



PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 773

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Newsletter



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NOTICE OF MEETING

FOURTH MONDAY

Meeting Date: 10/24/22

Place: Local 773 Union Hall
37 Luzerne Rd.
Queensbury, NY 12804

Time: 6:30 p.m.



OFFICERS

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From the Recording Secretary

The October Union meeting will be a Regular meeting held on the fourth Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:30pm at our Glens Falls location.

From the Business Manager

Local 773 is excited to announce once again our advertising sponsorship for our hometown hockey team, the **Adirondack Thunder**. The Union office has tickets available to our members for all home games throughout the season. First official home game is Saturday, October 29th. Call or stop by if you would like tickets to a game.

Looking ahead to next month, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 773 will once again be proudly sponsoring **Military Appreciation Night** at the Adirondack Thunder hockey game on **Saturday, November 12th**. *As part of our sponsorship, we will have 75 tickets available to our members for this game. Call the Union office today to reserve your tickets.* Local 773 looks forward to honoring our hometown heroes during this game and we hope many of you will join us!

From the Benefits Office

On Monday, October 24th at 5:30pm, one hour prior to the start of the Union meeting, an education specialist from Empower/MassMutual will be in the meeting hall discussing website navigation, various investment options and the final migration from MassMutual to Empower. All members are encouraged to attend and asked to be seated by 5:30pm, so as to not interrupt the presentation, and to ensure a prompt start time for our Union meeting. Plattsburgh members are encouraged and welcomed to participate virtually at our Plattsburgh facility.

Welfare Fund

In an effort to encourage positive health practices, the Trustees implemented a LifePoints program through CDPHP's Cafewell. This program allows for earning up to \$365 in gift cards just for doing things like getting a physical, an immunization, or even completing an online survey. If you have already signed up through cdphp.com, and are currently earning points, please remember this year's points must be redeemed by December 31, 2022. In 2021 there was over \$10,100 in unredeemed points.

Pension Fund

The Annual Funding Notice was mailed out in September, we ask that you review the notice and contact the Pension Fund with any questions or concerns.

Annuity Fund

An Earnings Distribution Benefit is available to all participants with Annuity Accounts, based on the participant's investment earnings in his or her Annuity Account from January 1 to November 30 with a cap of \$1,500.00. This benefit is not available if you have taken an In-Service Benefit during the same calendar year. Applications should be submitted during the month of November for a processing date of December 1, 2022. You can expect your distribution check between December 10th and December 15th.

National Pension Fund

You should be receiving a statement from the National Pension Fund *every year*, around your birthday. Please note the Local 773 Benefits Office does not administer the National Pension Fund benefit. It is very important that you review the information contained in the report, including: your birth date, your beneficiary and the hours submitted each month by any contractor you are employed by. If you notice any discrepancies, you may contact the Local 773 Benefits Office for assistance in reaching out to the National Pension Fund.

From the Training Office

The Training Department is happy to report that the first month of school is already behind us and things are running smoothly. This school year, we were lucky to indenture a sizeable group of 1st year Apprentices with 6 at our Glens Falls facility and 5 at our Plattsburgh facility. They all seem to be getting into the groove of school and we wish them the best as they progress through our program.



New this year, after a suggestion by a couple of our valued Instructors and an educational partnership with Lincoln Electric and Haun Welding, our 1st year Apprentices each received duffle bags, which we have dubbed *773 Pride Bags*, and are meant to be used to keep all of their consumables and books together.

They are filled with welding coats, hoods, gloves, safety glasses, welding tools and stickers, and are being provided to give a sense of pride in their education at our training facilities. We are hoping to implement this at the start of each school year going forward for our 1st year Apprentices indentured each year.



1st Year Apprentices at our Glens Falls facility, showing off their Lincoln Electric duffle bags.

Pictured from left to right:

Dustin Ruggiero, Andrew Fairchild, Andrew Summers, Brandon Glans, Jacob Edwards and James Schmid



1st Year Apprentices at our Plattsburgh facility, wearing their Lincoln Electric welding coats.

Pictured from left to right:

Colby Coryer, Martin Munson, Josh Wade, Paetyn Hilborne and Josh Corneau



We are also excited to share that a relationship with Milwaukee has netted BOTH of our training facilities \$2,000 worth of donated tools for use during related instruction. We look forward to growing our partnership with Milwaukee and adding more and more Milwaukee tools to our inventory.

Stay Tuned!
More Details Coming Soon...



The November UA Weld Test Day at our Glens Falls Authorized Testing Facility is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th. 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: it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep your Welder continuity up-to-date EVERY 6 MONTHS. If you are unsure of your expiration date or simply need a continuity form, please call the Training Office!**

Continuing education training: if there is a class you are interested in taking, please don't hesitate to 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.

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 Joseph Collins
Initiated August 24, 1964
Life Member 58+ years



8/2/1933 - 10/10/2022

With sadness, we share that Local 773 has lost a member of our beloved Local Union, Life Member Brother Joseph Collins, who passed away on October 10, 2022 at the Glens Falls Hospital. *Joe, may you rest in peace & 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):