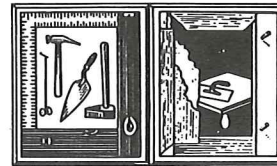


# QUARTERLY UPDATE

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- Stone Masons
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- Marble Masons



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- Shopmen
- Cement Masons
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*Fashionable foursome*

This ferocious foursome headed for the first tee July 27 when Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers converged on Pheasant Run Golf Club in Rogers for their annual scramble tournament. Although Dale Hanson (left) and George Anderson in the front cart and Wayne Paskey, (left) and Roger Koland were not among the top three finishers, their golf attire was second to none.

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## VOTE!

Don't forget to vote for labor-endorsed candidates in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Please refer to the *Minneapolis Labor Review* and the *Union Advocate* for the names of candidates who have won labor's support, because they will work for working families.

President Gary Goblirsch reminds us that Local No. 1/Minnesota members have more work now than they have had in a long time. If anyone is looking for work, please call the office. ■

## Arbitration unit to conduct elections; fairness is goal

President Gary Goblirsch and the Management Committee have announced an agreement between the American Arbitration Association (A.A.A.) and Local No. 1/Minnesota to conduct the upcoming Bricklayer and Allied Craftworkers elections.

"It is a matter of being able to assure all involved of the neutrality and fairness of the election process," Goblirsch said. "No one should have cause to question any aspect of the

election process or the results."

The agreement calls for A.A.A. supervision of the printing, mailing, collection and tabulation of the ballots. A special envelope will be used, identifying both the union and the A.A.A.

Members are urged to pay close attention to their mail for the ballots, which are scheduled to be sent

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## KEEP IN TOUCH

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

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COMMENTARY

GARY GOBLIRSCH SAYS

I AM VERY PLEASED TO inform you that the trustees of the Twin City Bricklayers Pension Fund have announced a one-time special benefit for our retirees.



Based on the excellent earnings of the Fund, a one-time lump sum payment of \$450 per retiree will be made on Dec. 1, 1996. This is the first time that a special benefit of this type has been paid by the Fund.

Although this special payment will benefit only current retirees, you probably recall that The Segal Co. has been authorized to determine the cost of possible improvements to our overall Pension Plan. Results of the study will be available in November.

Our trustees felt that a special payment to current retirees would particularly recognize older pensioners, whose efforts in creating the pension fund continue to benefit all bricklayers.

We have many pensioners whose monthly benefit is substantially less than this payment, and some receive the minimum \$100 benefit.

To me, this was a fairness issue. While we are not able to commit to long-term cost-of-living adjustments at this time, we did want to provide something extra, across the board, to those bricklayers who laid the foundation for our Pension Fund.

There are also 29 "reciprocal pensioners" who were not

## Retirees to get one-time special benefit of \$450

originally included in the payment plans. The Board of Trustees, however, will reevaluate their participation in this payout at the next board meeting.

As secretary of the Fund, one of my goals — and I know a goal shared by all our trustees — has been to help ensure that our retirees can live in dignity and enjoy some measure of financial security. This payment will be a further step in realizing that goal.

### *Six-month audit ends in black*

In a second piece of good news, an audit by Larson, Allen, Weishair & Co. of Minneapolis shows we ended the six-month period of Jan. 1, 1996 to June 30, 1996 with an increase of \$3,710 in net assets.

This growth in Local 1's assets follows a two-year trend of balancing our books without an increase in local dues. In 1995, we showed a revenue balance of \$6,000.

I want to thank our membership for its prompt payment of dues and also thank the Executive Committee for its input and hard work. Without all your help, we would not be able to close our books in the black. ■

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PEOPLE

MEMBER MILESTONES NOTED

**New Local 1/  
Minnesota brothers  
and sisters since  
our last newsletter:**

- Chad Adamek
- Chadwick Anderson
- Michael Anderson

- William Baert
- Jeff Chmielewski

- Louis Clifton
- Tobin Cook
- James Costigan

- Kerry Dagen
- Jason DeBroux

- Roger Dehn
- Chauncey Doyle

- Gregg Enger
- Vince Erickson

- Douglas Foley

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Brian Fritz   | Bruce Jensen | Steven McCabe  |
| Timothy Hagen | Jason Jestus | Shawn Mieseler |
| Allan Hanse   | Susan Kaitz  | Richard Minn   |
| Chad Harrison | Kurt Lang    | Todd Morrison  |

- Jeffrey Perry
- Matthew Rausch
- Joseph Richter
- Burr Robbins

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 56 new members of Local 1, who are listed around this box. Also, a special "thank you" to our members for their help in signing them up.

