program, now in its fourth year, has provided solid training and inspiration for more than 1,700 students who continue to stand up for working people. AFL-CIO President John Sweeney announced the first four sites at which some 200 Union Summer interns will work this June through August. The program combines classroom instruction about the union movement with hands-on work to train future union organizers. ■

RECREATION

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

Saturday, July 31, 1999, at Pheasant Run Golf Club, Rogers, Minn.
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local Union No. 1 Minnesota

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 \$65 PER PERSON – This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, refreshments and prizes. Deadline for reservations is July 9. Entrants will be limited to the first 128 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one. Retired members will pay \$35 for golf due to the increased



cost of the tournament.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Gary Goblirsch at the Local 1 office, 612-379-2966; Dick Kentzelman, 612-425-5225, or Roger Buirge, 651-777-6460.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is July 9. No exceptions! The golf tournament is open to all members of B.A.C. Local Union No. 1 Minnesota.

PAYMENT MUST BE WITH RESERVATION – Make your check payable to B.A.C. Golf Day. Send to B.A.C. Local Union No. 1 MN, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, Minneapolis MN 55414.

RESERVATION B.A.C. GOLF TOURNAMENT

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ADDRESS _____

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PEOPLE

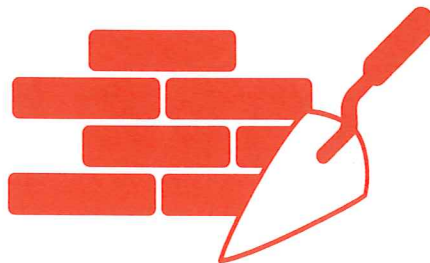
Congratulations to the members who marked their 25-year, 40-year and 50-year service anniversaries.

25-year members

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Donald Baker	No. 1
Kenneth Erickson	No. 2
Robert Erickson	No. 1
Michael Gieseke	No. 2
Harold Hatch Jr.	No. 1
Stephen Hoffman	No. 1
Gerald Horbal	No. 1
Ronald Jost	No. 1
Steven Langness	No. 1
James Lundquist	No. 2
John McCarthy	No. 1
James Nohava	No. 2
Wayne Paskey	No. 2
Paul Rockman	No. 2
Milton Schommer	No. 2
Michael Schultz	No. 1
Robert Stone	No. 2
James Swensen	No. 2
James Vondelinde	No. 2
Robert Welshans	No. 2

40-year Members

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Gordon Amundson	No. 2
John Anderson	No. 2
Ronald Baertsch	No. 2
Earl Bixby	No. 1
William Boyd	No. 1
Thomas Davis	No. 2
Neil Eggen	No. 1



Peter Eisenzimmer	No. 2
Verner Engebretson	No. 1
Gordon Erlandson	No. 1
Patrick Gilbert	No. 1
Donald Gnerer	No. 2
Roy Jaszczak	No. 2
Eddy Kepple	No. 2
Dennis Klatke	No. 2
Francis Kraft	No. 2
Roy Krumwiede	No. 1
Donald Kukacka	No. 2
Brandth Leander	No. 2
Tunney Lepinski	No. 1
Leo Martin	No. 2
Neil Mattson	No. 2
David May	No. 2
Hilding Mortenson	No. 2
Robert Nelson	No. 2
Gary Odean	No. 2
Leroy Olsen	No. 1
Stephen Pawlyshyn	No. 2
John Robinson	No. 2
Donald Schade	No. 2

Charles Schirmer	No. 1
Earlyn Sickmann	No. 2
Richard Small	No. 2
William Theisen	No. 1
Brian Wilcox	No. 2
Robert Young	No. 1

50-year members

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Luther Amren	No. 2
Thor Anderson	No. 2
Albert Buetow	No. 1
Richard Bye	No. 2
Herbert Cook	No. 1
Rich Freeberg	No. 2
Olai Hanson	No. 2
Robert Harris	No. 2
Elmer Helmen	No. 1
Clarence Johnson	No. 2
Lambert Koepke	No. 2
Richard Larsen	No. 2
James Monzel	No. 1
John Monzel	No. 1
Bernard Motl	No. 1
Charles Peterson	No. 2
Donald Petrofska	No. 2
Robert Schmidt	No. 1
William Seidl	No. 1
Harold Stener	No. 1
Ejgil Thomsen	No. 1
Blaine Wallin	No. 2
Donald Welch	No. 2
Robert Williams	No. 2

New members

We welcome the 37 new members who have joined Local 1 this year.

