The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters has over 1,700 members and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters is the fastest growing construction union in the United States. Our goal is to cultivate political goodwill through bipartisan political action to produce a superior climate for doing business while raising the standards for all the Alaskan carpenters, millwrights, piledrivers, divers and contractors we serve.

Being a registered voter is merely the foundation of our civic duty. Our members must be active, not only at the ballot box but in their communities as well. We affect change by attending town hall meetings, pressing issues, and supporting candidates who are willing to work hard to find solutions to challenges our state faces daily. This year, we advocated for various construction and development projects and Workers Compensation mediation improvements. We fought against radical changes in the State Davis-Bacon laws and opposed Right To Work legislation. We also supported Alaska Hire and addressed Independent Contractor abuses.

With all the information (and misinformation) out there, it is important for members to remember the guiding principles of the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenter; which is to seek decent treatment of all workers, establish a fair and competitive market, and protect our members and their families’ quality of life.
A Message From Your Executive Secretary Treasurer

2011 could be a challenging year for labor unions across the country. Politicians across the United States are looking for someone to blame, other than themselves, for a faltering economy, budget shortfalls, and administrative mismanagement. Unions seem to be their target. Although Alaska politicians, for the most part, have not taken up the attack on labor, there has been some movement to limit Labor’s ability to ensure your quality of life. Working with state legislators, the governor, and the US delegation, the Carpenters, Millwrights, Piledrivers and Divers are demonstrating that we are not the problem. Rather, we are part of the solution.

Special accolades must go out to the apprentices of the Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center who showed up in force to testify against legislation that would negatively affect how Alaska deals with State Prevailed Wage projects. Thanks to their efforts, a compromise bill was passed that removed most of the objectionable regulations. Particularly compelling was the testimony from second year apprentice Justin Jackson.

For the 2nd year in a row, Crystle Dunning and Julie Schynder won the Local 1281 Apprentice Meeting Attendance Award. Each received a gift certificate from Alaska Industrial Hardware. Thanks to the many apprentices across the state that get involved in their Locals.

Negotiations with the Association of General Contractors and the Millwrights Employers Association are this summer. If you have any ideas for contract language changes or suggestions for wages and benefits, please submit them in writing to your Local Business Manager or the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters office.

All Locals will be having elections this summer. It may be time for you to consider getting involved by running for one of the available positions. Remember to have your voice heard and vote.

Early this year, a member of Carpenters Local 2247 was found collapsed under the dock at the Juneau Port Customs Building. Remembering his safety training, Vince Isturis was quick to act, assessed the situation and administered CPR until the EMTs arrived. The fallen carpenter was sent by medevac to Anchorage and, at the time of this article, is still in the hospital. Special thanks to Brother Isturis for his heroic actions and quick response. Remember the importance of getting your CPR/First Aid certification provided free to members. You may be able to help save a fallen member or be saved by one.

Important Websites to Remember
You can access all your Trust information including your retirement accounts, health and welfare, hours worked, legal documents, forms, etc. For medical, defined benefit retirement, forms, etc. go to www.AlaskaCarpentersTrust.com to request your PIN. For defined contribution information go to www.retirement.wellsfargo.com. Contact the Trust office at (800) 478-4431 for assistance.
Visit the the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters homepage at www.ubcalaska.org

There are over 20 Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters members living in Kodiak. (Left to Right) Mark Schneider, Tony Gil, Don Mather, Carlos Riley, Gil Smith and Terry Hartle. (Right) 1281 Business Manager Scott Hansen and EST John Palmatier meet outside Brechan Enterprises office in Kodiak with Brechan CEO Mike Martin and his grandmother and co-founder of Brechan Enterprises, Ruth Brechan. Founded in 1956, Brechan Enterprises is the largest construction contractor in Kodiak.

