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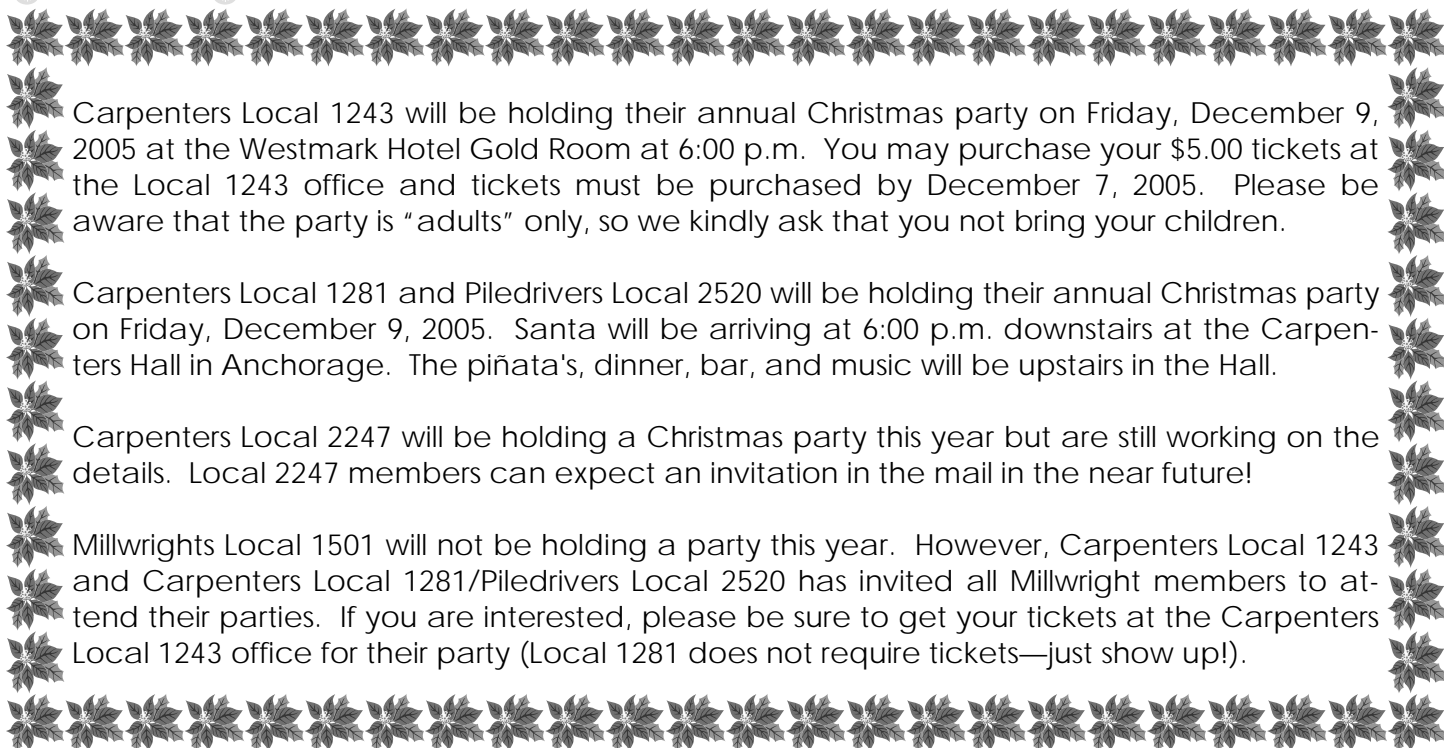


CARPENTERS QUARTERLY

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LET'S PARTY!



Carpenters Local 1243 will be holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 9, 2005 at the Westmark Hotel Gold Room at 6:00 p.m. You may purchase your \$5.00 tickets at the Local 1243 office and tickets must be purchased by December 7, 2005. Please be aware that the party is "adults" only, so we kindly ask that you not bring your children.

Carpenters Local 1281 and Piledrivers Local 2520 will be holding their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 9, 2005. Santa will be arriving at 6:00 p.m. downstairs at the Carpenters Hall in Anchorage. The piñata's, dinner, bar, and music will be upstairs in the Hall.

Carpenters Local 2247 will be holding a Christmas party this year but are still working on the details. Local 2247 members can expect an invitation in the mail in the near future!

