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United Lodge 66

Business Meeting For

May is cancelled due to the

Safer at Home Order and

CDC guidelines for

Covid-19 outbreak

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Office Hours:

Suspended until notice due to Covid-19 guidelines. See pg. 2

All Contract issues must be settled by your Business Rep at District 10. See Last Page

2020 Virtual Worker's Memorial Day

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the IAM remembered members who died on the job during a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, April 28. Normally a ceremony attended by IAM members, their families and friends at the IAM's own Worker's Memorial at The William W. Winpisinger Center, this years event switched to a digital format as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Worker's Memorial Day ceremony started with bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace followed by invocation by Rev. Keith Burney. The ceremony then proceeded with remarks by Jim Reid, Director of Safety and Health at IAM Headquarters on the difficulties we are facing everyday we go to work. International President Robert Martinez gave a short speech pledging "to do everything in our power to stop these senseless workplace tragedies." He went on to address the current pandemic and it's risks it puts on our working members. "From the very beginning of this pandemic, the IAM has made it our No. 1 priority to keep our membership and their families safe, mark my words, the Fighting Machinists demand that every member goes home healthy every single day." He touched on the IAM's call to government to do more to protect workers saying "It is wrong, immoral and unethical for workers' health to be imperiled in the pursuit of profit, the lives of transportation workers, aerospace workers, healthcare workers, airline workers, government employees, factory workers, rail workers, woodworkers and any worker matter."

The ceremony continued with a reminder of the brothers and sisters we have lost in the last year. As Jim Reid read off the names of our fallen members and a bell was rung in their honor. It was a solemn reminder of how fragile life is and the importance of keeping our workplaces safe.



**The IAM Workers Memorial
at the William W.
Winpisinger Center**

We Honor our Brothers and Sisters Lost This Past Year

- Ynocencio Steven Avila Southern Territory Grand Lodge Representative
- Carlos Consuegra LL 914
- Colleen Murphy-Cooney LL 623
- Jacquelyn Hannam-Creemer LL 2797
- Claude Daniels LL 776C
- Edward Gates LL 175
- Randy Griffith DL 142
- Sabrina Hampton LL 981
- James Houlihan LL 90
- Lester James LL 447
- Mark B. Johnson IAM Aerospace Coordinator
- Aimee Kheuanesombath LL7 00
- David Lawrence LL 2797
- Lydia Lopez LL 218
- Janine Meritet LL 434
- Albert Nelson LL 447
- John Oles LL 753
- Robert N. Smith W536
- James Spalo LL 478
- Frederick Thomas LL 698
- David Veloz LL 126
- Dana Walk LL 66
- Elton Washington LL 751C
- Karla West LL 981
- George Kourpias Former International President
- William Scheri Retired General Vice President of transportation
- Richard Schneider Retired Aerospace Coordinator
- Paul J. Burnsky Former Director of Organizing
- Richard Greenwood Retired Special Assistant to the International President
- Vincent Blais Former Canadian Territory Administrative Assistant
- Barbara Shaller-Borosage Former Director of International Affairs
- James Pinto Retired Director of Collective Bargaining
- John Meese Retired Director of Government Affairs
- Earl C. Robinson Retired Assistant Director of MNPL
- Dorothy Ellsworth-Gannon Retired Assistant Director of MNPL
- Theron Black Former Grand Lodge Auditor
- Ezequiel Placencia Retired Grand Lodge Auditor
- Vickie Stephens Former Special Representative
- Don Whitaker Retired Western Territory Grand Lodge Representative
- George W. Harrison Retired Southern Territory Grand lodge Representative
- Anthony Konowalczyk Retired Grand Lodge Rep
- Richard Sanchez Retired DBR DL 947
- Philip Zannella Jr. Retired DBR LL 1363
- Mark Utley Retired Assistant DBR LL 701
- Samuel Mann Retired Member DL 37
- William Yavorsky Retired IAM Pilot



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Lodge 66 Operations during Covid-19 Situation

The Executive Board of United Lodge 66 has made some decisions to protect the Membership and Office Staff of Lodge 66.

