Members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters have rallied to assist those in need hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Ward Person, a thirty year member of Alaska Piledrivers Local 2520 volunteered his time to the Red Cross and went to Baton Rouge. “It is tough to even get a shower and cell phone reception isn’t very good.” Brother Person commented and added, “Donations are greatly appreciated and desperately needed.”

In Jacksonville, Mississippi UBC volunteers gathered supplies and brought them to the distribution center they set up. "When the people started unloading the trucks, they had tears in their eyes," said Michael Lemay of the Brotherhood of Carpenters. "They could not believe how generous Jacksonville was.” Lemay says volunteers fed between eight and ten thousand people at his distribution center, but, there are still huge needs. Some mothers are coming to the shelters in tears, saying their babies have been wearing the same clothes for days. Some little ones have severe rashes, others have come down with high fevers from drinking the bad water.

In Mobile, AL, Business Manager J.O. Richardson said that their relief effort started with volunteers buying items themselves and then passing out the supplies at the Training Center. Numerous families were affected by the tragedy called Katrina and UBC members mobilized to help them. The following pictures show some of their efforts.

Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters joins the effort…

Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf States with such force that thousands may be dead, and an uncountable amount of people homeless. Hurricane Rita followed with her destruction. Experts believe it will take months before people get back to work in hurricane-ravaged areas. Some workers may not have jobs to return to and others may opt to move away and find work elsewhere. Many of these are our Brothers and Sisters in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

The Alaska Regional Council is working with the UBC and area Locals to provide aid and relief to those members whose lives were shattered by this disaster. The ARCC has set up the ARCC Hurricane Relief Fund where 100% of the contributions will go directly to our Brother and Sister Carpenters, Piledrivers, Millwrights, Divers, and Industrial Workers affected by the hurricane.

All members are strongly encouraged to donate what they can. While we enjoy relative prosperity, others are suffering from the worst crisis they may ever see. Every little bit helps.

PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:
ARCC Hurricane Relief Fund
c/o Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters
410 Denali Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Thank you for your generosity!
MEET THE NEW ARCC DELEGATES

CARPENTERS LOCAL 1243 DELEGATES

Laird Grantham  
UBC member since 1987

Ed Pugliese  
UBC member since 1972  
Current ARCC Trustee

Jeff Pruss  
UBC member since 1988  
Current ARCC Vice President

Wade Stark  
UBC member since 1988  
Current ARCC Executive Board Member

CARPENTERS LOCAL 1281 DELEGATES

Kathleen Bugbee  
UBC member since 1988  
Current ARCC Trustee

John Palmatier  
UBC member since 1983  
Current ARCC Executive Secretary Treasurer

Ken Desjarlais  
UBC member since 1995

Royce Rock  
UBC member since 1978  
Current ARCC Executive Board Member

Ace Dube  
UBC member since 1972

William C. Scoville  
UBC member since 1965  
Current ARCC Conductor

CARPENTERS LOCAL 2247 DELEGATES

Richard Boyle  
UBC member since 1994  
Current ARCC Warden

Karl Vandor  
UBC member since 1970  
Current ARCC Executive Board Member

MILLWRIGHTS LOCAL 1501 DELEGATES

Mark Crutchfield  
UBC member since 1999  
Current ARCC Executive Board Member

Louis Katzenberger  
UBC member since 2003

PILEDRIVERS & DIVERS LOCAL 2520 DELEGATES

Stephen Abel  
UBC member since 1976

Dave Robinson  
UBC member since 1974  
Current ARCC President

Kevin Hanley  
UBC member since 1975  
Current ARCC Executive Board Member

The ARCC would like to thank the following outgoing Delegates for their dedication to making our Council as successful as it is today. Again, thank you to: Tim Albright, Dennis Eastman, Steven Kreinheder, William Peterson, and Jim Strassburg.
**United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America New and Returning Members**

**Local 1243 FAIRBANKS**  

**Local 1281 ANCHORAGE**  

**Local 1501 STATEWIDE**  
Michael Bratley, Francis Hartzell, Jerry Stevens

**Local 2247 JUNEAU**  
Jake Able, Rodney Almilie, Daniel Armer, Randolph Barlow, Kyle Bischoff, Jared Booth, Nathan Corbett, Christopher Dozier, Gabreal Easterly, Ronan Gray, Bryon Gutschmidt, Michael Hogan, Gabriel Jacobs, Lance Jorgenson-geise, DeeWayne Laman, Lucas Musielak, Chris Neilson, Nathan Odden, Craig Ruhm, Robert Simpson, Bean Storlie, Thomas Van De Water, Shaele Winder

**Local 2520 STATEWIDE**  
Bennie Beckman, Jan Bednarski, Gail Bilyeu, Allen Bird, Brandon Bodell, Joshua Boone, Michael Coots, Zachary Coots, Steven Flournoy, Matthew Gatton, Holly Hayward, Michael Jeffreys, Jeffrey Kannan, Jed Koljones, Ralph Martinez, Jeffrey McDuff, Daniel Menard, Dave Osborn, Warren Peete, Lawrence Roberst, Gregory Stigen, Kenneth Vandike, Earl Wiese, Vernon Wilson Jr., Clifford Young

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**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
Contact Steve Adams—(877) 425-KING
Member Owned and Operated

**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

**Please show your UBC membership card to the above vendors as proof of Union affiliation**
Carpenters Local 1243 — Member Picnic & More

Local 1243 retiree Sig Bredlie (left), shares some memories with Wally Pearson (right) at the annual summer picnic.

