

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011

Dear Sir & Brother:

The meetings listed below will be the only scheduled meetings for the period indicated. All United Association members must present their UNION CARD to attend the General Meetings listed below. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT 34 HIGGINS AVENUE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 th AT 6:30 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 th AT 6:30 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 th AT 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 th AT 6:30 PM
SPECIAL CALLED METTING: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 th AT 6:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 th AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 th AT 8:00 PM
SPRINKLER MEETING:	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 st AT 5:30 PM
REFRIGERATION MEETING:	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 nd AT 5:30 PM
BRANDON MEETING: (at the Canad Inns Destination Centre 1125 – 18 th Street, Brandon)	THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 th AT 7:30 PM

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS: #431

With deepest sympathy we must inform you of the passing away of the following UA Local 254 Member:

Brother John Fehr a Pipeline Helper and a Member of 25 years, died August 11, 2011, at the age of 50.

GENERAL NEWS:

A *Special Called Meeting* will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. to vote on proposed By-Law changes. Attached is a copy to review before the next meeting. A 2/3 majority vote is required for the proposals to be adopted.

At the 38th United Association General Convention held in Las Vegas in August 2011, a resolution was passed to increase the monthly Union dues by \$2.00 per month. This will take effect January 1, 2012. The increase would change the amount to \$40.00 per month from the current \$38.00 for regular monthly Union dues. Further to this increase, a \$1.00 per month Union dues increase will go into effect in each January 1, 2013, 2014, and 2015. These increases will not affect members turning 65 as of January 1, 2012.

As we know a Provincial Election is taking place on October 4, 2011. We need our membership to vote for the Government we have in place right now (NDP). Attached is a letter from Ron Stecy, the new Executive Director of the Manitoba Building Trades Council, explaining the reasons why a change of Government would hurt labour. I ask that you please read this letter from Ron Stecy. Thank you.

WORK SITUATION:

The work situation is picking up with the Ikea store being awarded to Thor Plumbing and Heating as well as a 96 bed expansion at Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

Derksen Mechanical Services has also won a project starting at Lalor Lake for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting.

Cannexis in Brandon will start shortly as well as Summit Pipelines. They have about 90 dig ups to do in our jurisdiction.

CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

This is a reminder to mail in your card with your children's name and ages to ensure they are invited to meet with Santa on the afternoon of December 11, 2011. Come for lunch and entertainment for the whole family from noon until 3:30 p.m. Just a friendly reminder that this party is for Members' children only – grandchildren are not eligible.

CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Cont'd:

All children aged infant to ten years of age must be registered to attend. We look forward to an excellent turnout.

We are in need of a few volunteers for set-up and take down as well as helping in the kitchen. If you are able, please call the office and let us know.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Heiko Wiechern
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

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