Millwrights Local 1501 will not be holding a party this year. However, Carpenters Local 1243 and Carpenters Local 1281/Piledrivers Local 2520 has invited all Millwright members to attend their parties. If you are interested, please be sure to get your tickets at the Carpenters Local 1243 office for their party (Local 1281 does not require tickets—just show up!).

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HONORING OUR SERVING MEMBERS

During the holidays we ask that you remember our members that are currently serving our country overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries.

In honor of their serving members, Carpenters Local 1281 is giving each child of a serving member \$75.00 to help out during the holiday season.

Other local offices have been keeping in touch with their member's families on the home front. If you know someone serving, member or not, show your appreciation—offer to help out the families that they have left behind. Whether it be removing snow, giving money, giving gifts, or just being there for conversation. Show your pride and appreciation this holiday season to our serving members and their families!

ARCC would like to thank our serving members and their families for their courage and dedication.

A Message From Your Executive Secretary Treasurer

Work, and lots of it, has been the news for us this year.

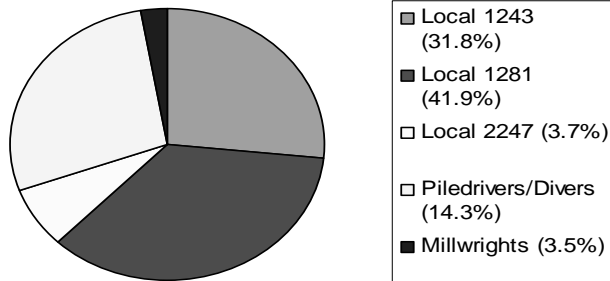


John Palmatier
Executive Secretary -
Treasurer

Fairbanks Carpenters Local 1243 and Piledrivers/Divers 2520 were the most active per member. The amount of work that went through those halls was incredible. Anchorage Carpenters 1281 did not have a slouch year either with one of the busiest years in the last twenty. Southeast Carpenters 2247 also experienced a good year. Millwrights Local 1501, chartered less than two years ago, keeps increasing its man-hours coming from virtually none to perhaps having well over 80,000 man-hours by the end of the year. Although the amount of work over the last few years can not be counted on in the future, next year appears to be another good year.

All that work accounted for approximately \$43.4 million, before taxes **and not including benefits**, into our members' pockets since the beginning of this year (1/05 – 9/05). Of that \$43.4 million our members have made, Local 1243 accounted for \$13.8 million, Local 1281 members made \$18.2 million, Local 1501 members made \$1.5 million, Local 2247 members made \$3.7 million, and Local 2520 members made \$6.2 million. We are a large economic force in Alaska.

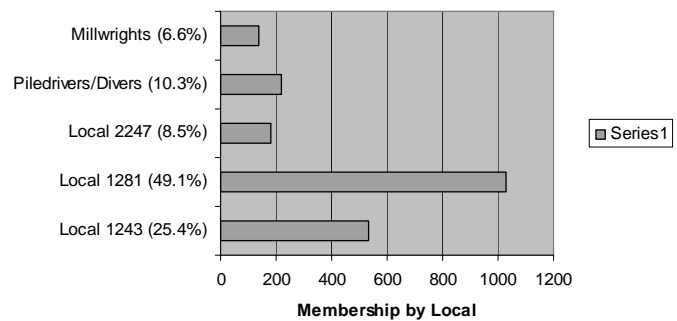
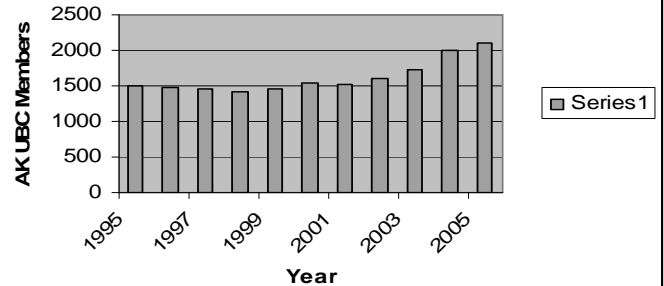
Money Earned by Members by Local



During the year membership also increased as it has been doing since the inception of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpen-

ters. Over the last year ARCC membership has increased 4.5% and 38.62% since it was chartered in 2002.

