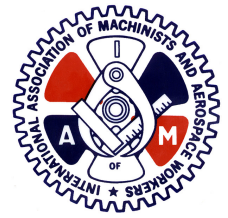


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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

February 12, 2010

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800

*ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.*

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM;** business can be done at the Business or Education Evening Meetings or by mail. **CHECK** the answering machine for hours open, 414-671-3800.
- The deadline for articles for the March 2010 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is February 17.
- **Education Evening** is February 18, 2010 at 7:00PM Your Investments in Your Future.
- Contract Issues **MUST be settled** by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Brother George Dietsche

My Friend, My Steward, My Brother

By Ron Simmelink, Shop Chair at Kieffer and Company

Sometimes in life bad things happen. I believe the Lord calls us home when he needs us. It is at times like these that people need to rely on the help, support and prayers of others. I don't wish to get philosophical in this letter but I do want to tell you about a Union Brother who is a true "Unionist" to the core. What does he do that is so special? My answer would be **WHAT DOESN'T HE DO?!** This man has put in a great deal of time, literally hundreds of hours informing me, the shop chair, how things are going on in the shop. He has helped me in trying to develop a game plan as far as contract negotiations and prepping for them. He has been accused by management of trying to stir up trouble and sometimes he exposed himself too much to my liking because he is not afraid to tell management how things are really going. He gets frustrated with the state of the company we work for because they appear to not be worried about the real problems we deal with on the floor. Right or wrong, that is not my point. He says to management true feelings in the shop and he is the one to blame only because he has the intestinal fortitude to say what other brother and sisters only dream of saying to management.

Only about one year ago we had three shop employees approach 25 years with the company. They were not recognized for their service at the time and he purchased his own materi-

als and made each employee a plaque in honor of their 25 years with the company. Since that time the company has recognized these employees with gifts.

In getting back to my opening statement, God calling us home. We have had two deaths recently of family members in our shop. This man who is blessed with a gift in woodworking has taken the obituary picture in the paper and transferred the photo to wood that he engraves or etches. I don't know the process, but that is not my point. I have heard touching stories in response to how the wood pictures have affected the lives of those they were given to.



Ron

George

President's Direct Line

Members can leave messages on my direct line at United Lodge 66. My phone number is 414-671-6980. I will try to be timely in answering.

Patricia Elizondo

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"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union."

Labor Celebrates Dr. King

By James Cobb, Lodge Communicator

Although the temperature was in the teens, and there was nearly a foot of snow on the ground, inside the Laborer's Hall hearts were warm as the UAW Local 469 and UAW Local 9 celebrated their 20th anniversary celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The celebration was graced by the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Praise Singers as well as the Riverside University High School Choir, and a performance by the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Worship Dancers.

The Janie L Jackson award was presented to Jay Reinke. The award is named for Janie L. Jackson, who worked at Delco/Delphi as a surface mount operator. Ms. Jackson was active in the UAW serving at various times as a delegate to the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, an Executive Board Member, UAW Civil Rights Chairperson, and other positions. She was a community minded activist who worked for social justice in such organizations as the NAACP, Coalition of Labor Union Women and the National Council of Negro Women.

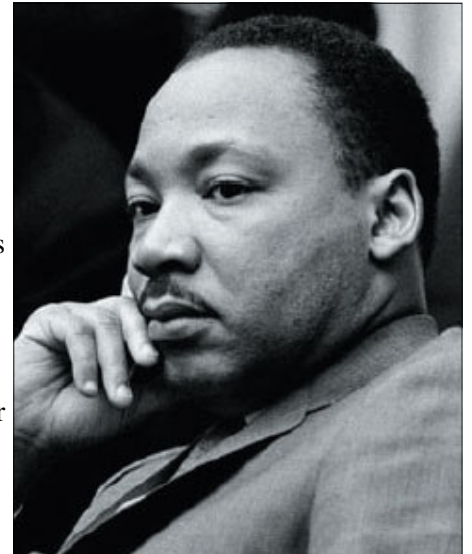
Jay Reinke, a member of UAW received the award for his efforts for labor rights, civil rights and Union strength. He is active with the Milwaukee Area Labor Council as an AFL-CIO Community Service Liaison, organizes the Labor Council's African-American Community Leadership Summit, works with organizations such as the Fair Lending Coalition, United Way's Job Training and Retention Allocations Committee and the Children's Christian Theater. His commitment to social justice and to making his community a better place embody the ideals of the Janie L. Jackson Award and we at Lodge 66 send him a hearty congratulations.

