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United Lodge 66
Business Meeting
June 11th at 7:00 PM
1650 S 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215
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All lodge members are encouraged to attend

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Midwest States Conference of Machinists Join Together Before Election Preparation

from goiam.org

The states of the IAM Midwest Territory sent representatives to St. Louis for the Midwest States Conference of Machinists to gather for a national political report from the IAM and to strategize for the upcoming election.

IAM delegates were joined by Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea, U.S. Senate candidate Lucas Kunce (D-Mo.), Missouri House Rep. and gubernatorial candidate Crystal Quade (D), and Missouri AFL-CIO President Jake Hummel.

Although unable to attend in person, U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-Ill.) delivered a message to the congregation via video message.

IAM National Legislative and Political Director Hasan Solomon delivered the national political report, reminding the conference of the IAM's priorities for the upcoming presidential election.

IAM Midwest Territory Chief of Staff Rick Mickschl spoke to delegates on behalf of the territory and Midwest Territory General Vice President Sam Cicinelli.

Mickschl pointed out the IAM Analysis of Presidential Impact on Labor, a comparison of President Donald Trump's decisions and President Biden's decisions and their results for workers and unions.

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Hasan Solomon IAM National Legislative and Political Director



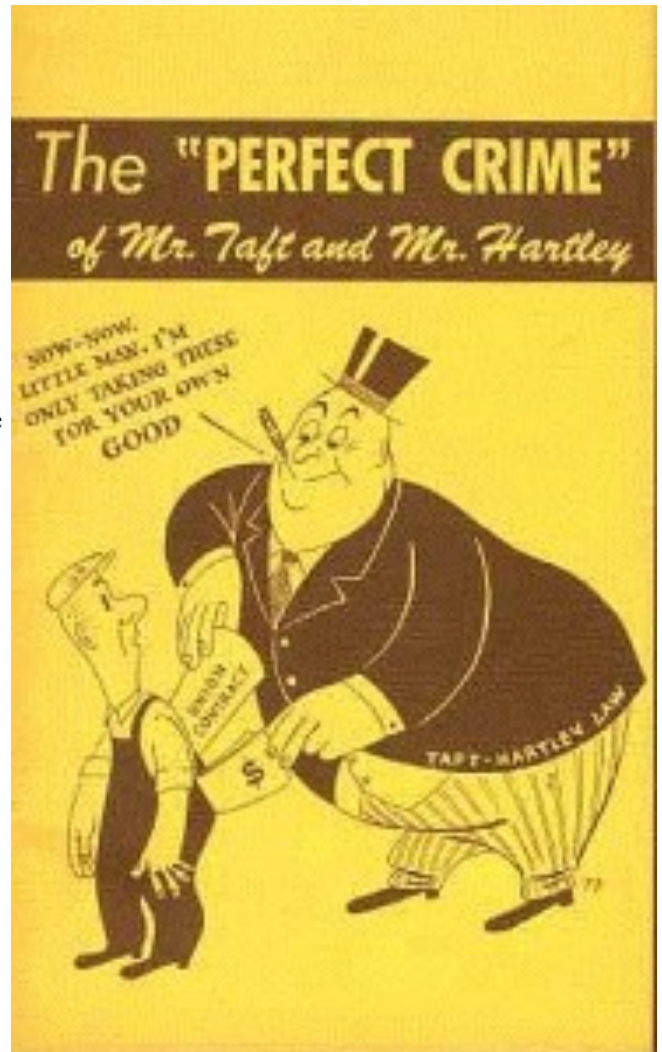
IAM Midwest Territory Chief of Staff Rick Mickschl addresses the conference

Past Sacrifices, Future Victories: Taft-Hartley Act

Post World War II in America was seeing unprecedented economic growth but wages were not keeping pace with the revenue that major corporations were raking in. During the war most union workers abstained from striking to be able to help in the war effort. They were hoping and perhaps expecting that those efforts would be rewarded once the war ended. However, that didn't happen and this led to what is called the Strike Wave of 1945 and 1946. These were the largest strikes in American history and included more than 5 million Americans hitting the strike line to better their work and economic conditions. Not only was this prevalent in The United States but also across the world as well.

The mid term election of 1946 saw Republicans gain control of congress for the first time since the early 1930's with many of them being ultra conservative. Their main objective was to roll back provisions of the New Deal as well the National Labor Relations Act of 1935, which we will go into further depth next month. The bill is named after Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and Congressman Fred Hartley of New Jersey. Both introduced bills into their segments of congress seeking to curtail the power of labor unions and both passed each segment by a near 2 to 1 margin. They then came together in a committee to blend it into 1 bill which is how we know it today by it's name: Taft-Hartley Act.

The Taft-Hartley Act stripped many of the freedoms labor unions received via the National Labor Relations Act. First and foremost it now allowed unfair labor practices against labor unions, which prior were only filed against companies. It didn't stop there, it also eliminated the closed shop, wildcat strikes, secondary boycotts and monetary donations by unions to federal political campaigns. It also allows each state to pass their own right-to-work laws. The bill was supported by large business lobbyists including The National Association of Manufacturers.



President Truman vetoed Taft-Hartley on June 20, 1947. However Congress overrode the veto with a lot of Democratic support. The house voted 331-83 on the same day that Truman vetoed the bill and the Senate voted 68-25 on June 23rd allowing to become law that day.

We still feel the aftermaths of this law to this day. Right-to-work here in Wisconsin has hindered labor unions across the state. It is a constant reminder of the importance elections have. Pro Labor candidates need to be elected for us to have a fighting chance. We are coming up to an important election later this year and we need to consider the importance of where the candidates stand on labor. We don't stand a chance if we don't.