Membership Growth by Year



The political season is upon us with the Alaska Legislative session starting in January. Once again the ARCC will be actively campaigning on issues important to all the members including securing capital projects, ensuring quality contractors are awarded state construction projects, fighting Right-to-Work legislation, raising unemployment payments, and establishing a more comprehensive and fair method for workers compensation.

Stay involved, whether it means attending meetings, participating in the political process, calling your union hall with your concerns, encouraging people to join the union either as journeymen or apprentices, taking Journeyman Upgrade Classes, and volunteering your time with community organizations. The Carpenters, Piledrivers/Divers, and Millwrights are recognized as being some of the most involved community members of all the unions.

Enjoy yourself during this holiday season, spend time with your loved ones and be safe.

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters is seeking applicants for ARCC positions on a continuing basis. Applicants will be interviewed as positions are needed. Based on the interview results, selected applicants are sent to our UBC three day evaluation. If an applicant is not selected for advancement to three day, he/she may re-apply. Upon successful completion of three day, an applicant is placed in an eligible hiring pool. Positions are on an 'as needed' basis, and may or may not be announced. We encourage you to apply regardless of vacancies. If you are interested in a fulfilling career with the ARCC, please pick up an application at your nearest union hall.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America New and Returning Members

Local 1243 FAIRBANKS

Wesley Avara, Lyle Axelarris, Michael Brooks, Timothy Campbell, Kendall Chesnik, Bruce Clark Jr., Randy Curtiss, Martin D'Hondt, Sean Davison, Sara Denny, Michael Edmondson, Matt Edmondson, Martin Finnesand, Lynn Fish, Eric Fowler, Jay Grose, Christopher Harvey, Josh Hebb, Brian Hoffman, Ryan Kramer, Jake Masciarelli, Troy McDonald, Damion McMullen, Leroy Moses, Karen Olson, Eric Paukan, Gary Petrick, Daniel Pickett, Dusty Preuett, Michael Reel, Tyrone Ryder Sr., Amy Shaw, Chris Smith, Harold Sommer, David Stark, Michael Van Hatten, Ian Wade, Daniel Ward, Charles Zarbinski

Local 1281 ANCHORAGE

Andrew Abraham, Peter Baerresen, Heriberto Bojorquez, Mark Bowers, Jason Boyum, Sam Brady, William Brown, Lowell Buck, Steven Burnett, Christopher Byers, Orrin Carrico, Nicholas Clarey, Gary Coffer Jr., Brian Duckett, Willie Goodwin, Eugene Greer, Jeremy Havins, Daniel Hawkins, Matthew Helsel, Justin Hinton, Christopher Ide, Johnva Johnson, Dameon Johnston, David Jones, Tom Keefe, Shane Keogh, Cody Lacy, Jeffrey Lescault, Bruce Lowrey, Charleston Macon, Kevin McCann, Marcus Miller, Marshall Morgan, Tomas Mosquete, Victor Mota, Andrew Newton, Marty Newton, Kenneth Nicks, Milton Novo, Shawn Owens, Joseph Peppers, David Price, Craig Pudlo, Robert Raney, Frederick Schudlich, Jordan Shannon, Steven Shaw, Matthew Shearer, Pedro Silvestre, James Smart, James Sneed, Zachary Speiser, Shane Steeves, Max Swaim, Beau Traut, Jerome Walker, Justin Walls, Keala Wegener, Beau Willert, Simeon Williams, Dana Wolfe, Erick Yarnes, Perry Zemke

Local 1501 ANCHORAGE

William Burman, Morey Denton, Ronald Isaacs, John Peterson, Jeffrey Poe, Dillon Pogue, John Roop Jr., Charles Runnion, Daniel Smith

Local 2247 JUNEAU

Karl Altepeter, Michael Bauer, Jason Cantrell, John Cruise, Sosaia Lehauli, Carl OsBakken, Joshua Rago, Marcus Ulery, Robbie Whitton

Local 2520 ANCHORAGE

Steven Dunham and Glenn Parson

Member
Discounts

Alaska Regional Council Special Discounts for Union Members

Bush Order Furniture-10% Discount
3005 Spenard Rd—569-2874
www.bushorderfurniture.com

Cheaper Eats at Quizno's-10% Discount
Anchorage, Lake Otis and Abbott Location
Member Owned and Operated

Superior Coatings Company-10% Discount
Toughen Anything with a Powder Coating
Fairbanks Location
Contact Allan Snider-(907) 452-6969
Member Owned and Operated

