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Construction begins in July on a new University of Minnesota stadium. Details on Page 8

3-Year agreements reached in Minnesota

By Jim Lundquist, PRESIDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER
and Mike Cook, Executive Vice President

NEW three-year agreements have been completed throughout most of Minnesota with the exception of Chapter 15 Brick NW Minnesota and North Dakota, Duluth tile, and Rochester tile whose contracts did not expire this year.

Negotiation Committees representing each craft did an outstanding job for the membership, as in the past. Negotiations are a task that both labor and management don't look forward to every three years.

As for negotiation goals, I can speak only for

2007 wage addendums have been posted to our Web site for all chapters with new contracts. New contracts will be posted soon. Check it out by visiting www.BAC1MN-ND.org on the Internet.

labor. We needed a fair increase to pay for rising health care, fuel costs, moderate pension increase, taxes—and the list goes on. We also needed to help our contractors stay competitive, while at the same time regaining market share.

During negotiations, management wanted some concessions. Neither of the following were acceptable to us:

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1. A floating forty-hour week Monday through Saturday

2. Saturday would be a make-up day when rained out during the week.

On the other hand, we did make a few changes to help our contractors be a little more competitive.

1. The mileage reimbursement has changed for the metro area contract

a. The first 50 miles (or the free zone) from the intersection of I-694 and I-35W to the jobsite each day worked.

b. Jobs 50 to 75 miles from the intersection of I-694 and I-35W: each member will receive \$25.00 per day of travel to that jobsite each day worked.

c. Jobs 75 to 100 miles from the intersection of I-694 and I-35W: each member will receive \$35.00 per day of travel to that jobsite each day worked.

d. All jobsites over 100 miles from the intersection of I-694 and I-35W: the contractor will pay for a suitable hotel room plus \$20.00 for meals each night, and round-trip mileage weekly from home to jobsite at the IRS mileage allowance, which is currently \$0.485 per mile.

The following are the new negotiated wage packages for all trades with the exception of Precast and Shop Workers:

METRO BRICKLAYERS, BLOCK-LAYER, PCC, AND MARBLE MASONS

2007 \$1.60 Foreman additional \$3.50 above scale

2008 \$1.60 Foreman additional \$4.00 above scale
2009 \$1.60
Swing stage premium has been deleted from contract

TILE LAYER

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

TILE AND MARBLE FINISHERS

2007 \$1.36
2008 \$1.36
2009 \$1.36

ALBERT LEA BRICKLAYERS AND PCC

2007 \$1.05
2008 \$1.05
2009 \$1.10

ALBERT LEA CEMENT MASONS

2007 \$1.05
2008 \$1.05
2009 \$1.10

DULUTH-HIBBING BRICK AND PCC

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

FARIBAULT BRICK AND PCC

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

RED WING BRICK, CEMENT MASONS, AND PCC

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

ROCHESTER BRICK AND PCC

2007 \$1.50
2008 \$1.20
2009 \$1.15

MANKATO BRICK AND PCC

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

WINONA BRICK AND PCC

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

NEW ULM BRICK AND PCC

2007 \$1.50
2008 \$1.50
2009 \$1.50

NEW ULM CEMENT MASONS

2007 \$1.25
2008 \$1.25
2009 \$1.25

ST. CLOUD BRICK, CEMENT MASONS, AND PCC

2007 \$1.60 Foreman additional \$3.20 above scale
2008 \$1.60 Foreman additional \$3.70 above scale
2009 \$1.60

TERRAZZO MECHANICS

2007 \$1.60
2008 \$1.60
2009 \$1.60

TERRAZZO FINISHERS

2007 \$1.50
2008 \$1.50
2009 \$1.50

CMU INSULATORS

2007 \$1.10
2008 \$1.20
2009 \$1.25

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE LABOR NEWS in Minnesota, visit the Workday Minnesota Web site – a cooperative effort of the Labor Education Service at the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota AFL-CIO.

Updated daily, the labor news service features information about union and workplace activities; in-depth articles on history, the economy and other topics; materials on labor for use in classrooms; and links to many other



sites.

The news service also is interactive through a bulletin board on which readers can share information and viewpoints.



Bismarck, N.D.

Fifty-year member Arthur Hilfer, center, received a Gold Card March 16 at a Chapter 15 meeting at AmVets in Bismarck. To his left is Mike Cook, BAC Local 1 MN/ND executive vice president. Randy Carlson, Local 1 MN/ND business agent, is to his right.



Mankato, Minn.