When members call the hall to let us know there are non-members on their job sites, our business representatives can then follow up on these reports. So, your efforts are greatly needed and appreciated.

We also want to thank Business Representatives Jim Lundquist, Ronald Almborg, Richard Burt and Les Cave for their successful efforts in policing our work areas.

In addition to these new members of our union, there are additional members on application who haven't yet paid their dues in full.

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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| John Holmes       | David Lattery    | Jeremy Nagorski |
| Andrew Holzerland | Joseph Lundquist | Dorand Nelson   |
| Michael Hull      | Troy Lyman       | Jason Paddock   |
| Darius Isabell    | David McCabe     | Todd Paddock    |

- Micky Roeschlein
- Chris Rondeau
- Steven Stahlberg
- Thomas Stanek
- Richard Stanley
- Peter Steichen
- Jerome Stepka
- Wendell Stevens
- Levi Strom
- Gregory Torell
- Roy Townsend
- Joseph Tschida
- Robert Westlund

DECEASED MEMBERS

We are sorry to report these deaths:

NAME	CHAPTER
Dean Alton	No. 1
Emil Pearson	No. 2
Orlano Steen	No. 2

SICK OR DISABLED MEMBERS

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Joseph Paulson      | Alan Barbknecht |
| Thomas Judge        | Earl Bloom      |
| Richard Wallace     | LaVerne Terwey  |
| Francis Christensen |                 |

*Food shelf users likely are working*

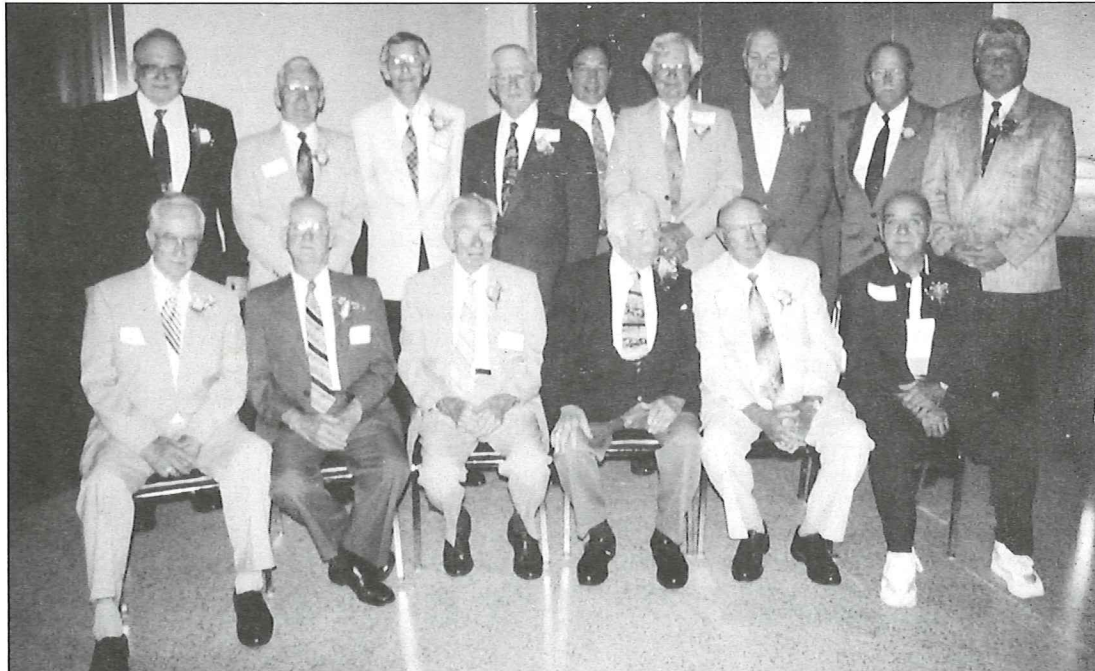
A new study reveals that users of Minnesota food shelf and on-site meal programs are likely to be working families with children.

A survey of 15,300 clients of the two programs detailed in "Hunger Still Hurts" shows that almost one-third of the respondents listed "paid employment" as their major income source. Two-thirds of the households were families with children, over half included children under age six, and more listed "work" as their main source of income than any other source, including AFDC and Social Security.