Prism Optical, Inc.-20% Discount after Insurance
Discount Eye Services.-(907) 770-7747

Sunrise Mountain Lodge & Cabins-15% Discount
Anchor Point Area—Lodging & Charters
Contact Steve Adams-(877) 425-KING
1/2 and Full Day Rates Available
Member Owned and Operated

Alaskan Rivers & Seas Fishing Guide-10% Discount
Kenai Peninsula Area
Contact Melvin Forsyth-(907) 262-4015
Member Owned and Operated

Last Frontier Adventures-10% Discount
Seward Area— Fishing/Sightseeing
Lodging Available. Contact Shane Voliva-(907) 240-8318

Vehicle Insurance
GMAC-Savings Code CU25. 1-800-847-2886

Fish Alaska Magazine-10% Discount
Alaskan Made Fishing Magazine.
Contact Melissa Norris-(907) 345-4337

Army Navy Store-10% Discount. Excludes Sale Items.
320 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage Location

Goldenview Picture Framing, LLC
11700 Old Seward Hwy., Anchorage, AK 99515
Contact June Abel at 349-1836.
10% off framing for members.

Jason G. Pepperd, D.C.-Discounted Chiropractic Services
For ARCC Members and their Families
Alpine Chiropractic, 833 Commercial Dr., Wasilla Location
Contact Alpine at (907) 376-2475
Offer: \$47.00 Initial Visit. Includes Complete Medical History,
Examination, X-rays (if necessary) and Report of Findings.
*Jason Pepperd is the only doctor at Alpine honoring this discount.
Please mention his name and your affiliation when scheduling to
receive discount*

****Please show your UBC membership card to the above
vendors as proof of Union affiliation****

TRUST TALK

NORTHERN TRUST—BY RAY MILLER

Recently you were notified of benefit modifications the Board of Trustees have made. In summary, they are as follows:

- ◆ Effective August 1, 2005 the calendar year deductible increased from \$300 to \$500 per participant and from \$900 to \$1,250 per family.
- ◆ Effective August 1, 2005 the annual co-insurance out-of-pocket limit per participant was increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- ◆ Effective August 1, 2005 the dental schedule was increased to 80 percent of usual, reasonable, and customary to closer reflect the current rates charged by dentists in the Alaska area.
- ◆ Effective October 1, 2005 expenses for surgical treatment of obesity including but not limited to gastric restrictive procedures, intestinal bypass, and reversal procedures regardless of associated medical or psychological condition including treatment of complications resulting from surgical treatment of obesity will no longer be covered.
- ◆ Effective October 1, 2005 all retired participants must be a dues paying member of the Local Union or paying a service fee to the union equal to the amount of dues required of retired members to be eligible for the Retiree Medical Plan. **Contact your Local Union for details.**

REMINDER

Hospitalization Preauthorization

Remember to preauthorize your hospital stay before your admission to the hospital. **If you don't, your benefits will be reduced by 25 percent.**

If you are hospitalized due to an emergency you must notify the Administration Office within 48 hours (72 hours if occurring on a weekend or legal holiday) of your emergency hospital stay. **If you don't, your benefits will be reduced by 25 percent.** To certify your hospital stay please call 1-800-932-7766.

MANAGEMENT INVOLVED IN TRUST

Many Contractors volunteer their time and efforts by serving as Trustees on the various Trusts. Their hard work and dedication bring many of the benefits we all enjoy. A special thanks to all those Management Trustees.

Southern Health & Welfare/Pension

Greg Romack, Davis Constructors
Pat Steward, Steward & Company
Dick Cattanach, AGC

Southern Training Center

Bill Puckett, Unit Company
Mike Gould, Excel Construction
Kyle Randich, Davis Constructors

Piledrivers Training Center

Brad West, West Construction
Bud Courtright, Swalling Construction

Northern Health & Welfare/Pension

John Eng, Cornerstone Construction
Brad West, West Construction
Bert Bell, Ghemm Company

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Richard Tilly, Tilly & Company
Meg Nordale, Ghemm Company
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Carpenters Local 1281 Update

The staff at Carpenters Local 1281 would like to thank all of our Brothers and Sisters for doing a great job representing yourself, your family, and the union on the jobs this year. As always, it is a pleasure to represent the hardest working and best craftspeople that can be found.