John Frank, center, received his 50-year Gold Card April 27 at a Chapter #11 meeting held at the Best Western Hotel, Mankato. He is flanked by BAC Local 1 MN/ND Business Agent Mark Caron, left, and Executive Vice President Mike Cook, right.

GOLD CARD RECIPIENTS

Gold Card is latest honor for John Gefroh

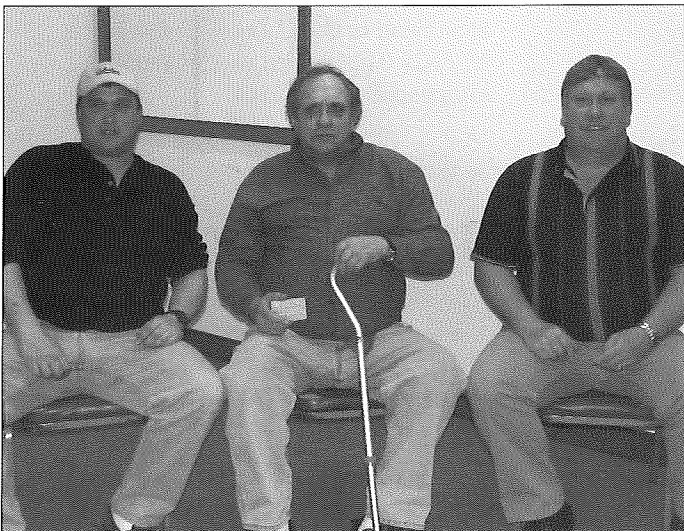
Bricklayer John Gefroh now holds a 50-year Gold Card, awarded Feb. 15. It's just the latest in a series of honors for the Minot, N.D., native.

Gefroh, now 71 and retired for the last nine years, was a member of the Minot City Council for two terms and City Council president for one. He served for 40 years as an officer of the old BAC Minot Local 2, and also as its business agent.

Gefroh also served as vice president of North Dakota AFL-CIO, and as president of the city labor unions' Central Body. Asked what he remembers most now, Gefroh talked about the Flood of 1976, for which he had to organize people up and down the river valley. He also remembers "Training, training, training."

"I called the IU (BAC International Union) and they let me go ahead and train a bunch of Chippewa Indians. I worked on the Turtle Mountain Reservation for 16 months in 1966 to 1968. I trained them how to build. They didn't do a lot of building." One member of the tribe subsequently joined the union.

"I worked everywhere in North Dakota and Minnesota," Gefroh said. "I enjoyed every minute of it."



Minot, N.D.

John Gefroh, center, received his 50-year Gold Card in a presentation ceremony held during a Chapter #15 meeting Feb. 15 at the Minot VFW. To Gefroh's right is his son, BAC member Matt Gefroh, and to his left is Randy Carlson, Local 1 MN/ND business agent.

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

Saturday, July 28, 2007 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.

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FOR MN & ND BRICKLAYERS & ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL NO. 1 MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

This is a summary of the annual report of the MN & ND Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local No. 1 Mutual Relief Association, EIN 41-0164670, Plan No. 501, for period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 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 \$384,558 as of December 31, 2006, compared to \$341,427 as of December 31, 2006. During the plan year the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of \$43,131. This increase includes unrealized appreciation and 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 \$91,854. This income included employer contributions of \$81,804, realized gains of \$989 from the sale of assets and earnings from investments of \$9,061. Plan expenses were \$48,723. These expenses included \$11,603 in administrative expenses and \$37,120 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 International Union of Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Local No. 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.

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 No. 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, Room N1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

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

PRESENTING THE CLASS OF '07

BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentices Graduate

ONE OF THE LARGEST gatherings ever assembled for this annual event participated in completion ceremonies conducted by the Apprentice and Training Program of BAC Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota April 26 at Jax Café in Minneapolis.

A total of 22 Bricklayers, 19 Tile Layers, 14 Tile Finishers and two Marble Masons make up the class of 2007, a record grand total of 57. With the congregation of family, friends, union officials, guests, instructors and mentors, a total of nearly 150 people attended the dinner and cere-

**Photos on
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mony celebrating the class's accomplishments. Hearty congratulations go out to those whose journey has just begun. Completion of apprenticeship is but one step in a lifelong learning process taking people down similar but individual paths. With the support of their union, their families, employers, teachers and all those involved in their progress thus far, their chances for success are greatly enhanced because of those who have gone before, and those who stand behind them ready to support their future efforts.



