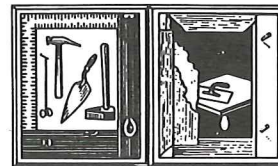


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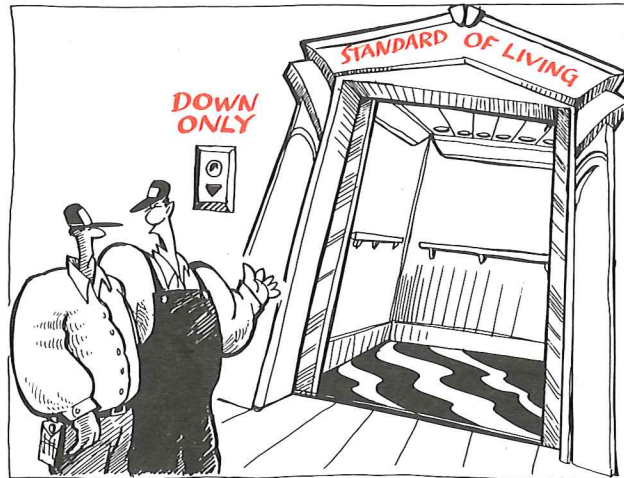
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BRC won't sign with Local 1

Building Restoration Corp. (BRC) has joined the list of non-union companies by refusing to sign an agreement with Local 1. What's even more difficult to understand, President Gary Goblirsch said, is why some union members have continued to work at the non-union BRC.

Charges have been filed against 11 members for various offenses under the International Union Constitution. All charges relate to working for a non-signatory employer and breaking down area standards. A trial board was convened Aug. 24 to hear the charges and make a decision, according to the International Constitution's rules. Goblirsch appointed Roger Buirge to chair the board, and other board members were Mike Renslow and Doug Schroeder. A decision is expected soon.

Goblirsch noted that Local 1 has a new three-year contract, and the current full employment for bricklayers looks to remain strong for some time. "Now is a time in which the union has much to offer," Goblirsch said. "I hope all of our members will remain faithful to the union for the betterment of us all." ■



"Must be a non-union elevator. Better take the stairs."

Bill Hofmeister resigns

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Bill Hofmeister, a Local 1 member for more than 40 years and its business agent from 1987 until his 1994 retirement, has

resigned as secretary-treasurer effective Sept. 15. In a letter to President Gary Goblirsch, Hofmeister noted that the local's secretary-treasurer will be a voting delegate at the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen's upcoming convention.

"It is my belief," Hofmeister said, "that an active bricklayer, rather than a retiree, should represent the interests of the local at the international convention."

Hofmeister will also leave his post as a trustee of the Twin City Bricklayers Vacation Plan so this position, too, can be filled by an active member.

"My membership and service with Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local No. 1 of Minnesota will always be a source of great pride," Hofmeister said. Goblirsch praised Hofmeister for his dedicated service and for always putting the interests of the membership first. "It has been a real pleasure to work with Bill," Goblirsch said. "He did much to help this local, and he will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of serving with him." ■

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B R I E F L Y

Minnesota AFL-CIO Convention Sept. 11-13

Local 1 delegates to the Minnesota AFL-CIO's 38th Constitutional Convention Sept. 11-13 in Bloomington will give their report at the November meeting.

The Executive Committee decided to send only four delegates to the convention because of budget restraints.

Christmas Party for children set

Children of all ages will be entertained by the magic of Bruce Russell and Gigi at Local 1's annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The fun will get underway at 9:45 a.m. on the second floor of the United Labor Centre, 312 Central Ave. Santa, of course, will pay a visit to the party so he can gather gift wish lists from the children and grandchildren of Local 1 members.

Improvers Program

Anyone interested in taking part in the Improvers Program should contact Jim or Gary at the Local 1 office. Classes will start in September.

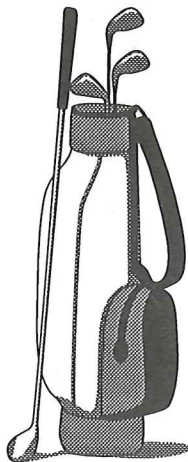
Verification Slips

April, May and June verification slips for Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 11 will be mailed on Sept. 15.

Thinking of Retiring?

If you're considering retiring, please contact the union office three months in advance to fill out the

While 'rough' for some golfers, tourney was a success for all



Some towering drives sliced into the rough and a few putts sailed past the green, but these less-than-grand golf moments didn't interfere with the overwhelming success of the Bricklayers Golf Tournament on July 29 at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Rogers.

While golf was the featured attraction, there was plenty of time to visit with both old and new friends and enjoy refreshments and dinner.

