2005 — THE YEAR OF DELEGATE ELECTIONS

Yes, it’s that time! This year brings new delegate elections not only for the International Convention, but also for all Alaska Locals.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, beginning August 22, 2005. Each Local will elect their own Delegates for the Convention which is held every five years to elect the General Officers of the UBC, review and vote upon Constitutional changes, among other business. The number of delegates that each Local is entitled is based on membership size. Carpenters Local 1243 is entitled to two delegates, Carpenters Local 1281 is entitled to three delegates, Carpenters Local 2247 is entitled to two delegates, Millwrights Local 1501 is entitled to two delegates, and Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520 is entitled to two delegates. Elections for these delegates are to be conducted by April 30, 2005. Those elected are to serve only at the 2005 Convention.

There will also be the election of Local delegates to the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC). Each delegate term is for three years. Delegates to the ARCC are expected to attend all ARCC Delegate meetings. Delegates to the ARCC establish ARCC policy, review and approve ARCC expenses, elect the ARCC officers, and any other business that may appear before the Delegate body.

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April Vote For New Civic & Convention Center Could Bring Millions of Dollars to Anchorage

Anchorage voters this spring have the opportunity to endorse an effort to attract millions of dollars in convention center business, expand the space available for civic and trade show functions, and provide hundreds of construction jobs in the process. The April 5, 2005 municipal ballot is slated to include an economic development project to build a newer, larger convention center in downtown Anchorage. The new facility would be connected to the Egan Center, the Performing Arts Center, and downtown parking with covered walkways; and plans are in the works to expand parking garages for those who work and shop downtown.

The $93 million project is designed to insulate Anchorage property tax payers from risk. Construction and operations of the facility will be funded by Anchorage visitors in the form of a hotel, motel, and B&B room tax. Currently, visitors pay an 8 percent room tax -- a yes vote would boost our visitor room tax to 12 percent, still below the West Coast average. The developers have also promised $8 million to cover any cost overruns, and the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) will pick up the tab if there are unforeseen operational costs. Even the most conservative estimates show the center bringing money into the Anchorage economy.

The Anchorage Civic & Convention Center project itself would provide hundreds of construction jobs, and several hundred more ongoing jobs with operations and management. The project would also expand the visitor season, keeping more residents employed longer. And more than just visitor related jobs are impacted. The benefits resonate throughout the economy to all types of professional service companies.

The economic impact of an expanded visitor industry can only mean good things, as thousands more visitors come to shop and tour around our beautiful city.

Jordan Marshall, ACCCY Campaign Manager
Last year was a very good year for the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters and this year holds the promise of yet another. 2004 was the third consecutive year of growth for the ARCC with a 9% increase. 2003 showed a 7.5% gain. Over the last three years the total growth has been nearly 25%. And the amount of work being performed by UBC members in Alaska keeps increasing. Never in the last 20 years have the Carpenters, Piledrivers, Divers and Millwrights collectively been so busy.

Some of the success of the ARCC can be attributed to a strong economy in Alaska that slowly keeps growing. However, the growth in membership and work performed is growing at a faster rate than the Alaskan economy. Most of it is because of the hard work and dedication the membership displays and their ability to make the contractors money. Much of it is because of our contractor’s ability to secure work in a very competitive field. And some of it is because of the talented staff at the various Locals working cooperatively with each other. I can not say enough about the hard work, dedication to the Union, and innovative ideas they have shown.

Over 70% of the candidates supported by the ARCC won their elections. 33 endorsed candidates won and 14 lost. The ARCC endorses candidates based on their commitment to the issues important to ARCC members, regardless of party affiliation. The ARCC endorsed Tony Knowles for US Senate. Lisa Murkowski was elected in that contest. The ARCC feels confident that Senator Murkowski will represent Alaska in fine fashion and be compassionate to our concerns. Congratulations to Lisa Murkowski and we look forward to working with her.

There is still work to be done in 2005. The Health & Welfare Trusts and the Pension Trusts of the Northern and Southern are exploring the possibility of merging if it offers a true benefit to the members. The Training Coordinators of the various Training Centers have been meeting with the ARCC to establish ways to help each other. The ARCC staff has recently been streamlined to be more efficient with less people and has re-structured its organizing department to be more focused. Politically the ARCC will once again lead the charge to mend a Workers Compensation Program in a manner that is fair to the worker and to bring up the Unemployment benefit rate to a level that is at least consistent with that offered in other States. The Piledrivers and Divers will be negotiating their contract this year.