Crystle Dunning and Julie Schynder are honored at the Local 1281 General Membership meeting for their outstanding apprentice meeting attendance in 2010.
I am not a politician, historian or economist; just a general contractor. I am Josh Pepperd, a lifelong Alaskan and the President of Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc., a large commercial contractor with offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

For Alaska and the construction industry, the upcoming season will be busy; not booming, but busy. It is a blessed position Alaska is in, one that deserves some recognition of the basic principles that have contributed to our current success and the role they play in the long-term strength of our state.

A person could say it is the success of the oil industry driving us and that, “Geez, we could have Permanent Funds and budget surpluses too with that kind of income…” The energy sector is obviously key…if not THE key mathematically. However, I believe our greatest strength has been the state’s pioneering of this Last Frontier that has shaped our current position.

I understand I’m about to give away that, in addition to my personal introduction above, I am one of those right wing conservative types. Consequently, I believe it is our responsibility to take dominion of the land we live in and the resources it supplies. The concept of dominion (according to me anyhow) is best described in a few words by examples of what it is not. Our systems, bureaucracies, processes, permits, public hearings, codes, regulations, departments, etc, are choking our ability to allow the American ingenuity to do what Americans have done since the Mayflower landed…dominate. The word does not have to be as harsh as it sounds. One dictionary defines it as the act of excising control over something. We have no control over the list of items above. They dominate us!

Don’t take this as a contractor complaining about the things that add to the complexity and cost of a construction project. For us contractors, it’s all ‘job cost’ and passed along to the many ‘payers’ in the long line of what we refer to as the economy. My concern centers on trends that hamper our ability to continue to ‘dominate’ our state as the world changes. Keep in mind, true dominion must be coupled with sound judgment, strategic long-range planning and thoughtful back-up plans.

What does this mean for Alaska? I believe it means we cannot sit on our hands, become complacent, acquiesce to the ‘softer’ thinking of the rest of our nation and, in general…do not wait for hand-outs and resist Federal control of our state to the greatest extent possible. The marketplace has changed significantly. Confidence has waned in not only our financial markets but the country as a whole. I believe that means we have to search for ways to continue our domineering spirit and adjust to the changes. Whether it be oil tax structures or regulations hampering smarter energy sources, we have to maintain control of the environment we were entrusted.

That being said, I’m just a hard working guy like the next one. But hey, so were the Founding Fathers.

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Special Guest Article by Josh Pepperd

Josh Pepperd, President of Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc.
CARPENTERS LOCAL 1281 ANNUAL PINNING CEREMONY

Carpenters Local 1281 honor their members with UBC pins. Pins are given for years of UBC membership, starting at ten years, and then, every five years thereafter. This year, there are 174 award pins.

Members who received their pins at the regular Local meeting on April 5, 2011: (Left to Right) Richard Firmstone (10), Richard Gutierrez (25), Art Bolt (10), Dan Lewis (25), Thomas Kelly (30), Kent Cushman (10), John Ridout (15), Mark Enyeart (15), Peter Halverson (55), Steve Engle (15), Ted Hansen (35), Harold Henry (35), Roy Troseth (35), James Hill (25), Gregg Johnson (40), Marcus Saucier (25), Scott Hansen (15).

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

Local 1243 Fairbanks
Daniel Christian, Dale Findlay, Morris Lynus, Melvin Milk, Garret Moeller, Stephen Patty, Stephen Serino, Joseph Trainor, Robert Van Reenan, Jonah Wright

Local 1281 Anchorage

Local 1501 Anchorage
Lane Rau

Local 2247 Juneau
Eric Brady, Matthew Foster, Gabreal Easterly, Jason Gillim, Randy Lail, Aaron Marrs, Seth Marrs, Dustin Ripley, Michael Sigler

Local 2520 Anchorage
Jason Christman, John Firmin, Chauncey Stigen

Attend Your Union Meetings
Informed and Active Members Give our Union Strength!

In Remembrance

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The Alaska Regional Council extends our sincere condolences to the friends and families of our members.
Defined Contribution Trust 
The transition is over!

The Alaska Carpenters Defined Contribution Trust Fund completed its transition to Wells Fargo and you can now access your account.

