

Badger Lodge News



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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting November 13, 2018

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.**
- The deadline for articles for the December 2018 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is November 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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You are cordially invited to the annual:

LODGE 66 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at 6pm

Food

Fellowship

Refreshments

Prizes

Christmas cash raffle will begin at 9pm with a chance to win 1 or more of the thirty one \$100 prizes.

Ticket purchase is required and you don't need to be present to win.

This event is open to members in good standing and their non member family and guests

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



Lodge 66

2018 Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 1st from 10 A.M.
to 1 P.M. at Local Lodge 66, 2609 W.**

Games

Oklahoma Ave.

Activities

**R.S.V.P. by November 16th, 2018 at the
November Business Meeting or by calling 414-
671-3800. Please leave your name, the attending
children(s) name(s), age(s) and the company you
work for.**

**Your children or grandchildren (12 years and
under) must be preregistered and we ask that the
children be accompanied by no more than 2
adults per child.**

Music



**This event is open to members in good standing
and their children and grandchildren**

Santa



Benito John "Benny" Elizondo

November 26, 1957 - September 28, 2018

Passed away on Friday, September 28, 2018, at his home in Milwaukee. He was only 60 years old. Benny lived hard and lived fully. He married the love of his life, Pat, in 1997. Their joy was their cabin up North. He became a stepfather to Derek (Diann) and Rob. Benny was a big man and he had a bigger heart. He may have been a fighter in his youth, but he died a big teddy bear. Just ask his nieces and nephews – Christopher, Erica, Maddy (goddaughter), Maya and Matteo (godson)- the kids he never had. He was playful and full of hugs and kind words – and perhaps a little teasing. He joined the military out of high school, but that was not his calling. He was a union man, one of the best. He found this passion after working for Briggs and Stratton. He will be missed by a legion of friends and coworkers, and those whose rights he fought for. He was a momma's boy and devoted son (mijo). He lost his mother Marlene, father Benito and sister Virginia in short course two years ago. His sister Lisa (Michael) and brother David (Kristin) are heartbroken. He will also be missed by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Debbie (Paul), Christopher, Michelle (Tony), Dominique. The coming deer hunting season will be the first without Benny in five decades. Benny will be missed by all he met, as he rides off into the sunset on his Harley.



Visitation was held at Krause Funeral Home, on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society or Guide Dogs of America.

(editors note: Ben was a member coming out of United Lodge 66 and initially worked at the Labor Education and Technology Center. At the LETC he was a chairperson and at United Lodge 66 he held various offices and attending most Grand Lodge Conventions as a delegate from our Lodge. When the LETC group came into our Lodge they were know as a very activist group of members, *to say the least*. With their progressive enthusiasm they did compliment and support this editor and financial secretary treasurer of our Lodge, at this time. Without this group my 14 years of communications and moving our Lodge forward would not have been possible. I remember the first executive board meeting attended by some of them (other LETC members, they took over leadership positions), once elected to the board, a more conservative person on the board thought he was going to have a field day with me. Well, that proved short lived. At the next board meeting; Ben started off the meeting my telling that type of leadership will not be allowed! And, basically it was not.

Thanks, Brother Benito.)



Some day we will have the courage to rise up and strike back at these great giants of industry, and then we will see that they weren't giants at all.

They only seemed so because we were on our knees and they towered over us.

-- Mother Jones, 1910
Rare photo courtesy of Marat Moore.

I'm Just Saying...

Normally I try to use this opinionated article to bring attention to issues that I feel are important for union members to consider, debate and act on. In my effort to do this effectively, I often end up with a long article.

No worries this month. The only thing I have to say is:

VOTE!

In Solidarity, Pepe – Educator

Know Your Officers

Conductor Sentinel and Educator: Joe "Pepe" Oulahan

Pepe works at the WI State AFL-CIO Labor Education and Training Center. He is a long time labor and community activist. He has held the office of Conductor Sentinel for the last 6 years and was re-elected to this position in January. In addition, newly elected president Tim Schwartz has re-appointed him for third term as Educator.