Tile Finisher Completions

Right to Left Front Row: Adel Redzic, Safet Ramulic, Rodney Baldwin, Jr., Leo Luna, Jasmin Hurtic, Beljulu Beljulji. Right to Left Back Row: Rick Martagon (Instructor), James Sletten, Ron Jolly, Adam Schwitalla, Lynn Nierenhausen, Lisa Moll, Paul Snowaert, Jason Shea, Jeremy Joa, Rod Schmidt (Instructor).



Tile Layer Completions

Right to Left Front Row: Rick Martagon (Instructor), Erik Lohn, Josh Donner, Justin Strom, Fehim Demirovic, Cory Thielen, Elvis Ajdimovski. Right to Left Middle Row: Carlos Alcaraz, Nezir Subasic, Jon Brehm, Billy Crow, Becky Vecoli. Right to Left Back Row: James Noyes, Ibrahim Dragonjic, Jason Moore, Todd Nielsen, Marvin Luchsinger, Jon Medgaarden, Keith Novonty, Rod Schmidt (Instructor).

PRESENTING THE CLASS OF '07

BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentices Graduate



Bricklayer Completions

Right to Left Front Row: David Sticha, Adam Nesbitt, Michael Hartmann, Aleksey Semenov, Dustin Nilsson, Andrew Knittel, Daniel Quinlan (Instructor). Right to Left Middle Row: Mark Wickstrom (Apprenticeship Coordinator), Piotr Rapanovich (Marble Mason), Scott Hoover, Robert Myers, David Penner, Michael Smith, Felix Ibarra, Jeff DuBois, Paul Sikich. Right to Left Back Row: Dzmityr Rapanovich, Jason Monty, Steve Duke, Tyler Rosenlund, Troy Seefeld, Kevin Saver, Alex Gleeson, Nicholas Batchelder.



Marble Mason Completions

Dan Quinlan (Instructor), Piotr Rapanovich, Mark Wickstrom (Apprenticeship Coordinator), Dzmityr Rapanovich, Dave Mensing (Instructor).

**Landmark
UM
Stadium
rises next
to Mariucci**



– Renderings on Pages 1 and 8 courtesy of HOK Sport

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS in July on a new University of Minnesota stadium. Before the first game is played (already locked in for Sept. 12, 2009, against the California Golden Bears) an estimated 450 to 500 workers—about a fifth of them members of our union—will have brought the new landmark to life.

Officially dubbed the TCF Bank Stadium, the structure will dominate the east side of the campus at University Avenue. It will be four to five times the size of the neighboring Mariucci Arena, measuring—depending on where it's measured—90 to 130 feet high. An initial seating capacity of 50,000 eventually will be expanded to between 72,000 and 75,000 seats.

Work for our trade will begin about a year from now, in March or April of 2008. Elements will include construction of tiled bathrooms and decorative brick on a 40-foot-high wall backed with 12-inch masonry. Much concrete masonry will be done inside the building as well.

TCF Bank Stadium was designed by the architecture firm HOK Sport, Kansas City. Jeff Spear, lead project designer, said the intent was to create a “collegiate” stadium, not a replica of “a big NFL stadium.” Wide, 19-inch seats will be built in a single “rake,” not multiple decks, and corridors will measure 45 to 60 feet, much wider than the 24-foot-wide corridors at the Metrodome. Instead of a closed circle, the stadium will be horseshoe-shaped, with a wide opening facing west toward the UM campus. “It’s designed so folks can be outside and look in,” Spear said.

“Because of soil conditions, we can’t go below grade very

far. The main concourse will be elevated by 24 feet, which will allow people to have views from the concourse to the field,” Spear said. “There are not a lot of stadiums where you can do that.”

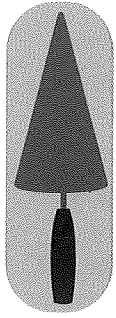
In designing the new UM stadium, Spear said he worked with photos and one preserved section of the old Memorial Stadium. “Minnesota has a long and rich football history, and they felt they lost a little of that when they went to the Dome,” Spear said. “We weren’t designing this building to be a replica, but people kind of missed it.”

A design highlight will be the “Minnesota Room,” a 20-foot-wide, 2000-foot-long glassed-in space supported by more than 90 columns. Between columns will be placed names of Minnesota counties acknowledging, Spear said, the financial contribution made by the state to the \$288.5-million project. County names also will give people a place to find each other on game days, as in “Meet you at Hennepin County.” This wall, Spear said, is where the majority of brickwork will be done.

Paul Kitching, project manager for contractor M.A. Mortenson Co., Minneapolis, said the stadium project is important to his company and its employees, but it will also be close to the heart of Minnesotans.