Congratulations to the Piledrivers and Divers in Local 2520. It was fifty years ago on January 18, 1955 that Local 2520 held it’s first official meeting. Dave Robinson brought over the original minutes of that very first meeting of the newly formed Local and some of the Chartered members included Leslie Callan, Jack Garrett, Lester Sherriff, Arthur Kivi, Kenneth Yearsley, Edward Kubillus, A.J. Ekstrom, Cooper Woodham, Fred Rutledge, Geo Sowle, George Comstock, Greg Johnson, Art Baker, Roy White, Ben Bryant, John Smoot, William Steib, Bob Powell, Edwin Capp, Phillip Nicholas, Jack Howard, Pat Tigges, Raymond Donlan, Robert Friddle, Glebert Swedien, and Glen Loomis.

Just as this Newsletter was going to the publisher we were informed that Bill Ross was hit by a vehicle in South Dakota. Bill Ross was a long time active member of Carpenters Local 1281 where he held many officer positions. Bill was currently a member of the newly formed Millwright Local 1501. His passage will be noticed and he will be missed by many. Our sympathies to his family, friends, and all those untold lives that he touched.

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 3 day evaluation. If an applicant is not selected for advancement to 3 day, he/she may re-apply. Upon successful completion of 3 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

Local 1281 ANCHORAGE

Local 1501 ANCHORAGE
Keith Albert, Vechevila Bratkov, Sergei Bratkov, Andre Bratkov, Kelly Dent, Duane Gray, Kendra Heidelberg, Anthony Jennison, Dean Johnson, William King, Wyatt Laframboise, John Rego, Kevin Richard, Ken Rosenthal, Cliff Soares, Alvis Taylor Jr., Troy Well, Grant Williamson

Local 2247 JUNEAU

Local 2520 ANCHORAGE

Member Discounts

Alaska Regional Council
Special Discounts for Union Members

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

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

Last Frontier Adventures-10% Off Seward 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

The Alaska Club
Special Rates for UBC Members
Sign up before March 15, 2005 and receive extras

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

**Please show your UBC membership card to the above vendors as proof of Union affiliation**
**Goodbye 2004**

Retirement and Defined Contribution Plans: 4th quarter 2004 statements were recently mailed out to all participants. Didn’t get one? Chances are we don’t have a current address for you, and if we don’t know where you are, we probably don’t know about other changes in your life – like a recent marriage, divorce, new dependents or beneficiary changes. Protect your benefits (and get your mail) – keep us informed!

2004 Tax Filings: Ready to do your taxes, but missing your 1099R or need information on dues withholding?
- Retirement Plan 1099R - Trust Office at 1-907-561-7575
- Defined Contribution Plan 1099R - Union Bank of California at 1-800-678-7526

Dues Withheld – Refer to your paystubs or contact your employer(s). The amount of the dues withheld from your checks is not tracked by either the Trust Office or your Local.

**Hello 2005**

Health & Security Plan: 2005 Annual Claim Form and the 2005 Formulary List are now available. Remember, no claims can be processed for you or your dependents until you have submitted an annual claim form (salmon colored this year) to the Claims Office in Spokane. In addition, marriage certificates are now required before any benefits will be paid for a spouse. Fax marriage certificates to: 1-907-561-7512.

Educational Meetings: The next semi-annual Defined Contribution educational meeting is being planned for March or April. We think these meetings are a valuable benefit to the participants, but attendance at previous meetings has been disappointing. What would it take to get you to a meeting – different topics, dates, locations??!! Call the Trust Office (561-7575 in Anchorage or 800-478-4431 toll free in Alaska) and let us know how we can better your needs. Remember, this is your money – your retirement.

**SOUTHERN TRUST—by Harriet Paule**

**NORTHERN TRUST—by Ray Miller**

WE’RE COMING TO YOU!!!! Representatives from the Northern Trust will present information and be available for questions at the Annual Participant Meetings. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Both the Health & Welfare Plan and the Retirement Plan will be discussed. Please be sure to attend. Following are the dates, times, and locations:

- March 14, 2005 - Fairbanks at the Carpenters Hall at 7:30 pm.
- March 15, 2005 - Anchorage at the Piledrivers Hall at 6:30 pm.
- March 16, 2005 - Anchorage at the Millwrights Hall at 7:00 pm.

