Please keep up with your Death Assessments

Unfortunately this membership has suffered 5 deaths in the last two months. Starting September 3rd we lost Ronald Dean Hall, Fredrick “Fred” Melvan Lollar, Thomas L. Gray, John J. Green and today we learned John Contos has passed away. Our condolences and prayers go out the families of these members.

Let me explain how the death assessment program works. After a member passes away each of these members’ beneficiary will receive an automatic $3,500.00 from the Local upon receiving a certified death certificate and the original funeral bill. Every time a member passes each member is asked to remit a $100 death assessment. This goes for all members, from apprentices to Life members we all need to pay the assessment. This is how we as a membership take care of one another. Really, not a bad insurance policy. If the member is in the rear of any kind the Local will collect that from the $3,500.00. With fees collected and the cost of mailing and processing we come up short of breaking even. The balance has to come from the General Fund to cover the rest. We have 5 deaths which total $17,500. Now I understand more members and more work is the answer to cover the deficiency, that is being worked on, but we need the membership to be timely on paying the assessment as well. That is a lot of money to have to front until we can get everything paid up. Right now we are just over $7,000 in the rear with Death Assessments. We do have members who like to only pay once or twice a year but I ask, please pay when you get the notice.

On the West Side

Written by Gary Marlin

Work in the western part of local 192’s jurisdiction has been slow over the last few months except for a few short shutdowns. We were able to fill all calls for these shutdowns with the use of Tradesmen and permit workers. This allowed the local to grow its membership base by taking in several of these much needed welders and getting some of these people in as tradesmen and working toward a journeyman or apprentice membership. We also have several new contractors looking at different projects in this area. Work at the Soda Ash Refinery’s looks to be picking up a little bit in the future. I am also working on getting a meeting with the non union contractor that was awarded the Simplot project. B&W continues to employ about 10 fitters and is anticipating that to run into next summer. There are several new commercial projects on the horizon in western Wyoming also.

Fringe Benefits have found approximately 21 claims that never made it to PHX for negotiating. That is in the process of getting corrected now. If you believe you have an appeal of any claims or maybe you paid some claims off and haven’t received any reimbursement checks. Write up a statement and whatever proof that you have and get it to me ASAP. The H&W Board is having a meeting on November 13th. If I have it I can get it in the agenda for the board to take a look at it. Email anything you may have to brian@plumbers192.org or fax it to 307 778-2718 attn: Brian.

Kathy’s Corner

Ballots will be mailed the 6th of November. If you didn’t receive a Ballot please let me know. With all the changes in the Postal Service I would suggest you mail your ballots by Dec 1st to insure it was received in time to be counted. Remember, participation at the gym gives your results, same applies to your Local.