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- Organizing
- Education
- Training
- Experience
- Knowledge

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## **July 2020 MEETINGS**

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July7, 2020 5:00pm Local 70 Office 2722 County Road D East, White Bear Lake, MN

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

#### ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEETING

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## PLEASE NOTE

The Local 70 office will be closed Friday, July 3, 2020 to observe the the 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Holiday!

# FROM THE DESK OF DAVID MONSOUR, BUSINESS MANAGER

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. After all, that is why we brave our long and often frosty winters. This year was a bit different. This year just as the end was near and we were all thinking of going outside to enjoy the beginning of Spring we were stricken by an unheard-of flu like catastrophe. COVID - 19.

We have not seen this kind of rampant problem in over 100 years. Yet it was upon us. The Governor responded appropriately with a stay at home order. Schools were closed along with many businesses. Many businesses simply closed, and many will never reopen.

Now, as we approach July, we are waiting to see what will happen next. Will we be back to normal when the fall arrives, and it is time for children to return to school? Will the colleges and universities reopen for normal attendance?

Last week the Governor announced that the state will decide by the end of July on how we will re-open. Many retail businesses have reopened but not in the capacity that we enjoyed not that long ago. We have a presidential election coming up in November, will this pandemic like situation affect the vote. I am concerned that the politicians will put the situation in play, perhaps as a tactic to encourage or perhaps discourage voters from turning out in massive numbers. Logic tells us that perhaps we should take advantage of the law in the state of Minnesota which allows all voters the right to vote by mail. We do not have to provide a reason to take advantage of vote by mail. A voter need only contact the state <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/">https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/</a> and request an absentee ballot, follow the instructions and vote. Please do not be deterred with what you may have read or heard regarding fears of voter fraud. Do your part, make your voices heard.

Here at the Local we continue with our regular duties. Negotiating contracts, enforcing contracts. Meeting with the membership albeit many of these meetings are online, over the phone or utilizing a variety of software programs that allow us to meet via computer video conference.

We will get through this by working together and observing common sense rules. I realize that we have members that do not regard this virus as a real problem. I, myself, observe the face covering suggestions provided by the CDC. I wash my hands more than I have ever done in the past. I try to observe social distancing. I encourage others to do so as well but ultimately the decision is yours.

# Education is the Key to a Sustainable Future 64 Hour Refrigeration Course

<u>Description:</u> The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that 65.6% of HVACR service personnel in the industry in the year 2020 will be people not in the industry today. It is fact that the better an operating engineer's skill, the better his or her chances of securing and maintaining a job. It's also a fact that in today's job market that jobs are hard to come by, which places added emphasis on the individual's proficiency, diversity of skill and grade of licensure. This class provides hands on training of the refrigeration system operation, troubleshooting and maintenance of residential and commercial refrigeration systems, ice machines and air conditioning units and will include at the completion an opportunity to accrue a CFC certificate.

- Brief System Theory
- Systems and System Types
- Tools and Equipment
- System Evacuation
- · System Charging
- Compressors
- Electrical Troubleshooting Control Circuits
- Refrigeration and Refrigerants
- General Safety Practices
- Soldering Practices
- Refrigerant Recovery
- Evaporators and Condensers
- Expansion Devices
- Ice Machine/Trouble Shooting & Maintenance

**About the Instructor:** Scott Marsyla is a graduate of Dunwoody College of Technology. He has an Associate's degree in Residential and Commercial HVAC/R and has 13 years of field experience. Licenses and certificates include Chief C Boiler's license, Universal CFC Certification, 401A Certification, Authorized OSHA Instructor and is a Hazwoper Instructor.

<u>Dates and Times:</u> This class will be held eight (8) Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, **19<sup>th</sup>**, **26<sup>th</sup>**,/**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **10<sup>th</sup>**, **17<sup>th</sup>**, **24<sup>th</sup>** and **31<sup>st</sup>**, **2020**.

**Location:** Classes will be held at the Local 70 office, located at: 2722 County Road D East in White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110 (one block North of Hwy 694).

<u>Cost:</u> Tuition for the class is \$590.00 for International Union of Operating Engineers members and \$790.00 for non-members. (Cost of educational materials included in price of tuition) An additional fee of \$100.00 is required for a student who wants to test for the CFC Certification and must be paid by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the class.

**How to Register:** To register for the class, please fill out the registration form and mail along with payment to the Local 70 office. You will not be registered for the class until payment and form is received. When registering - In order to provide this training, Local 70 <u>MUST</u> receive payment (**Check or Money Order Only**) from each student or their employer prior to **September 4, 2020**. **Cancellations will not be accepted after September 4, 2020**. Receipt for payment will be mailed. Please call Betty at 651-289-2972 with any questions you may have regarding registration or payment.

**<u>Tuition Reimbursement:</u>** Check with your employer for possible tuition reimbursement.







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## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Please make sure you notify the Local 70 office at 651-646-4566 with any changes in your home mailing address, job location, hours you are working and wage information. We want to maintain accurate information on our members so you receive important mailings and other information pertaining to union membership, pension information, proposal meetings and contract votes for your job site. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