The Northern Alaska Carpenters Trust Funds provides a convenient way to access your benefit information through the Zenith Administrators Web Site. Access to this web site is simple. From any PC with Internet access, point your browser to www.zenithadmin.com and click Participant Login.

The first time you login as a Plan Participant you will enter:

- **Username:** Enter the initial of your first name and last name (i.e. jsmith -- lower case)
- **Password:** Enter your Social Security Number (without dashes)

For security purposes you will then be prompted to enter a unique Username and Password. Please be sure to change your Username and Password right away to something you can easily remember. This convenient Internet solution allows you to view and track important Plan benefit information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can quickly and securely view exactly what you need to know about your Plan.

- Your Health Plan Work History
- Health Plan Eligibility Status for You and Your Family Members
- Status of Processed Claims For You and Any Covered Family Member
- Participant Pension Benefit Information through link to Master Plan Services (DPA)
- Links to Other Relevant Web Sites
- Summary of Health Plan benefits
- Downloadable Plan Forms and Documents
- Email Access to Plan Customer Service Representatives.

Be sure to bookmark www.zenithadmin.com or save the site as a Favorite in your Internet browser so that you will be able to instantly access your Plan’s benefits information.

Note: if you do not wish to use the web site and prefer to cancel all access to your information, you may do so by calling the Plan’s Customer Service Representative list below.

For your information, contact your Plan’s Customer Service Representative at:
Zenith Administrators, Inc.
(800) 531-5357 or (206) 298-3411
Carpenters Local 1281 Update

Carpenters Local 1281 members were busy in 2004 with school, military, new office buildings, and hospital projects putting most of you to work.

2005 looks to be more of the same with bigger emphasis on Hospitals and the Civic Center. On the hospital scene, Davis will be starting a $50 million addition at Providence, Bovis and Pacific Partition Systems will continue to work on the Valley Hospital, Soldotna and Homer are also putting out large additions for bid in the next few months on their respective hospitals.

There will be new schools built both in the Mat-Su Valley and in Anchorage. As well as several remodels that will create a lot of JOBS. UAA and APU have also got some projects slated with the Science Wing at UAA being the big one at about 30 million.

The military construction is going to be huge for the next few years with both Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf. Receiving new military personnel will equate to new buildings for equipment and people. Rumor has it that upwards of 400 million will be appropriated for projects in 2005.

Concerning the Civic Center, Anchorage voters will be voting in April on a $90 million Convention Center (Neese or Davis) and a $75 million Museum expansion. Remember it is our duty as Union Members to vote. These projects will also amount to several hours for the Carpenter members. As well as the large projects we have been making a concerted effort on the tenant improvement work with several contractors that are already signatory as well as organizing the non-union. This have been very successful to date.

The island of Kodiak has been holding its own with Brechan out at the Coast Guard Base IDIQ work, and also working at the Missile Launch pad. There will also be some work through the Piledrivers on the docks this summer that will utilize some Carpenters.

All over South Central Alaska, 2005 looks like it will be another good year, but as I’ve said several times before, put some money away for the rainy days and you will live much more comfortable.

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Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520 Update

Alaska Piledrivers Bridge Dock and Warf Builders and Divers Local Union 2520 was chartered in 1955 and this is our 50th year anniversary, of those first members we still have Ken Yearlsley, Marvin Vanbursick and Glenn Loomis. Now 50 years later Piledrivers Local 2520 is still very strong now having close to 200 members and expect to have full employment by the end of March.

Our apprenticeship and training is second to none. Kevin is currently running three (3) welding classes a day, and NSTC training on Saturdays to try to keep up with the demand.

2004 got off to kind of a slow start with the shortage of steel and concrete, but the Piledriver men and women have stepped up to the plate working long hours to meet the deadlines necessary for our companies. We have dispatched many of our Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) Carpenter and Millwright brothers and sisters with like skills to meet our manpower needs. Even though we had a late start, Piledrivers Local 2520 still had over 150,000 hours reported.

Our top contributing contractors were Sandstrom and Sons reporting 29,665 hours, West Construction reporting 21,305 hours, Swalling reporting 15,845 hours, MKB reporting 15,527 hours, and American Marine reporting 13,623 hours.

