**Local 776 Newsletter**

**March 2024 Newsletter Issue #217**

**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Secret Ballot Vote**

Wednesday March 20th, 2024

For **Delegates** for the 2024 OSA State Convention

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

**1300 Bowman Rd. Lima, OH 45804**

Should a tie result, a runoff election will be held on Wednesday March 27th, 2024 at 1300 Bowman Rd., Lima. Ohio

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

**Fraternal News**

* **Death Benefit:** It is with great sadness to report that Brother Warren Rumer has passed away. We are on Death Benefit #367 Warren Rumer. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Welcome:** Alex Yahl, Nate Buell and Blake Fisher were sworn in at the February union meeting.If you are working with any of these new members be sure to welcome them into Local 776!
* **Congrats!:** Congratulations to Logan Klima, Braxton Roop and Austin Ricker for topping out from the apprenticeship and becoming Journeyman!

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday March 20th, 2024 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday March 23rd, 2024 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.

* **Apprentice Contest:** Local 776 has the honor of hosting the 2024 Ohio Apprenticeship Contest during the week of April 22nd -25th. This will be a great opportunity to invite anyone to our training center that you know is interested in the apprenticeship.

**JATC**

* There is still time to sign up for the Foreman Certification class March 12th – April 16th. Please call Melissa or Kiel if you are interested.
* Thank you to anyone who has reached out to help volunteer for the upcoming apprenticeship contest. We are still in need of a few more, if anyone is interested, please call Kiel at the Training Center.
* Congratulations to Charles Bohn (Pipefitter) and Josh Wehri (Welder) who will be representing Local 776 at the 2024 OSA Apprenticeship Contest!

**Business Manager Comments**

We are currently in negotiations with the contractors group. If we reach a tentative agreement, I will be reaching out to the membership to schedule a ratification meeting. Please watch out for this notification so we can have a good turn out.

A while back we had posted that the July union meeting would be moved this year due to the OSA State convention, which is also reflected in the 2024 calendar books. The state convention is now scheduled for the week after our normal meeting, so we will hold the union meeting on the normal date of July 17th. Please make this correction in your calendar books.

Fraternally,

Brad P. Wendel

Brad P. Wendel

Business Manager/ Financial Secretary - Treasurer