Along with his Local Union activity Pepe serves as Recording Secretary for the Milwaukee Chapter or the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

"I have been 100% supportive of the union movement for my entire adult life," says Pepe. "As soon as I started working for a living, I realized the need for a voice in the workplace."

Pepe says he feels that educating and training goes along way towards building and keeping our union strong. This is why he is very supportive of sending as many members as possible to the IAMAW William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center training center in Placid Harbor Maryland.

"We are definitely getting a bang for our buck in terms of the increased activism of members returning from the W3 Center training courses," Pepe stated.

Pepe says that he is very encouraged by the activism of young members he sees coming out of the newly reactivated Lodge 66 Organizing Committee.

"I see our members moving to more of an organizing culture instead of being purely service oriented. I think that is very healthy," said *Pepe*.



Pepe



Struggle and lose, struggle and win,
it is the story of the ages.

-- Mary Harris "Mother" Jones

GOP Continues Rolling Back Protections for People with Pre-existing Conditions Despite Claiming to Champion Them

The administration took steps to broaden access to health plans that do not cover pre-existing conditions this week, weakening standards and loosening regulations on the health insurance industry. Protections for patients with pre-existing conditions were established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Currently, states can apply for permission to redesign their insurance markets and still keep federal aid, as long as the changes do not decrease the number of people with comprehensive health coverage. With the changes, states could still receive federal funding even if their plans shift people out of comprehensive coverage and into plans that flatly deny coverage for a pre-existing condition, as long as residents still have access to a more expensive, inclusive plan.

The rule changes come amid last minute GOP promises to save protections for pre-existing conditions ahead of the midterm elections. While the President stated in a tweet last week that "All Republicans support people with preexisting conditions," his administration has made numerous rule changes that allow for cheaper plans offering skimpy coverage and lacking protections. The Department of Justice also refused to defend the ACA in a GOP-led lawsuit seeking to declare the law unconstitutional, stripping away pre-existing protections established under the ACA. Republicans in Congress have repeatedly sought to repeal and sabotage the law's key provisions, and a repeal bill passed the House last year before being narrowly defeated in the Senate.

"Many Republicans say they will protect patients with pre-existing conditions, but years of actions show otherwise," said Joseph Peters, Jr, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "The fact is that these protections are at risk of being eliminated. We must vote for elected officials who will support seniors and defend access to affordable health care, regardless of medical history."

In 1860, at the age of 30, Mary Harris left Chicago to move to Memphis, Tennessee where she heard there were teaching jobs. There she met George Jones, a staunch member of the Moulders' Union.

"Soon after arriving in Memphis, Mary met George E. Jones, a tall, bespectacled young man. Strong and hardworking, George was a skilled iron moulder. Though he had been raised in Tennessee, where slavery was common, he thought slavery was wrong. So did Mary.

The city of Memphis seethed with war talk. Sometimes George appeared with a black eye or a bloody nose from arguing with pro-Confederate workers at the iron factory. In December 1861 - just a few months after they met - Mary and George married."

(Mother Jones : fierce fighter for workers' rights / by Judith Pinkerton Josephson, 1997)

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domestic terrorism.***

CASH PRIZES!

2018-19 ESSAY CONTEST ON LABOR HISTORY

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2018-2019 School Year for Wisconsin high school students (Grades 9-12). Win cash prizes up to \$500. Write essays of about 750 words on the topic:

**“Unions have been important to my family
and my community because . . .”**

Students are urged to interview family members, neighbors, friends or others for their stories about work and unions. Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

Students could win cash prizes:

**First place, \$500; second place \$300; third place: \$200;
honorable mention (up to five) \$100.**

WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT . . .

Here's what winners in recent contests chose to write about . . .

- ◇ An Oregon HS senior's essay traced his family's union background and provided insight on how forces are seeking to weaken labor.
- ◇ A Milwaukee Dominican HS senior wrote about how the passage of Act 10 inspired her family to become active unionists.
- ◇ A Neenah HS discussed how his father's union has become involved in improving their community.
- ◇ A Menomonee Falls HS senior told his family's experiences and the union's value in overcoming racial discrimination.

