CEMENT MASONS, PLASTERERS & SHOPHANDS LOCAL 633

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From Business Manager: Chad Morris

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Technologies and the way in which we communicate are always changing. We must be dynamic in how we respond to these changes. The Local Union Hall is adapting so that we keep pace with the demand of our members, contractors and vendors. To put words into action, we have developed a new membership data records system, ENGAGE, to meet this demand. Members are now able to login into their Engage account. We will optimize the Engage platform so that we can communicate with membership more effectively. If you have any questions regarding the Engage platform, please reach out to the Union Hall.

As many of you know, the Local 633 Union Hall has been in the United Labor Center for many years. In fact, the Union Hall has been in the ULC since November 1st, 1974. If my Waterville math is correct, we've been here for more than 50 years. But as I've stated before, circumstances change. The Executive Board has been exploring the potential for Local 633 to purchase its own office building. That exploration has bore fruit. The Executive Board has approved a purchase agreement on an office building. There is a due diligence process that needs to be satisfied. There is a scheduled "closing" date on June 30th, 2025, if all due diligence is completed by March 6th. More information will be available once the due diligence period has expired.

I want to thank Marvin Romero for accepting the appointment for Metro Area Agent. Reach out to Marvin regarding Dispatching, Jurisdiction, Organizing Efforts and Agreement Disputes.

The Metro Area Builders, St. Could Builders, Rochester Area Builders, Rochester Area Plasterers and Northern MN/NW WI Plasterers agreements expire April 30th, 2024. Negotiations for these agreements will be occurring during the next couple of months. Please look out for Allocation meeting notices as they will be mailed out to your address on file in the coming months.

Fraternally,
Chad Morris

“BUCKET CHAT” from our President: Jarrod Asleson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hope you all had good winter. Spring is right around the corner and some area contracts are due. If you have any ideas for our negotiation team let us know.
Contracts expiring this year are Metro and Rochester builders 4/30/2025, Duluth plasterers 4/30/2025 and Rochester Plasters 5/31/2025.

We will have an allocation meeting to ratify the new contracts and to allocate the agreements, once we have settled contracts which is usually at the April meeting. We hope to see you at the ratification and allocating meeting to vote. Postcards will be sent out to notify you of the meeting time and location.

This union belongs to all of us, stay involved stay informed. By attending the monthly meeting you’ll hear what’s going firsthand and not rumors, and ask questions to what you hear. A union gains strength through involvement from its members. You all have a voice, come to a meeting and be heard.

In solidarity,
Jarrod Asleson

From METRO Business Agent: Brian Gullickson

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

In the City of Becker there will be three (3) Data Centers built in 2025 and 2026, Amazon, Microsoft and the third one is unknown. Just know the land has been purchased. Highway 10 will be finished this summer with the final bridge for Sunfish Blvd. Hwy 65 will start their construction with bridges to help with the traffic.

Enjoy Spring and Summer
Fraternally,
Brian Gullickson

From METRO Business Agent: Marvin Romero

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

I wanted to take the time to say thank you for the opportunity to be your new Metro Business Agent. I appreciate all the support & help from our Business Manager Chad & my fellow Business Agents Brian, Matt, Damon & Darrell…. Thank you, brothers. Appreciate all the calls from all of you members with your questions & also letting me know where you are working at so I can come visit your job site. You can always email me at marvin@local633.org or call me 612-274-8638 So with spring right around the corner it looks to be a good year with work. Highway/Heavy is going to be up & running before you know it. So, all you Highway/Heavy brothers & sisters keep your phones on & also keep in touch with me as we start thawing out for the new concrete season. I attended "2025 Transportation Day at the Capitol" on February the 13th. It was full of great information & a great outlook on all the infrastructure work our state needs. The builder side of work I am already getting calls for finishers from a few good companies… so again keeps those phones on & keep in touch with me through the thaw into spring to get you working again. Lot of work this year on the horizon so let us kick off this year strong!

Fraternally,
Marvin Romero

From DULUTH / IRON RANGE Business Agent:

DAMON HANTZ

Greeting Brothers and Sisters

I hope everyone is having a good start to the new Year. There are still some projects that have been continuing from last year, such as the Hermantown Hockey Arena and the Kolar Hyundai Dealer ship in Hermantown as well. Also on the Iron Range, the mines are starting to ramp up. With shutdowns and the push to get Mesabi Metallics up and running. With spring fast approaching the workload for this year looks good. There are plenty of projects set to break ground this spring. The Incline Village, The Paper Mill in West Duluth, and an Assisted Living Building on the Hill Side of Duluth. Just to name a few. Not to mention there is 80 Millon dollars of Road Work in Saint Louis alone. So, if you are off for any reason, please remember to get on the out of work list. It should be a busy year. 218-461-5400

Just a Reminder the Duluth Monthly Union Meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month at 5pm. Also, the last meeting of the spring will be in April and will be allocating wages. Iron Range and surrounding areas please be on the lookout for a postcard, as those dates are not set yet.

