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**Business Manager & Financial  
Secretary**

**Union Meeting**

Then next regular scheduled union meetings will be:

September 7, 2016 and October 5, 2016.

The meetings will be called to order at 6:00 pm by President Dan Dupree. Meetings are held in our training center located at 1150 Greg Street, Sparks, NV 89431.

**Next Union Holidays**

Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated for Labor Day then October 28<sup>th</sup> for Nevada Day.

**Memorials**

Martin Leonard, Sr. passed away on 2/5/2016. Brother "Marti" Leonard had been a U.A. member since 1973. He was a 43-year member.

Lloyd Odegard passed away on 2/17/2016. Brother Odegard had been a U.A. member since 1963. He was a 53-year "Life" member.

Stanly Paxton passed away on 3/12/2016. Brother Paxton originally became a member in 1985 and he had reinitiated in 2014.

Leroy Miller passed away on 3/23/2016. Brother Miller had been a member since 1966. He was a 49-year member.

Robert Bonnett passed away on 7/27/2016. Brother Bonnet had been a member since 1962 and was a "Life Member" of 54 years.

Robert Fuller passed away on 8/18/2016. Brother Fuller had been a member since 1960. He was a 56-year member. He was also a "Life Member".

We send out our condolences to all of the family and friends of these lost members.

**Labor Day Parade:**

On Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Virginia City will host its annual Labor Day Parade starting at noon. Local 350 will have a spot in the parade, so get there early if you want to be in the parade. Northern Nevada Building Trades Council will host a BBQ right after the parade. Come on out and help celebrate "our" holiday.

**General Convention:**

The United Association held its 39<sup>th</sup> General Convention in San Diego the first week of August. General President Bill Hite announced his retirement and the delegates elected Brother

Mark McManus to succeed him. Brother Hite did an excellent job of "Righting the Ship" and getting our organization heading in a direction we can all be proud of. I believe that Brother McManus will continue down that path, with some new and fresh ideas, that will make us a better and stronger union in the future. Happy retirement Brother Hite.

#### Picnic

We held our annual picnic and service awards ceremony in June. We had a great turnout, ate a lot of food, drank a lot of beer and had a good time. We had great participation from our contractors and that made for a really fun raffle. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

#### N.B.O.P.E.

Reno City Council has adopted an ordinance that requires all journeyman plumbers to have the N.B.O.P.E. Plumbing License on all projects, except residential, in the city of Reno. All apprentices will be required to be registered with a state approved apprenticeship program. The ordinance will take effect in December.

### **Freddy Sheehan** **Business Agent**

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Work outlook in our area looks very promising.

#### Southland Industries

The Mills project has been getting busier and other phases have been released. Our members have done a great job to ensure that the owner is happy with our performance.

#### Savage & Son

Reno's oldest has a lot of work with more being bid. They are currently working at Aqua Metals (a battery recycling plant), UNR Sport Center, Renown Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, the Atlantis

and also doing the underground at Bentley Creamery Distillery in Minden.

#### RHP

They have a lot of work in Winnemucca at the hospital and a new recreation center as well as a new Boys & Girls Club. They are also working on a BLM retrofit. In Fallon they have a law enforcement center. They are working on a project called DNA, a process plant in Fernley. RHP has picked up a project called Mary's Gone Crackers and two jobs at South Lake Tahoe, a mechanical retrofit at the community college and a new Tahoe Beach Club.

#### J.W. McClenahan

They are rocking and rolling at South Lake Tahoe with Zalanta and Edgewood Golf Course Resort. Welks Condos at North Star is going strong and they are still working at Truckee Forest Hospital. They are getting ready to start a renovation at Charles River Laboratories.

#### Harder Mechanical

Tesla is going strong and is continuing to grow in size. This job is currently on a 4-10's schedule and is also working spotty overtime.

#### Johnson Plumbing

They are working on a mechanical HVAC system upgrade at Katherine Dunn Elementary School and are working on a new club house at the Ritz Carlton at the lake. They were awarded an expansion at Wild West Chevrolet. Johnson also has a project at Jeanell Housing in Carson City with more work on the books getting ready to start.

#### Advanced Piping Design

This union CAD company is busy and getting busier. Our union members and the owner have created a great name for themselves and continue to gain more work.

## MMC Contractors

This company has opened an office in Sparks and is working at Switch Data Center. They are bidding on other projects in the area and are planning to stay here.

There are some big projects in our area out to bid. We are waiting to hear who will be awarded the work. I would like to say thank you to all of our travelers for their help to meet all of our contractor's needs. Our brothers and sisters have had some good recognition of performance and qualifications. So let's keep it up and stay current on the certifications and let everyone know that we are the best and the most qualified.

## Randy Canale **Apprenticeship Coordinator**

The best way to predict the future is to create it.  
-Peter Drucker

### **Training Center News**

Hello to all and hope everyone has been enjoying the nice (hot) weather. Hard to believe it's Labor Day weekend already, but hope everyone enjoys the holiday and take a few moments to reflect on exactly what this holiday honors; which is those who came before us and fought for the workers' rights that opened the door for the rights we have now, and those we must continue to fight for as the unorganized and uneducated continue to try to make inroads on our work with minimal skills and for unjust wages.

We have started another school year and I would like to once again thank all the instructors who have put so much hard work into their classes. I would also like to congratulate them on their success rates for those that have been doing the certification classes. These classes have become more and more difficult to pass as the standards in the industry for legitimate contractors

continue to advance. We should be proud of the level of competence we continue to offer our signatory contractors on every jobsite we go onto, and it begins with the dedication that these individuals have in helping to train both our present, and our future.

The bathroom remodel was completed in June, and it is the first of the projects we have planned for the training center both aesthetically and functionally in the near future, so keep an eye out for those as they get done.

Anyone who has had the NBOPE certification and has let it expire at any time since its inception can get it renewed by December 1 by either doing the 8 hour continuing education course we are offering, or taking the 40 question, open book test online through: NationalITC.com. Either way, there is a \$30.00 charge to re-up for 3 more years. This is something we fought hard for through the City of Reno and are planning on getting a state requirement through the state legislature next session, so make sure you are up to date and certified.

Hope everyone has a great fall and the new school calendar with both the apprentice and journeyman classes are available here at the training center and is posted on the Local 350 website at: [ualocal350.org](http://ualocal350.org)

The following classes are starting soon and please call the training center to get on the lists to be notified so you don't miss out on them.

Medical gas refresher: TBD Early October 4 hours plus the test.

NBOPE Continuing Education classes: Late September/Early October 8 hours

Foreman Certification: Oct. 4-27 with Tuesday and Thursday night classes and day classes on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Test will be given on the 27<sup>th</sup>.



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