“Getting the stadium back on campus is a big deal for the fan experience—for the alumni and for the student athletes too,” Kitching said.

The structure will be the beginning of big changes to the area, Kitching said. “The University is developing this whole parcel of property in that area. Other buildings will be built around the stadium too, so this is a bigger development than just the stadium.”



BY THE NUMBERS...

One measure of success is using numbers – brick in the wall, jobs successfully bid, apprentices completing the program, for example.

These same kinds of measures might be applied to marketing efforts, where the numbers are added up and the totals point to projects influenced in favor of masonry installed by union craftworkers.

Over the past year, IMI has been adding up the numbers, and they look like this in Minnesota:

- Education programs presented by local IMI staff reached a total of 1,056 people, mostly architects and engineers. The primary purposes of these “lunchbox” type programs are to bring required continuing education credits to the design community and, more important, to learn what kinds of projects they are doing, and how we can influence those projects in favor of masonry.
- Another 1,291 people heard the masonry message in major programs presented by nationally noted experts who were invited to present programs here.
- A total of 44 contractors, both tile/marble/terrazzo and brick/block, attended IMI’s Contractor College in March in Bloomington for a full day of training on topics such as codes and standards, quality control, new tile and terrazzo systems, grouted masonry construction, and ceramic tile detailing and installation.

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

- Dozens of letters were written to building officials, designers and owners in support of union contractors and craftworkers. Two new journey-level upgrade classes were presented at the BAC Local 1 MN/ND Training Center in St. Paul, one of them to an apprentice class. Countless technical calls were fielded from across the area, helping designers and contractors alike solve problems on everything from code-related issues to mortar additives.

- A new Grey Block Committee has also been established to help recapture the structural masonry (backup block) market that has gradually eroded over the past several years. This committee is made up of IMI staff, along with representatives from the Minnesota Concrete Masonry Association (MCMA), the Minnesota Concrete and Masonry Contractors’ Association (MCMCA), and BAC Local 1 MN/ND. They will work to develop promotion and education programs designed to persuade designers, developers and owners of the value of concrete masonry as a structural element.

These are just a few of the tools in the IMI marketing tool bag that are used every year to maintain, and increase, union masonry’s share of the building construction market so that, even in a “down” year, we can hold our own, and in good years we can grow.

Marketing is a process, and by continuing to work the process, we can make the process work.

– By Olene Bigelow, Minnesota IMI Area Director

NEW MEMBERS
We welcome these
new members...

Clinton Alquist
Brian Arnold
Jason Bakke
Enrique Benson
Greg Brantner
Donald Cross
Michael Dembovsky Sr.
Jason Garritson
Steven Gieser
Jeremy Green
Eric Hayes
Patrick Hegel
Dustin Hess
Douglas Hinseth
Travis Hudlow
Christopher Jerabek
Brian Johnson
Curtis Johnson

Robert Jorgenson
Michael Kampa
Brandon Krosch
Travis Kurtz
Joseph Mauer
Pat Murphy
Bruce Nelson
Lee Nelson
Keegan Olson
Brandon Peterson
Alan Pfiefer
Nikolay Popov
Shawn Potter
Wendy Redepenning
Jeremy Robak
Aleksandr Sagan
Christopher Shanks
Jason Sonterre
Dennis Teel
Jeremiah Walter
Christopher Wilson



DECEASED MEMBERS
We are sorry to report
the deaths of these
members who are list-
ed under their pre-
merger locals.

#1MN—St. Paul
Leonard Barrieau
William L. Boyd
Kenneth Breault
Kevin F. Raymond

#2MN—Minneapolis
Willard L. Baker
Leroy Psyk
Donald D. Petrofska
Lawrence E. Schmitz
Eduard Zimmermann

#11—Mankato
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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.



BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 1 MINNESOTA/NORTH DAKOTA

NOTES

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

Chapters #1 – Minneapolis-St. Paul
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis: 4:30 p.m. June 11, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Nov. 12
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. June 13, Sept. 12, Dec. 12
Hibbing, Electricians Hall: 7 p.m. May 9, Aug. 8, Nov. 14

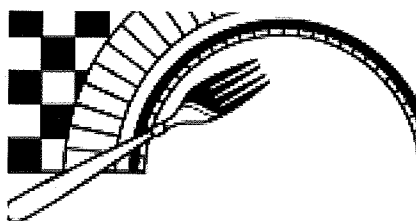
Chapter #4 – St. Cloud-Brainerd
St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St. N.: 7 p.m. June 6, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
Brainerd, American Legion: 7 p.m. Sept. 6, Dec. 6