Visit [www.retirement.wellsfargo.com](http://www.retirement.wellsfargo.com) or call the Retirement Service Center at 800-640-5138.

The automated phone system is available 24-hrs a day.
Or, you can speak with a representative Monday through Friday - 3am to 7pm Alaska time.
(Refer to the Wells Fargo notice mailed out on Feb. 18th)

New Administration Office Address

Labor Trust Services, Inc. (LTS) has moved to a new location.
LTS phone numbers and P.O. Box remain unchanged.
Labor Trust Services, Inc.
375 W. 36th Ave., Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99503
907-561-7575 or 800-478-4431

Health and Welfare Plan Changes
Health Care Reform

To comply with the new Health Care Reform law, the following benefit improvements and changes were made to the Plan effective January 1, 2011:

⇒ Added coverage for dependent children up to age 26
⇒ The $1,000,000 lifetime benefit maximum was eliminated and a new annual maximum of $1,000,000 per calendar year was added
⇒ Annual dollar maximums on essential plan benefits were removed
⇒ Additional annual dollar maximums on dental and vision coverage for dependent children under the age of 19 were also removed.

For complete details on these benefit changes, refer to the Participant Notice dated and mailed out on December 23, 2010. As always, feel free to contact LTS with any questions at the numbers listed above.

Health and Welfare Trust Funding
Update

The Trustees work diligently at finding ways to lower costs while continuing to provide you and your family a high level of benefits. Changes in the prescription drug plan manager, and the move to the Premera preferred provider network, have resulted in over $3.5 million in savings to the Trust and its participants over the last several years. As a result, the contribution rate required to fund your health and welfare benefits has not increased since 2008.

On the flipside, health care costs across the country continue to rise almost three times faster than overall inflation. In addition to normal inflation, the required changes under Health Care Reform (described above) are projected to increase the Trust’s benefit costs by an additional 2.5%. After two years of no increase in the health and welfare contribution rate, current projections indicate a significant increase will be needed later this year to maintain the financial well-being of the Trust. Please be assured that the Trustees will continue to explore new ways to keep costs down while providing comprehensive benefits to you and your family.
The winter in Fairbanks has been a fairly good one as far as work has gone.  

⇒ The Kiewit Barracks job has kept quite a few carpenters busy for the most part. BEK of Alaska is on the job doing the insulation, vapor barrier, hard lids, and the sheetrock. The Warrior in Transition job with PCL and KC Corp. has worked through the winter and is progressing nicely. That should keep carpenters busy through the summer.

⇒ CH2MHill and BEK have worked through the winter on the Air Operations Facility out on Ft. Wainwright.

⇒ Ghemm Company has kept members busy on their projects all winter with work on the Mt. McKinley Animal Hospital and The Spirit of the North Credit Union. We are glad to announce that Ghemm was awarded the Ambulatory Health Care Facility which will break ground this spring. They also have the demolition and rebuild of a UAF Greenhouse on campus as well.

⇒ Davis Constructors was awarded the UAF Life Sciences Building which will break ground this spring.

⇒ Kiewit Building Group will be finishing up the Railhead Operations Facility which was shut down for the winter as well as more utilidor work on the UAF campus. Kiewit is also the General Contractor on the 3000 ft. bridge across the Tanana River and is still a go for this summer.

Some of the projects we are tracking and hope our signatory contractors are awarded are: Alaska Fish and Game Storage Facility; Ft. Greely Fire Station; Ft. Wainwright Urban Assault Course; UAF Test Lab Facility; and, the General Support Aviation Battalion Hangar on Ft. Wainwright.

Remember, if you wait till summer to get the certifications that a contractor requires, you’ve waited too long and will miss that call. Check your cards to make sure they’re not expired. If they are, or you don’t have them, now is the time to get them. Classes are free and training runs all winter.
Carpenters Local 1281

Spring is here and 2011 looks promising for Southcentral Alaska. Our work has slowed considerably since the 4th quarter of 2008. I anticipate a modest increase of hours this year and for 2012. Although membership numbers are down 10% from a year ago, they should increase as work starts this spring.