We had an extraordinary year in sheer dollar value in projects and we were also very successful in bringing in new members and contractors into the union family. We welcome you in and look forward to getting to know you better.

We have made a huge attempt at getting all construction in our jurisdiction to be union and have succeeded in both small and large projects. However, we are still struggling in some areas such as residential that will keep us busy for the next year.

It is staggering to see so much upcoming work where they've already selected contractors and have time schedules in place. The following list is just some of the bigger projects with many more to be bid and negotiated as the new year nears:

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| VA Clinic | 3-4 Wal-Mart Stores | Railroad Terminal |
| Medical Office Bldgs (Mat-Su) | Career Academy (Mat-Su) | National Archives Bldg |
| Anchorage Museum | Anchorage Convention Center | AIA Parking Garage (Rental Cars) |
| AK Regional Hospital Addition | Elmendorf Fitness Center | Providence Hospital Expansion |
| Pain Clinic | AIA Concourse B&C Remodels | Enstar New Office |
| API (old) Renovation | Parking Garages (Downtown Anch) and MORE MORE MORE | |

May God bless you and your families and may you have a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

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Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520 Update

The ARCC is on target with combining the collective bargaining agreements of all Alaska Carpenter Locals and the Piledrivers Local. We have one agreement with good conditions and our separate issues are spelled out with appendixes. Some of the positive changes are Piledrivers now have a ten minute coffee break and we now have \$0.10 cents per hour going into a Piledriver Advancement Fund. The Regional Council is now working on combining retirement, training, and health and welfare plans. EST, John Palmatier believes that in these departments "Bigger is Better" and that we can do more for the member by combining all UBC members statewide.

2006 promises to be another very busy year for the Piledrivers. We have a lot of bridge work on the slope starting the first part of January. To be eligible for this job you must have your scaffold card, first aid card, rigging card, and NSTC card. It would help to have an OSHA 500 cert, as the theme is "Zero Accidents". ASRC and Conoco/Phillips are taking a very pro-active approach to safety; their mission statement is "Zero Incidents". ASRC is initiating a "START" program, which means for every new task you do on the job you will fill out a "START" card. Each time you start a different task you will be required to fill out this card and carry it on your person. There will be requirements to wear safety glasses at all times and at any time you are near a flying debris area, you will be required to wear a face-shield also. In areas with loud noises, there will be double hearing protection required. Yes, the work does need to be done, but on the job SAFETY is our #1 business while getting the job done. ASRC and Conoco/Phillips will have a "1st Line Supervisor Training Class" that will be held on November 30, 2005 at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel. All foreman and superintendents should plan on attending.

If you need training that is required for the North Slope jobs or any other projects, call Kevin Hanley to find out class schedules. If you need upgrade classes in welding, scaffold erection, fall protection, first aid or whatever, let us know so classes can be scheduled. If you live out of town we will make every effort to provide available training in your area, but some training will only be offered in the bigger cities.

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Carpenters Local 1243 Update

Another amazing work season is drawing to a close here in Fairbanks. We have performed a volume of work, the likes of which have not been seen since the "Pipeline" days. To put this into perspective, consider there were 205,000 hours of work in 2000. We had 350 members at the time. The number of hours worked has increased steadily from 2000. Last year, we worked 480,000 hours with 500 members. The long and the short of it is Local 1243 and its signatory contractors are kicking some major butt! Please let me take this opportunity to thank our members and contractors for all the hard work you have done this year.

I had the extreme privilege of attending the 39th General Convention of the UBC this August in Las Vegas. This was my first General Convention and it left me wishing that all of our members could have the chance to experience something like it. Our General President Douglas McCarron, is a very visionary leader who has placed our Brotherhood at the forefront of the American labor movement. Many strong unions, such as the SEIU with its 1.3 million members, look to the UBC to see how to grow their membership and market share just as we have. Just like in the beginning of the labor movement, the carpenter is out there showing others the right way to organize, train, and ultimately get our work back.

I was further privileged to attend the delegate meeting of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters in Anchorage this October. This was one of the most cooperative and productive meetings the ARCC has had to date. Much of the credit belongs to our EST John Palmatier. John has the unenviable job of coordinating the efforts of the entire Carpenter, Millwright, Piledriver and Diver organizing and service efforts in this state. He also sits as a trustee on all the boards for the various health and welfare, pension, and apprenticeship trusts. Needless to say, his plate is very full but he conducts himself in the professional and efficient manner needed to represent a wide variety of interests. With the strong level of leadership at the international and regional levels, I think that the carpenters in the state of Alaska can be rest assured that their future is a bright one.

