



Trowel Talk



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The next meeting will be held on December 11th at our S. San Francisco hall. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Holiday
Monday December 24,
and Tuesday December 25th, 2018

New Years Holiday
Monday December 31,
and Tuesday January 1, 2019.

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Message from the Business Manager



First and foremost, I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and on behalf of the staff at Local 66 we would like to wish you and your families Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season.

Special Called Meeting:

Our next union meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 will be a Special Called Meeting for our Annual December Turkey Raffle. The turnouts at the last couple of meetings have been excellent so we hope that continues and we see you all there.

Organizing Grant:

As many of you that were at the last meeting know we received a 50/50 Organizing Grant from the International. This happened very quickly. We were notified that there was money available for a 3-month period, so we applied for the grant and received it. The grant pays for 50% of the wages and benefits of an organizer and it started on November 1st. The Executive Board approved the hiring of

Israel Vargas as our organizer. Israel has been a plasterer for 17 years and he has hit the ground running. He has already brought in some new members, has connected with many plasterers' out there who want to join our Local Union and has connected with a couple of non-union contractors about signing with Local 66. Also, by approving the change of our strike fund to an Organizing and Strike Picket Fund you have given us the ability to pay his wages and benefits and any organizing activities from that that fund. Organizing and bringing in more apprentices must be priority over the next couple of years. We need to infuse youth and new people to grow our union.

Work Outlook:

Work continues to be good. We have very few people on either of our lists so if you are not working please contact Jeff or myself as there are opportunities out there. It looks like the boom we are in is going to continue at least through 2019 so we are going to continue to need people. If you know any young people that are interested in joining our apprenticeship program,

please have them contact us. Also, if you know any plasterers that are working in the non-union sector have them reach out to Israel, he will gladly inform them on what they need to join our Local. His email address is Israel@pl66.org.

Safety:

Jobsites can always be a dangerous place but now that it is winter, and the rains have started, jobsites and working on scaffolding can become very dangerous. Please be safe out there and make sure you inspect your scaffolding before you set foot on it and that the ground it is set on is stable. We don't want anybody getting hurt out there.

Happy Holidays

Bob Noto



Business Agent's Report



If you are out of work make sure your name is on the out of work list. Also, make sure you call in once a week or your name will be dropped off the list for not checking in.



Labor Management Cooperation Committee

Kenyon Plastering has a lot of private work. Recently, I found them on the Oakley Recreation Center, monitored their work and filed a complaint for wage & apprentice violations. If you see Kenyon's trucks on a jobsite, please let me know so I can follow up on the project. Perhaps it is another prevailing wage project and I can investigate. Call me at (510) 636-9943. If I don't answer, leave a message.

Other non-union plastering contractors with a lot of work in Oakland are, Trencore Plastering, Five Star Plastering, Kenyon and Cen Cal Plastering. If you happen to know any of the plasterers who work for these companies, please reach out to our new Organizer, Israel Vargas. I have provided information to him on where these companies are working, but if you know someone, Israel can pursue it and have a better chance of signing them up with Local 66.



Happy holidays, everyone. Another year has come and gone, and best of all, the work outlook for 2019, is as strong as 2018. I have six people on my out of work list. If you are out of work, please let Bob or myself know. We are always looking for journey-persons that can do interior work and specialty finish work. The rainy season is here. If you should get rained out, you can work Saturday as a make up day for straight time. If you have any questions on this, please call either hall.

I want to touch on a couple of items that I've talked about before, but I still get questions on. Gun pay, if you are working on a gun crew, you get \$5.00 per day extra. If you're a fireproofer, you get \$10.00 per day. You get \$10.00 per day if your spraying Intumescent fireproofing. You get paid parking as well as paid bridge tolls. You also get BART paid. If someone tells you, "we don't pay that stuff" let me know. If they're a signatory contractor to us, **THEY DO!!!!!!!!!!**

Let's not forget about the points account. If you have medical, dental or vision bills, you can use your points account to pay for your portion of the bill. Using your points account is simple. Fill out the HS&BA Points Account form. If you are having trouble getting the form, Bob or myself will be happy to send you one. Turn the form in with your explanation of benefits or bills to HS&BA. You should get your reimbursement check in 10 to 15 days. The minimum amount you can submit for reimbursement is \$300. That amount can come from one bill or many. If you have any questions, please Bob or me.

Christmas is right around the corner. Please take all food preparation as seriously for Christmas as you did for Thanksgiving. Cross contamination can make your guests and family members very sick. Wash all utensils and hands when in contact with raw meats. Don't use the meat knife to chop raw vegetables before

washing it. Simple, common sense food preparation, along with family and friends, will make for great holiday memories.

Work Safe, work smart
Jeff Crothers



Local 66 Organizer Report

Hello everyone; my name is Israel R. Vargas. Some of you already know that I am the organizer for Local 66. My job is to recruit new journeypersons and apprentice plasterers from non-union contractors. Bringing in these new workers will help alleviate the current manpower shortage and take advantage of the strong Bay Area plastering and fireproofing industry. Please welcome our new members and if you know someone who wants to join us, please have them contact me at (650) 438-2649. Thanks for your support, and I am looking forward to helping you. Be safe out there; Go Union!



Remember our Service Men & Women this Holiday. Their sacrifice from their families enables us to be with ours.

