

From Joe Savia, Sr., Business Manager

Dues Paid for the Year 2006

Journeyman – 12 x \$57.00 = \$684.00; **Retiree Dues @ \$24** – 12 x \$24.00 = \$288.00;
Retiree Dues @ \$21 – 12 x \$21.00 = \$252.00; **1st & 2nd Yr. Apprentices** – 12 x \$40.00
= \$480.00; **3rd, 4th & 5th Yr. Apprentices** – 12 x \$43.00 = \$516.00; **Metal Trades
Dues** – 12 x \$24.00 = \$288.00; **Residential Trades/MES** – 12 x \$43.00 = \$516.00.

There were **26 deaths** for the year – 26 x \$3.00 = \$78.00
Now is a good times to catch up your dues and deaths.

Deaths for 2006

1219 Shawn Kopper
1220 Harry Wolfe
1221 James Gibson
1222 Robert Overton
1223 David Hoffman
1224 Amos Gunnell
1225 James Rulapaugh
1226 Allen Thrift
1227 Mark Begley
1228 Roland Blancke
1229 William C. DeLodovico
1230 Billy Orton
1231 Greg Callow
1232 Lorenzo Hansen
1233 James Kulp
1234 Donald Porter
1235 Winford Taylor
1236 Joseph Ranegan
1237 Leonard Fox
1238 Lawrence Vallario
1239 O.J. (Ormond) Valentine
1240 David Smith
1241 Howard Hale
1242 Joseph D. Menoche
1243 Alonzo G Jennings
1244 Clyde E. Bowman

2007 Important Dates

Holidays –

Monday, January 1, 2007 – New Years Day

Monday, January 15, 2007 – Martin Luther King

Monday, May 28, 2007 – Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4, 2007 – Fourth of July
Monday, September 3, 2007 – Labor Day
Monday, November 12, 2007 – Veterans Day – Celebrated
Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23, 2007 – Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, December 25, 2007 – Christmas

Other Dates to Note –

Saturday, May 19, 2007 – Awards/Dinner Dance
Tuesday, August 7, 2007 – Sam Townsend Memorial Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 9, 2007 – Picnic

Annual Awards Dinner Dance

Changes have been made in the issuing of Award Certificates, therefore, the Dinner Dance will be held on May 19, 2007. Awards will be issued to those with initiation dates beginning July, 1981 through May, 1982, and in five year increments, thereafter.

Substance Abuse Issues

In the last few years we have lost quite a few of our younger members as a result of some effect of substance abuse, whether directly or indirectly. In an attempt to curb this outbreak, the Local Union in conjunction with the Medical and Training Funds are putting together a weekly group therapy session (to run for twelve consecutive weeks), to all members or dependents interested. The only criteria is the desire to stop abusing alcohol and/or drugs whether legal or illegal. This will be provided at NO cost and will be on a voluntary basis with a licensed addictions counselor, your participation will be anonymous with no information being shared with the Local Union, Training Fund or Medical Fund. If you have an interest in the program or need any additional information you can contact our office (301) 333-2356 x 9, you will not be asked for any personal information.

This program will start on February 1, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at the Union Hall and continue on Thursday's for twelve weeks. Based on the response we will re-evaluate the continued needs of the membership.

Correction

Correction to the M. Eddie Moore Scholarship winners, Kristi Lago, Benjamin Woycik and Lauren Poole they will each receive a check for \$5,000.00.

Windbreakers

We have received requests to order the pull over v-neck wind breakers. Because of the cost we are only doing on an as order basis. The cost is \$35.00. If you wish to order, please mail your name, address, telephone number and size. These can only be ordered in groups of 30. Once we have a total of 30 requests we will place the first order. You will be notified when we receive the order.

THIS 'N THAT

BIG WINNER

Jeff Hall was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the January Union Meeting and donated his winnings to C.O.P.E.

LATEST RETIREES

Charles Capps	12/1/06
Arthur Colea	10/1/06
Robert Gardner	11/1/06
Stephen Nolan	04/1/06
Gary Parsons	03/1/06
Thomas Powers	12/1/06
Richard Snellings Jr.	01/1/07
Robert Taylor	01/1/07
Wilbur Thacker III	12/1/06
Joseph Moreland	12/1/06

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of E. John Parker, who lost his brother, Raymond, on the 14th of December. Also, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Paul and Everett Lucas who recently lost their mother, to the family of Tommy Rogers, who recently lost his wife, and the family of Stanley Kowal who lost his father on January 4, 2007.