Accident reports were down in 2004, the worst being a broken ankle. Let’s all strive to make 2005 accident free! Local 2520 is committed to being a drug free work place and will continue to submit to company drug policies to insure that environment.

Thanks to the encouraging nature of Alaska Regional Council of Carpenter’s leader, Executive Secretary-Treasurer John Palmatier, the ARCC has grown 12% since he took office in April, 2004. He has many innovative ideas, a very important one is combining the Northern & Southern Trusts in order to hold down costs and expand benefits, he has been a tireless advocate, negotiating on behalf of workers’ rights. We are lucky to have him in charge.

Local 2520’s collective bargaining contract will be re-negotiated this June. Ideas from the membership are not only welcomed but encouraged! Please submit them in writing to the Hall. I look forward to serving all of you this coming year.

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New chip loading facility at Point McKenzie recently completed by Brad West Construction
I would like to start by thanking all our hard working Brothers and Sisters and good signatory Contractors for making the 2004 construction season in Northern Alaska a very productive one. This year we saw many projects completed in an efficient manner that only comes from combining good management with a qualified workforce.

We sent 2004 out with flair here at Local 1243 by having one of our best Christmas parties to date. Over 400 of our members and family were in attendance and it took the entire floor of the Carlson Center to accommodate us. Eight apprentices were given their completion certificates. Service pins representing 1005 years of Brotherhood membership were given out. Congratulations again to all our completing apprentices and very sincere thanks to the pin recipients for their years of dedication.

The new Lowe’s store built by Roger Hickel Construction has just recently opened for business. Congratulations on a job well done. Work continues on our two elementary school projects. Alcan General has the Nordale school right on track. BEK is doing the metal studs and drywall on both schools. BEK’s portion of the work should be nearing completion. They also have some work left on the UAF museum. Strand Hunt is close to finishing their work on the Eielson Power Plant Bag House. They will now take their millwright crew to Clear Air Force Station to continue work on a bag house at that power plant. Additionally, they have ongoing work at the Joint Security complex on Eielson. Davis Constructors will probably wrap up two of their Northern projects very soon. They built a Stryker Brigade Battalion Headquarters on Fort Wainwright and the Denali Visitors Center at Denali National Park. It sounds like Davis has a pretty good work load lined up for next year as well. G.B.C. had several projects this year including, the foundation work for the addition at the Golden Valley power plant in North Pole and various projects at Eielson AFB and the Missile Defense Project. Yet another phase of utilidor rework has been completed by Doyon/American Mechanical JV at both Eielson AFB and Ft. Wainwright. I believe they are up to Phase Five and hopefully will continue to secure this work until Phase 7.

At this writing, the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital is getting two new additions. The Imaging Center to the south is being built by Ghemm Company. The Physical Plant is being built by Johnson River Enterprises, whom we hope to have as a signatory contractor very soon. Sandvik/Pfile is putting in the metal studs and drywall for Johnson River. Sandvik/Pfile also did a remodel at the Home Depot. Speaking of hospitals, the Bassett Army Hospital being performed by Dick Pacific/Ghemm Company JV, is entering its final season of construction. That has been one very large project and we wish them the best as they work toward completion. Other projects that Ghemm Company has been involved in include; an addition to Design Alaska Architects building and an annex to the Tanana Valley Clinic.

The Missile Defense project at Ft. Greely is shutdown until better weather. However, there will definitely be more work coming next season. Some of the contractors that worked there this season are; A. J. Diani, G.B.C., Interior Concrete and Unit Company.

Neeser Construction is coming along well with the three jobs they have in Fairbanks. They are building some Junior Officers housing and a couple force mobility complexes on Ft. Wainwright. They are also doing the new Fire Station downtown. Another Anchorage based interior systems contractor, Pacific Partition Systems, has secured several projects here. They worked on Lowes, the Fire Service barracks on Ft. Wainwright, and the new Lithia dealership. Kiewit Construction did a project at Blair Lakes this year. They were also able to “beat Ol’ Man Winter” and complete foundation work on a Biological Research Center at UAF.