First of all we would like to encourage our members and their families to stay safe during this health crisis. Following the recommendations from the Federal, State and Local Governments is advised.

To protect our members and staff the office will be closed for drop-in traffic.

The office telephone will forward to Secretary-Treasurer Ivan Collins phone. The phone number for Lodge 66 is (414) 671-3800. The Lodge email is lodge66@gmail.com. The lodge address is 1650 S 38th Street, Milwaukee WI 53215. Mail can be put in the mail slot at the office. Members are encouraged to do as much as possible through the mail. Emails and communications will be monitored. If an appointment needs to be made we will try to accommodate on an Individual basis. Several of the offices within the Machinists Organization will be staffed with reduced workforce. During these critical times we want to express to the membership that we will serve to the best of our ability and you are our main concern. The Brothers and Sisters of the Machinists Union will get through this challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this major event.

In Solidarity,

Timothy Schwartz

United Lodge 66 President



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Union Meeting Notice for May 2020

Cancelled

All members, Due to the Governor's Safer at Home Order being extended through May 26, 2020, Local Lodge 66 will be cancelling our May 12th regular meeting.

While the meeting will be cancelled, we will be accepting nominations for delegates and alternates to the Grand Lodge Convention on May 12th from 7:00-7:30pm at the hall.

All members interested in being a delegate or alternate need to have an acceptance letter on file with Recording Secretary, Michael Oettel, before May 12th.

The address to send your acceptance letters is 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI 53215.

Seniors Corner Taking Action: Saving the USPS

Currently the USPS is set to lose funding by September 2020 a result related to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Losing the Postal Service could isolate seniors who rely on the mail system to receive prescription medications as well as important goods and the ability to vote by mail. That means more than 100,000 veterans or 18% of the workforce will lose their jobs. Without funding or support the USPS could be forced to privatize which could drive costs up for essential services. Consider adding your name to this petition asking for support for the USPS here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/save-usps-demand-emergency-coronavirus-funding-from-congress>

Demand Re-Opening the ACA Enrollment

As the Coronavirus pandemic drags on millions of American's are unemployed and are no longer covered by their Employer based health insurance.

Meanwhile the trump administration has refused to re open the enrollment period to make the exchange available to uninsured Americans now saying his administration is "exploring other options."

Please consider adding your name to a petition demanding the Trump administration re open the Af-

fordable Care Act's Enrollment period to help millions of unemployed Americans amidst the Corona Virus pandemic here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-every-aca-exchange-must-reopen-aca-enrollment-to-ensure-everyone-has-access-to-healthcare-amid-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

Beware Corona Virus Scams

The Coronavirus pandemic has spurred an increase in scams, specifically online to target seniors searching for Coronavirus test or cures. Online opportunists are playing American's fears and desperation against them to take their hard earned money. Some things to consider to keep you safe while looking for Coronavirus information online include:

- **Don't buy drugs or treatments on social media platforms**
- **At-home, FDA-approved Covid-19 tests do not exist, but fake tests are still available online**
- **Suspicious Covid-19 products are already under investigation**
- **Fakes will be pervasive as long as Covid-19 is**

Keep in mind that there is currently no approved Coronavirus treatments, at home tests although fakes still exist. Be wary of these types of scams and keep you and your family safe.

Upcoming events and important dates

Please check unitedlodge66.org for any updates regarding May Meeting statuses.

<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, June 3rd At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Organizing Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 2nd at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>District 10 Business Meeting Monday, June 8th at 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, June 9th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>
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**Do you have any concerns, complaints or congratulations you would like to
bring up to those representing you in Government? Give them a call or send
them a note and let your voice be heard**

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Seat is Currently Vacant

Wisconsin State District 7
Seat to be filled by special
Election on May 12th 2020

Submit articles for the Badger Lodge News by email: lodge66@gmail.com

Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is May 22nd