

# THE CONNECTOR



Iron Workers Local 498 - 5640 Sockness Dr., Rockford, IL 61109 – 815/873-9180 June/July 2021

## From the Business Manager:

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

I hope everyone is doing well in spite of the work picture that has not been good so far this year. I know there is work on the books, but some work is getting pushed out. There have been numerous supply issues for some of our materials. Cullen has the Ingersoll Project and Harris Davis has the rebar. The bulk of the work will be later towards the end of the year. I do believe both casinos will go, there will be bridge work and some WWT Plant work, Rock County is planning a new Sheriff's Building and Jail, Syngenta R&D Facility in Malta, Rockford Library and Mixed-Use Development is being bid now for later this year, and the main portion of Nelson will be in the Fall.

For those that use our website and pay dues online, you can save the Local 498 website as an icon on your phone, some of you may have done this already but some may not have. The way to do it is open the website in your main browser (Chrome for Android and Safari for Apple) use the Share Button and you can save it to your Home Screen. Then when you hit the Local 498 Icon it takes you directly to the website.

The Golf outing was a success with 70 golfers. We will have likely generated about \$10K for The Building Trades – Blais Memorial Scholarship Fund that helps Trades men and women's children attend college. Thanks to all that attended and donated. I think over all it went well.

Next month's meeting we will have 68<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Dave Vella come in to address the members. He will have information for them regarding what's been happening in the state and down in Springfield. Some of you know that his office and his Chief of Staff have been helping our members sort out their unemployment issues.

I would like to remind people that coming up in October we will be having our Health Screening like we do every year. Keep an eye out for the flyer that will come in the mail, and I will send out something when it gets closer, and I have an official date. This is a good opportunity get checked out for free and to try and catch any health issues early. I would encourage as many to sign up when given the chance. Plus, you will get \$100 each for you and your spouse put on your HRA Card. It is a good deal.

If anyone has any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to call me and ask or stop down. My door is always open.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend coming up.

In solidarity,

Mark



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Work seems to be picking up a bit, however it is still slower than usual. Cobb Industrial is at the Amazon site which is the old Bergner's. They are off to a slow start but will have taken three members and will be using Area erectors for a small portion. Earlier in June we picketed down at the Sterling Steel Mill against Thorpe Sunbelt for seven days, they are a nonunion furnace installer from Texas. We did not get anywhere, and I hope those actions don't change the outcome of future projects at the mill. I caught Federal Rent A Fence down in Malta doing some temp fence and they ended up getting an Ironworker from the hall. Also, Habco Engineers and Erectors were down at Nippon Sharyo doing some truss reinforcement. I tried contacting them several ways with no luck. We threatened to put up a picket and the general called Mark and assured him they would be gone in a couple of days and that the rest of our work should be good. JB Concrete is at the new Chic Filet in Machesney Park I was able to get members on that project through a new local contractor Superior Erectors. As always, don't hesitate to text or call 815-721-3058 if you see something going on around our local.

In solidarity,

Keith Gahl



## **Apprenticeship Coordinator**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

With Governor Pritzker opening up Illinois to Phase 5 for Covid 19 guidelines and following the CDC's guidelines we will be requiring all Apprentices to attend the meetings starting with next month's (July) meeting once again. I'm sure you've heard me say this, but I will say it once again. It is important for you Apprentices to attend these meetings so you can have a better grasp of how everything works.

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> - Fall Semester Begins

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> - Weld Test

In Solidarity,

Paul Kauffman

**Local 498 Calendar**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day!**

**July 20 – Regular Membership Meeting**

**Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> - Fall Semester Begins**

**Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Weld Test**

Reminder, the Executive Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. The retirees' meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Alpine View Restaurant (Charles St. and Alpine) in Rockford. Contact Ralph Peterson – 815/234-8163.

**We are sorry to announce the passing of the following Iron Workers:**

<b>George “Dan” Weeks</b>	<b>05/06/2021</b>	<b>Death Benefit Participant</b>
<b>Steven Knoll</b>	<b>05/21/2021</b>	<b>Death Benefit Participant</b>
<b>Chad Monier</b>	<b>05/22/2021</b>	