All Wisconsin high school students have ready access to labor history. Check with parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. Also, neighbors and family friends. Ask to interview them and then write your essay. Only 750 words. Also you may do independent research on topics of labor history. Check the Wisconsin Labor History website (www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org) for resources and other ideas.

EASY TO ENTER!

CONTEST RULES

Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They will be judged on understanding, evidence of original research, writing style and significance. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on white paper. Two copies must be submitted (One may be a photocopy.) Please be sure to provide the following information on the cover sheet: Your name, address, home telephone number, your email address, your grade in school, name and address of your school, and, if you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. (Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable.) If you have any questions, contact:

Harvey J. Kaye (920-465-2355) or
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Submissions must be postmarked **Feb. 15, 2019** or before. Send completed essays to:

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Guest Column — Pipe Bombs Sent to CNN, Obama’s, Clinton’s, George Soros & former Obama Cabinet Officials

Trump’s bigoted, racist and anti-immigrant policies and hate-filled followers — are encouraging violence and hatred against the Media, Journalist, Democrats, Labor Unions, Gays and anyone who dares to speak-out against Trump — including honorable American Hero’s like Republican U.S. Senator John McCain, before he died. Why?

Trump has taken several chapters out of Adolf Hitler’s Political Playbook to consolidate his political-power, similar to what Hitler did within the first 24 months, after Hitler got elected — by a ‘minority’ of right-wing-Nazi followers, who chipped away at taking complete control of the Federal Government of Germany.

Just like 1933 and 2016, Hitler and Trump both surprised the World, the Media and the Democratic establishment in Germany and the U.S. with their election victories.

And just like Hitler, Trump Immediately and continuously, called the media and journalist “the enemy of the people,” while encouraging violence against fellow American’s at Trump’s political rallies — and against anyone who dared to speak out against Trump’s bigotry, racist and hate-filled presidential policies and Executive Orders.

So my fellow citizens and progressives — we need to prepare ourselves, for what will likely be “the worse, is yet to come” — regardless of a Democratic Blue Wave Victory on Nov. 6, 2018, with Democrats taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives and maybe even the U.S. Senate. Why!

Trump will continue his modern day Hitler-like political tactics, including his encouragement of open violence against American’s who oppose Trump — by his cult-like, Hate-filled supporters.

Like Adolf Hitler’s Nazi-Followers and America’s “National White Supremacist and KKK Movements,” Trump’s declaration yesterday (Oct. 24, ‘18) that he is now calling himself a “Nationalist” — under the false pretenses of American Patriotism — is the same pretext Hitler and Mussolini called themselves. That is, Hitler’s National Socialist Political Party; and Benito Mussolini’s National Fascists Party.

These are the same strategies and tactics that resulted in murderous Dictators taking complete control of the levers of Government and the Military in Germany, Italy and in Russia — by Communist dictator Vladimir Lenin and later Joseph Stalin.

The Fight for American Democracy and the Ideals of the U.S. Constitution — will have to continue far beyond the upcoming Nov. 6th Mid-term Elections and the 2020 presidential elections — regardless if Democrats take back Congress and the White House.

So as we politically fight back for the heart and soul of American Democracy, please remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr;

“The greatest tragedy of this social transformation, is not the strident clamor of bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people;” and “There comes a time when silence is betrayal . . . and our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

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*editors note: Nino is part of
the Coalition of Wisconsin
Aging Groups and
Wisconsin Alliance for
Retired Americans*

*Editors note: this is something given to
all Unionist at our William W.
Winpingsinger Education and
Technology Center . Obviously in the
age of trump more should be added.*

What is an American/Unionist?

An American/Unionists is one who puts aside their individual needs and individual self interest for that of the Country/membership.

An American/Unionists forgoes their personal agenda for that of their fellow Country/members.

An American/Unionists is not an:

Elitist	Racists
Sexist	Classist
Homophobic	Xenophobic

We Need Answers



Richard Trumka, President AFL-CIO

Trumka noted that the draft agreement includes improvements on some issues, including:

- Labor protections.
- Foreign investment.
- American content standards.