A well-deserved "thank you" goes to the golf committee:

Gordy Meagher, Jim Lundquist, Dick Kentzelman, Roger Buirgee, Ben Baribeau, and Robert Julkowski.

Without their hard work, this tournament would not

be possible.

Prizes were awarded following dinners.

The proud winners were:

1st Place Winners: Guests

Dave Roe, Ed Kranz, Tom Ogdahl and Lenny Ferm.

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Dave Curtis, Jim Oster, Chuck Sauer and Tom Guck

2nd Place Winners: Bricklayers

Jim Sipprell, Dave Sipprell, Doug Schroeder and Russ Jahnke

3rd Place Winners: Bricklayers

Warren Lundin, James Wedan, Louie Christensen and Mike Franz

4th Place Winners: Bricklayers

Steve Kilmer, Andy Fuenffinger, Dan Simon and Mitch Reins.

necessary papers.

Retiree's Club

All retirees are urged to join Local 1's Retiree Club. The next meeting is at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Jax Cafe, Minneapolis.

Reminder

There will be no sub-local meetings in October.

Out of Work?

If you are out of work, please call the office. We have calls.

Bricklayer Bowlers

If you don't want to spend another fall and winter as a couch potato, why not join the Bricklayers Bowling Team. You can call Roger Koland, 831-6174, for more information. ■

J O B S A F E T Y

House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.), has warned the proposed safety cuts would bring back “workplace atrocities and sweatshop standards that we have strived to eliminate for more than half a century.”

The national AFL-CIO has expanded its Stand UP for working men and women campaign by launching an all-out fight to convince Congress to reject legislation that threatens workers' lives.

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The federation's Executive Council said in a statement that the attack on the nation's job safety and health laws “is being led by a group of House Republicans from the business community whose interest is protecting business profits rather than protecting worker health and safety.”

The AFL-CIO, with the aid of radio, television and newspaper ads and full-time coordinators, is spotlighting lawmakers seeking crippling cuts in the budgets of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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One bill introduced by Rep. Cass Ballenger (R-N.C.) would gut OSHA by forcing workers to go to management first with a health or safety complaint, and only allow an OSHA inspection after management had an opportunity to alleviate the problem.

Employers could expect sharply reduced fines – and no fines in many cases – thus cutting much of the incentive to comply with regulations.

In addition, the legislation would place severe restrictions on the development of new standards to protect workers.

The Stand UP lobbying has already scored some major wins. In the area of job safety, Senate Democrats forced Majority Leader Robert Dole to withdraw a so-called regulatory reform bill that the AFL-CIO described as “nothing but a smokescreen for an all-out assault on worker protections and safeguards.” ■



Special meeting to consider increases in contributions to funds

The Jan. 13 meeting for Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 11 has been scheduled as a “special meeting” so members can vote on whether to increase the contribution rate to any of our existing funds. The meeting will be

held at 9 a.m. in the St. Paul Labor Center, 411 Main St.

With a wage increase due May 1, members will decide if they want to contribute additional money to the

pension, health and welfare and other funds. To be eligible to vote, you must have your dues paid through November of 1995 and you must have your dues book at the meeting. Cards will be mailed. ■

KEEPING UP



CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 11-13



Minnesota AFL-CIO 38th Constitutional Convention. Radisson Hotel South. Bloomington.

September 21

Retiree Club meeting. 9 a.m. Jax Cafe. Minneapolis.

November 1

Chapter 4 meeting. 8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St. N. St. Cloud.

November 2

Chapter 6 meeting. 8 p.m. American Legion Hall. Springfield.

November 7


Chapter 11 meeting. 7 p.m. Teamsters Hall. Mankato.

Chapter 18 meeting. 8 p.m. Room 319, Griggs Midway Bldg., 1821 University Ave. St. Paul.

November 13

Chapter 2 meeting. 7 p.m. 312 Central Ave. Minneapolis.

December 2
Children's Christmas Party. 9:45 a.m. Second Floor, United Labor Centre, 312 Central Ave.



December 5

Chapter 11 meeting. 7 p.m. Teamsters Hall. Mankato.

December 6

Chapter 4 meeting. 8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St. N. St. Cloud.

December 7

Chapter 6 meeting. 8 p.m. Holiday Inn. New Ulm.

December 12

Chapter 18 meeting. 8 p.m. Room 319, Griggs Midway Bldg., 1821 University Ave. St. Paul.

December 14

Chapter 1 meeting. 7:30 p.m. Labor Centre, 411 Main St.

January 13

Special meeting for Chapters 1, 2, 4 & 11. 9 a.m. St. Paul Labor Center, 411 Main St.



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