



PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 773

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Newsletter

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NOTICE OF MEETING

FOURTH MONDAY

Meeting Date: 5/22/23

Place: Local 773 Union Hall

37 Luzerne Rd.

Queensbury, NY 12804

Time: 6:30 p.m.



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From the Recording Secretary

The May Union meeting will be a Regular meeting held on the fourth Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:30pm at our Glens Falls location.

From the Business Manager

As discussed and voted on by the membership during the Special portion of our April Union meeting, the members present passed the new terms of our Collective Bargaining agreement, which include a contract term of 3 years, \$1.70 total increase per hour per year (2023, 2024, 2025), and the contractors paying an additional \$0.10 into the Labor Management Cooperation Fund.

Below is the outcome on our wage disbursements effective May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024; the allocations were approved as follows:

Increase to Wage	\$1.35/hr (\$1.75/hr**)
Increase to Local 773 Pension	\$0.15/hr
Increase to Health & Welfare	\$0.20/hr
Increase to Vacation Fund	\$0.40/hr**

**In lieu of state paid sick leave payable by our contractors, the Local 773 Negotiating Committee and the Mechanical Contractors Association of the Capital District (MCACD) agreed to our signatory contractors paying \$0.40/hr during this first contract year to satisfy the 196-B and 196-C NYS Sick Leave Law requirements. The \$0.40 will be added to your wage and then deducted from your pay and allocated to your Vacation Fund. Note that should the NYS Sick Leave Law ever be repealed, contractors will no longer be required to make payments associated to this.

I would like to thank our Negotiating Committee on a job well done. I was happy to see fresh faces step up to the plate and be involved in this important process!

Lastly, as we approach Memorial Day, please honor and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice as we enjoy our daily freedoms; and thank you to past and present U.S. military members and families of Local 773 for your service to our country.

From the Benefits Office

The Benefits Office would like to advise our members that if you have recently either married or divorced it is highly recommended that you update us on your status. Now is also a great time to review your beneficiary information!!

Welfare Fund

You should have received a Health Insurance Open Enrollment packet in the mail. Please be sure to review the packet as there have been some changes. If you would like to change your insurance selection, enroll in dental insurance, or opt out of the benefit, please contact our office for the respective application. All changes must be postmarked by May 31, 2023.

Please remember that the month of June is the last month in which members can submit medical expense reimbursement requests for expenses incurred and paid for January 1st through December 31st of the previous calendar year. In addition, these expenses do not have to add up to a minimum of \$500. However, the balance in your HRA cannot be reduced below \$6,000, except for health insurance premium deductions.

From the Training Office

On Friday, May 5th, Apprentices, Instructors, Officers, JATC, Office Staff and Special Guests gathered at the Courtyard Marriott in Lake George to recognize our apprentices and to celebrate our 9 graduates and move them up to Journeyworkers. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. **Congratulations again to our 2023 graduates: Brothers Dana Bosch, Andy Gates, Eric Guest, Josh Hubbell, Kevin Malek, Matt Raggi and Alex Stewart from our Glens Falls facility and Brothers Brandon Defayette and Tyler King from our Plattsburgh facility.**



**2023 Apprentice Graduates (pictured from left to right)
Josh Hubbell, Andy Gates, Kevin Malek, Dana Bosch,
Matt Raggi and Eric Guest**



At this year's banquet, our graduates were surprised by Milwaukee Tool with some very generous gifts! Each graduate received a 25' tape measure to be used on the job site and those graduates who achieved perfect attendance this school year also received a 2-piece plier set in recognition of their dedication to training. Milwaukee also gifted our Apprentice of the Year with a 2-piece combo kit containing a hammer drill and an impact driver. We can't thank them enough for their valued partnership & generosity!

There were 18 Apprentices who achieved perfect attendance this past Apprenticeship school year and we would like to take a moment to highlight each individual: *Eric Bowers, David Duffany, Jesse Ettinger, Andrew Fairchild, Kort Furman, Andy Gates, Brandon Glans, Eric Guest, Robert Halton, Joshua Hubbell, Kevin Malek, Morgan Ogden, Shane Rogers, Dustin Ruggiero, Crystal Sanders, James Schmid, Alex Stewart and Andrew Summers.* Thank you, Brothers & Sisters, for your commitment this past school year.

Summertime **Open Welding** will be offered at both our Glens Falls and Plattsburgh facilities every Tuesday afternoon **beginning June 6th**, thru the end of July. If there is enough participation and the desire, open welding may also be extended to Thursday afternoons.

Glens Falls shop will open at 5:00pm

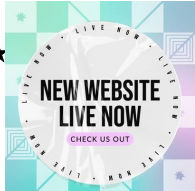
Plattsburgh shop will open at 4:30pm



All members are welcome and a weld instructor will be on hand. It is recommended to call the Training office in advance if you would like to attend.

A **STAR Commercial Refrigeration Mastery** exam may be scheduled to take place in the near future. If any qualified member is interested in taking the exam, please reach out to Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at (518) 307-9424 or you may contact Alexis in the Training office.

Please note the following: **a STAR Commercial Refrigeration Mastery certification candidate is a qualified individual who can demonstrate mastery knowledge of the trade and will be skilled and experienced in operations, planning, blueprint reading, safety, and the practical installation, repair, and service of commercial refrigeration systems.** A qualified candidate should possess knowledge of installation, repair, and service of commercial refrigeration systems. This knowledge includes the design, construction, installation, alteration (retrofit), repair, service and maintenance of all auxiliary systems, control systems, rack systems, and self-contained units in commercial settings. A qualified individual may perform these tasks alone, or through the supervision of other individuals. It is expected that the STAR Commercial Refrigeration Mastery examination candidate is a technician who has completed a UA training program or equivalent, and/or has three (3) years of experience in the industry.



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To log in to the members only section of our new website, you will need to go to the Members Only page and follow the prompts to create a log in. You will need a valid email address and a unique password.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Union Office.



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Brother Steven Sanders
Initiated July 26, 2010
12+ year member



9/27/1952 - 4/22/2023



With sadness, we share that Local 773 has lost another member of our beloved Local Union, Brother Bill Nordin, who passed away at home surrounded by his family on Friday, March 17, 2023. *Bill, 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):