Work on the military bases will keep members working with over $300 million in current and upcoming projects. The Anchorage Building Trades has a negotiated agreement with SNC Lavlin for the Chugach Electric Power Plant. Roger Hickel is performing the underground and concrete work. A project is slated for the Homer Electric Power Plant in Nikiski. These two projects alone bring over $500 million to construction. Hot Wire Electric has been in contact with us and will use 1281 on the inside formwork. Other jobs scheduled to start this summer include:

- Kendall Toyota
- Anchorage Neighborhood Health Building
- Southcentral Medical Center in Wasilla
- APU Glenn Olds Expansion
- Seward City Library/Museum
- Providence Generations Project

The UAA Sports complex has been funded for $90 million. The regents have asked the state to consider additional funding as there still is an (approximately) $30 million shortfall.

Work continues on larger projects such as the State Crime Lab, Goose Creek Prison, Midtown Walmart, McLaughlin Youth Center, UAA Medical Health Building as well Buildings 306 and 301 and SABER. Cornerstone is going to Juneau to build the Johnson Youth Center renovation. And, in Kodiak, we’re waiting for news on two large projects; Kodiak High School and the Fish & Game Research Facility. (These projects are waiting on funding.)

Millwrights Local 1501

2011 is already looking to be a much better year with a (PLA) Project Labor Agreement signed for the Chugach Power Plant and the Homer Electric Power Plant.

Agrium Plant in Kenai is to be dismantled and shipped to Nigeria. Universal Plant Services has been awarded a portion of that work.

Bechtel at Ft. Greeley is scheduled to resume Millwright work sometime in April.

Dresser Rand continues to keep a crew of Millwrights busy on the slope year round and is looking forward to this year’s shutdown.

Jaffa Construction has ongoing work at Clear AFB on the coal crusher and chute replacement.

Multi Tech has a small job coming up at the North Terminal of the Anchorage Airport.

Training: Level IV apprentices are currently attending training classes.

Check your certification cards. DON’T WAIT UNTIL IT’S TOO LATE. You will need them for the upcoming work. Journeymen upgrade classes are still available thru the Northern Carpenters in Fairbanks, Southern Carpenters and Piledrivers in Anchorage.

TWIC CARDS: IF YOU DON’T HAVE ONE GET ONE. Upcoming jobs this year are going to require that you have one in order to be dispatched. The Regional Council will still reimburse $30.00 of the cost if you submit a receipt of payment.
Brothers and sisters:

We have made it through another winter in Southeast Alaska. Over the past ten years, we have enjoyed a bounty of projects in the region. As we are well aware, the country as a whole has seen an increase in unemployment and a lack of construction projects. This trend has not reached its full effect in Alaska, but we are feeling a ripple effect.

The outlook for 2011 shows that the amount of large projects bidding has decreased and the numbers of contractors bidding them have increased. Juneau will see less large projects than we have in a long time, while Ketchikan will have enough to keep most members in that area working.

Juneau will still see some work at the local mines, a school remodel, work on the Governor’s Mansion, as well as many other small value projects being picked up by our contractors.

There are many projects that are in the design phase, or are not yet completely funded. Those wish list of projects are the Archives/Museum building, Sealaska Heritage Building, a Mental Health Trust office building, a new state office building, and more work on the sea walk.

Please keep in contact with the hall and update us with your current phone number and email address. If we can’t contact you, we can’t keep you in the loop. Please send the info to local2247@acsalaska.net.

Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520

Spring is approaching and with that comes another work season. The 2011 season looks like it has all the potential of being another good year for the Piledrivers and Divers. Right now Nanuq has a few hands in Prudhoe Bay and AIC has a few on North Star Island, these should last another month or two. Swalling Construction just sent two crews to Whittier for a sheet wall there and AIC and Mowat just called for more help on their jobs in TOK and Cordova. Secon is pretty close to finishing up on the viaduct job in Ketchikan. That’s what is happening now. A snapshot of work coming up includes:

- Sandstrom and Sons - finish Shaw Creek Bridge
- West Construction - Port of Anchorage and Dock in Oozinkie
- Pacific Pile and Marine - Dutch Harbor (design/build), Sitka Airport Extension, and Old Harbor Dock
- MKB - Kodiak Coast Guard Dock and Yukon River Bridge Renovation
- Western Marine - Dock in Hoonah and finish dock in Gustavus
- Kelly-Ryan - Cellular tower foundation pile throughout the state
- AIC - Finish sheet wall in Kotzebue
- American Marine and Global Diving expect to have a normal workload.

There are other smaller jobs and more coming out for bid. Please remember to keep all your certs (welding, rigging, forklift, NSTC, TWIC, aerial lift, just to name a few) current as they may/will be needed for most of these jobs. Work safe and smart and we will keep you updated as the season progresses.

Last year we prevailed a wage rate for certified welding inspector. This year, we presented a case to the Department of Labor to prevail an 8 hour minimum for our dive crews. This gave parity between our agreement and the state wage and hour. We will continue to fight for Alaska jobs for all Alaskans.
A Fifty Year Campaign
In 1806, the United States Supreme Court banned collective bargaining as a criminal conspiracy to fix labor prices. Since organizing was outlawed, a number of city-based groups organizing under British and German labor charters formed secret fraternal organizations. Between 1825 and 1880, these city-based fraternal organizations waged campaigns for worker’s rights with only localized success.

The United Order of American Carpenters (organized by Irish and German workers in Philadelphia) began a “working hours” campaign with the slogan “6-to-6”. The “6-to-6” refers to starting at 6:00 AM, ending at 6:00 PM, and having two hours for breaks, for a 10-hour shift. This was before fast food! To promote this campaign, kids would chalk the slogan “6 to 6” on buildings and fences. This slogan is known as the country’s first indirect advertising campaign where the slogan never directly references the main topic.

The Banner
In 1835, a hand-painted silk banner was created. Used in parades, rallies, and meetings, it conveyed the campaign message to an audience mostly illiterate, either because of lack of schooling or they were newly immigrant. In the banner are two journeymen carpenters; one planes a plank, the other saws a board. At their feet, a child gathers wood shavings. The apprentice stands behind one of the journeymen, his hand on his shoulder and points to a clock showing 6:00 PM – quitting time. In the bottom-right corner, “6 to 6” appears on a tool box.

A factor in weakening these local efforts was the rise of the railroad that allowed for transportation of outside laborers, including slaves, to break agreements. The Supreme Court decision was overturned in 1842 and allowed the beginnings of legal organizing. In 1865, the Civil War ended slavery and the transport of slaves for union busting.

The need for wide-scale organizing was clear. The Iron Molders in 1860 were the first to organize nationwide. Carpenters’ organizing efforts included the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, originally based on a British charter, and the Knights of Labor and National Labor Union. In 1881, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters was formed. By the 1890’s, the 10-hour workday was not only the law, but also the practice throughout the land.

In 1886, the United Order of Carpenters of America merged into the UBC at a convention in Detroit (see photo). The “6 to 6” banner is proudly displayed. It remained stored in the union archives in Washington D.C. until 1999, when a two-year long painstaking restoration project was undertaken. The fully restored banner stood proudly at the 2010 UBC Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas. (A poster of this banner is on display in all of the UBC halls in Alaska – look for it!)

The struggle of labor has continued for over 175 years. We fight for collective bargaining in Wisconsin and Ohio today. Much like being in the presence of the American Constitution or the Magna Carta, the “6 to 6” banner is an awe-inspiring icon of the blood and toil of those who came before us to make a better world.
STATEWIDE ORGANIZING REPORT

“Get Involved and Stay Involved!”

Have you noticed the assault on labor that is taking place? Are you aware of the attempt to erode our rights? Have you heard about the push to tear down our dignity? If you are unaware, then let me inform you. An aggressive attack on the middle class is underway! However, we have a powerful tool to fight this aggressor and that tool is our union!