Our sympathy also goes out to the Friedrich family, Chandler Bailey Friedrich passed away on January 6, 2007. He was the son of Ronald Friedrich, Jr., grandson of Ronald, Sr., and nephew of Christopher Friedrich.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1244. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1244 IS IN ARREARS**

From the Local #602 Retirees Club

Here's Best Wishes and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all Local #602 members and retirees. Many thanks to members and guests who attended and contributed to the success of our Annual Christmas gathering. The food was delicious, thanks to those who made/brought dishes for the enjoyment of all. A special thanks to Phil for cooking the meats, and to Tom Williams (who was convalescing) and his wife, Elaine, for their part in obtaining the meeting place. We hope all had a wonderful Christmas! The retirees will be meeting in April. Notice of time and place will be in a future newsletter. Remember, if you wish to join or remain a member, the dues are still \$12.00, due the

month of January. For those who wish to join, make your check to Local #602 Retirees Club and send to Sherry Connor.

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

The 110th Congress has now been sworn in. The Democrats are in the majority in both the House and Senate for the first time since 1994. Under the rules of Congress, the majority party will chair all of the committees and make all of the rules governing debate and procedural matters involving the bills to be considered.

The Democrats leadership has been criticized for adopting rules similar to those of the Republicans when they were in the majority. Specifically the Democrats have announced that, during their first one hundred hours of rule, they will not allow either substitute motions or amendments. Further, they have announced that they will restrict debate. Although I believe that the Republican "outrage" is disingenuous, I am disappointed with the stance of the Democrats.

The right to open and unchallenged debate is the keystone of our democracy. It is enshrined in our Constitution, the governing body of law that controls the excesses of our republic. The majority does, in the end, rule but our Founding Fathers explicitly embraced protections for minority views and opinions.

No one party, generation, or individual has or will ever have a monopoly on wisdom. Students of U.S. history know that our government has taken a few wrong turns in its attempt to form a "more perfect union". The original Constitution accepted the practice of slavery and excluded over half of the population from the right to cast a vote. After a century or more of debate we eventually embraced emancipation and accepted the arguments of the Suffragettes.

In the 110th Congress, 34% of the House of Representatives and 23% of the Senate are members of minorities that were formally excluded at the founding of our nation. The madam Speaker of the House would do well to remember this when tempted to limit debate through the remainder of her term.

The problems that beset our nation are many but most of them will be relegated to the back burner until we address our most immediate malady. We are at war and struggling to disengage from the "foreign entanglements" that George Washington warned us to avoid.

The 110th Congress will be at the center of the public debate over the occupation of Iraq. It is often easier to declare war than to "sue for peace" with honor and dignity. Unbridled partisanship typically leads to stagnation and a continuation of the status quo. On the other hand, change requires a consensus, which ultimately relies on cooperation amongst competing interests. We will undoubtedly need a bi-partisan effort to end our

involvement in this conflict. For the ultimate good of our nation, the majority needs to reach out and garner the support of the minority.

Protecting Our Past

Bill Durkin

After moving to our new offices in Capitol Heights, and all of the unpacking we found our Charter and various Minute Books and Records in deteriorating condition. Our Charter with the United Association from March, 1913 was in a frame but had become much discolored and faded. The books and the papers were in similar condition. We all knew something had to be done but the question was who does this work and where is it done?

Brother Jack Mastripolito took the bull by the horns and started researching. He found that the Maryland State Archives would do the work, for a reasonable cost. Under the direction of Joe Savia, Business Manager, Jack was given the documents and he oversaw the cleaning, restoring and rebinding of our history.

On January 5, 2007 Brother Mastripolito picked up the restored items and returned them to the Union Hall. We had been organized on Mary 4, 1988 into the National Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America”, Local Branch 10. The Minute Books restored go back to 1889.

In looking over the restored material it is interesting to see some of the names are still familiar and some of the problems the Local faced were the same. We should all take pride in belonging to an organization that has been here for over 100 years. Whether your family was here in the beginning or you are a brand new member, you are all part of the Union and it's history.

