



PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS  
LOCAL 773  
37 Luzerne Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804  
(PO Box 312, Glens Falls, NY 12801)

## Newsletter



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### NOTICE OF MEETING

#### FOURTH MONDAY

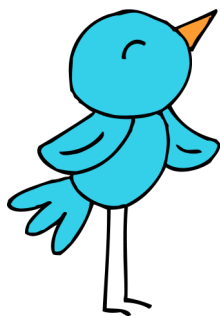
**Meeting Date:** 4/26/2021

**Place:** Local 773 Union Hall

37 Luzerne Rd.

Queensbury, NY 12804

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.



#### **OFFICERS**

#### Business Manager/ Financial Sec. Treasurer

Michael R. Jarvis

#### President

Adam A. Round

#### Vice-President

Daniel J. Monroe, Sr.

#### Recording Secretary

William A. Austin

#### Business Agent

Brian E. Kill

#### Organizer

William A. Austin

#### Inside Guard

Andrew J. Lehet

### From the Recording Secretary

The April Union meeting will be a Regular meeting held on the fourth Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30pm at our Glens Falls location.

**Face masks are required for the duration of the meeting, no exceptions.**

### From the Business Manager

Brothers and Sisters, I am pleased to share the outcome of the business conducted during the Special portion of our Union meeting last month. First, as you were made aware, nominations for Delegates to the 40th U.A. General Convention were to be made last month, which they were, and with elections by secret ballot to have taken place on April 26th. With my position as Business Manager being an automatic Delegate, four (4) Delegate spots remained and only four (4) nominations were made. A motion was then made for the Recording Secretary to cast a single ballot for each of the nominees, which was seconded and carried.

The following are our elected Delegates to the 40th U.A. General Convention:

Brother Bill Austin

Brother Chris Baxter

Brother Larry Gonnely

Brother Adam Round

Next, as discussed and voted on by the membership during the Special portion of our March Union meeting, below is the outcome on our wage disbursements effective May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022.

The allocations were approved as follows:

Increase to Wage - \$0.35 /hr\*

Increase to Annuity - \$0.50/hr

Increase to Local 773 Pension - \$0.15/hr

Increase to Health & Welfare - \$0.30

\*The \$0.35 increase to the wage will be allocated to the Vacation Fund.

I am looking forward to a busy summer full of employment opportunities for our membership. As we all continue to move through the Coronavirus pandemic, I ask that you please remain cognizant and continue to adhere to mandated protocols for the health and safety of everyone.

~Mike

## From the Benefits Office

### Welfare Fund



The Local 773 Benefits Office will be mailing out Open Enrollment packets the last week of April. It is very important that you review the packet. If you wish to make any changes to your coverage, the request must be submitted by May 31, 2021 for an effective date of June 1, 2021. Local 773 remains insured on a self-insured basis with CDPHP (medical) and Delta Dental (dental). Prescription coverage remains on a self-insured basis with Express Scripts. Vision coverage is now provided through NVA. Please read the packet for more information.

We would like to take a moment to again advise our members and participants in the plan to help keep costs down for our self-funded insurance plan by remaining cautious in the use of the plan, taking care to visit urgent care centers as opposed to the emergency room when the situation permits. Not only will this save you time and money, but it will help to keep our premiums, and the corresponding cost to the member, which are directly influenced by our group's claims, affordable. If you have any questions, please call the Benefits Office at 518-792-0586.

COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications. All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19. Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. The COVID-19 vaccinations are an important tool that can help stop the pandemic. In NYS, eligibility has been opened to all aged 16 and over.

There are several places you can go to obtain a vaccine. Visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/) or check the NYS health site: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>. The federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

The decision to be vaccinated is your own to make. We ask you to consider all facts and information at your disposal before making a decision.

## From the Training Office

With the exception of our 1st year Apprenticeship group at our Glens Falls location who has about 5 weeks of related instruction remaining, I am thrilled to say that we successfully made it through the pandemic school year! A tremendous amount of thanks is owed to our Apprentices, Instructors and office staff for your dedication to the program and your adherence to the protocols implemented this school year by the JATC so we could continue to move forward. We accomplished what many other Local Union Training Centers across the country could not this year; in-person, safe, hands-on learning! Thank you to everyone involved!! ~Jake



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our one and only graduating Apprentice this year, **Brother Nicholas Payette!** Nick has been a part of our Plumber/Steamfitter program at our Plattsburgh Training Facility under the direction of our valuable instructors up there for the past 5 years. He will satisfy his requirements as of May 1st and advance to a Building Trades Journeyman. Congratulations again Brother Payette; your commitment and dedication has finally paid off.



### Summer Open Welding will begin Thursday, May 13th!

NEW this year, open welding will be offered at BOTH OF OUR training facilities.

*Glens Falls Open Welding - every Thursday from 5:00 - 8:00pm*

*Plattsburgh Open Welding - every Thursday from 4:30 - 7:30pm*

It is recommended to call the Training office in advance if you would like to attend.

**Rigging Class:** it has been presented that there may be an interest in holding a Rigging class this summer. If you would like to sign up, please don't hesitate to log into the Members Only section of our website and go to the Training page, or you may reach out to Jake or Alexis in the Training Department to be added to the list. Dates and times will be determined once there are enough participants to host a class. *If there is interest in any training courses this summer, please don't hesitate to contact the Training Department.*

**Reminder: keep your welder continuity up-to-date!** If you need a form to have your continuity updated by your contractor, are unsure of when your weld process expires, or simply have a question, please don't hesitate to contact Jake or Alexis!

**[www.lu773.org](http://www.lu773.org)**

To log in to the members only section of our website, your User ID is your last name and your password is your UA member #.

If you have any questions or need help navigating through the site, please feel free to call the Union Office.



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### Updated Membership Information Needed

It is vital that Local 773 know how to reach our members. If you have moved, or if any of your personal information has changed recently, please complete the following form and mail it to :

UA Local #773, PO Box 312, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Name:

Old Address:

City, State, Zip:

New Address:

City, State, Zip:

New Home Phone:

New Cell Phone:

Effective Date of change (s):