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United Lodge 66

Business Meeting

**October 13th at 7:00 PM**

1650 S 38th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53215

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**All lodge members are encouraged to attend. Please be advised that we will be using social distancing and wearing face coverings for the safety of all members**

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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**

## **Elections Have Consequences**

In less than a month, the United States will vote for the President that will hold the office for the next four years. While everyone holds different reasons for casting their ballot for one Presidential candidate or another, as Union Members we cannot not lose sight of the impact the President can have on Workers' rights, freedoms, and strength on the job.

Union Members often look to the NLRB to protect their rights on the job, especially the right of participating in concerted activity. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is the entity established to enforce the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and preside over cases related to unfair labor practices. The NLRB is made up of 5 Board Members and a General Counsel that are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The current NLRB Board only has four members that have been appointed by the President. Of these four, three (Kaplan, Emanuel, Ring) are proven anti-union, pro-company lawyers. The General Counsel (Robb) is also a pro-company lawyer, with an extensive history of supporting anti-union efforts. The unfilled Board position, the majority of pro-company lawyers on the NLRB and the anti-union General Counsel has had a negative impact on workers' rights, freedoms, and strength on the job over the past 4 years.

The NLRB rulings, memos, and guidance that have been issued over the past four years have consistently ruled in favor of employers and corporations. These anti-worker rulings have included: giving employers ability to search certain personal property, giving employers to control your freedom of speech on social media, to restrict your Stewards ability to represent you to the best of their ability, and allowing employers to circumvent the negotiation process in certain circumstances. These ruling have not only focused on Union employees but in many cases have also negatively impacted non-union employees alike. Researching and reviewing the recent rulings of Bexar, Kroger Limited, UPMC, General Motors, MV Transportation, Verizon Wireless and Bemis will provide you with specifics of the examples provided above. As Union Members we cannot accept these types of rulings and must not allow any NLRB to grant Supervisors, CEO's, and Corporate Board of

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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](mailto:lodge66@gmail.com). The lodge address is 1650 S 38<sup>th</sup> 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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# **Machinists Union: President Trump Has Broken His Promises to U.S. Workers**

*From goiam.org*

President Trump’s promises to revitalize U.S. manufacturing, pledges that American workers “won’t lose one plant” and declarations that “they are all coming back” have been broken time and time again during his term of office.

Dozens of IAM-represented facilities from coast to coast have closed since Trump took office, affecting thousands of families and their communities. Many of the jobs have been offshored to Mexico, China or other countries with low wages and little to no rights for working people. An IAM policy paper finds that the hundreds of thousands of U.S. workers who have lost their jobs due to outsourcing are still waiting for these jobs to come home, despite the administration’s promises.

A statement from IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr.:

“President Trump’s promises to stand up for U.S. workers, protect our jobs from leaving the country and bring our jobs home from countries like Mexico and China have been broken. We sent letter after letter to President Trump asking for White House assistance in saving these jobs and communities starting soon after he took office. No responses were received.

“Trump didn’t lift a finger to help us save thousands of U.S. jobs at Electrolux in Minnesota, Siemens in Iowa, Schneider Electric in Indiana, FreightCar America in Virginia, and United Technologies in California—just to name a few. His inattention and inaction speaks volumes about his real priorities. It has become clear that working people simply do not matter to this president, unless we are serving as a prop for a photo-op. Remember the photo of Harley-Davidson workers at the White House? Less than a year later, the company announced that it would be closing its IAM-represented plant in Kansas City and opening a plant in Thailand.

“Between the fumbled response to the coronavirus pandemic, the job loss that rivals the Great Depression and the daily rhetoric that serves only to divide working people—this president has struck out with the Machinists Union.”

Electrolux in St. Cloud, Minn., announced in January 2018 that it would be closing and laying off 1,100 IAM Local 623 members. The work moved to South Carolina.

A statement from IAM Local 623 member Joe Baratta, a former employee of Electrolux in St. Cloud, Minn.:

“In the past, we tried everything to save the plant. Some of our members even wrote a letter to President Trump, asking him to do what he pledged during the campaign: Stand up for workers. When a factory closes, it doesn’t just kill jobs. It affects relationships, families and communities. Trump’s land of opportunity should be available to all of us, not just his supporters.”

Siemens Dresser-Rand in Burlington, Iowa announced in April 2018 that it would be closing and laying off 92 IAM Local 1010 (District 6) members. The work moved to India, Hungary, Germany and Czech Republic.

A statement from IAM Local 1010 (District 6) member Robert Morrison, a former 31-year employee of Siemens Dresser-Rand in Burlington, Iowa:

“President Trump came to Burlington in October of 2015. He was in the auditorium and he got up on stage and said he would be the best jobs president God ever created.

