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## BENEFITS

Check the Zenith Administrators Web site, [www.zenithtpa.com](http://www.zenithtpa.com) or phone either 651-256-1801 or 1-800-879-4412



Pasquale Martini of Italy sketches his early vision resulting in the sculpture pictured on Page 6.

## CARVERS DREW NATIONAL ATTENTION

**F**OR SIX WEEKS in May and June, the lawn of St. Paul College became the center of the stone-carving universe.

While the dust flew and the hammers rang, five- to seven-ton blocks of native Minnesota stone

were transformed into monumental works of art by carvers from Minnesota and around the globe. And these carvers are noteworthy artists, with their work being shown in the most famous galleries and museums in the world. The completed pieces will grace public spaces in St. Paul, St. Anthony and Vadnais Heights.

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**W**HEN ANY of our members are out of work, they have an ally helping them find a new job: us. Specifically, Dick Kentzelman, field representative for the Minneapolis area for the past six years.

Dick will now be the contact person when members are looking for work. He'll also be the contact when you've been laid off and need to get on the out-of-work list. As field representative



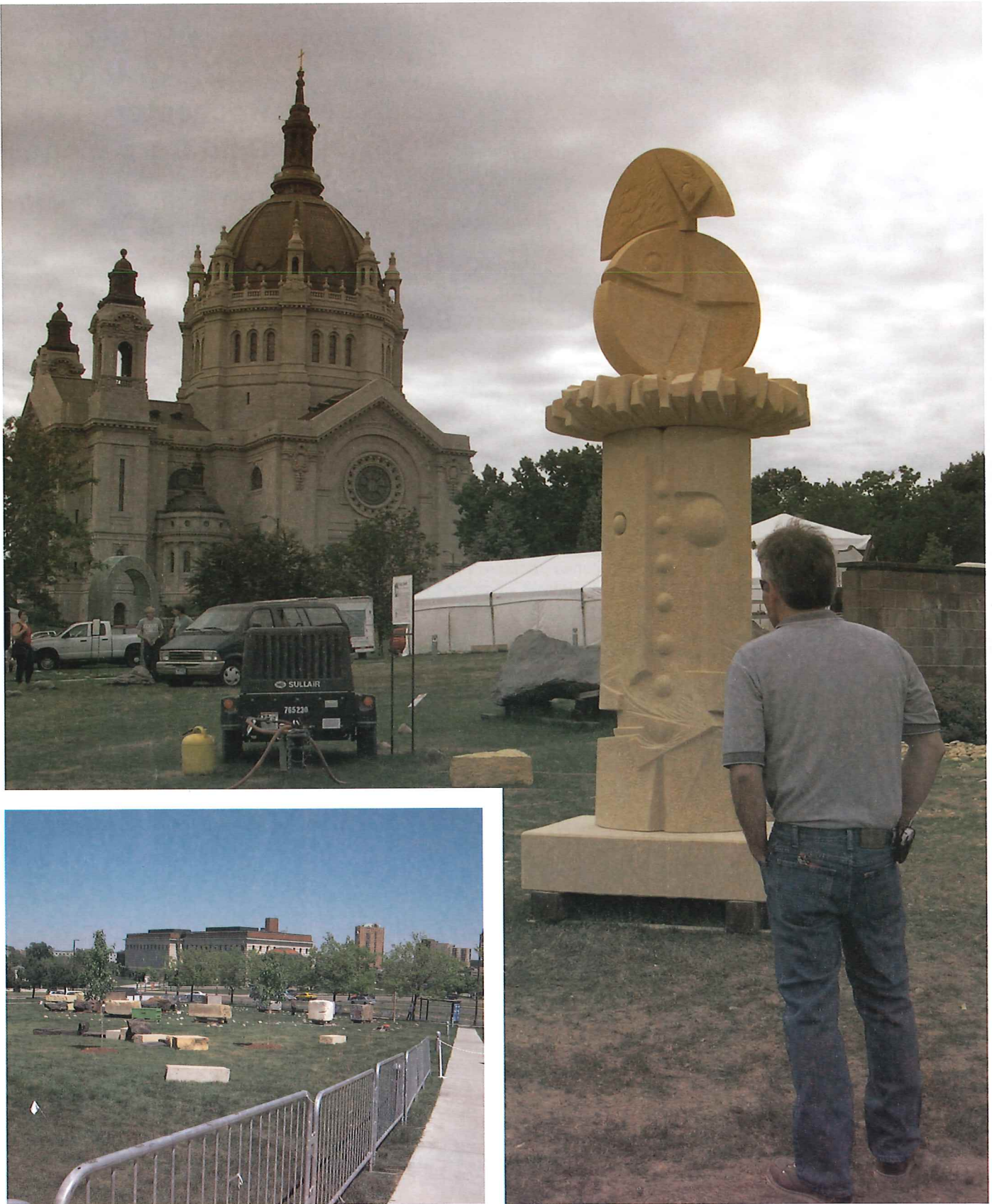
**JIM LUNDQUIST**  
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## Looking for work? We can help

for a large part of the Metro, Dick has been handling calls from contractors looking for manpower.

