



PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 773

37 Luzerne Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804
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Newsletter



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NOTICE OF MEETING

FOURTH MONDAY

Meeting Date: 10/23/23

Place: Local 773 Union Hall

37 Luzerne Rd.

Queensbury, NY 12804

Time: 6:30 p.m.

From the Recording Secretary

The October Union meeting will be a Regular meeting held on the fourth Monday, **October 23, 2023** at our Glens Falls location.

From the Business Manager

As work begins to slow in our area, I expect to see more travel opportunities within New York in the coming months. If you are interested in employment outside the jurisdiction of our Local Union, please don't hesitate to contact Business Agent Brian Kill on his cell phone at (518) 796-4326.

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 28th. Call or stop by if you would like tickets to a game.

From the Benefits Office

Trustee nominations will be held at the November Union Meeting. We ask that you carefully consider your nominations as a trusteeship holds a high level of fiduciary responsibility, personal financial risk and the ability and obligation to act solely for the benefit of participants in the plan and not oneself.

On Monday, October 23rd at 5:30, one hour prior to the start of the Union meeting, an education specialist from Empower will be in the meeting hall discussing website navigation and various investment options. All members are encouraged to attend and asked to be seated by 5:30, 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

During our annual medical review it was noted that our group could collectively save funds and keep costs low by using preferred vendors. We would like to encourage you to use a preferred vendor for your medical service needs. Are you concerned about paying deductibles and increased out of pocket medical costs? Did you know by using a preferred vendor you can save yourself an average of \$50 for lab work and \$200 for x-rays/radiology fees. If you would like a list of preferred vendors in your area, call the Benefits Office.

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, 2023. You can expect your distribution check between December 10th and December 15th.



OFFICERS

Business Manager/

Financial Sec. Treasurer

Michael R. Jarvis

President

Adam A. Round

Vice-President

Andrew J. Lehet

Recording Secretary

Justin D. Jeffery

Business Agent

Brian E. Kill

Organizer

William A. Austin

Inside Guard

William J. Van Guilder





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 indentured a nice size group of 1st year Apprentices with 5 at our Glens Falls facility and 2 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.



VARI-TECH HDPE fusion training. The training department is scheduling an HDPE fusion training class at our Glens Falls facility at the request of one of our signatory contractors, and offering the day-long training to any interested member. **A representative from VARI-Tech will be conducting the training and will be held on a weekday during normal working hours. Training will certify participants from 1/2" to 20" on the fusion process.** If you are interested, please contact Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at 518-307-9424 or Alexis in the Training Office.

The October UA Weld Test Day at our Glens Falls Authorized Testing Facility is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023. As a heads up, the November UA Weld Test Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th. Please keep in mind they are the third Saturday of the month. 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 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!

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 Alexis in the Training Department at (518) 792-9157.

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 ★ 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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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):	