Congratulations to:

- Kevin E. Ahlm
- Virgil R. Anderson
- Ralph A. Bache
- William C. Balck
- Nicholas C. Blesi
- Keith A. Burket
- Justin J. Butterfass
- Ronald C. Conrad
- Bill J. Conway
- Brent J. Denninger
- Robbie E. Dowd
- Steven D. Fjerstad II
- Matthew J. Gauder

MILESTONES NOTED

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Aaron G. Gilbrech | Travis J. Hanson |
| Robert J. Green | Mark D. Harrington |

Deceased members

We are sorry to report these deaths and extend our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Manford Bakke	No. 1
Ben D. Bowen	No. 2
Lawrence Hanson	No. 2
Robert G. Lawson	No. 2
Clarence W. Proper	No. 2
Floyd E. Swanson	No. 2
Albert Verhaagh	No. 1

- Arthur J. Heimer
- Curtis R. Heller
- Scott R. Holcomb
- Jeffery J. Huebner
- Thomas J. Hussman
- Paul E. Jerry
- Charles W. Johnson
- James K. Jones
- Chad R. Jungwirth
- Robbie Luukkonen
- Shane J. Lyman
- Hector Martinez
- Chris J. Olson
- Shawn D. Peters
- Steven D. Petherbridge
- Edward E. Quam
- David D. Schieffer
- David W. Schudi
- Jeffrey L. Stoutland
- Robin L. Williams

P E O P L E

Meet the Class of '99

Attending the April 22 Apprentice and Improver Completion Banquet were (left to right) Justin DuBois, Chad Harrison, Todd Morrison, Kevin Coffin, Kevin Otting, Jack McCarthy, Jeremy Nagorski, Richard Stanley, Matthew Rausch, Burr Robbins, Tobin Cook, Scott VanDerBeek, Greg Torell, Robert Jaunich, Jeffrey Huber, Julian Doxon, John Stauffer, Paul Hill, Susan Jenni, Joseph Richter, Andrew Holzerland, Scott Collings and Christopher Rondeau. Members of this year's class not pictured were Vince Erickson and Timothy Hagen.



Chairman of the BAC Local Union #1 Apprenticeship Committee Larry Hines is pictured with his grandson, Chad Harrison. Chad has completed his apprenticeship training and works for Hines and Sons, Inc.



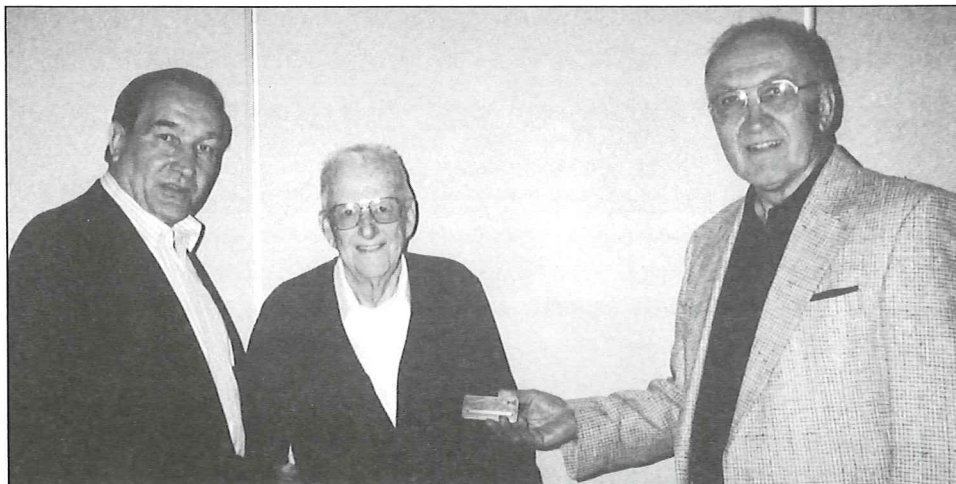
Merle Richter and his wife Vikkie are pictured with their sons, Scott Collings and Joe Richter. Scott and Joe both completed their apprenticeship training this year.



Bricklayers Apprenticeship instructors are (left to right, back row) Bob Steinbring, Bruce Smith, Dick Kentzelman, Apprenticeship Coordinator Michael Cook, and left to right, front row) John Skradski, Volunteer Instructor Harold Stener (retired) and Charlie Taylor.

P E O P L E

Chapter 11 awards in Mankato



Burnell Reed (center) receives his 50-year gold card from Gary Goblirsch (left) and Chapter 11 Chair Tom Rykhus.

A 40-year pin went to Venes Meyer, with congratulations from Gary Goblirsch (left) and Tom Rykhus (right).



Ted Kenne, a 40-year member and owner of Kenne Construction in Mankato, is flanked by two members and employees, Dale Yokiel (left) and son, Ted Kenne, (right).

NOTE...
Anniversary awards were mailed to members Darwin Muchow, 25 years; Gerald Palmquist, 40 years, and two 50-year members, William Meyer and Lawrence Wentzlauff.

F R O M T H E F R O N T P A G E

ETTEN: Retirement fund started in 1968

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men. One of the big deficits when he began was retirement benefits; there were none.

