**Local 776 Newsletter**

**March 2023 Newsletter Issue #205**

**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Secret Ballot Vote**

Wednesday March 15th, 2023

For **Wage Appropriations** and **Delegates** for the OSA State Convention

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

Should a tie result, a runoff election will be held on Wednesday March 22nd, 2023 at 1300 Bowman Rd., Lima. Ohio

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**Retiree Breakfast**

The next retiree breakfast is scheduled for Friday March 17th.

The breakfast will be at **Westgate Lanes** beginning at 9 am.

**Fraternal News**

* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #360 Gary McKinley. A celebration of life will be held for Gary on Saturday April 15th. Call the hall or check his obituary for details. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Congratulations:** Brother Chris Henderson has started his own signatory plumbing shop and is called “Steady Does It Mechanical”. If anyone has any plumbing issues that they need resolved in the Lima area, please reach out to Chris and support a fellow brother!
* **Welcome New Member:** Joshua Sheel was initiated at the February union meeting. If you are working with Josh, please welcome him into our Local!

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Please Note:** The July Union Meeting date is being changed to July 26th to allow for the Delegates to attend the 2023 OSA State convention.
* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday March 15th, 2023 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday March 25th at 8 A.M.

Please call Melissa no later than noon the Thursday before to sign up and to check on the status of the test session.

* **Retiree Breakfast:** The next retiree breakfast is booked for March 17th at 9am at Westgate Lanes.

**JATC**

* If you are in need of any upgrade classes, please get in touch with Kiel Dennison or stop by the hall to see the list of classes and sign up.

**Business Manager Comments**

 The Annuity Trustees have chosen to add another International option for those of you who wish to self-direct their annuity. The new option is called DFA International and should be available sometime in April. Also, the annuity will begin reciprocity sometime in April. This will allow locals that you travel to the ability to transfer your annuity back to your home fund, just like the Pension.

Fraternally,

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