The Local 1243 Christmas Party will be held on December 9th in the Westmark Gold Room. We extend a welcome to all UBC members that are working in our area and are able to attend. Tickets will be available at the union hall.

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We will be having our Annual Pinning Ceremony on February 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to honor our members for their service to the Brotherhood. This year we have six Brothers that have each attained 55 years of membership that will be honored as well as 101 other Brothers and Sisters with various lengths of service. Please plan on attending this meeting as it should be a fun evening for all.

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John Hauser and Steve Abel returned from the Las Vegas training center where they took a nine day Certified Welding Inspector seminar and test. We are hopeful that they will receive their CWI certifications. The International is committed to "flooding the market with CWI's". If you are interested in becoming one please contact either our office or the training office to find out the schedule.

I have recently been appointed to the Workman's Compensation Appeal's Board by the Governor to replace out going board members.

We received our 2006 pocket calendars and will be distributing them at the December meeting. Dick Wilson a long time member is suffering with brain cancer in Seattle and isn't expected to live, so let's keep him and his family in our thoughts during this holiday season.

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Millwrights Local 1501 Update

Things are starting to slow down for the winter, but everything looks promising for next year. From what contractors and companies are telling me, the work should start to break in March of next year.

Right now we have members working for a new contractor, Western Industrial Construction at the USPS Bulk Mail facility (see picture at right). I would like to thank those guys for their hard work. Western Industrial has been very pleased with their skills and work ethic.



Apprentice Kendra Heidelberg preparing a conveyor for installation at USPS Bulk Mail Facility in Anchorage for Western Industrial Contractors

Actually, Golden State Millwrights was working on another portion of the facility when Western Industrial got started. Golden State is a union company from Southern California, but they didn't know we even had millwrights in Alaska, much less a millwright local, and brought all their hands with them. After seeing our Brothers and Sister's work, the superintendent, Gary Buckley, said that next time they do a job in Alaska, they will use the union hall. So, what you do out there does affect future work, be professional, make a good impression!

In addition, the crew we had working for Dresser Rand FSS just got Conoco-Phillip's Presidential award for the good work they have done at Alpine. It looks like there will be more and more work at Alpine as long as oil prices stay high and production has to keep up. Good work guys.

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Carpenters Local 2247 Update

Season's greetings to all, it's that time of year again. Another year gone, gone, gone. In Southeast it has been a good one. I would like to welcome all the new members to the Brotherhood once again; it is nice to have you all as members. To all the rest of you that have been with the union for a while now, thank you for all the hard work that you have done. If it was not for all of you there would be no union, again, thank you.

To close out the rest of 2005 the members have decided to have a Christmas party, you will be receiving a notice in the mail as to when and where, it is yet to be determined.

What's on the horizon for 2006? It should be a busy year again, with NOAA continuing on, Bartlett Regional Hospital, and the new valley high school just to name a few. Home Depot, Wal-Mart, and Fred Meyers are all planning to have work for carpenters in the upcoming year as well. We just need to work together to have those jobs be union jobs. This union belongs to you.

It is also time to thank the ones who have put it all on the line so that we have a place to work, the contractors. A BIG thanks to all contractors that hired our Brothers and Sisters in Southeast:

Alaska Stone and Concrete, Aliberti Construction, Inc., Arete Construction, Brooks Construction Company, Inc., Channel Construction, Inc., Clark Construction Company, Coogan Construction, Dawson Construction, Industrial Roofing, JE Dunn Northwest, Inc., North Pacific Steel Erectors, Mc Graw's Custom Construction, Triplette Construction, and if I have missed anyone I apologize.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.



HELP US HELP YOU...

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR LOCAL OFFICE WITH A GOOD PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS. THAT NEXT GREAT JOB YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR MAY BE DEPENDENT ON WHETHER OR NOT YOUR LOCAL CAN REACH YOU!

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Other than that, everything is going well in the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters. John Palmatier, EST, has taken the lead on ironing out our jurisdictional disagreements with the IBEW over what work millwrights and carpenters perform in the utilities. In addition, Dave Robinson of the Piledrivers is taking the lead for the Council at Kensington Mine and making some inroads in the petroleum industry. This is what it takes to succeed. Brothers helping Brothers.