We would also like to welcome newly signatory contractors; K.C. Corporation and T.S. Construction. We hope that the coming year is a prosperous one for all our Brothers and Sisters!
Millwrights Local 1501 Update

There are a lot of new developments in the Local. Things are looking good for the 2005 season. More contractors are bidding jobs for us, and signing contracts. By the end of the summer, we will probably be recruiting and asking for union travelers from out of state. Most of the work looks like camp jobs, some in Fairbanks, and some in Juneau. We are working on signing more contractors for other jobs. If you are interested in traveling out of state, give me a call, I know of some possibilities for you. Now is the time to get your training, certifications, and qualifications before the work starts!

We are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tlingit-Haida Central Council Indian Tribes of Alaska to partner for recruitment, jobs, organizing, and training in Southeast Alaska for all UBC trades—carpenter, millwright, and piledriver. Recently, I attended the Conference of Tribal Employment Rights in Las Vegas and am excited to be involved in a partnership like this that is mutually beneficial to both the Union and rural Alaskans. There is a lot of Natural Resources development on the horizon for Southeast and this will definitely give us the edge for putting ARCC members to work on these big projects while at the same time provide local training for Southeast members.

Our first set of millwright apprentices has finished their first year class and we are looking forward to their addition to the workforce. It is good to have some eager young millwrights out there. We have merged the millwright training program into the Fairbanks Carpenter Training Center’s program. This will enable us to provide more training in more parts of the state for more members. It appears our Millwright Trustees on the Northern Training Trust will be Mark Crutchfield for Labor and Mike Vlaming of the Millwright Employers Association for Management. Wade Stark is the Program Coordinator for the FCTC and we look forward to working with him (the contact info for his office is on the back of this newsletter).

I know I may be beating a dead horse, but it is time to get those Millwright Qualification Cards if you don’t already have them. Contractors will be requiring this certification, it is necessary to sign the Out of Work List, and it helps us prove to Employers and Customers that we are qualified and certified to do it right the first time. You can take these tests in three locations: Ralph Gaines on the Kenai 776-7099, Randy Wilke in Anchorage 274-1501, and Wade Stark in Fairbanks 452-4626.

We have reduced the price of our T-shirts—come get yours today!

Carpenters Local 2247 Update

Greetings from Southeast Alaska, the New Year brings many new opportunities to the Carpenters union. First, let’s recap 2004 - starting when I took over in May. Dawson Construction work on the National Guard UAS Joint Use Facility is near completion and the adjacent Maintenance Building is beginning to build the foundation. Coogan Construction is moving along with the Bartlett Hospital Addition at a rapid pace. Coogan had implemented a new shoring system, Pro Form that their crew has learned to install on the job. North Pacific Erectors have had several jobs that have kept many carpenters working. Triplette Construction finished an addition for the Wild Flower Court Complex near the Hospital and has started on an Animal Vet Clinic. Alaska Stone and Concrete has started the locker room expansion at the Treadwell Ice Arena and has more to come this spring.

Some of the job opportunities that are on the horizon include the much awaited NOAA facility at Point Lena. There is a large Management Contractor out of Portland, Oregon who has the contract. At this time we are negotiating with them to sign an agreement. Other jobs in Ketchikan and Petersburg are also in the negotiating stages.

We have an addition to help the Union negotiate with the Native Corporations, Cheryl Dodson, whom was retained as a liaison. She has been instrumental in opening doors that have been closed in the past and will be a big help in the future. I look forward to working with her this year. We are always exploring new opportunities for our members.

One thing that I can’t stress enough is that this Brotherhood belongs to each and every one of us. We need to remember that each of us has a voice and even just one of us can make a difference. It’s YOUR Union, make a difference get involved, don’t be afraid to have your voice heard.
On Friday January 14th the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) joined with the Electricians, Plumbers, Painters, and Sheet Metal Workers to stage an Unfair Labor Practice Informational Picket against McGee Industries Inc. Over 120 people showed up at the new Bailey’s Furniture Store, which is being built by McGee at International Airport Road and C Street, holding 100 signs. The solidarity between the trades made this large of a presence possible. A special thanks goes out to Stan Hunt, Kevin Hanley, and Mike Houle as they rounded up a lot of apprentices for the event. We also thank all the volunteers that showed up in force. The evening news of both channels 11 and 2 gave the picket a media boost. It was an emotional time and the people had fun holding signs even though it was only 15 degrees outside.