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He’d bring back our jobs from China, Japan and so many other places. And now we see our jobs going away. He did nothing to help us. That’s what really chaps me.”

United Technologies Corp. in Chula Vista, Calif. announced in October 2018 that it would be closing and laying off 266 IAM Local 755 (District 725) members. The work moved to Mexico, Alabama and Washington state.

A statement from IAM Local 755 (District 725) member Jesse Perez, a former employee of United Technologies Corp. in Chula Vista, Calif.:

“How can you tell someone, ‘well why don’t you bring your companies back,’ but yet you don’t bring yours? You got to lead by example. That’s the bottom line. So when [Trump] started opening his mouth about that, to me it was all a lie, and I knew it wasn’t going to happen.”

FreightCar America in Roanoke, Va. announced in July 2019 that it would be closing and laying off 198 Transportation Communications Union (TCU/IAM) Local 6016 members. The work moved to Mexico and Alabama.

A statement from TCU/IAM Local 6016 member John Peake, a former employee of FreightCar America:

“That was one of the things that Trump was really big on, about not letting companies go across the border or overseas. So, I mean, what’s the deal? Step up and do your job. Stop letting these companies run all over the American people.”

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Directors the ability to restrict our freedoms and rights on the job.

As a Union Member, active or retired, understanding each Presidential candidate’s agenda towards labor and employment is important as you go to the poll to cast your ballot. This November 3rd, 2020, we must all exercise our right to vote and elect a President that supports Unions and supports our right to fight for better wages, benefits and working conditions.



**VOTE!**



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## **List of IAM-represented plant closures under the Trump administration:**

Aerojet Rocketdyne, Rancho Cordova, Calif., 300 jobs lost

Air Products and Chemicals, Wilkes Barre, Pa., 150 jobs lost

Alcoa Intalco Works, Ferndale, Wash., 621 jobs lost

Caterpillar, Joliet, Ill., 600 jobs lost

Chevron Phillips Chemical, Fairfield, Iowa, 37 jobs lost

Crown Cork and Seal, Lawrence, Mass., 110 jobs lost

Crown Cork and Seal, Omaha, Neb., 32 jobs lost

Dayton Superior, Elk Grove, Ill., 100 jobs lost

Dentsply International, Des Plaines, Ill., 78 jobs lost

Eaton, Hutchinson, Kan., 149 jobs lost

Electrolux, Saint Cloud, Minn., 1,100 jobs lost

Fabick Machinery, Marion, Ill., 25 jobs lost

FreightCar America, Roanoke, Va., 198 jobs lost

Gear Works, Seattle, 85 jobs lost

Glenridge Machine, Willoughby, Ohio, 22 jobs lost

Goodman, Fayetteville, Tenn., 1,433 jobs lost

Grundfos Water Utility, Aurora, Ill., 45 jobs lost

Harley Davidson, Kansas City, 620 jobs lost

Ikea (Swedwood), Danville, Va., 275 jobs lost

Ingersoll Rand, Buffalo, N.Y., 360 jobs lost

Innio, Waueksha, Wis., 341 jobs lost

Jamestown Metal Products, Jamestown, N.Y., 70 jobs lost

International Bildrite, International Falls, Minn., 32 jobs lost

Ken Behlmann Automotive Services, Hazelwood, Mo., 30 jobs lost

Koch Industries (Georgia Pacific Wood Products), Coos Bay, Ore., 100 jobs lost

Kroger Co., Columbus, Ohio, 41 jobs lost

Lake Country Foods, Oconomowoc, Wis., 9 jobs lost

Manitowoc Cranes, Manitowoc, Wis., 209 jobs lost

MillerCoors, Irwindale, Calif., 154 jobs lost

Modern Equipment, Port Washington, Wis., 35 jobs lost

New England Confectionery Co., Revere, Mass., 25 jobs lost

Niello Infiniti, Concord, Calif., 18 jobs lost

Prince Manufacturing, Sioux City, Iowa, 47 jobs lost

Regal Beloit, Valparaiso, Ind., 135 jobs lost

Rexnord Industries, Saint Rose, La., 55 jobs lost

Saint-Gobain (Certainteed Ceilings), Meridian, Miss., 96 jobs lost

Schneider Electric, Peru, Ind., 275 jobs lost

Siemens Dresser-Rand, Burlington, Iowa, 92 jobs lost

Siemens Dresser-Rand, Wellsville, N.Y., 312 jobs lost

Siemens Energy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 30 jobs lost

Syncreon, Kansas City, Mo., 232 jobs lost

Torpedo Specialty Wire, Pittsfield, Pa., 23 jobs lost

Tronair (Columbus Jack), Columbus, Ohio, 28 jobs lost

Truck-Lite, Falconer, N.Y., 171 jobs lost

United Technologies Corp., Chula Vista, Calif., 553 jobs lost

Walter USA, Pewaukee, Wis., 32 jobs lost

Western Industries, Watertown, Wis., 77 jobs lost

# We Are Here For You

## Schedule your VIRTUAL Retirement/Financial Readiness Education Webinar Today!

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month 10:00am & 6:00pm

Although we cannot meet in person, we would like to meet with you virtually to review your retirement account and cover any questions or concerns you might have.