STATEWIDE ORGANIZING REPORT—by Keith Montgomery

We are all organizers. That is the principle on which our Brotherhood will enter into the 21st century. Every local, council, and international staff member, regardless of position, must be an organizer in spirit and action. Every member must be an organizer, too. Our Union and the future of our crafts are in our hands to build strong and proud. We will build them by organizing all who share our trade and develop the pride and skill that comes with being unionists. Organizing is not a job that comes naturally. We all need to learn basic skills to be organizers. The skills are rooted in interpersonal communications, such as: contacting workers; listening to the workers needs; persuading workers that they have the right to dignity, safety, and a good wage; and supporting workers as they develop the confidence to stand up together to demand fairer standards of work and wages from their employers.

Anchorage

Local 1281

Recently the Spenard Builders truss plant in Big Lake, Alaska voted for workplace democracy by a large majority to belong to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. We welcome our new brothers and sisters into the UBC. These brave members endured a very strenuous anti-union campaign. Thanks to each Truss Builder we can demand fairer standards of work and wages.

Piledrivers and Divers

Local 2520

Dave Robinson has been making inroads on North Slope projects. We will continue working with the Piledrivers in these efforts.

Millwrights

Local 1501

The organizing department is developing an oil and gas and mining database. We are also researching a project at

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Alaska Regional Council Training Centers

Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center



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We are currently accepting applications for the 2006 first year apprenticeship program. Applications must be completed by the end of this year. So if you know anyone that might be interested please have them contact the training center. Applicants must fill out an application and turn in copies of their birth certificate, proof of Alaska residency, high school transcripts, valid Alaska drivers license, Social Security card, and a copy of their DD-214 (military discharge papers).

Direct entry is another way to enter the program. If they have previous carpentry experience they also will have to fill out an application and turn in copies of their birth certificate, proof of Alaska residency, high school transcripts, valid Alaska drivers license, Social Security card, and a copy of their DD-214 (military discharge papers). They will need letters from previous employers, on company letterhead stating how many hours they worked and what type of work they performed while being employed. They must prove that they have a minimum of 1,000 hours before being tested into the program.

We also take transfers from other training programs throughout the year. So if you know any good apprentices from other areas that are interested in moving to Alaska have them contact our office.

Apprentices, it is your responsibility to make sure that your personal information is kept up to date with all offices; the H & S Trust office, your Local Union, and the Apprenticeship office.

Journeyman's enhancement classes started in October 2005 and will continue through April 2006. Member participation is very poor so far. I have had to cancel three out of nine classes and the classes that were held barely had enough members to meet the minimum number of participants. Future classes are in jeopardy due to the lack of participation.

I believe it's the responsibility of the union to have the best trained craftspeople possible. This is what will keep our union contractors competitive and in business. If we are not trained better than anyone else, then what do we, as a Union, have to offer to our union contractors? Certain classes need to be made mandatory to receive a dispatch, i.e. OSHA 10, Fall Protection, First Aid/CPR, Scaffold Erectors Certification, etc. This list should include any and all refresher classes needed to maintain any classes previously attended.

Northern Alaska Carpenters & Millwrights Training Center



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Another year is fast approaching to an end. Work throughout the state continues to be good for most of the construction trades. Training for the Northern Training Center is scheduled to begin in Fairbanks on November 21st with the fourth year carpenter apprentices. Millwright apprentices will follow, beginning their training January 3rd. Journeyman training for carpenters and millwrights will begin in January and continue through June. Be sure that the union hall has your current contact information on file, as the training schedule and registration forms for the Northern carpenters and state wide millwrights will be sent out right after Thanksgiving. Each member's dues must be current, with their local, to register or attend training.

For the northern carpenters, training will take place in Fairbanks. For the statewide millwrights, training will take place in three locations: Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Soldotna. Plan on attending the training that is offered in your local area. Anyone living 50 miles or further outside these areas will need to contact the training center.

Thanks to Kevin Hanley with the Piledrivers and Divers, we will be offering combined training for both millwrights and piledrivers at selected locations. This will be for training that is common to both trades, such as: First AID/CPR, NSTC, OSHA, Rigging, Aerial Lift, and Fork Lift. I would like to request that all members take advantage of the training while it is being offered.