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With the Minnesota History Center as a backdrop, (left lower inset) stones lie in wait for the action to begin. Above, Mark Wickstrom views Pasquale Martini's completed project (see photo on Page 1).



# CARVERS: *Work drew national attention*

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The purpose of the Symposium was to link cultures, people and art through the common medium of stone; that's the global view. On a more personal level, this medium connected individuals long separated by time and space – like Matt Redabaugh, IMI's Special Projects Coordinator and a stone instructor at the National Training Center, with his former mentor and teacher, Pasquale Martini.

Redabaugh studied under Martini while completing his own stone training in Italy on the BAC International Union's Gerlanus Fellowship program. Martini's sculpture will be installed in Vadnais Heights.

Mark Wickstrom, BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentice Coordinator, also a master stone carver and Gerlanus Fellow, was deeply involved in program organization and selection of the artists. He also involved Local 1 apprentices in the program, helping them see the common bonds they share with the artists. He also became a "roving reporter" for St. Paul cable access TV and its weekly on-site interviews with the artists.

At this writing, the sculptures have been moved from the College lawn to a secure facility on Harriet Island where they may be viewed, albeit through a chain-link fence,

during the day until their permanent installation sites are ready. The enclosure is located at 84 W. Water St., across from the gateway to Harriet Island Park.

For more information on the detailed schedule and locations for permanent installation of the sculptures, check the Minnesota Rocks! web site at [www.minnesotarocks.org](http://www.minnesotarocks.org).

Over the course of its six-week run, the Symposium's momentum and visibility grew as the sculptures took shape, drawing the attention of public and private entities alike.

For example, the New York Times arts editor did an extensive article on the event. Congresswoman Betty McCollum wrote a letter of congratulations. A contingent of committee members seeking an artist for a monumental stone sculpture for a Washington, D.C., memorial made a whirlwind trip to St. Paul to watch these artists at work. At last word, at least one of the artists was selected to interview for the project. These are just a few of the remarkable happenings connected with the event.

Like the concentric circles that form from a stone dropped in water, the effects of these Minnesota stones on the lives of others involved, whether artist, elementary school student, volunteer, or simple observer, will continue to spread in ever-widening bands, affecting people from Ely to Egypt, from China to Zimbabwe, connecting them in ways we can't yet imagine. – **Olene Bigelow**, *Minnesota IMI Area Director*



**Duane Goodwin, Bemidji, MN, completes his sculpture. A moving Native American "blessing of the stone" took place during the Symposium's opening ceremony May 22.**

# OSHA 10, JOURNEYMAN CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

OSHA 10 Safety Training will resume this fall at the BAC Apprenticeship Training Center, 415 Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul. A variety of journeyman upgrade classes also are scheduled for October through December at the Center.

OSHA 10 classes guide members to federal certification on safety training now required by many employers. Each class lasts two days and pays a stipend of \$100 per day. Topics include electrical systems, scaffolding, hazardous materials, tools, stairways, ladders and personal protective equipment. Two sessions are scheduled.

**Group AA** – Nov. 10 and 13

**Group BB** – Dec. 8 and 11

Call the Union office at 612-379-2966 to register. Class sizes are limited and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Also scheduled for fall are these classes:

**Oct. 20** – Journeyman Stone Training

**Nov. 3** – Journeyman Grout and Reinforcing Placement

## Completed OSHA Training elsewhere?

Any member who has completed OSHA 10 training other than through the BAC should FAX a copy of their OSHA 10 card to the training center at 651-487-5511.

We are in the process of compiling a list of all our members who have completed this training. Please include when and where this training was done.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

### Certification

**Nov. 17** – Journeyman Cavity Wall System Overview

**Dec. 1** – Journeyman Blueprint Reading 1

**Dec. 15** – Journeyman Blueprint Reading 2

More information on all classes can be found on the Internet at web addresses [bac1mn-nd.org](http://bac1mn-nd.org) and [bactraining.org](http://bactraining.org). Members also can call the training center (651-487-5500) for information on all classes.

**PAID ADVERTISEMENTS** – Quarterly Update initiates a new feature that both will help our members and help us pay publication costs. We have opened a limited space to paid advertising, choosing individuals and firms we have worked with and trust. Occasionally, many of us as individuals need professional services like those seen here, and these ads can serve as a guide to resources that we have found reliable. Let us know what you think.

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**2006 – 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.

**Chapters #1 and #18 – Minneapolis-St. Paul**

All meetings 4:30 p.m.  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
Sept. 11, Nov. 13  
Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave.,  
Oakdale: All metro chapters, Dec.  
11, 7 p.m.