Carpenters vie for victory at the Ray Kokrine Memorial Horseshoe Tournament held every year at the Local 1243 summer picnic.

From L to R, Local 1501 Bus. Rep. Mark Crutchfield, Local 1243 Bus. Rep. Jeff Pruss, and Local 1501 member Joe Pugliese, grilling up grub on special grills! The grills used at the summer picnic have been in service for nearly 20 years. They are made from sections of 48 inch pipe used in the Trans-Alaska pipeline. All three grills received a much-needed tune up this year. Thanks to Joe Pugliese for all the work he put into the project. (Joe also originally built the grills)

The trusses go up on the new Operating Engineers Local 302 headquarters job. Ghemm Co. employees David Korovnik and Gary Osborne cut and deliver bracing materials to (from L to R) Jesse Daly, Bob Marso, and Ed Marso.

Local 1243 member Chris Stankiewicz, puts the screws to some framing at the Food Services of America warehouse being built by Roger Hickel Construction.
Carpenters Local 1281 — Jobs & More

The Moosehead Saloon is a member owned and operated establishment located in Palmer. Be sure to visit Dan DeBoer and play a pull tab or two (Dan sells pull tabs on behalf of Carpenters Local 1281). You are not only supporting a fellow member but also one of our Locals by patronizing Moosehead Saloon!

McKay Building located in downtown Anchorage being remodeled by Unit Company.

Apprentice Hery Castillo, installing metal studs at Bartlett High School being remodeled by AMI.

Joshua Leber giving hand signals at the Providence Hospital parking garage being built by Davis.

Vaughn Heiner doing layout at the Muldoon Middle School being built by Roger Hickel Contracting.

Alutiiq Center being built by Neeser Construction located in Anchorage.
Millwrights Local 1501 — Jobs & More

(Left to Right) Clay Dunn and Tony Sanders working for H.C. Price at GVEA on new installation of Gas Turbine (LM6500).

Millwrights: Dave Cravy, Kent Widener, Joe Pugliese, and Dale Billum installing a Gas Turbine Generator at GVEA.

Apprentice Dale Billum guiding the placement of a Turbine.

The crew in the process of placing a Generator Skid.

A Special Thanks!

The Millwrights Local 1501 would like to give kudos to our apprentices and pre-apprentices for the great job they are doing out there. Here is to our future!

Shane Azelton, Dale Billum, Beau Burman, Agustin Blanco, Kendra Heidelberg, Wyatt LaFramboise, Adam Lyden, and Mike Rego

Local 1501 Delegate to the UBC General Convention, Dave Hendrickson (pictured left) representing us in a slugging wrench contest.
Noah Stanford, Loren Hope, and Nolan Reid building forms on the NOAA Marine Fisheries Research Center being built by JE Dunn.

Local 2247 Business Manager Jonathan Smith is with Teresa Germain as she received recognition as TERO staff of the year. Teresa has worked for the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes for nearly eighteen years and is involved with the Council for Tribal Employment Rights (CTER). Through the CTER, Teresa has worked to help inform tribal members of the benefits of the Union and has referred tribal members to the apprenticeship programs.

New Bartlett Regional Hospital being built by Coogan Construction Company.

Michael Schmit working on the Fawn Mountain Elementary School project in Ketchikan for Dawson Construction.

Matt Davidson working on a concrete slab at a Dawson Construction Company jobsite.
The new Kenai River bridge (pictured left) located in Soldotna. With a comparative picture of the bridge being rebuilt over 30 years ago (pictured right). Both projects done by Piledrivers and Divers with Local 2520.

First year apprentices in pile driving class. Top row left to right: Jeff McDuff, Jeff Kannan, Steven Flournoy, Ken Vandike, and Dan Menard. Bottom row left to right: Zach Coats and Holly Hayward. Standing in front of a Delmag D-12 that they assembled and ran.

Apprentices signaling while taking the Certified Rigging class.

Local 2520 Brother Heads to Baton Rouge to Help in the Hurricane Relief Efforts

Ward Person, a thirty year member of Piledrivers and Divers Local 2520 rushed down to Baton Rouge to assist the Red Cross in their efforts to help Hurricane victims (see front page story).