### **Month/Topic:**

- October – Social Security Benefits
- November – Retirement Income Planning
- December – Investment Basics

We look forward to continuing to be a resource for your retirement goals!

### **3 Easy Steps to Participate**



1. Go to website: [www.ZOOM.com](http://www.ZOOM.com)
2. Click on "Join a Meeting" (top right of webpage).

Enter your meeting number below & click to join.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 10:00 am Meeting #954-9209-5389  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 6:00 pm Meeting #985-6376-7044  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 10:00 am Meeting #992-5296-0816  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 6:00 pm Meeting #918-5309-6105

3. Enter Meeting Password: #unionedu1

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# United Lodge 66

## 2020 Monthly Meeting Dates



<del>January 1st</del>	<del>February 1st</del>	<del>March 1st</del>
<del>April 1st</del>	<del>May 1st</del>	<del>June 1st</del>

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<del>July 1st</del>	<del>August 1st</del>	<del>September 1st</del>
<b>October 13th</b>	<b>November 10th</b>	<b>December 8th</b>

All Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7pm at the LL66 Hall  
Located at: 1650 S 38th St. Milwaukee WI 53215

# Seniors Corner: Elections Have Consequences

Over the course of the last 4 years under the current administration we have covered a number of topics here in Seniors Corner that will directly impact each and every United States senior citizen, As we look forward to the Presidential election on November 3rd here are some points to consider ahead of casting your vote.

When it comes to Social Security it is a lifeline for every retired and senior citizen in this country. Running in 2016 the President stated he would protect Social Security. However in the last year he has stated otherwise. After he announced a payroll tax holiday for 2020 beginning on September 1st he also said “If victorious on November 3rd, I plan to forgive these taxes and make permanent cuts to the payroll tax I’m going to make them all permanent.” The payroll tax is split between employers and employees and is the money directly associated with the Social Security fund.

The President is also on record as recently stating “We’re delivering a healthier, safer, brighter and more prosperous future for every citizen in our magnificent land, because we are proudly putting America first.” While this is a warming quote he has contradicted himself before with his disdain for The Affordable Care Act (A.C.A.) saying in a brief to the Supreme

Court regarding the legality of the A.C.A. “Nothing the 2017 Congress did demonstrates it would have intended the rest of the A.C.A. to continue to operate in the absence of these three integral provisions, the entire A.C.A. thus must fall with the individual mandate” pointing to the administrations removal of the individual mandate in 2019. Repealing the A.C.A. would strip Americans with pre existing conditions their ability to obtain vital health care coverage.

The current administration has also worked hard to restrict and even possibly eliminate the United States Postal Service (USPS). Using false claims about fraudulent mail in voting the President has also objected to funding the USPS needs to continue to operate. “They want three and a half billion dollars for something that’ll turn out to be fraudulent, that’s election money basically. They want three and a half billion dollars for the mail-in votes. Universal mail-in ballots. They want \$25 billion, billion, for the Post Office. Now they need that money in order to make the Post Office work so it can take all of these millions and millions of ballots” said the President but the interruptions in mailing operations has effected nearly 1 in 4 Americans over the age of 50 as they have not received their prescriptions due to the slow down in USPS operations.

<b>Upcoming Events and Important Dates:</b>		<b>Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is October 25th</b> <b>Submit articles for the Badger Lodge News by email: lodge66@gmail.com</b>	<b>Election Day</b> <b>Tuesday, November 3rd</b>
<b>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday, November 4th</b> <b>At 6:30 PM</b> <b>Milwaukee Labor Temple</b> <b>633 S. Hawley Rd.</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b>	<b>Organizing Committee Meeting</b> <b>Tuesday, November 3rd</b> <b>at 7 PM</b> <b>Local Lodge 66</b> <b>1650 S. 38th Street</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b>	<b>District 10 Business Meeting</b> <b>Monday, November 9th</b> <b>at 7 PM</b> <b>Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66</b> <b>1650 S. 38th Street</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b>	<b>Lodge 66 Business Meeting</b> <b>Tuesday, November 10th</b> <b>at 7 PM</b> <b>Local Lodge 66</b> <b>1650 S. 38th Street</b> <b>Milwaukee, WI</b>

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