June 12, 2013

To the Members of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. held its Election of Officers on Sunday, June 2, 2013. The Officers elected are as follows:

President \hspace{1cm} Larry Nichols
Vice-President \hspace{1cm} Tom Collins
Financial Secretary/Business Manager \hspace{1cm} Dennis Fleming
Recording Secretary \hspace{1cm} Jack Kennedy
Business Representative (3 elected) \hspace{1cm} Jack Nance, Eddie Sullivan, George Marcinak
Sergeant at Arms \hspace{1cm} Rick Hanley
Executive Board (4 elected) \hspace{1cm} Bill Hincks, Jr., Colin O'Donnell, Danny Casey, Bill Cartwright
Finance Committee (3 elected) \hspace{1cm} Neal McLaughlin, Dan Hughes, Danny Nolan
Examining Board (3 elected) \hspace{1cm} Pat Nolan, Mike Sullivan, Bill Dowling

I would like to thank the members who came out to vote in the Election of Officers. The new Officers will be sworn in July, 2013.
At the regular monthly meeting of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, the members present voted to continue contributions to the COBRA Fund. This contribution will continue to provide COBRA Benefits to those members currently receiving them from the Health & Welfare, and will also provide COBRA benefits to members in the future. This does not, however, provide COBRA Benefits to members that have already exhausted their 18 months of COBRA eligibility. The contribution rate for the COBRA Fund will remain $1.00 per hour. This program will be reviewed once again at the December Union Meeting. We will once again vote at the December 5, 2013 Union Meeting on the funding for this program.

Under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, there was an increase to the Health & Welfare Fund contribution rate of $.50 per hour effective June 1, 2013. The members present at the June 6, 2013 regular monthly meeting voted to increase the S.I.S. Fund contribution rate from $2.85 per hour to $3.35 per hour effective June 1, 2013. This contribution rate increase was to be deducted from the Wage Rate. With these changes, the Wage Rate for a Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter is $47.15 per hour, and the Wage Rate for a Foreman Sprinkler Fitter is $49.65 per hour. The Union Protection Fund deduction has also increased from $3.19 per hour to $3.21 per hour effective June 1, 2013.

A Motion was made at this meeting to cancel the regular monthly meeting of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. for the month of July, due to the 4th of July Holiday. The regular monthly meeting for the month of August has also been cancelled, as has been Local 281, U.A. tradition. The next regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013, at the Operating Engineers Local 150 Union Hall, 6150 West Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois.

The Payday Savings checks will be available for pick-up at The Private Bank, 6825 W. 111th Street, Worth, Illinois beginning on Thursday, June 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., on Friday, June 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Checks will only be distributed to members, not to a spouse or friend. The checks that are not picked up by Saturday, June 29, 2013 will be put in the mail on that day. If you would like your funds re-deposited into your account, you must fill out and return the form that was sent to you by The Private Bank. In order to process the distribution checks, Payday Savings accounts will be frozen after June 17, 2013. No deposits or withdrawals, including Cash Station withdrawals, will be processed after that date. The interest rate for the Payday Savings Accounts for the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 period will be 0.65%.

The July 4th holiday falls on Thursday this year. All work performed on this Thursday shall be at the double time rate.

The Annual Local 281, U.A. Open House will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Open House will be held at the Union Office, 11900 South Laramie Avenue, Alsip, Illinois. All members and their families are invited to attend. Food and refreshments will be served.

Please have an enjoyable and safe summer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

John Zubrlick
Business Manager

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