However, it also further cedes ground to corporations on several fronts, including:

- Food labeling requirements.
- Environmental protections.
- Data privacy.
- Affordable medicine.

Trumka also highlighted some of the major unknowns in the deal, including:

- Labor standards in Mexico.
- Monitoring and enforcement.
- Automobile rules of origin.

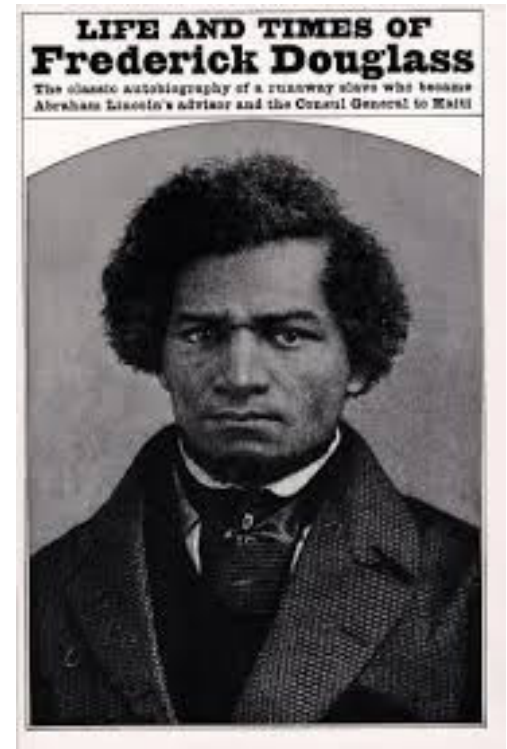
Until these critical issues are fully clarified, working people will continue to call for a NAFTA that works for workers. As Trumka wrote: "If it ultimately advances the needs and rights of working families, we will fight to make it law. If, instead, it continues to sacrifice our livelihoods to enrich a few chief executives, we will fight tooth and nail to defeat it."

Kitchen Table Economics: More than 850,000 U.S. jobs shipped overseas under NAFTA between 1993 and 2013.

What will trump do? Not what he says ... after all he is a reality tv host ... ceo of private corporation ... and knows he can say and do anything ...

Frederick Douglass' Call to Action

1817-1895



For it is not light that is needed,
but fire.

It is not the gentle shower,
but thunder.

We need the storm, the whirlwind,
and the earthquake.

Kitchen Table Economics

100 million: The number of eligible voters who stayed home in 2016.



Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

Mitch McConnell's October Surprise: Cuts to Social Security and Medicare are Coming

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell explicitly stated that Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid need to be cut in an interview with Bloomberg this week.

The comments followed a Treasury Department report showing that the federal deficit grew to \$779 billion in fiscal year 2018, a 17% increase from FY 2017. McConnell placed the blame for the ballooning debt on a bipartisan unwillingness to cut earned benefit programs, ignoring the impact of the GOP Tax Scam passed last year that added trillions to the deficit.

Alliance Executive Director Richard Fiesta said that McConnell's statement leaves no doubt that Social Security and Medicare are on the ballot in the midterm elections, and that it should be taken as a dire warning to anyone who cares about these programs for current or future beneficiaries.

McConnell's comments follow other Republicans saying that so called "entitlement" spending must now be addressed to cover the growing national debt. House GOP leaders Paul Ryan and Steve Stivers stated similar plans earlier this year, and White House Economic Advisor Larry Kudlow said that cuts would have to occur in 2019.

"We take Senator McConnell at his word. Given the chance, he will side with CEOs, corporations and the wealthiest of the wealthy over retirees and working Americans," said Fiesta. "The only way to stop this assault on our earned benefits is to vote for candidates who will fight to protect these programs from any cuts that affect seniors, people with disabilities, children and every family who relies on them."

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www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **November 7, 2018**, is at 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee.

www.milwaukeeelabor.org

- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule is available (<http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist>) or at your Union office. Or come to any Union meeting and just ask. This center is open to all members, you just need to be active and want to be the future leader at your worksite or at United Lodge 66.



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