For the Female Members of Local 633, Hannah Ballavance has started a Women's Committee that focuses on the northern part of the state. If anyone is interested in finding out more information about this committee, please contact me or Hannah at hannahballavance10@gmail.com . I believe this could be a great resource for women in the trades.

Also, the Recruitment Incentive Program is still in effect. We are always trying to increase our membership with bright, strong, and hardworking members. As always have a safe start to the spring and if anyone needs anything do not hesitate to contact your local Business Agent.

In Solidarity,
Damon Hantz

From SOUTHERN MN Business Agent
Matt Gauthier

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe we are a couple months into another year, spring is in our sight, and the concrete trucks will be rolling around the corner before we know it. Our apprentices have been busy at the training center over the winter months and the 3rd year apprentices will be graduating April 4th. The 2nd Annual Brian Erickson Memorial Golf Outing raised over $3500.00 for this year's graduates. Remember to mentor our new members for they are our future. I have been part of a panel of business agents visiting multiple schools in Southern Minnesota educating high school counselors and students on the benefits of a career in our trade. Contracts are up May 1st in Southern Minnesota and the Metro. The Rochester plasterer's contract is up on June 1st. Please reach out to me if there is anything that you would like us to bring to the table at negotiations. The Plasterers in Southern Minnesota are looking for new members to help strengthen their work force with ongoing projects as well as others on the books this year. Some of the contractors are anticipating the need for finishers in Southern Minnesota with the work that has been awarded and the projects that are out for bid. I am optimistic that it could be a good season in Southern Minnesota this year. Members in Southern Minnesota will be receiving a postcard in the mail with information on our spring union meeting at the Eagles in Rochester. I am officially switching over to only using 507-259-8356 as my contact number.

We are proud of the projects that we were part of in our communities as union members. So, as members we need to remember to strive for professionalism on the job site and out in the community. I hope you all have a safe season in the field.

Fraternally,
Matt Gauthier

From NW/ND Business Agent:
Darrell Lende

Hello, from NW Minnesota

With the warmer temps at the end of February early March it has everyone thinking of Spring. Talking to our Contractors it looks as though it should be a busy year for both the Plasterers and Cement Masons.

Work continues the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion project. The Pipestem Dam Spillway project will have 15 Cement masons working 6-10's starting the end of March until freeze up, and 3 or 4 months in 2026. Bridge projects, Jail projects, and numerous other Building, Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk projects to begin this Spring and go throughout the year.

It remains to be seen how the Trump Administration will affect future work with the Executive orders that killed some of the projects we were counting on with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act and the Chips and Science Act from the Biden Administration. Now a National Right to Work bill is coming from the House of Representatives. I urge you to call your Representatives and tell them to oppose Right to Work.

We also have Negotiations with our Plastering Contractors for the Northern MN/ NW Wisconsin area this Spring.

Fraternally,
Darrell Lende

Union Hall has a Facebook Page!

Find us by searching: Local 633 Union Hall

MARCH 2025

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Highway & Heavy Agreements expiring on April 30th, 2026
Duluth, NW MN & North Dakota
(All will be converted to Statewide Agreement)
NW MN & North Dakota Builders

Please watch for notices of meetings to discuss and ratify new Agreements, as well as Allocations of existing Agreements in all areas. Visit our website for more information also.

633 Recruitment Incentive Program

Local 633 has initiated an incentive program that rewards current members, for recruiting new Journeyman and Apprentice Cement Masons & Plasterers into Local 633.

Criteria and guidelines:

- Effective January 1, 2021
- Current member must be in “Good Standing” with Local 633 to receive incentive rewards.
- New member prospects must be employed consistently, with at least 500 hours over a 6-month period for incentive to apply.
- Hours and employment will be verified through Trust Administration office from employer remittance reports after 6-month qualifying period.
- For incentive reward to qualify, prospects must be new to OPCMIA and Local 633. Referrals of former members will not be considered for incentive rewards.