Chapter #11 – Mankato-New Ulm
Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club: 7 p.m. June 7, Sept. 6, Dec. 6
New Ulm, American Legion: 7 p.m. Aug. 2, Nov. 1

Chapter #8 – Rochester-Faribault
Rochester, Rochester Labor Hall: 7 p.m. Sept. 11, Dec. 3
Faribault, VFW: 7 p.m. Aug. 6, Nov. 5 (Faribault Bean Feed)

Chapter #15 – Bemidji & North Dakota
Bemidji, Elks Club: 7 p.m. June 7, Aug. 2, Nov. 8
Bismarck, AmVets: 8 p.m. Sept. 13
Dickinson, St. Anthony Club, 8 p.m.: June 14, Dec. 13
 Fargo, Moorhead Travel Lodge: 7 p.m. Aug. 9, Nov. 14

Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks American Legion, 7 p.m. June 13, Sept. 12, Dec. 12
Minot, VFW: 7 p.m. Aug. 10, Nov. 15



GOLD CARD DINNERS

The gold cards will be mailed.

Metro Area Gold Card Luncheon
Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave., Oakdale
11 a.m. Thursday, July 12

Chapter #3 – Duluth-Iron Range
Duluth area: Downtown Radisson, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12
Iron Range area: Hibbing Knights of Columbus, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Chapter #8 – Rochester
Rochester Marriott Hotel
6 p.m. Friday, June 1

Chapter #15 – Bemidji & North Dakota

Bemidji: Northern Inn, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 23
 Fargo: Moorhead Travel Lodge, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9

OTHER EVENTS

Retirees Club Breakfast Meetings
Jax Café, Minneapolis
9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, Dec. 6

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. 5

Semiannual Meeting – All of Minnesota & North Dakota
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis
10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6

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 28

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



APPRENTICE COMPETITION SET JULY 20-21

A regional competition for apprentice stonemasons will be held July 20-21 at the BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentice Training Center, 415 Minnehaha Ave., St.

Paul. The winner will go on to a BAC International competition to be held in September in Washington, D.C. Apprenticeship Coordinator Mark

Wickstrom said he expects a very competitive regional winner. "Our Local has a longstanding tradition of producing outstanding stonemasons," he said.

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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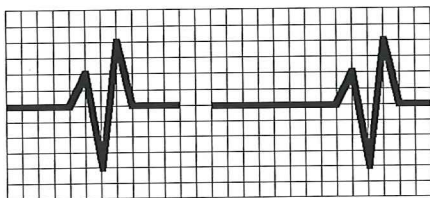
GOVERNMENT

MINNESOTA Gov. Tim Pawlenty talks a lot about saving the taxpayers' money—on his radio show and in his veto messages to the legislature and the media. And you've got to give the guy credit—he's saved a lot of money for taxpayers who earn upwards of \$260,000 a year.

But the rest of us are paying—a lot—for those savings.

Middle-income Minnesotans will keep spending about 12.8 cents on each taxable dollar to keep the state limping along; high income Minnesotans will keep spending about nine cents on each taxable dollar.

And here's a look at some of what we're losing as a result:



- **Health care:** over 70,000 Minnesotans will go without health insurance, half of them children.
- **Hope:** 63,000 Minnesota children will be left in deep poverty.
- **Your dollars:** Minnesotans will spend up to \$26 million of their tax dollars to pay federal penalties on welfare-to-work programs scuttled by the governor's vetoes.



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Minnesota cannot afford the Governor's vetoes, Minnesotans can't afford to ignore them...

• **More of your dollars:** we'll spend \$859 million on interest for transportation loans.

• **Federal dollars:** \$66 million in federal transit funds won't be spent in Minnesota; neither will \$544 million in trunk highway funds.

• **Forty nursing homes** will close regardless of access or geographic con-

cerns.

• **Hundreds of seniors** and disabled individuals won't receive waivers letting them stay in their own homes.

• **The votes** of 80 percent of Minnesota's soldiers overseas won't be counted.

This list is a mind-searing demonstration of the power a governor holds—even when his party is in the minority in the state legislature. And this list is a call to action for working people who think they can avoid politics.



You can't. Whether you're trying to find a nursing home for grandma or just want to drive to work without hearing your teeth rattle, you're dealing with politics and power.



Don't avoid it. Understand it. Claim it. Use it. Wisely. Take the next step. Attend the Minnesota AFL-CIO Political Conference, Oct. 4 & 5 in St. Paul. Call 651-227-7647