Mantech Mechanical signed an agreement with Millwrights Local 1501 to set Compressors at the Valley Ice Arena. Mantech provides mechanical maintenance for all the ice arenas in the state. Collin Szymanski, owner of Mantech, was glad that the ARCC now has a Millwright Local. He plans on using Millwrights for all his millwright work and was pleased with the work they did in the valley.

The ARCC has added to its ranks in the organizing department recently and we look forward to tackling new campaigns against the non union sector.

If you are interested in participating in campaigns, pickets, or salting, please contact the ARCC main office, we are always looking for volunteers to assist the organizing department of the ARCC.

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**STATEWIDE ORGANIZING REPORT**

**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 1281**
- Suspenders—$35.00
- Pea shooters—$25.00
- Plumb bob reel & magnet—$25.00
- Magnetic tape measure—$10.00
- Coffee/travel mug—$10.00
- Local 1281 hats—$10.00
- Local 1281 t-shirts—$15.00
- Red, white & blue t-shirts—$10.00
- Membership pin—$2.00
- Chamfer cutters—$29.00

**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 measure—$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—$35.00
- Master pro—$55.00
- Master pro (non-member)—$80.00
- Project calculator plus—$20.00
- Yamaguchi bars—$35.00
  (cash only please)

**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, entertaining, 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.

**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.

Millwrights Training Center

Another 4th year class finished up on December 15, 2004 and most still need work hours to complete their apprenticeship. Congratulations to all 29 apprentices that have successfully made it through all four years of training. I know you will continue to reap the rewards of having learned a craft. Remember to never stop learning and pass your skills along to all future apprentices.

Apprentices completing their 4th year class are as follows (SE=Southeast area apprentices):

- Kristopher Ahlen (SE)
- Micah Bonin
- Jason Breding
- Phillip Crosby
- Somboon Daengpairoch
- Tina Delaney
- Oleg Dzyubenko
- Charley Gregory
- Adam Hoyt
- Nicholas Huling
- Sherman Lewis
- Rodmond Maddox
- Drew Medaugh
- Thad Mills
- Eric Oman
- Jeffrey Palmatier
- Ambrose Richardson
- Jack Roberson
- Jamie Slack
- Daniel Solomon
- Jesse Sooter (SE)
- Mike Sturrock (SE)
- Vongphet Thongdy
- Brian Toci
- Clyde Tunuchuk
- Frank Vongsotsavanh
- Kevin White
- Casey Williams

Three out of this class are now journeymen carpenters. Congratulations to Tina Delaney, Daniel Solomon, and Kevin White.

Third year carpenter apprentices are currently in class, second year apprentices will start class at the end of February and the first year class will be starting April 18, 2005. The first year class will finish up on June 10, 2005 and will be eager to continue their training on the job.

Journeyman enhancement classes are scheduled and posted at Local 1281 and at the training center. We have applied for a grant to be able to conduct enhancement classes in Juneau this spring. Once the grant is approved, we will post a schedule at Local 2247. This is something new and the Trustees agreed to try it out. We applied for a grant through Alaska Works Partnership and they are also willing to administer the grant once it’s awarded. Hopefully we will soon find out if we will be awarded the grant, so southeast, keep your fingers crossed!

Millwrights Training Center

The Millwright training program is going very well. We had the first Millwright apprenticeship class in many years starting in September of 2004.

In addition to the first year apprentices, we have had journeyman upgrade training in Kenai, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.

I am currently working on the schedule for months to come and will be including Aerial Lift training, Westinghouse Turbine, and some additional Safety classes such as Confined Space.

Also there are two welding booths available at the Carpenters Training Center that have been recently set up, for practice or testing.

One last thing, we’ve moved! My office has been moved to the Carpenters Hall in downtown Anchorage. The mailing address is 407 Denali St., #101, Anchorage, AK 99501. My new email address is mwtraining@alaska.net and new phone number is 274-1501.
Applications for the 2005 apprenticeship program are being accepted until March 1, 2005. Any interested people should contact the training center for an application. The JATC will review applications and conduct interviews in March.

Apprenticeship and Training classes are in full swing. Fourth year apprentices have completed their class with a few already close to attaining the hours for their journeyman card. They all received their welding certs and other updates they need for the year, as well as completing their blueprint and drafting segments. Third year apprentices are in welding classes now and second year apprentices will begin their framing class on February 7, 2005.

