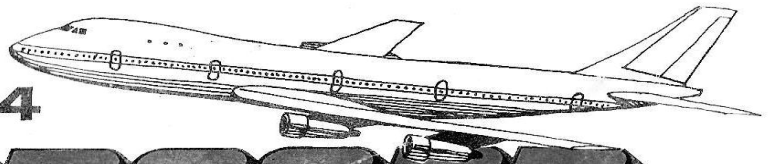


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Happy Holiday Season from 834

LL834 Food Drive Continues



**IAM LOCAL LODGE 834 FOOD DRIVE
SPONSERED BY YOUR COMMUNITY
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**PLEASE DONATE NON-PARISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ONLY
CONTINUEING TILL DECEMBER 18**

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE LOCAL LODGE BUILDING
AT:**

**3917 E. MACARTHUR
DROP OFF IN THE LL 834 OFFICE**

**DROP OFF DAYS ARE:
EACH FRIDAY AFTER PAY DAY
8 AM – 4 PM**

**(MONITARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED)
CONTINUEING UNTIL CHRISTMAS
DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO MARIO'S PANTRY AT THE
UNITED WAY OF THE PLAINES**

DONATION DATES AFTER OCTOBER 23RD ARE:

**DECEMBER 4
DECEMBER 18**

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY SO OTHERS MIGHT ENJOY
A BETTER HOLIDAY SEASON**

Check the LL834 and District Lodge 70 web sites often
Attend 834 monthly meetings
Second Saturday of every month at:

See you there!

District Lodge 70
3830 S. Meridian
Wichita, KS
E-Board Meeting 8:45 AM
Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM

Will President Obama Visit Wichita?

By Denise Harris, Editor

Labor strongly supported Barack Obama in his successful bid for President of the United States and at this time last year we celebrated his win as our own. Now, we think it is time for President Obama to pay the piper. He has announced plans to hold a White House "jobs summit" on December 3. His plan is to visit parts of the country that have been hit hard by unemployment.

Let's see... could there possibly be a city in the US with several major aircraft manufacturers who have layed off thousands of highly paid, skilled workers many of whom have never faced unemployment because being an aircraft worker used to MEAN something? Could there be a place where thousands more aircraft workers bare their necks precariously on the chopping block while fat-cat, bonus-bloated a-holes (yeah, I said it) hold an axe in one hand and their golden parachutes in the other all the while whining about having to pay out profits to the people who build the product instead of pocketing more for themselves? And, could that city be positioning itself to have a population of only below minimum wage service workers and skilled workers forced into early retirement or being subsidized by government agencies?

Man, if only there was a city that already has a 7.9 percent unemployment rate which Boeing has promised to raise very soon and has seen over 13,000 union-represented jobs lost just in the last year with thousands more before that. Wouldn't that just be a terrific starting place for this "tour of terror" he is planning? If only there was such a city wouldn't that city just be proud as a peacock to show President Obama how quickly it can hand a man a list of agencies who are there to comfort him as he descends from \$30.00+ per hour with benefits to \$370.00 per week with jack-squat-nothin'?

Hey, there really is such a place, Dorothy. It is our own Air Capitol of the World... (wait for it...) Wichita, Kansas. And, while President Obama is here feeling our pain, he could offer us a helping hand by goosing the process to get Boeing the Air Force contract for air-refueling tankers that we deserve. Along with that goose, we would love to hear him say that he would never allow an Air Force One to be handled by anyone but American Union workers on American soil. And if he made that statement while standing on our ramp, that just might convince us the Obama administration really believes us when we say we need JOBS not handouts and we need them NOW.

More After-Christmas Layoffs

While stores around Wichita look forward to the usual aircraft-workers' wild and crazy holiday spending sprees of years past, Boeing has already given many of us our walking papers for Christmas.

Now, I'm the first one to admit that back in the good ole' days, I could throw around the cash like nobody's business. I'm sure there were many, many of us who just *glanced* at price tags and the stores loved to see us coming with our shiny Boeing badges. The "Lazy B" workers were out in force on "Black Friday", just eat our dust.

While I'm sure there are a lot of stores out there who still might recall the Golden Age of the Aircraft Worker it has now become an urban legend. "Hop up on my knee, sonny, and I'll tell you a tale of a magical land where dreams came true if only you rubbed your hand on the Union Contract book."

Lots of us are second and third generation Boeing workers. However, the MAJOR stockholders who own companies like Boeing don't really take communities into consideration anymore. Heck, the guy who runs the facility doesn't even have to live in the same city we do as is evidenced by the rotating leadership of our little IDS. It becomes OUR home away from home but the guy running the place spends barely a few days per week in Wichita. Gone are the days of looking up and seeing some Mahogany Row director wandering around just to see what's going on. No more Boeing executives on Wichita community project committees.

We are right here poised at the end of an era that our grandfathers worked hard to protect us from. It is now up to us to not go gentle into that good night. We must burn and rave at close of day and rage, rage against the dying of the light.

IN SOLIDARITY

If you have some time during your day, please open your contract book and remind yourself *these are the words* we have walked the line to protect so many times. While some may try to convince us that the trend is toward a "no strike clause" in Union/Company agreements, we **KNOW** our strength is in our collective right to withhold our labor. There is nothing stronger than our right to **STRIKE!**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAVE A SAFE NEW YEAR FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND STAFF OF AERO LODGE 834

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