Get involved in your Union, like Jack did. We all need to help build our union so it will be here in another 100 years and maybe some of our children will still recognize the names of the past.





From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

During the Maryland Senatorial Election, an exit poll was taken that pointed out a startling fact. When asked whether they, or someone in their household was a Union Member over 65% answered yes. Organized labor gained more legislative muscle with the election of at least half dozen new representatives who have direct ties to labor. Expect several labor focused issues to surface during the 90-day session that began January 10.

The Fair Share Health Bill, which passed at the beginning of 2006, over Governor Ehrlich's veto only to be struck down by a Federal Judge probably will be back. An increase in the minimum wage, which is now at \$6.15 per hour, despite Ehrlich's veto of a 2005 bill, will probably come up along with other wage initiatives. From my years of experience in Annapolis I can expect proposed bills, either to do away with Davis /Bacon (prevailing wage) laws or ways to circumvent them; none of which would be beneficial for the working man.

This past Maryland election will prove good for Labor. Six freshman delegates were either raised in Union Households or work for Labor Organizations. They will join a handful of veteran Legislators with close ties to the Labor Movement; Delegate Veronica

L. Turner of Camp Springs is a longtime SEIU lobbyist. Brian K. McHale of Baltimore is a member of the Longshoremen's Association. Robert Costa of Shady Side and James Malone of Arbutus both belong to their respective Local Firefighters Union. Tom Hucker of Silver Spring works with a social advocacy group. Gerron Levi of Bowie is a lobbyist for the AFL-CIO, Kris Valderrama of Fort Washington is a publicist for AFSCME and Todd Schuler of Overlea his father is an office with Local 486.

There will come a time during this Legislative Session where these delegates, and all others, will need to hear from us. The delegates of your Legislative District sit upon their respective committees of either the House or Senate. When bills are proposed they can either be passed through to be voted upon, in the House or Senate, or not acted upon; left to die in those committees (Judicial, Budget, Ways & Means, etc...). What we need from you is a little bit of your time.

When those bills come up we will let you know that your delegate sits on a Committee that will be hearing a bill that can either be harmful or helpful to the Union. We will ask you to contact your Delegate and let them know you are a voting member in their district, member of Steamfitters Local Union No. 602 and that you wish they would take the Union's stand (yea or nay) on this particular bill that stands before them. The little bit of time that this may take could pay dividends in the long run. Please send us your e-mail address that we may be able to contact you.

WAYNE'S WORLD

JANUARY, 2007 - -INTEGRITY

In this New Year, what do we all have in common? We are all Steamfitters. This is our livelihoods, what we get paid to do. Some of us perform the duties of the job much better than others, and some of us pretend to be something we are not. In reality, we all portray ourselves as something we are not, in certain aspects. In the first month of the New Year, let us forget what is behind us and focus on what is in front of us.

INTEGRITY, a word that means the opposite of pretending. Integrity is what you are doing when no one else is looking. If you have integrity there is no division in what you are-you see what you get. Now ask yourself, do you live your life with integrity, or better yet do you have integrity in the workplace? If you get to work on time and do not leave early, if you avoid cutting corners and achieve the goals your job asks of you, if you try to be an important trustworthy member of the union, then yes, you do in fact work with integrity. Integrity is an important quality on the job because it indicates that you care more about the work you are responsible for and less about what others think you should do. At times it is difficult not to pay attention to the images that others have of ourselves; but if you work and live with integrity, you have the security in yourself that you are being the person that you want others to see and trying hard not be something we are not. By doing this we are taking ourselves to a higher level. So let's ask ourselves in 2007, can I be a more honest person than I was in the previous year? Because frankly, none of us have a good enough memory to lie...it's hard to keep them all straight. So when you start on this new journey, invite someone to come along. Seek those with similar goals

and that challenge us to be ourselves. Be inviting someone along you may help them to be a better person, and vice versa. Let's hope this year is a better year for all of us.

We are continuously updating our records. We now have over 3300 Members and close to 200 Contractors. Addresses, phone numbers and many other changes that we, at the Hall need to keep current. We have found that with upcoming events, and the speed that the world expects, we have found that we need to include email addresses in our database. If you have changed **ANY** of your vital information please let the union office know. You can email us at ua602@aol.com or mail in the changed information.

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

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