Referral Reward

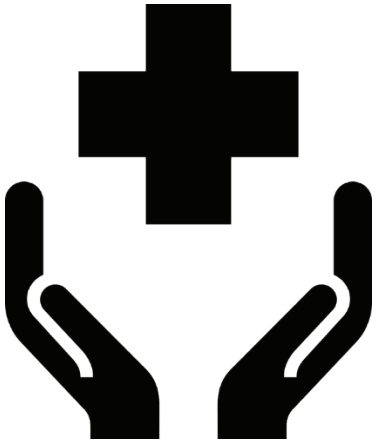
*Each member prospect who meets the above criteria will qualify the referring member for the receipt of $500.00. The duration of the “Recruitment Incentive Program” is at the discretion of the Business Manager and Executive Board and will be reviewed and may be changed or modified as manpower needs, financial viability or other circumstances may warrant.

Health Insurance News

Remember to Utilize these Services:

TEAM *Wellness at Work*	startwithteam.com
RAYUS Radiology	rayusradiology.com

All these Services are Free (Paid for by the Health & Welfare Fund)
to Members & Spouses with Health Insurance coverage
(Call the Union Hall for more details)



UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure you have your current contact information with the Union and Zenith
Change of Address, Phone Number, Email, etc.
Also make sure your **Beneficiaries** are up to date!!!

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FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP COORDINATOR

The 2024-2025 Training Season has been incredible. We are in the final weeks of related training until next November. I want to thank the apprentices for being attentive and engaging and thank you to the Journeyman in the field that continue to mentor our future leaders. We continued to move forward and raise the bar, not just meeting, but exceeding our industry standards and our contractor's expectations.

Proud—Strong—United
LOCAL 633
MOKE EAGLEFEATHERS

TAX TIPS

Just a reminder that all Union dues and Working Dues paid are tax deductible on State Taxes. If you need the total working dues that were deducted from your savings fund last year, call the Union office and we should have that information for you. It's always a good idea to save your check stubs and keep a logbook of your work hours and employers.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Another reason to save all your check stubs is to make it easier to file for unemployment. You will need the name and address of all Employers. Union Contractors' names, addresses, and telephone numbers can also be located on our web site www.local633.org , click on "Signatory Contractors" under the "Resources" tab.

WORK HOURS

All Members are recommended to:
Document your work hours in a legal bound calendar book (available at Union Hall)
and retain them**.** In the event you are missing hours from a contractor, you will need documentation to support that claim, also analyze your quarterly benefits statements (from Zenith), to make sure all your work hours are reported.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For High School Seniors who are dependents of Local 633 members, there are several scholarships being offered.
Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Scholarship has been renamed "Patrick D. Finley Scholarship Fund" they are offering scholarships to full time undergraduate students. Information and applications are available at www.opcmia.org.
The Minnesota AFL-CIO is proud to have scholarships available for union members and their dependents. Information and applications forms are available at their web site www.mnaflcio.org or call 1-800-652-9004.
Also check out the web site of Union Plus at www.unionplus.org/scholarship for their program.
And the Minnesota Building Trades Credit Union offers scholarships. Applications are on their website at www.buildingtradescu.com.

Building Trades Credit Union

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AND HOME EQUITY LINES OF CREDIT

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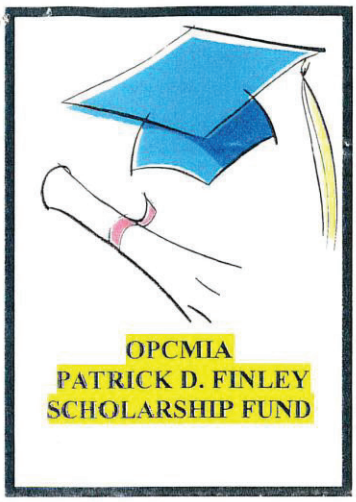
BTCU will cover up to $750 of your closing costs for your Home Equity Loan or Line of Credit if you borrow a minimum of $10,000 in new money at the time of origination and you close on the loan. If less than $10,000 is borrowed at origination, BTCU will cover up to $250 of your closing costs. If you are approved for a loan from BTCU contingent upon the value of your home and your home does not appraise high enough, or you decide to withdraw your application, you are responsible for paying all appraisal fees in connection with this loan application which can range from $50 to $600. If you withdraw your application and a flood determination has already been ordered, you will also be responsible for that $11 fee. Offer subject to change without notice.



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Scholarship Application Form

Please complete this form promptly and return it to the International Headquarters no later than **April 1, 2025. The winners will be notified and announced in the OPCMIA Journal.**
If you cannot provide the information requested, please include an explanation.

APPLICATIONS OR RELATED DOCUMENTS POSTMARKED LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2025, WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED OR CONSIDERED

SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

THE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.opcmia.org

Please print clearly or type

I. General Information

Home Phone #: _____

Name _____ Cell Phone: _____
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) *(Area code)*

Address _____ City _____

State or
Province _____ Zip code _____

Birth Date ____/____/_____ Birthplace _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Single ☐ Married ☐ Names and ages of children: _____

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