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“Please vote, encourage others to vote, and get involved in the election process for our future as a union and our nation,” said Mickschl.

IAM Southern Territory General Vice President Craig Martin also delivered remarks, applauding the Midwest states for their accomplishments and recognizing organizing challenges some Midwest states face, like so-called right-to-work laws and anti-union politicians, that Southern states are also up against.

“The key to pushing back against these kinds of attacks is continuing to organize, continuing to look to the future — towards bringing new workers into our union family, so they can have the rights and benefits that come from having a good union job,” said Martin.

IAM Resident General Vice President Jody Bennett and IAM Assistant Secretary to the General Secretary-Treasurer Paul Kendall were also in attendance.

“It’s incredibly important to support political activism in our locals and districts,” said Bennett. “Meetings like this provide information to our members about the policy action being taken by the officials we’ve elected to office and set the direction for where our union will put our support and why. This is vital work for our union, as the policy course officials take has a direct impact on the members we represent, our workplaces, and labor as a whole.”

The meeting concluded with the committees delivering their reports and officers being appointed.



Campaign sticker from Lucas Kunce, candidate for Missouri’s U.S. Senate seat



Group photo of delegates to the 2024 Midwest States Council of Machinists



International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

IAMAW District # 10 RETIREMENT/PENSION PLANNING

From: Alex Hoekstra, Director
To: Union Brothers and Sisters of IAM Dist. 10

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Being a union member not only helps secure our rights on the job, but also our total security in life. We are always looking for ways to help our members improve on the opportunities we are presented with not only at the bargaining table, but in life outside of work as well. We are pleased to introduce a financial benefit that is available to all IAM Dist. 10 members. Union Financial, Inc. is a financial services firm here to help you with your 401(k) options, and retirement/pension planning. An initial review is complimentary but other products and services may be subject to fees. The benefits of retirement planning include but are not limited to:

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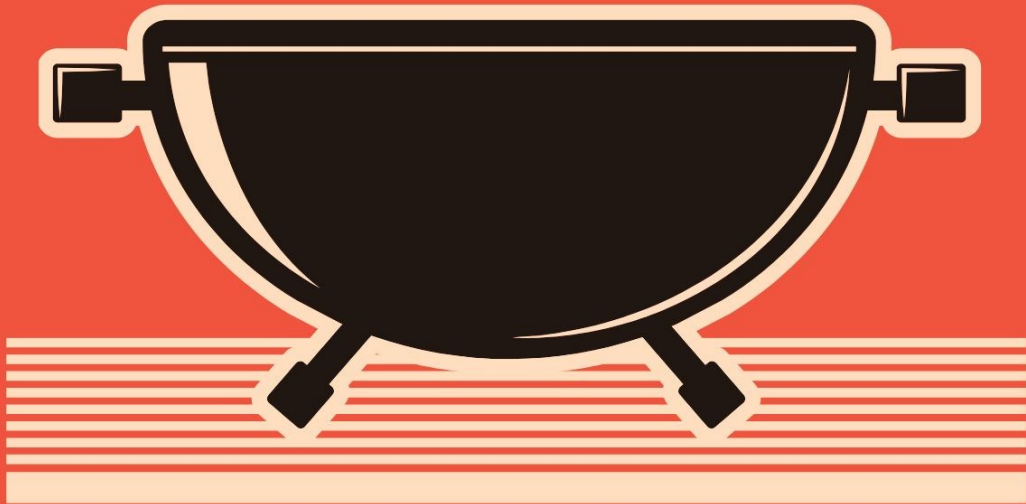
The market can be volatile and planning for financial security can be stressful. You may also call Brian Goode, Financial Advisor (IAM member LL 66) our Union Financial representative directly at 262-835-9111 email: goode.brian@principal.com website: www.unionplanning.com

In Solidarity,

Alex Hoekstra
Director IAM Dist. 10

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Seniors Corner: Report Shows Social Security Expansion Remains Affordable

From retiredamericans.org

The following statement was issued by Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, regarding the Trustees reports on the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds released today:

“Today’s reports show once again that Social Security’s Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund is strong and solvent, with enough money to cover full benefits and expenses until 2033, the same as reported last year. If no changes are made, the Trust Fund can pay 79% of scheduled benefits.

“Further, the Medicare Part A Trust Fund for hospital care has sufficient funds to cover its obligations until 2036, 5 years later than reported last year.

“Current and future American retirees should feel confident about both Medicare and Social Security, which is stronger due to the robust economy under President Biden. But the future of these earned benefit programs depends on who is elected this fall — both as president and to Congress.

“President Joe Biden’s latest budget calls for strengthening the Social Security Trust Fund, including making the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share into the system and increasing benefits for those who need it the most.

“On the other hand, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump recently said ‘there is a lot you can do... in terms of cutting’ Social Security and Medicare and is reportedly seeking to defund Social Security by cutting its dedicated revenue. That would be a recipe for disaster.

“The Republican Study Committee (RSC), which includes around 80 percent of House Republicans, stands ready to make cuts as well. Their budget proposal includes \$1.5 trillion in Social Security cuts, including raising the retirement age to 69.

“The 4.4 million members of the Alliance and all older Americans have worked too hard for too long to see their Social Security and Medicare taken from themselves and future generations.”

You can read the report here: <https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/TR/2024/index.html>

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	District 10 Business Meeting Monday, June 10th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, June 11th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is June 21st Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com
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