Annie Stabler was also honored at the event. She was presented with the Janie L. Jackson Award by UAW 469 President Tony Rainey. Ms. Stabler has been a member of UAW Local 469 for over thirty years as a Steward. She has chaired the Civil Rights Committee, the Women's Committee and filled other roles within her Union.

The keynote speaker at the event was Sheila Cochran, Secretary Treasurer for the Milwaukee Area Labor Council who spoke about Dr. King and the legacy he left us. She reminded us that one of the last projects that Dr. King was working on with AF-SCME before he died was the rights of garbage workers in the city of Memphis, Tennessee. She reminded us that all workers, no matter whether the work they are doing is technical and complex, or humble and unassuming, such as garbage collection, are important to our community and that all workers are deserving of basic rights and respect. Janie L. Jackson and the recipients of the award named after her embody this ideal. Sheila Cochran was a friend of Janie Jackson and talked about her memories of their work together.

The evening ended with a wonderful supper provided by the Civil and Human Rights Committee.

The members of the UAW Local 9 and 469 Civil and Human Rights Committee continue their work to bring attention and support to such issues as Non-Discrimination, Hate Crimes Prevention Legislation, and Legal Services for low income Americans. They assist with housing, domestic problems, voting rights and government benefits for some of the people most in need of civil justice. They remind us that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not just a day of celebration and reflection but a day to remember that all year we should honor his teachings and remember the work he began as we work together for a stronger Union and betterment of our community.



Activities for You and Your Family

- **Delegate to Milwaukee Area Labor Council:** February 3, March 3 and April 7 in 2010. All meetings start at 6:30PM.
- *Education Evening on February 18, 2010* will be on **Your Investing Future.**
- **Steward Training,** Thursday evenings from **5:30pm to 8:30pm from March 11 to April 1,** see postings in your shop or call your Union Office for more information. This is open to all members and registration fee is reimbursed by Lodge.
- **Understanding Immigration,** Saturday, **March 13 from 9:00am to 3:00PM,** see postings in your shop or call your Union Office for more information. This is open to all members and registration fee is reimbursed by Lodge.
- **Employment Law Training,** Saturday, **March 20 and April 10 from 9:00am to 3:00pm,** see postings in your shop or call your Union Office for more information. This is open to all members and registration fee is reimbursed by Lodge.
- The class schedules for all leadership training at the **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** is available from your Union office or can viewed at any of the meetings. The schedule is also on the website: www.goiam.org. A copy of the Lodge Education guidelines, which were printed in last months newsletter, will be sent to all shop chairs.

Economic Bill of Rights

How about one for working families?

These are excerpts from President Roosevelt's January 11, 1944 message to Congress and the State of the Union.

It is our duty now to begin to lay the plans and determine the strategy for the winning of a lasting peace and the establishment of an American standard of living higher than ever before known. We can not be content, no matter how that general standard of living may be, if some fraction of our people—whether it be one-third or one-fifth or one-tenth— is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed and insecure.

This Republic had its beginning and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights; among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizure. They were our rights to life and liberty.

As our nation has grown in size and stature, however, as our industrial economy expanded, these political rights proved inadequate to assure us equality in the pursuit of happiness.

We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom can not exist without economic security and independence. "Necessitous men are not free men." People who are hungry and out of a job are stuff of which dictatorships are made.

In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all, regardless of station, race or creed.

Among these are:

- The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation;
- The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;
- The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;
- The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in a atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination of monopolies at home or abroad;
- The right of every family to a decent home;
- The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;
- The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment;
- The right to a good education;
- All of these rights spell security. And after this war is won we must be prepared to move forward, in the implementation of these rights, to new goals of human happiness and well being.
- American's own rightful place in the world depends in large part upon how fully these and similar rights have been carried into practice for our citizens.



AND



These two programs are two initiatives of our Machinists Union and more information can be located at

www.goiam.org.

The **Jobs Now!** initiative has finally caught the attention of our elected representatives, whether in Madison, Wisconsin or Washington, DC. There is as much a need today, as is 1944, to give working families the security of working at family supporting jobs.

