

News Article

Well summer is in full swing and things are definitely hot. Work is very good right now and it looks like it will remain so for awhile.

Monday July 30, 2007 you should have received your contract raise, \$2.75 on your check for journeyman. If for some reason there are any problems please call the hall.

August 13, 2007 a new class of apprentices started. Again please remember these young people are the future of our local and we need to do everything possible to teach them and encourage them to become the best Sprinkler Fitters they can, and to be good Union members. We must also remember that they come to the job without any skills or knowledge of the trade and it is the job of all of us to educate them. You can not expect them to be hanging pipe in the first week. Believe it or not, you weren't.

If you have been reading the U.A. Journal that is sent to your home each month you know that General President Hite has been very consistent in writing about the need for manpower. Whether it is apprentice intake, organizing or other forms of providing the needed manpower to our signatory contractors, we must do what we have to do to man our work. We have been working on these issues for awhile now and I am happy to say that our membership numbers are higher than they have ever been. But we must not stop! We must continue to organize, both bottom up and top down, and we must continue to recruit new apprentices. We will utilize travelers and temporary journeyman to help our contractors to secure more work.

As busy as it is this is not the time to become complacent about our education. Jim Bollier has set up a continuing education schedule that should offer something for everyone. We need to take advantage of our facility and keep on top of our education. This is how we will continue to garner the best wages and benefits in our industry.

I want to thank all the members who showed up for the July B.B.Q. and remind everyone of the golf tournament on September 29, 2007. Please get your money in early so you do not get left out.

Work Safe, Keep the Faith

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