The study, "Hunger Still Hurts," was released by the Urban Coalition/Minnesota Food Education and Resource Center and the Minnesota Food Shelf Association. It shows that the reported average hourly wage of about \$6.70 is not enough to support a family without other food assistance. An earlier study released by the Urban Coalition shows 251,600 individuals made 1.3 million visits to Minnesota food shelves in 1995. ■

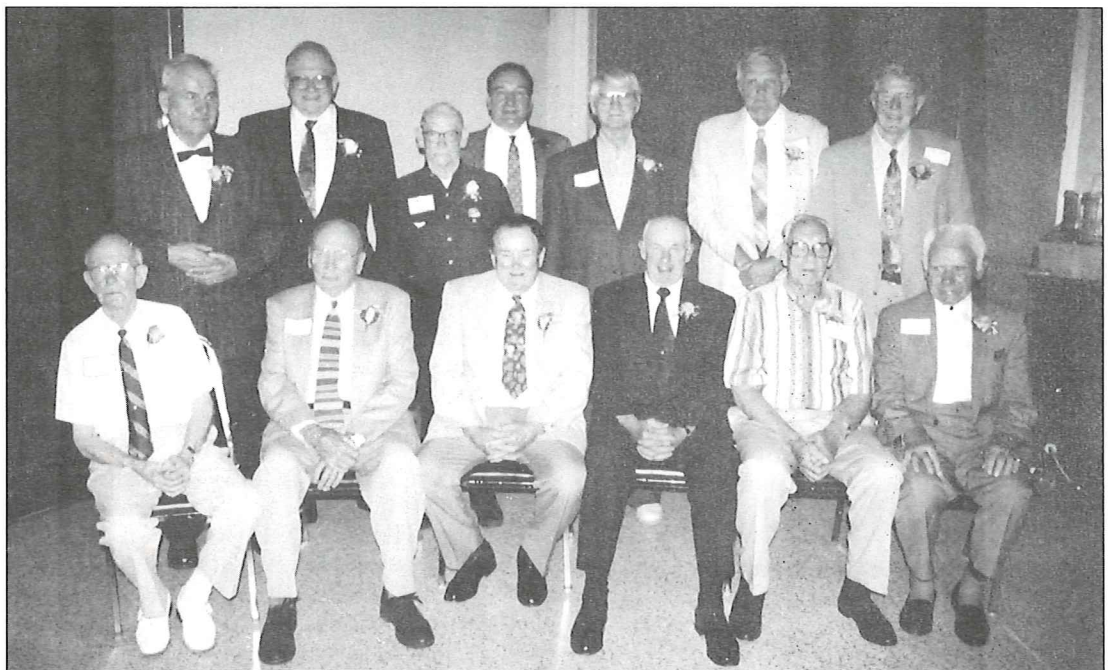
PEOPLE

# Local 1 Service award recipients...



Local No. 1/ Minnesota's Service Award recipients were honored at a Gold Card dinner June 21 at Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington. Congratulations, and thank you for your years of service to our union.

A special salute was given to our new Gold Card members. The 50-year award recipients and officers are (seated left to right) Eric Larson, Wesley Mikkelson, Albert Whitley, John Gill, Don Hofmeister and Robert Short. (Back row, left to right) IU Executive Vice President Frank Stupar, Richard Sundberg, Gordon Youngren, John Mohlin, President Gary Goblirsch, Clifford Findell, Frank Olson, IU Representative Randy Kelly and Business Representative James Lundquist.



New 50-year members and officers are (seated left to right) Harold Hatch, Christian Jensen, Dwayne Skovbroten, Ken Paschke, Jerome Johnson and Ray Pesota. (Back row, left to right) Alex Kinn, IU Executive Vice President Frank Stupar, Lyland Leegard, President Gary Goblirsch, Martin Olson, Ejner Jepsen and Warren Behmen.

PEOPLE

*...are honored at Gold Card dinner*

40-year honorees and officers are (seated left to right) Don Kerner, Robert Torkelson, Wilfred Prawdzik, John Peterson, a 50-year member who joined the group, Richard Clabo, Hans Rupp and David Kemp. (Back row, left to right) Vern Stromberg, Robert Anderson, Willard Ratike, Ken Arcand, Rudy Hayek, President Gary Goblirsch, William Proshek, Gerhard Fritsch, Kenneth Landborg, IU Executive Vice President Frank Stupar, IU Representative Randy Kelly, Business Representative James Lundquist and Local 1 Vice Chair Roger Buirge.