The **U Cubed** initiative (www.unionofunemployed.com) is meant to help families through the hard times and to be a single point online resource center. Our Machinists Union President Tom Buffenbarger says the goal of UCubed (www.unionofunemployed.com) is to provide: "a measure of relief and an end to the isolation, frustration and depression that so many unemployed workers experience. Working together, they can build a network of mutual support and help each other to get through the next few years."

The site includes action links on topics such as;

- Unemployment benefit extension;
- Food stamps;
- Cobra benefits; and
- Jobs Now!

COBRA Subsidy Extension signed by President Obama

The 65% subsidy was signed on December 19, 2009 and extends the eligibility window until February 28, 2010 and increases the subsidy period to 15 months. It also gives qualified individuals a second chance for COBRA.

For more information contact Department of Labor at www.dol.gov/cobra or 866-444-3272.

Carrot Cake

By James Cobb

At the Christmas Party I was asked for this recipe. It is from Carmen, a retired member of the America Postal Workers' Union.

The cake ingredients are: 2 cups flour, 2 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp baking soda, 1/2 tsp salt, 2 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp nutmeg, 1/2 tsp allspice, 4 eggs, 2 cups sugar, 2 tsp vanilla, 1 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 2 1/2 cups peeled and grated carrots, 1-20 oz can crushed pineapple well drained, 1/2 cup coconut, 1 cup chopped macadamia nuts or walnuts, 1 tbl sp orange zest.

For the frosting/filling ingredients: 4-8oz packages cream cheese, 1 stick of unsalted butter, 1 cup powder sugar, 8 ounces melted white chocolate, 1 1/2 cups chopped macadamia nuts or walnuts, 2 tbl sp grand marnier or other orange flavored liquor or orange juice concentrate, 1 tbl sp orange zest.

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees and liberally butter and flour 3-8 inch cake pans and set aside. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice in a bowl and set aside. Mix eggs, oil and sugar. Add vanilla. Slowly add dry ingredients until just blended. By hand, stir in carrots, drained pineapple, coconut, raisins, macadamia nuts and orange zest. Pour into the cake pans and bake for approximately 35 to 40 minutes. Cake should be golden brown and a knife inserted in center of cake should come out clean. Cool for about 10 minutes and remove the cakes from the pans. Allow to finish cooling to room temperature.

To make frosting: mix cream cheese, butter and powder sugar until light and fluffy. Add melted white chocolate and mix well. Now remove about 1/3 of your frosting to another bowl. To this you will lovingly stir in your Grand Marnier, Orange Zest and Macadamia nuts. This will be your filling between the three cake layers.

Place 1 cake layer on a plate. Spread 1/2 of your filling on layer. Place second layer on filling and spread the rest of filling on that layer. Place last layer on top. Now take your frosting and frost the sides and top of the cake. (For a fancier cake: decorate with toasted coconut) Refrigerate for 3 or more hours.

If you want to make this in a 12/X 9 inch baking pan, increase the baking time to 55 minutes (testing for doneness with a knife). Decrease cream cheese to only 2-8oz packages, powder to 1/2 cup, white chocolate to 4 oz and add the Grand Marnier, Orange Zest and nuts to the frosting and spread.

Car Pooling

From Kenosha: Want to car-pool to Union Meeting? Contact Vice President Bob Paar for how it can be done: 262-914-1777 or bpaarosckenosha@yahoo.com



From Sheboygan: from Sheboygan or picking members up in Port Washington call either: Ron Simmelink, 920-627-0325 or George Dietsche, 920-946-6723. Both are from Kieffer & Company in Sheboygan.

(My Brother, from page 1)

Now I see that his photo has had the news in Green Bay. Recently a firefighter in a small town passed away while on duty. This man I want to honor knew that his grandson was friends of the family. So he goes to work and purchases the materials and takes the time to make a photo to give to his grandson to take to the family. As you can see in the video on the news, the little girl loves to hold the picture of her daddy. Very touching to say the least.

I know this man does not do ANY of the above for recognition.

He does it because he has a heart for those around him.

He cares about people and he cares about the state of the company he works for.

Who is he? He is my friend. He is my Steward! He is my Brother. **George Dietsche.**

Thank you, Ron Simmelink

One Light Bulb at a Time

(received from a Grand Lodge Representative)

A physics teach in high school once told the students that while one grasshopper on the railroad tracks would not slow a train very much, a billion of them would. With that thought in mind, read the following, obviously written by a good American.