Many journeymen are still practicing and testing on the Innershield 203 Ni1 wire that is being used by almost all of our contractors. If you haven't qualified on this wire, you should see about coming in and practicing. The first big call-out for the year will be towards the end of January in Prudhoe Bay, and it will be for welders certified with Innershield 203 Ni1. We are also setting up North Slope Training Co-operative (NSTC) classes ahead of our original schedule to accommodate this project. Anybody going to work in Prudhoe Bay needs current welding certs, a current first aid/cpr card as well as a current NSTC card.

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Northern Alaska Carpenters Training Center

It has been a busy year in Alaska and for the Fairbanks Carpenter Training Center. The 2005 construction season looks to be a strong one in the Fairbanks area. Contractors have been calling the Union Hall checking on the supply of good qualified hands for the upcoming season.

As is the case in the construction trades or with any career, things change. New materials, tools, procedures, or employer demands all effect the way we work. Employers are asking for Tradesmen with multiple skills and certifications to handle these new demands. Twenty years ago how many tradesmen were using pocket lasers, compound sliding chop saws, screw guns, roto-zip routers, cordless tools, wire feed welders, or a total station? Materials like OSB, Dense Glass, MDO, and Epoxy are all common on the jobs now. Where were you, when you saw your first Iron Worker wearing fall protection? As the industry changes don't let your skills fall behind or have yourself become under qualified.

The Training Center offers an opportunity for you to upgrade your skills, fine tune your existing skills, or get more information about a variety of subjects. Remember the Training Center is not just for Apprentices.

For more information contact the Fairbanks Carpenters Training Center at 452-4626 or E-Mail us at fctc@acsalaska.net

Fraternally,

Wade Stark
Training Coordinator

Dated around 1891 in San Francisco (pictured right) is the construction of a railroad trestle. The union for Piledrivers and Divers was then called the City Front Labor Council and it was composed of coast seamen, steamshipmen, longshore lumbermen, stevedores, riggers and wharf builders.
All Locals will be voting on Delegates this year. Elections must be completed before July 1, 2005 and the new delegates will be seated at the October 2005 meeting. The number of Delegates from each Local is based on active membership on April 1, 2005. A member may be both a delegate to the National Convention and to the ARCC.

To be eligible to be a delegate for either the National Convention and/or the ARCC, a member must have been twelve consecutive months in good standing immediately prior to nomination in the Local Union and a member of the UBC for two consecutive years immediately prior to nomination unless the Local Union has not been in existence the time required, and must remain a member in good standing at all times to remain in the position. A member must be working for a livelihood in a classification within the trade as defined by the UBC Constitution or in employment which qualifies him/her for membership. Apprentices, Contracting members, Life Members, or Probationary members are not eligible. A member who retires after being elected may complete the term for which he/she is elected. (paraphrased from the UBC Constitution, Section 31-D) To be eligible to vote for delegates in a Local Union, a member must have held membership in the Local Union for at least twelve months (unless the Local Union has not been in existence the time required) and be in good standing at the time of the vote.

First Annual “Block Kids” Contest held...

The first “Block Kids” contest of the year was met with lots of enthusiasm by the 4th, 5th and 6th graders of Rabbit Creek School. 28 students participated in this event which entails building a construction project with 100 Lego blocks in one hour. The goal of the program is to introduce the idea of working in construction as a viable career option, especially as we will be facing a shortage of workers in this field soon. Both the teachers and the kids enjoyed the competition and hope to do it again next year. The top 3 winners receive Savings Bonds and everyone received construction related gifts for being involved. Thank you Local 1281 for being a “Block Kids” contest sponsor!

Fraternally,
Kathleen Bugbee, Local 1281 Business Representative

Local 1281 members receiving pins for length of membership. (Left to Right) Back Row: Tom Vickrey Sr., Richard Rood, Peter Hennig, Frank McAllister, Jerry Boyd, Jack Cook, and Dennis Ruhle. Front Row: Chris Hollwedel, Keith MacDonald, and Harley Gehman.

The Pinning Ceremony for Carpenters Local 1281 was held during their February general meeting this year. The turn out was good (however they could always improve) as 57 members showed up to witness this special event. Pins were distributed to people who have belonged to the union anywhere from 10 years to 60 years; although many of these members were only able to be there in spirit. This is a momentous occasion and a proud tradition we should all look forward to being a part of for many years.
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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

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