



# 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:** 4/25/22

**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

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Andrew J. Lehet

### From the Recording Secretary

The April Union meeting will be a **Special/Regular meeting** held on the fourth Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:30pm at our Glens Falls location.

During the Special portion of the meeting, a discussion will be had on capping the Working Dues deduction at 40 hours.

The Special meeting will also include a re-reading of a proposed By-Laws change that was read at the March 28, 2022 Union meeting in Glens Falls.

The proposed By-Laws change is as follows and will be voted on at this Special meeting: *"Anyone not covered in our Collective Bargaining Agreement shall not be eligible for a position on the E-Board."*

### From the Business Manager

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, 2022 - April 30, 2023.

The allocations were approved as follows:

Increase to Wage - \$1.00/hr

Increase to Local 773 Pension - \$0.20/hr

Increase to Health & Welfare - \$0.20/hr

Moving into the Spring and Summer months, I know we are all looking forward to the warmer weather and the summer-fun ahead. We could all use some sunshine and relaxation as we put the past couple of unsettled years in our world behind us.

### From the Organizer

You may have seen the Facebook posts we've been putting up about NY's 2019 *Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act* (CLCPA). What this is, is NY's recommendations for reducing greenhouse gases by converting to all electric. The state is putting forth a timetable that is too aggressive and will adversely affect many who live in our area that depend on natural gas, propane and fuel oil. The Plan requires massive electrification of our grid but without guaranteeing that there are enough power sources to keep the lights on. Wind and solar are not an equal replacement for traditional energy sources. Without other technologies that can supply power on demand, there will be consequences, mainly a lack of power when New Yorkers need it most.

On Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM, there will be a public comment hearing at the Wild Center, 45 Museum Drive in Tupper Lake. We encourage everyone to go and make your voices heard. Please call the hall for more information.



The [Draft Scoping Plan](#) is the State's recommendations for how to achieve the ambitious greenhouse gas emission reductions in the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

- ✚ 2024- No new gas service in new construction OR existing buildings
- ✚ 2030- No new natural gas appliances (heating, cooking, water heating)
- ✚ 2035- No gasoline automobile sales

## From the Benefits Office

### Welfare Fund



The Local 773 Benefits Office will be mailing out Open Enrollment packets this month. 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, 2022 for an effective date of June 1, 2022. Local 773 remains insured on a self-insured basis with CDPHP (medical & vision) and Delta Dental (dental). Prescription coverage remains on a self-insured basis with Express Scripts.

**IMPORTANT:** We are in the process of updating our records and are asking all insured individuals to submit new copies of any applicable marriage & birth certificates. You may email them to [kethemn@lu773.org](mailto:kethemn@lu773.org), fax them to (518)-792-0732, or you may send them through USPS to PO Box 312, Glens Falls NY 12801 to Attn: Benefits Office. If you have any questions, please call the Benefits Office at 518-792-0586.

## From the Training Office

The 2021-2022 Apprenticeship school year has officially wrapped up and the Training Department couldn't be happier that we were once again able to get through another year with limited interruptions. It was also refreshing to end the year mask-free in our training facilities! A big thank you to our Apprentices, Instructors and office staff for a job-well-done.

Before we start focusing on the next school year, the JATC and Officers look forward to recognizing our 2022 Apprentice graduates at the end of this month. **If you have not already done so, please RSVP your attendance to the banquet by Thursday, April 21st.** Recognizing the achievements made by our Apprentices and moving up our 5th Year group to Journeymen and Journeywomen is always the highlight of every Apprenticeship year.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Apprentice graduates; from our Plattsburgh Training Facility, **Brothers Matthew Ackey and John Douglass**, and from our Glens Falls Training Facility, **Brothers Eric Blair, Timothy Brown, William Dennison, Travis Green, Jeremy Ives, Chad Jarvis, Justin Jeffery, Christopher Palmer, Brian Scally, Brent Shovan, Frank Snyder, Thomas Strong, Michael Tirri, Neil Vaillancourt, William VanGuilder and Sister Nikki Bronzene.** Congratulations Brothers and Sister, your commitment and dedication is most commendable.



We would also like to announce that **5th Year Apprentices Matthew Ackey & Michael Tirri** will be traveling to Peekskill, NY to compete in the upcoming New York State Apprenticeship Competition, May 11-13, 2022. Matt will be competing in the Plumbing discipline and Mike will be competing in the Pipefitting discipline. Best of luck, Brothers!!

The Training Department is also happy to share that we are wrapping up a 7 week (14 night) Orbital Welding Training Class at our Glens Falls facility. There was a full class of Journeymen Brothers and Sisters under the instruction of Ralph Vorraro. ALL participants achieved their UA-18A Orbital Welding Certification and also received invaluable hands-on training as it pertains to the field. Congratulations to Brothers Donald Colvin, Wyatt Cruickshank, Gates Hoit, Dustin Ruggiero, Lucas Spellman and Rudy Wells, along with fellow Brothers John Eodice (Local 22), Wyatt Nahon (Local 21) and Sister Stacie Williams (Local 150). Job-well-done by all!



Summer *Open Welding* will be back again during the summer months. We are planning to begin in June, and like last year, we will have both our Glens Falls and Plattsburgh weld shops open on Thursday evenings each week thru the end of July. As always, a weld instructor will be on hand and available to all of members who would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Stay tuned for an official start date.

The summer months also allows for a greater opportunity for continuing education training to both our Journeymen and Apprentice members. Is there a class you are interested in taking? Please reach out to the Training Department via our website, call Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at (518) 307-9424, or call the Training Department at (518) 792-9157 if you are interested in a particular class.

The May UA Weld Test Day at our Glens Falls Authorized Testing Facility is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. If you are interested in coming in to take a test, you must call the office to sign up by the close of business the day before. **Reminder: keep your welder continuity up-to-date!**

[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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**Brother Malcolm Brian Nichols**  
Initiated January 26, 1970  
52+ year Member



11/22/1943 - 3/23/2022

With sadness, we share that Local 773 has lost another member of our beloved Local Union. Brother Malcolm Brian Nichols passed away in Queensbury, NY on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with his wife by his side. *Brian, may you rest in peace and we thank you for your Brotherhood.*

### 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):