Good idea . . . One light bulb at a time . . .

Check this out. I can verify this because I was in Lowes the other day for some reason and just for the heck of it I was looking at the hose attachments. They were all made in China. The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments. They were made in USA. Start looking.

In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else, even their job. So after reading this email I think this lady is on the right track.

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed it is marked made in Mexico. I do not buy it anymore.

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico. I switched to Crest. You have to read the labels.

While at Kroger's I checked out 60w light bulbs and Bounce

dryer sheets. The GE bulbs cost more and they were made in Mexico than a off brand labeled 'Everyday Value' were made in Cleveland, Ohio. Throw out the myth you can not find products, for everyday use, made in the USA.



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Reimbursement of Lost Time for Committee Person

While you will be reimbursed for lost time it may not be as fast as you would like if proper procedure is not followed. Please be aware reimbursement will only be done as stated in the letter from District 10 to Financial Officers dated January 23, 2009.

This must happen or be on file at the Lodge office:

- W4 must be completed by you and on file at the LL66 office. This needs to be done only once.
- Properly complete the Lodge 66 Reimbursement Form.
- Lost time must be approved by your business agent at District 10.

Since October 2006 all lost time is paid by ADP payroll. Payroll is done only twice a month. If you miss one payroll date then it will have to wait until the next. Lost time reimbursement forms must be into the LL66 office before the Monday of a payroll date.

Payroll dates are listed on the Calendar Page of our Lodge website at: www.unitedlodge66.org.

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(continued, One Light Bulb)

The Bounce Dryer Sheets cost more and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value is made in the USA and cost less! They performed just like Bounce and at almost half the price!

My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA. The jobs you save may be your own or your neighbors.

Initiation Fee

Per the Lodge 66 Bylaws: **“The Initiation fee will be the applicable monthly dues for the respective shop of employment for all members.”**

This was changed in 2001 and remember this is a fee not a due.

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Honorary Withdrawal Card

There is a \$1.00 Fee - It Is Not Free

There has always been a fee for the withdrawal card. All too often a member sends in the application for the card and expects one at no cost.

Withdrawal cards are allowed if:

- Left the trade because of illness
- Obtained employment outside the trade or industry.
- Furthering education.
- Obtained a supervisory position above the rank of working foreman.
- Because of circumstances over which I have no control, am compelled, as a condition of employment, to join another labor organization.

In order to get the withdrawal card a member must obtain such within two months of paying dues.

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Organizing Incentives

Worth \$800.00 to you

The Organizing Lead sheet is available from your Union office or can be downloaded from the home page at www.unitedlodge66.org. They are simple to fill in. Just talk to your friends and find out if they want to have a voice at work and stop being an Employee at Will.

We can only do it with your help.



Seniors Corner

Conrad-Gregg Task Force Defeated
Some members of Congress were set to form a 'debt commission.' This may sound good but it really was a back door approach to allow a fast track vote and to limit debate for cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. They would only have delivered their recommendations after the fall 2010 elections.

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter,
6333 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, 53213. (414-771-9511) Yearly dues are \$10.00.

[http:// www.wisconsinara.org](http://www.wisconsinara.org)

Alliance for Retired Americans
888-16th Street, NW Suite 520
Washington, DC 20006
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497
Fax 202-974-8256

www.retiredamericans.org

IAMUNION

Hello Out There!

Patricia Elizondo, Lodge President, and I (Doug) are willing to meet with all shop committees or to attend your shop meetings to discuss procedures of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge Constitution. **This can not be done if you fail to ask!**

We just ask for advance notice at a time and place of your convenience.



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Union Pride

Machinist Union T-shirts and caps are available at the United Lodge 66 office.

All shirts have a pocket and over the pocket is **"Lodge 66"**. The T-shirts come in blue or gray.

- \$10.00 for medium, large or X-large
- \$11.50 for XX-large or XXX-large
- \$4.00 for mesh cap
- \$11.00 for Denim/Black/Blue cap
- \$11.00 for Khaki cap
- \$15.00 for **Camouflage** cap
- \$4.25 Acrylic Mug, A Woman's Place Is In Her Union
- \$.10 IAM Logo Temporary Tattoo's

There are two types of shirts: (1) with **'Fighting Machinist'** on the back or (2) with a plain back.



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