Brothers and Sisters, now more than ever we need to get informed, remain informed, and share that information. We must be diligent in understanding the issues that affect our lives and prepare ourselves to stand united. Our country has enjoyed much in regards to prosperity and growth. The greatest progress our country has ever known was during the time that the middle class stood together, stood united. This was a time of elbow grease, toeing the line, and shouldering the wheel. A time when the majority understood sacrifice and had a willingness to do the right thing, not because it was easy but because it was worth it. Our freedoms and our dignity are worth it.

Listen to the radio, read the articles, and watch the news, but make sure you get the information. Then decide for yourself; are you willing to accept what you are given or are you willing to fight for change? Take the time to write your concerns to your assembly members, senators, congressional representatives, or governor and have your voice heard. Prepare yourself to testify at hearings and then testify. Educate your family and friends and move them to take action.

Your individual efforts are what makes our union work. The union is not made up of “those other guys”; it is every one of us. Our strength comes from individual effort as a collective. The more we are willing to flex our collective muscle the more we are going to be successful.

Together let us be prepared, do the right thing, strengthen our union, and bring progress and prosperity back to the middle class. Get involved and stay involved.

TOLL FREE TIP LINE
1-855-822-5463
1-855-UBC-LINE
Anchorage Area
276-2722

We have created a TIP LINE that you can call and inform us about any activity you see that you may feel the organizing department needs to know. This line will be exclusively used by you, the member, to inform us about things like; new construction, illegal activity, non-union jobs, and possible leads on up-coming work.

Furthermore, if you would like to volunteer and become active with defending our area standards or you simply have a question that you need answered please call and leave your information. A representative will promptly return your call.

Mike Chase first came to Alaska in 1972. In the Fall of 1974, he met Lawrence Pippin, owner of the Overhead Door Company and a 45-year honorary member of Local 1243. Thirty-five years later, Mr. Chase still works for Overhead Door as the Head Installer where he performs a variety of tasks from remodels, electrical work, certified welding, and installing dock levelers. Mike stated, “Being a small outfit, you just help out where it’s needed.” As Head Installer, he has the opportunity to install every kind of door imaginable. The largest door he has ever installed was a telescoping door 35ft. X 40ft. at Ft. Knox Gold Mine, and the smallest was a counter door that measured 3ft. x 3ft. Mike has enjoyed being a long-standing member of Local 1243. “I always appreciated the Union because they provide me with insurance and retirement, and the opportunity to raise my family without my wife having to work,” he said. “I appreciate the Union for those benefits and standing up for the working man.”
4 out of every 5 accidents are the fault of the person involved in the incident. Unsafe acts cause four times as many accidents and injuries as unsafe conditions. Below are safety guidelines to ensure that all workers are aware of the distractions that may occur while on the job, and how these distractions can be eliminated.

- **Mental distractions**: Dropping your ‘mental’ guard can pull your focus away from safe work procedures. You can be distracted when you are busy working and a friend comes by to talk while you are trying to work. Do not become a statistic because you took your eyes off the machine or the work “just for a minute.”

- **Inattention**: Inattention may be the result from workplace arguments, confusing instructions, concern about working hours, wages, bills, etc. Inattention worsens with fatigue and boredom. Keep your mind on your work. The prime interest in solving hazards created by inattention lies in methods of difference; warnings, alarms, fail-safe switch circuits, guards, etc.

- **Machinery**: Set up your work station in a clear unobstructed location with good lighting, proper electrical circuits, and away from busy foot traffic that would cause distractions. When a machine does not start the way it was designed, inform your supervisor.

- **Hearing**: Playing loud music and using headphones can be a hazardous distraction. Workers need to hear when important instructions or warnings are told. A co-worker may save your life.

- **Shortcuts**: Every day, we make decisions we hope will make the job faster and more efficient. Do timesavers ever risk your safety, or that of your co-workers? Shortcuts that reduce your safety on the job aren’t shortcuts, but an increased chance for injury.