"In 1968, we started working on a retirement fund. When I started, I don't think anybody had a retirement plan," Etten says. The fund was actually begun the following year. At that time, Etten said, Tilelayers 18 members numbered about the same as now, around 200. And they were under increasing threat from non-union workers and tile marketing that encouraged do-it-yourselfers.

When he began working as a tilelayer in 1953, Etten said, "It was a lot different than now. When I first got into the trade, there was not a lot of non-union. Tile was pretty much done by the tile companies, and everything was done in soft mud from the studs out. You'd butter each tile and put it in individually. It was quite an exacting and difficult trade."

Ceramic tile that now can be bought off the shelf in home improvement stores then was available only by carloads, which also worked to the advantage of professional tilelayers, Etten said. Mastic hadn't been invented, and the days of industry experimenting with plastic and metal tiles still lay ahead.

Etten worked alongside men who, like himself, had helped fight a war and then come home to learn a trade. His own war, he says, was "quite an adventure." A St. Paul native, he had joined the U.S. Navy when he got out of high school in 1943. With a group of new enlistees, he was sent to Indiana to pick up a new 300-foot LST seagoing landing craft and take it down the Mississippi River and then up the east coast to join a convoy in Nova Scotia.

He stayed on that ship throughout the war, he says, and it took him around the world, first to England and Scotland and then to France. On D-Day, Etten's ship was one that landed on Juno Beach together

with the British and Canadians. "There was gunfire all around, but nothing that was immediately dangerous to us." Etten's ship entered the Pacific at the end of the war and conveyed soldiers from the Philippines to occupied Japan. "I would guess few traveled as far as we did," he said.

Throughout his war experience, Etten said, the worst thing that happened was when the ship hit an anchor and tore a hole in its bottom. "We were no kind of heroes," he says.

Discharged in 1946, Etten went to school for three years, then decided to become an apprentice tilelayer. The career, he said, gave him both a good living and good health. "My family has a history of heart disease," he said. "My father, mother and sister all died young. I credit the work with keeping me going. It was a very physically demanding job. We did a lot of big house," including many of the mansions on Lake Minnetonka.

RETIRED FROM ACTIVE WORK AT 63, ETTEN HAS GOLFED TO maintain the physical fitness of a younger man.

From 1969 to 1982, Etten worked two nights a week teaching apprentice school, but he says he urged the apprentices not to work too many hours.

"One of my lectures was on moonlighting. The most precious thing you have is your time, and when you go to work for somebody, you are selling your time. I was never an advocate for working day and night. If you have to work 60 to 80 hours a week to take a trip to Europe, it's not worth it."

Since his retirement from active work 10 years ago, Etten says he hasn't really missed it. He stays

busy maintaining his house, doing occasional wood-work projects and taking care of his tomatoes. He did find, though, that when his daughter in Las Vegas built her house, she wanted lots of ceramic tile laid.

Etten got busy and laid it, and he knows it will last a lifetime. ■

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- Matt Etten

K E E P I N G U P



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.

Retirees Club Meetings

9 a.m. Jax Cafe, Minneapolis,
June 24, Sept. 23, Dec. 2.

Chapter 11 - Mankato

7 p.m. Teamsters Hall
June 1, July cancelled, Aug. 3,
Sept. 7, Nov. 2, Dec. 7.

Chapter 4 - St. Cloud

8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St. N.
June 2, July cancelled, Aug. 4,
Sept. 1, Nov. 3, Dec. 1.

Chapter 6 - Springfield

8 p.m. American Legion Hall
June 3, Aug. 5, Nov. 4.

Chapter 6 - New Ulm

8 p.m. American Legion
Club, 13 South Minnesota
July cancelled, Sept. 2,
Dec. 2.

**Bricklayers and Allied
Craftworkers**

Golf Tournament
Saturday, July 31

**Executive Committee
Meeting**

**NOTE: There will be no chap-
ter meetings in July or
October.**

Sept. 30 - 10 a.m.

Chapter 1&2 - Minneapolis

7 p.m. Second Floor,
312 Central Ave. SE,
June 14, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Dec. 13

Chapter 1&2 - St. Paul

7 p.m. Labor Centre, 411 Main St.
July cancelled, Sept. 9, Nov. 11.

Chapter 18 - Tile Layers

7 p.m. Second Floor,

312 Central Ave. SE,
June 8, July cancelled, Aug. 10,
Sept. 14, Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

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Other Events

**Semi-Annual meeting for
Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 18**

10 a.m. Second Floor
312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis
Oct. 2

Gold Card Dinners (cards will be
mailed)

Chapters 1&2 Only - June 18

Thunderbird Hotel -
Bloomington,

Chapter 18 Only - Dec. 14
312 Central, Minneapolis -
Second Floor

Children's Christmas Party

9:45 a.m., Dec. 4, Second
Floor - 312 Central Ave.,
Minneapolis



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