(Continuation of the caption for the first image, listing names and titles of the individuals in the photograph.)



40-year honorees and officers are (seated left to right) Clifford Buland, Gerard Jenniges, John Munson, Ben Vickery, C.G. Vantatenhove and Rodney Christopher. (Back row, left to right) Walter Grabinger, Wallace Grabinger, Elmer Ackerman, IU Executive Vice President Frank Stupar, Irvin Wallin, President Gary Goblirsch, Ed Cedergren, Frank Derksen, Darrell Steen, IU Representative Randy Kelly and Business Representative James Lundquist.

Award recipients celebrating a quarter century of membership posed for the camera with IU and Local 1 officers. Seated left to right are Brian Mattison, Ray Kimmes, Leo Lingofelt, Richard Larson and Bob Julkowski. (Back row, left to right) President Gary Goblirsch, who officiated at the ceremony, James Selfert, IU Executive Vice President Frank Stupar, IU Representative Randy Kelly, Local 1 Vice Chair Roger Buirge and Business Representative James Lundquist.



**B R I E F L Y**

## Michael Cook selected to coordinate Local 1's apprenticeship program

Michael Cook, a member of Chapter 1-St. Paul since 1978, has been named coordinator of Local No. 1's apprenticeship program, according to Gary Goblirsch, secretary of the Apprenticeship Board of Trustees.

*"We are excited to have Mike on board with us. Many exciting and innovative changes and improvements will be coming to our apprenticeship program in the future."*

**— Goblirsch**

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### *If you're retiring, call the office*

If you are retiring, please call the Local 1 office at least three months in advance so we can change your dues rates.

### *Interested in improvers school?*

Anyone interested in improvers school this fall should contact either President Gary Goblirsch or Business Representative Jim Lundquist at 379-2966.

Goblirsch said there was an "impressive" list of applicants for the position.

"Mike stands out not only for his broad knowledge of the craft," Goblirsch said, "but for his skills working with people and his commitment to excellence in the program."

The full-time coordinator position, which started Sept. 5, is being funded by the separate Apprenticeship Trust Fund, not the Bricklayers.

Business Representatives Jim Lundquist, Ronald Almborg, Les Cave and Richard Burt, who shared the apprenticeship responsibilities, will now be able to spend all their time in the field.

"We are excited to have Mike on board with us," Goblirsch said.



### NEWSWEEK: 'IT'S HIP TO BE UNION'

A new poll published in Newsweek magazine shows that an increasing number of Americans approve of unions. In fact, the headline on the article was: "It's hip to be union." The magazine reported that 62% of Americans now think favorably about unions, up from 55% in 1981. In 1967, the favorable rating was 67%. Younger people are even more kindly disposed toward unions. In the 18-to-29 age category, 68% view unions as a positive thing. The magazine says the improving numbers can be traced to anger over corporate cutbacks and skinflint pay hikes. The news magazine also credits the new top leadership of the AFL-CIO for its aggressive legislative and organizing campaigns, and for its sponsorship of the Union Summer program for young people. ■

### *Verification slips mailed Sept. 15*

Verification slips for April, May and June were mailed Sept. 15.

### *Join the Retirees Club*

If you are a retired member of Local 1, we hope you will join our Retirees Club. The next meeting is at 9 a.m. Dec. 19 at Jax's Cafe in Minneapolis. ■

