**Local 776 Newsletter**

**October 2025 Newsletter Issue #236**

**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Secret Ballot Vote**

Wednesday October 15th, 2025

Voting for $45,000 appropriated for the 2026 retiree/graduation banquet

**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 October 22nd, 2025 at 1300 Bowman Rd., Lima. Ohio

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**Fraternal News**

* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #378 Larry Price. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday October 15th, 2025 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday October 25th, 2025 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.

**JATC**

* **Classes:** The JATC will be coming out with some new classes that are open to the entire membership including mental health awareness. Please keep your eyes out for these announcements if you are interested in attending.
* **Local 776 Open House:** Local 776 will be holding an Open House on Tuesday November 11th from 11am to 6pm. Please plan to stop in and show anyone that may be interested in the trades the Training Center! If you would like to volunteer to help, please reach out to Kiel Dennison.

**Business Manager Comments**

I would like to thank everyone that stepped in to help out with the summer picnic and Labor Day parade! Special thanks to Mike Ciminillo and Jim Morrison for the grilling and to Matt Cunningham and his family for all the help!

 I am excited to announce that the Local Pension has approved sending out retirees a 13th check yet this year. Every retiree should be receiving a $1,500 check sometime before Christmas!!

 August 17-21, 2026 will be the dates of the next UA National Convention. Local 776 will hold nominations during the January 21st, 2026 union meeting and we will have a secret ballot vote on February 18th, 2026. Please put these dates on your calendar if you wish to run for this as a delegate.

Brad

**Chewy’s Corner**

October’s word of the month is, Certs! specifically welding and rigging.

If you are eyeballing a job best way to get on early is with the rigging or welding certs, Data centers do not weld test. And they want rigging certified guys for the movement and handling of modules. I strongly encourage everyone to get your certs and keep them up to date.

Chewy

Fraternally, In Solidarity,

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