In January 2005, the millwright training program joined the Northern Training Center. Since then, the northern trust has received an enormous amount of help and support, as we re-established the program in the north and prepared for this year's training season. I would like to thank Mike Vlaming of the M.E.A., Mark Crutchfield, Randy Wilke, Andy Gilda, Louis Katzenberger, and Jim Gattenby for all that they have done. There is nothing like having good help to work with. I believe we have established a good program and I look forward to working with all of you as we further develop the program.

The trustees of the Northern Training Center recognize the need to insure that future and current members possess the skills and proficiency in the trade to meet the contractor's needs. The trustees are in the process of establishing new standards and policies to insure that those needs are met.

I would like to welcome Local 1243 carpenter apprentice Shane Jorgenson back to Alaska after serving a one year tour with the Marine Corps in Iraq as part of Recon. Shane, I realize that calling in a pizza order for lunch won't be as exciting as calling in an air strike, but its good to have you back with us. I would like to thank you for the sacrifice you made, for all of us, and our country.

Fly to Hawaii Compliments of Carpenters Local 1281

Carpenters Local 1281 will be giving away four tickets to Hawaii in November of 2006. In order to qualify you must be a member of Local 1281 and attend at least three Union meetings from November 2005 to October 2006. For every meeting you attend, your name will be placed in a drawing. Apprentices that attend because they are in class and are required to can not count attendance at that meeting for qualifying for the drawing.

"When I was visiting in Philadelphia I was impressed with the way they stimulated attendance at their Local meetings," commented Local 1281 Trustee Randy Holt, "and I would like to see that excitement grow here."

Contact Carpenters Local 1281 for further details.

Items For Sale at Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520

Long sleeved shirts-\$15.00
Sweatshirts-\$30.00
Carhart jackets-\$125.00
Hats-\$10.00

Items For Sale at Carpenters Local 2247

T-Shirts-\$15.00
Plumb bob reel & magnet-\$25.00
(reel-\$18.00, magnet-\$7.00)
Magnetic tape measures-\$10.00
Pea shooters-\$25.00

Items For Sale at Carpenters Local 1243

T-shirts-\$15.00
Suspenders/weight lifters-\$40.00
Plumb bob reel & magnet-\$25.00
Chamfer cutters-\$40.00
Master pro-\$55.00 (calculator)
Master pro (non-member)-\$80.00
Project calculator plus-\$20.00
Yamaguchi bars-\$35.00
Magnetic tape measures-\$10.00

Items For Sale at Carpenters Local 1281

Suspenders-\$35.00
Pea shooters-\$25.00
Plumb bob reel & magnet-\$25.00
(reel-\$18.00, magnet-\$7.00)
Magnetic tape measure-\$10.00
Coffee/travel mug-\$10.00
Local 1281 hats-\$10.00
Frozen chosen t-shirts-\$15.00
T-shirts-10.00
Membership pin-\$2.00
Chamfer cutters-\$29.00
Master pro trig-\$60.00

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) is always interested in member feedback. Our goal is to make this newsletter as useful and informative as possible for all of our members. If you have a comment, suggestion, a story you would like included in the newsletter, a letter to the Editor, or anything else, we encourage you to contact our office at 907-274-2722 or via email at arcc4059@alaska.net.

You may submit your letters/comments to the ARCC, contact information is located on the back of the newsletter.

In Remembrance

LOCAL 1243

Anthony Cascio-8/29/05

LOCAL 1281

*Glen Keil Jr.-10/10/05
Roger Gonder-10/18/05*

LOCAL 1501

No Deaths to Report

LOCAL 2247

Albert Stotz-7/13/05

LOCAL 2520

Elwood Henry-9/12/05

The Alaska Regional Council extends our sincere condolences to the friends and families of these members.

Need to Register to Vote? Change your Affiliation? Need an Absentee ballot?

You can download the form you need to do all this at www.gov.state.ak.us/ltgov/elections/homepage/html. You will need the Adobe program.

Voter Registration forms and Change of Affiliation forms need to be sent to the Election office at least 30 days before the election; absentee forms at least 7 days before the elections.

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Local Union Meetings

Carpenters Local 1243 - 4th Tuesday of the month
Carpenters Local 1281 - 1st Tuesday of the month
Carpenters Local 2247 - 1st Tuesday of the month
Millwrights Local 1501-3rd Tuesday of the month
Piledrivers Local 2520 - 3rd Tuesday of the month

**THIS IS YOUR UNION!
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