### ***Dues sent to wrong address; some sending wrong amounts***

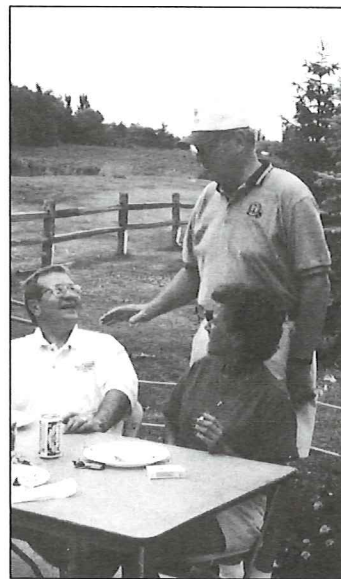
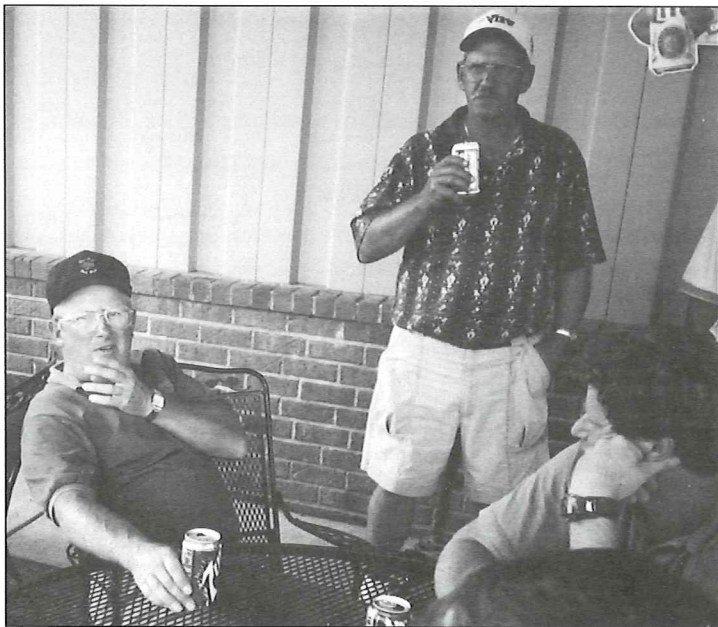
Many members have been sending their union dues to the wrong office, and some have been sending the wrong dollar amount. Dues payments should be sent to 312 Central Ave., Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Bricklayer dues are \$26 per month; Tilelayers dues are \$21 per month. ■

R E C R E A T I O N

# & GOOD FOOD

# GOLF

There may have been a few hook shots and a ball or two ended in the rough, but the "scramble" for prizes was on June 27 when foursomes teed off at the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Golf Tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Rogers. First-place honors were captured by Doug Schroeder, Dave Sipprell, Jim Sipprell and Russ Jahnke. The foursome of Larry Hines, Brian Hines, Dale Johnson and Wally Jones came in second, and third-place finishers were Mark Morford, Ted Raveling, Dave Mattson and Jason Bren. Retired Bricklayer Warren Lundin won the Bricklayers watch for driving closest to the pin. Although golf was the prime objective, players also enjoyed good food and good fellowship.



**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.

**Note**

There will be no chapter meetings in October.

**Retirees Club Meetings**

√ 9 a. m. Jax's Cafe, Minneapolis  
Dec. 19

**Chapter 11-Mankato**

√ 7 p.m. Teamsters Hall  
Nov. 5, Dec. 3

**Chapter 4-St. Cloud**

√ 8 p.m. Basement, 1903 4th St.N.  
Nov. 6, Dec. 4

**Chapter 6-Springfield**

√ 8 p.m. American Legion Hall  
Nov. 7

**Chapter 6-New Ulm**

√ 8 p.m. American Legion Club, 13  
S. Minnesota  
Dec. 5

**Chapters 1 & 2-Minneapolis**

√ 7 p.m. Second floor, 312 Central  
Ave. SE.  
Dec. 9

**Chapters 1 & 2-St. Paul**

√ 7 p.m. Labor Centre, 411 Main  
St. (Note: Meeting time has  
changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.)  
Nov. 14

**Chapter 18-Tilelayers**

√ 8 p.m. Second floor, 312 Central  
Ave. SE.  
Nov, 12, Dec. 10

**Other Events**

√ Semi-Annual Meeting for Chapters  
1, 2, 4, 6, 11 and 18  
10 a.m. 2nd floor, 312 Central Ave.  
Oct. 5

**General Election**

√ Make your voices heard. VOTE!  
Nov. 5

**Annual Children's Christmas Party**

√ 9:45 a.m. Second floor, 312  
Central Ave.  
Dec. 7

**ELECTION: *Complete fairness is the goal***

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out to members on Oct. 12. Members will have 30 days in which to return their ballots to A.A.A.

Candidates will be entitled to have

observers at the tabulation of the results on Nov. 13.

Cards have already been mailed to members, notifying them of the times and places of nomination meetings. If you have not received

your card or have any questions, please call the Local 1 office, 379-2966. Goblirsch said A.A.A.'s supervision of the election assures that the process will be "completely fair, objective and without room for question." ■



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