Local 2520 would like to recognize and thank Brother Person for his willingness to drop everything to help out fellow Americans in their time of need. We could use more members like him. If you’re interested in making a donation to hurricane victims, please send your contributions to the ARCC Hurricane Relief Fund (see front page for mailing information).

Second year apprentices in framing class. Left to right: Orlando Diamond, Andrew Degner, Marshall James, Brett Lacey, and Vernon Wilson.
HEALTH & WELFARE/PENSION TRUSTS LOOK TO MERGE

Although it is far from being a foregone conclusion, talks between the Southern Carpenters H&W/Defined Contribution (Locals 1281 and 2247) and the Northern Carpenters H&W/Defined Contribution (Locals 1243, 1501, and 2520) have indicated that a merger of the Trusts is likely.

The Southern Trust presented a proposal that stated, in short, “As you are aware, there have been ongoing discussions regarding the potential to merge our Health & Security and Defined Contribution with yours...we feel the time to move these discussions to a faster track is now.” To which the Northern Trust responded, in part, “In sum, the Northern Trustees strongly believe that a merger of the respective trusts is in the best interest of the participants and beneficiaries and we look forward to mutually working together towards an agreeable merger as soon as feasible.”

There are some plan issues to resolve, however, much of the coverage and basic plan documents are similar as prior to 1984 the Northern and Southern were under the same Trust.

A merger should cut administration, legal, consultant, auditing, meeting, and other costs while providing for a larger collective pool of participants allowing for stronger bargaining. This could result in lower costs and/or increased benefits to all members.

Merging of Trusts has provided many benefits and the UBC has encouraged Trusts across the nation to consolidate. Three years ago there were hundreds of Health & Welfare Trusts within the United States under the UBC and now there are only eighty two. Of the thirty-four Regional Councils in the United States, eleven now have a single H&W/Pension Trust. The UBC has also been working on other options on how these funds can further save money including exploring a nationwide prescription plan.

UBC CONVENTION RE-ELECTS MCCARRON TEAM

Every five years the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC) hold a Convention to have the Delegates elected from each Local to decide upon proposed constitutional amendments, various resolutions, and elect the general officers.

General President Doug McCarron, General Vice President Doug Banes, General Secretary Treasurer Andrew Silins, Western District Vice President Mike Draper, and the other current District Vice Presidents were re-elected by 96%. Over 1,800 Delegates attended the convention.

The UBC reconfirmed its commitment to training, both apprenticeship and journeyman upgrades, as well as bringing in more military members through the Helmets to Hard Hats program.
**HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY?**

If so, there may be several benefits available to you that you might not be aware of. Be sure to contact your Local Union office as well as your Trust office if you are currently on “Active Duty”, or will be in the future.

Also, if you know a fellow brother or sister who is in this situation and is unable to acknowledge this notification, please bring this to your Local Union office’s attention.

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**Spenard Builders Supply…!Organized!**

Recently the ARCC Organizing Department and Carpenters Local 1281 successfully organized the Big Lake Spenard Builders Supply truss plant employees! We would like to say welcome to the Brotherhood to them and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Because of this, Local 1281 is approximately 38 members stronger. Spenard Builders uses carpenter union members at their truss plant in Anchorage and their panel facility in Birchwood. Congratulations to our newest members, Local 1281, and the Organizing Department for a successful contract negotiations!

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**Wanting to Brush up on Your Skills or Just Want to Learn Something New?**

It’s that time again! The Northern Alaska Training Center, Piledrivers and Divers Training Center, and Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center will be holding their Journeyman Upgrade classes this winter. Tentatively, the classes will be held as follows:

- Northern Training Center: January—May  
  - Southern Training Center: October—April  
- Piledrivers and Divers Apprenticeship: November—May

The majority of the training centers will be sending out a schedule to their members. Contact your training center for more detailed information!
Dear Carpenters,

My air-powered pop bottle rocket took 10th place at the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in May. I also earned 12th place in Astronomy and 19th place in Fossil Identification competing against 60 other state and regional champions.

Our team’s bridge weighed 4.84 grams (about as much as a snack pack of chips) and held 14.96 kg (about 30 lbs), winning the Silver Medal! More than half of the members of the Alaska team from Teeland Middle School scored in the top 20 in at least one of their events.

Thank you so much for your support!

Leif Johnson,
Son of Patrick Johnson, Retired Member, Carpenters Local 1281

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**In Remembrance**

**LOCAL 1243**
Frank Lucas Jr.-4/25/05
Lester Purcell-4/5/05

**LOCAL 1281**
Loren Carlson-5/23/05
Herbert Corder-6/20/05
Cyrus McAllister-4/7/05

**LOCAL 1501**
No deaths to report

**LOCAL 2247**
No deaths to report

**LOCAL 2520**
Elwood Henry-9/12/05

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

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**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.

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**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

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