**Chapter #3 – Duluth-Hibbing**

All meetings 7 p.m.  
Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: Sept.  
13, Dec. 13  
Hibbing, Electricians Hall: Nov. 8

**Chapter #4 – St. Cloud**

All meetings 7 p.m.  
St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St.  
N.: Sept. 6, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

**Chapter #11– Mankato-New Ulm**

All meetings 7 p.m.  
Mankato, Teamsters Hall: Sept. 7,  
Dec. 7  
New Ulm, American Legion: Nov. 2

**Chapter #8 – Rochester-Faribault**

All meetings 7 p.m.  
Rochester, Rochester Labor Hall:  
Sept. 11, Dec. 4  
Faribault, VFW: Nov. 6 (Faribault  
Bean Feed)

**Chapter #15**

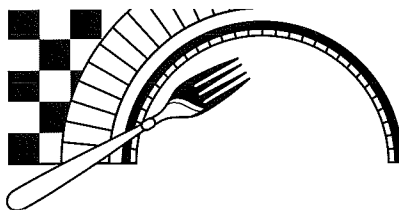
**Brainerd-Bemidji & North Dakota**  
All meetings at 7 p.m. unless other-  
wise noted  
Bemidji, Elks Club: Sept. 7, Nov. 9  
Brainerd, American Legion: Dec. 7

**BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED  
CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 1  
MINNESOTA/NORTH DAKOTA**

**NOTES**

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

Dickinson, St. Anthony Club, 8 p.m.:  
Nov. 16  
Fargo, Moorhead Travel Lodge: Nov.  
15  
Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks  
American Legion: Dec. 13  
Minot, VFW: 8 p.m. Sept. 14; 8  
p.m. Dec. 14  
Thief River Falls, VFW: Sept. 13



**GOLD CARD DINNERS**

Cards will be mailed

**Chapter #3 – Duluth-Iron Range**  
Duluth area: Downtown Radisson, 6  
p.m., Oct. 13  
Iron Range area: Hibbing Knights of  
Columbus, Hibbing, 6 p.m., Oct. 14

**OTHER EVENTS**

**Retirees Club Breakfast Meetings**  
9 a.m., Jax Café, Minneapolis  
Sept. 21, Dec. 7

**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. Oct. 2

**Semiannual meetings for all chap-  
ters – Minnesota and North Dakota**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis, 10  
a.m. Oct. 7

**Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers  
Golf Tournament**  
All members are welcome.  
Chapter #3 area: Grandview Golf  
Links, Duluth  
8 a.m., Sept. 9

**NOTICE**

**Metro Chapter #1 meetings  
will switch to 4:30 p.m.  
from May through  
November. If a late after-  
noon meeting works better  
for you, let us know.**

**LOCAL 1 MN/ND WILL OPEN  
2 NEW INTERNET SITES IN SEPTEMBER**

On Sept. 1, Local 1 MN/ND will open two new Internet sites to provide an expanding range of services to members. BAC1MN-ND.org and BACtraining.org will enable members quick access to:

- Apprentice training schedules
- Calendar of events
- Registration for classes (including OSHA)
- BAC International and IMI Web sites

- Zenith Administrators, for personal benefits
- List of officers
- Quarterly Update issues, in PDF format

Design of these new Web sites has been in the works for months, and we'll go on adding features. We think it will be a big help to members.

Let us know what you think – call 612-379-2966, or e-mail us at local1mn@aol.com.



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## COMMENTARY

# Win elections; build a better Minnesota

**T**HESE are the goals that Minnesota's union members set for themselves and the Minnesota AFL-CIO six years ago.

Each year since then we've made progress toward those goals.

The number of union voters going to the polls – and voting for worker-friendly candidates – increased in 2002 and again in 2004.

The number of elected officials who share working people's concerns increased in 2004 and, if we continue to work together, it will increase again this November.

When the 2004 Session of the Minnesota Legislature adjourned, half the members of the House Republican Caucus—40 state representatives—posted ZERO on the Minnesota AFL-CIO voting record. Twelve senators failed to cast a single vote for working families or the good schools, good jobs and good health care we insist on.

However, in November 2004, union voters added 16 new worker-friendly representatives



## ELECTION 2006 – Our Issues

to our state legislature. And in 2005 special elections, union voters helped elect two new worker-friendly legislators in traditionally Republican districts.

Together we made a difference at the polls and in the legislature. When the 2006 Legislature adjourned, only six representatives had ZERO voting records—and there wasn't a single state Senator with that ranking.

As the 2006 election approaches, the Governor has been forced to stop pandering to the Minnesota Taxpayers League and is running against his own record as he seeks reelection. That pattern is being repeated in many legislative campaigns and in several Congressional campaigns as well.

Will the November 2006 elections keep us moving towards a better Minnesota?

**Yes**—if we keep the pressure on.

**Yes**—if we step up our efforts, distribute work-site flyers, turn out volunteers for doorknocks, and use union member mail.

**Yes**—if we keep our eyes on the prize!