- **Overconfidence**: Confidence is a good thing. Overconfidence can be too much of a good thing. Do not start a task with incomplete instructions. Ask for explanations about work procedures and safety precautions.

- **Poor housekeeping**: Poor housekeeping creates hazards of all types. A well maintained area sets a standard for others to follow. Good housekeeping involves both pride and safety.

- **Ignoring safety procedures**: Purposely failing to observe safety procedures can endanger you and your co-workers. Being hasty in starting a task or not thinking through the process can put you in harm’s way. Plan your work and then work your plan. Remember: Concentrate on the work at hand, and keep your mind on your work.

Remember to utilize these safety guidelines to help eliminate distractions on the job.
Another 4th year class finished up on February 11, 2011. Most still need work hours to complete their apprenticeship. Congratulations to the 28 apprentices who successfully made it through all four years of training. I know you will continue to reap the rewards of having learned a craft. Remember, never stop learning and pass on your skills along to future apprentices.

Completing their 4th year class are:

- Matthew Bauer
- Viktor Schmidt
- Walter Moore (Journeyman)
- Abraham Duke
- Randall George
- Travis Ohlson
- Brandon Bibe
- Julie Schnyder
- Gregory Hardy
- Arron Schuerger
- Michael Dunegan (Journeyman)
- Justin Bartholomew
- Harry Crawford (Journeyman)
- Benjamin Swann
- Scott Beckmann
- Charles Shelley
- Lucas Cleek
- Christopher Haynes
- Joseph Demit
- Vadim Shapoval (Journeyman)
- Crystal Dunning
- Matthew Mcgee
- Matthew Sandvik
- Clarence Olhausen
- Ropati C. Taunuu (Journeyman)
- Richard Teurn
- Shannon Kimbley
- Matthew Knapp
- Matthew Bauer
- Matthew Sandvik
- Lucas Cleek
- Scott Beckmann
- Gregory Hardy
- Michael Dunegan
- Harry Crawford
- Ropati Taunuu, Brandon Bibe, Walter Moore, Joseph Demit, Shannon Kimbley, Randall George

Graduation for the 4th year class will be held at the Anchorage Dena’ina Civic and Convention Center on April 23, 2011 at 6:00pm. The Piledrivers are joining us.

There are a total of 104 apprentices currently in the program. The deadline for this first-year class was January 31st. We had 90 completed applications turned in. Orientation and interviews were conducted April 4th - 8th. There will be a class of 30 for this first-year. Second-year class went to work April 1st. Third-year class started April 11th and will be out May 27th. First-year class starts June 6th and will be out July 29th.

Upgrade classes have gone well this year with a total of 221 members taking them so far. Anyone interested in taking upgrades classes can sign up online at our website [www.sactcapprentice.org](http://www.sactcapprentice.org). If you don’t have a computer, give the training center a call. We can put you on the list of the class you are interested in. The Carpenters Hall can also sign you up on their computer.

I would like to remind UBC members that if you would like to get a welding cert. in metal stud or structural steel, we have welding booths at the school. We are open daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

There are two big job fairs in April and we need volunteers. The first one will be on April 20th at the Palmer Fairground Raven Hall. The other one is in Kenai at the Sports Arena in Soldotna on April 27th. Both job fairs are for high school students to learn about the construction trades with hands-on projects. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call us at 344-1541. We can use journeymen and apprentices.

I hope everyone has a great summer and are able to put some money away for that rainy day.

“Remember to keep up on your certification cards and take advantage of the upgrade training classes. You pay into it; why not get something out of it.”
Brian Howe
Training Coordinator
(907) 344-1541
sactc@clearwire.net

FOR SALE
4 cabins @ $7,000 each
Call the Training Center
We still have cabins for sale at the school from last year. So, if anybody knows of anybody that needs a cabin, have them call the school.
(Transportation is not included in the price.)
We need to make room for the cabins being built in April and May.

Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center
The 2010/2011 training season is going by rapidly. There are twenty five apprentices in the Fairbanks Carpenter Training Program. The fourth and third apprentices have completed their related training. The second year apprentices are presently in class getting training in metal stud framing, wood framing, concrete forms, blueprint reading, rigging, scaffolding, and forklift.

The trustees conducted interviews March 30-31, 2011 for a new group of first year apprentices to start training on April 25, 2011.

There has been a fairly steady flow of journeyman all winter keeping their safety and certification cards up to date. All members should check their cards for expiration dates as classes will be ongoing until mid-June.

The FCTC had a woodworking merit badge day on a Saturday in December in which eighteen boy scouts between the ages of twelve and sixteen received their merit badges. We had a demonstration of all the hand tools and tool safety. They cut boards with hand saws, squared them, and hand planed the cup out of them. We also showed them how to layout and snap lines (left). They all made foot stools for their project (right).

Applications for the 2011 apprenticeship program were accepted until March 1, 2011. The AGC/Piledrivers Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee selected Casey Liljedahl (Valdez), Kurt Hermansen-Jent (Anchorage), Benjamin Fontana (North Pole), Steven Brown (Anchorage), Michael Cox (King Salmon), Eric Powsorth (Palmer), Leah Brown (Anchorage), and Bryon Kasherarof (Kodiak). Please welcome these new Brothers and Sisters into the Union and help teach them how to work safely and productively.

Congratulations to the following for completing their apprenticeship: Jason Bussdieker, Gus Degner, Steven Flournoy, Michael Fulwider, Robert Hahn, Marshall James, Brice Kilpatrick, Jacob Mork, Audrey Roberts, and Ken Vandike.
It Does “Pay” to Attend Union Meetings by Randy Holt

On April 6, 2010, we started a STIMULUS PROGRAM of our own at Local 1281 as an incentive to attract more members to attend the regular meetings. The fund started with $100 from our Contingency Fund to be given away to a member by a random drawing of the entire membership. (Members are required to be in good standing.) We announce who could have won if they were present at the meetings. With no winner present, another $100 is added to the fund. There have been no winners so far.

$1,200 has been accumulated as of March 1, 2011 in the fund (which is the cap). This amount will stay the same for the next four meetings if there are no winners. At the fifth meeting, the $1,200 prize will be awarded by random drawing of the members present at the meeting and in good standing.

During the next four meetings, when $100 is not placed into the fund, it will be used to buy a hundred dollars worth of pizzas for members to enjoy!

Although we had hoped this would have enticed more members to attend meetings, attendance has only grown slightly.

We need you to attend the meetings and to get involved! Being an informed member is beneficial to our local. The best way to stay informed is to attend meetings and get the information first-hand.

Knowledge is power!
Let’s stimulate that power back into Your Union!
We look forward to seeing you at the next meetings for your chance to win.

| The members who missed out and the amount they could have won if they were present at the meetings |
|-----|-----|-----|
| Apr ’10 | Toby Stout | $100 |
| May ’10 | N/A | $200 |
| Jun ’10 | James Kevin Dennis | $300 |
| Jul ’10 | Jesse Shavers | $400 |
| Aug ’10 | Tom Wade Oyster | $500 |
| Sep ’10 | Lance McCann | $600 |
| Oct ’10 | Ernesto Ruiz Gamez | $700 |
| Nov ’10 | Chuck Holbrook | $800 |
| Dec ’10 | Dwayne Clayton | $900 |
| Jan ’11 | Dan Phillips | $1,000 |
| Feb ’11 | Paul Turinsky | $1,100 |
| Mar ’11 | Randolph Alvarez | $1,200 |
| Apr ’11 | Samuel Back | $1,200 |

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Get involved.
Stay informed.
Be part of Your Union!
Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Carpenter’s Hall.

Alaska Piledrivers and Divers Local 2520 second-year apprentices during framing class (L-R) Alfred Nanouk, Thor Lie, Dalton Roberts, Harry Leffler, Greyson Loomis, Rochelle Christensen, Kevin Mackey, Bobby Parker, Lyle Rowe
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