



Aero Lodge 834

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Local Lodge News

ELECTION NOTICE

Election Notice

June 11, 2011

Election

Machinists Bldg.

3830 South Meridian

Wichita, Kansas

Polls open:

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Make a
Difference
VOTE!!!**

Local Lodge 834 will hold a rerun election for the following positions,

District Delegate (1 Position)

2nd Shift Safety (1 Position)

Kansas State Council (1 Position)

Audit Committee (1 Position)

on June 11, 2011 at the Machinists Building, 3830 S. Meridian, in Wichita, Kansas. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Only members who previously ran for the position in the December 2010 election will appear on the ballot. Action was taken at the April, 2011 meeting to declare plurality sufficient for election and any ties will be settled by a coin toss.

Please come out and support the candidate of your choice.

Sam Bell Elected by Proclamation

Brother Sam Bell was elected as the new Recording Secretary of Local Lodge 834 by proclamation at the May 14th meeting of the lodge. He was the only member nominated to serve during the nominating process making him the winner by default. The first official act of the new Recording Secretary... stand and cast a unanimous ballot for himself. Congratulations to Sam, we know he will do a great job for the membership.

Special Thanks to Frank Lopez

The Executive Board of Local Lodge 834 would like to extend a special thank you to outgoing Recording Secretary Frank Lopez. Even though he was laid off, Brother Frank finished his term and continued to assist others during the transition and election of our new Recording Secretary. Thank you Frank for your outstanding service to our organization.



Communication does not begin with being understood, but with understanding.
-W. Steven Brown-

I recently returned from a legislative conference in Washington D.C. and one thing that stood out the most as we talked to our Senators and Congressmen is that they just don't get it. They don't understand what we already know....that the "working class" is what made this country great. American corporations keep sending our jobs to other countries instead of keeping them here in the United States. They use the excuse that labor costs in the US are too high because of the unions. The simple truth is that "corporate greed" has become blatantly evident by the outrageous executive bonuses totaling in the tens of millions of dollars while the av-

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erage worker doesn't make enough to buy a house, a car, or a college education for their children. To make things worse, our politicians continue to give huge tax breaks to big corporations that continue to export our jobs out of the country while overtaxing the middle class.

As workers, the one common desire we all have is to make a fair wage so that we can raise a family and enjoy the fruits of our labor. To do that, I want to encourage each and every one of you to be involved in the political process. Whether you write to your representatives, attend political rallies or go door to door talking to your neighbors...do something!

One of the best and easiest ways to make a difference is to give to your union's Political Action Committee (PAC) fund. This is a way in which we can pool our contributions together to support candidates and make a bigger political impact than we could individually. The IAM's PAC fund is the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL). The MNPL scrutinizes each candidate thoroughly. They ask tough questions such as their positions on trade, labor law reform, economic conversion, transportation policies, and enhancement of the U.S. manufacturing base. Candidates we support know that the MNPL stands for

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The Fighting Machinists
We're on the Web: www.ll834.org

Local Lodge 834 Executive Board

President—Dan Rutherford
Vice President—Craig Schiefelbein
Recording Secretary—Sam Bell
Secretary Treasurer—Garland “Bear” Moore
Sentinel/Conductor—Norm Alexander
Trustees—David “Fonzy” Robertson
Kirk Church
Trent Bible
Communicator—Garland “Bear” Moore
Educator—To Be Determined
Web Steward—Norm Alexander
Editor—Mike Thomas

**ATTEND YOUR LOCAL LODGE 834
MONTHLY MEETING**

Second Saturday of Every Month
3830 S. Meridian, Wichita, Kansas 67217
Executive Board Meeting—8:30 AM
Regular Monthly Meeting—10:00 AM

A Message From the President

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economic justice, security in the workplace and equality for every member. They do not take us for granted.

I want to leave you with this message. We can't sit on the sidelines and let our politicians, who are mostly loyal to the big money of the corporations make new laws that attempt to take away our right to belong to a union. “Union” is not a four letter word and we should be proud to be a member of the Fighting Machinists. Let's go out and educate our co-workers, friends and neighbors who don't belong to a union and get them to join the thousands of Machinists who earn a decent wage and other benefits that every one of us deserve.

In Solidarity,

Dan Rutherford
President, Local Lodge 834

***Attend Your Local Lodge 834
Monthly Business Meeting***

In Memoriam

Remember Those Who Passed Before Us!



We should all take a little extra time to remember our friends, family members, our union brothers and sisters that fought to give us a better way of life, and the courageous men and women of our armed forces who fought and died so that we can live in freedom. As we all grow older, we all seem to get caught up in the rat race of life. Take some extra time and go back to that gravesite or that special place that you use to enjoy with a loved one. Take your kids with you and tell them all about those special times, so that they will know how special those who passed before us were to you and the impact they had on your life. We must never forget.

NLRB versus Boeing

On April 20, 2011, the National Labor Relations Board issued a complaint against the Boeing Company. In the complaint the NLRB alleges that Boeing's decision to move a 787 final assembly line to Charleston, South Carolina was illegal retaliation against members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. The outcome of this case will have a dramatic impact on organized labor in this country. It seems to have caused quite a stir in the halls of Congress with unbelievable attempts to bypass the law and render the NLRB powerless. This case is quite interesting and you can follow the results on the District 751 website at www.iam751.org and the IAM&AW website at www.goiam.org.

**United Way
of the Plains**

Help Tornado Victims In Reading, KS and Joplin, MO



United Way of the Plains has established a tornado relief fund for the long term recovery efforts in Reading, Kansas and Joplin, Missouri. The United Way Tornado Relief Fund will serve as a central collection point for anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to help these victims. The fund will be administered by United Way of the Plains with no administration charge; 100 percent of each gift will go to disaster recovery assistance. Donors can designate their gift to assist in either Reading, Kansas or Joplin, Missouri. Donors should make checks payable to United Way Tornado Relief, and mail to United Way of the Plains, 245 N. Water, Wichita, KS 67202. Disasters such as these require the services of many organizations, especially for on-going assistance in the future.

Remain a Member of Local Lodge 834

Are you traveling to Seattle to work for an extended period of time? You may be asked to transfer your union membership to District 751. Please let our brothers and sisters of District 751 know that you wish to remain a member of Local Lodge 834. While our union brothers and sisters of 751 in Seattle are perfectly within their rights to ask you to transfer your membership, you should know that an agreement was reached beforehand allowing you to retain your LL834 membership. With respect to 751, it is important to stay a member of LL834 because the union dues that go to our local lodge help us build a strike fund and buy food and supplies during a strike. Without these funds, we will not be able to help our members during a work stoppage.

Organizing Report

Local Lodge 834 has 458 persons in the bargaining unit with 377 members for a total membership of 82.3 per cent.