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Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
of the United States and Canada*
LOCAL UNION No. 13

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WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

First and foremost, I hope all is well with you and yours. As we all know, these are challenging times as we all navigate the momentous impact of Covid-19 on our daily lives and loved ones, we are also faced with reality that our livelihoods could be impacted significantly. Its time to stay flexible and positive through the uncertainty. Try to stay positive to set good examples for our families and brothers and sisters. I am in constant contact with the UA and our Signatory Contractors to do whatever it takes to keep our job sites open to keep us employed. Please remember that family does come first and there are avenues through the Paid Family Leave act to help you if you do have to stay home. Details on that information will be sent to you by our Fund Office.

If your job site gets shutdown or if you are let go because of lack of work, unemployment benefits has waived the waiting week until further notice. As always please contact us if you are out of work.

We will be sending all our administrative staff home to work remotely. Please make sure that you watch for texts and emails to stay informed on how to contact who you need to keep up on any needs you may have.

Todd Northrop and Jim Caternolo will be rotating every other day manning the front desk. The union hall is on lock down so please call if you have any questions.

Steve Ostrander will be in the Fund Office Monday – Friday for anything you need regarding your funds.

I will be in the office Monday – Friday. Unless, I need to attend one on one meetings regarding Rochester Building Trades, members, and our signatory contractors.

Please read the Labor News, text messages and emails to keep up to date and we will be sending out a monthly letter through the mail from the Union and Benefit side keeping you updated.

Please call me, text me, or email me if you have any questions. Office (585) 338-2360 Ext. 114, my cell phone at (585) 766-1199 and my email is billk@ualocal13.org.

The CBA and raise allocation vote as you all should know by now will still be taking place on Tuesday March 24th from 3pm – 6pm. There will be strict guidelines regarding social distancing. The directions regarding this will be posted on the front door and available for

you to review on site before you enter the voting area. There will be two people in the parking lot to guide you to the directions and answering any questions. Please remember to stay at least six feet away from everyone as you ask questions and from your brothers and sisters. There will be six stations for voting just inside the overhead door on the south east side of our Training Center and manned by non-officer member proctors that will answer any questions you may have.

At our regular meeting in February we went through the contract and the raise allocations and answered all the questions. If you have any questions regarding our CBA and raise allocations, please call me at the office (585) 338-2360 Ext. 114 or my cell phone at (585) 766-1199. If I do not answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you ASAP.

This is a very good contract that we are voting on. One of the best ones that we have seen in sometime. Please remember for some unknown reason that if it happens to get voted down because of Covid-19 our current CBA would be extended for one year and no raises would take place this year. We would have to renegotiate and with so much uncertainty, our next negotiations could possibly be not as progressive.

Rest assured that Local 13 will be in constant contact with you to provide you all the updates regarding Covid-19, our work situation, and any union and fund office information that you need to be aware of.

We want you to remember in the days, weeks and months ahead that you are part of a Union family and that we will never stop fighting for you. We will be progressive in trying to keep your job sites open and you informed.

Someday this will level off and I believe the country and the UA will be stronger that it has ever been.

PLEASE STAY SAFE!

REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING! Protect from spreading Covid-19, protect yourselves, your family and the brothers and sisters of Local 13.

FAMILY FIRST!

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

I AM FRATENALLY YOURS,



William Kurtz

Business Manager