Members Out of Work: Plumbers-56, Fitters-43, Apprentices 14, Members Traveled Out-13

The out of work list hasn’t changed for the better from last month, we have 14 more members out of work than we did last month. I wish I knew exactly when things were going to pick up, I hear from the contractors probably not until November.

I hope everyone is doing well during the pandemic, we have had 8 cases of members with Covid that I know about and no deaths that I am aware of at this time.

We will have our monthly Union meeting in October, we will keep the 6 feet social distancing, and everyone must wear a mask.

The Retires will not be having a luncheon this month.

If you need to come to the Office or JATC Training Center please call, we are all still working from the Hall. Referrals will be emailed to the Contractor, dues and assessments may be paid over the phone or online thru the Local142 website, everyone must wear a mask when visiting the hall.

We have had several members criticizing the UA and Local 142 for posting political ads on the Facebook page, the UA and the National AFL-CIO have endorsed Joe Biden for President, we are behind their decision, the current administration is pushing a plan to change the way Davis Bacon rates are calculated, shifting from current wage surveys to the use of Bureau of Labor Statics wage data, this would extremely lower the prevailing wage from what we are currently listed at. We need our rates to be the survey rates so we can be competitive on federal and county jobs. We are trying to hold on to what past members have fought to acquire, and what we benefit from today.

Please vote your paycheck.

Early voting starts October 13th, so please get out and vote.

I hope everyone has a safe October.

Fraternally,
Mark Potter
Business Manager