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NOVEMBER 2020 MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
5:00pm-North St. Paul American Legion Post #39
2678-7th Avenue E, North St. Paul MN

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEETING

THE ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEETINGS
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

November 11, 2020, to observe
Veteran’s Day
and we will also be closed
November 26th and 27th, 2020,
to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

VETERANS DAY
November.....Welcome to Minnesota.

October passed like the wind around our offices. We have already experienced a couple of measurable snowfalls. The weather wizards are forecasting a heavier than usual snow season and I hope everyone is prepared for that. As I write this month’s newsletter update, I can look out my window and see the snow starting to fall.

The Twins have wrapped their season and the Vikings are not performing as many had hoped. Another fall in God’s country.

Things are progressing here at the Local. School District contracts that had expired at the end of June are starting to reach settlements. Most of our members employed at the Public schools are back to work. Most but definitely not all. School Districts have yet to fully open.

We continue to operate as close to normal as possible. Our office remains open on a limited access basis. Members by appointment only. Visitors and guest required to be masked. Participants in our training classes are screened and required to mask up. I know the current environment is not pleasant for anyone, but for the foreseeable future it is the new normal.

Election Day will soon be upon us. I know many have already voted and many more of are old school and want to vote in person on Tuesday, November 3rd. Whatever your method of casting you ballot, I am asking that you VOTE. By now everyone should have researched the candidates, determined which ones support the issues important to you and made your decision on who to vote for. I am a strong defender of a persons right to vote, actually I think it is a persons responsibility to vote. If you do not vote, don’t complain about the results. Either way, I am hoping for a record number of ballots cast. Along with that I am praying for a peaceful transition of power once all the votes have been counted. The future of our nation depends on exactly that as does the future of the Local and Unions across our United States of America.

I know many of our members are already planning on celebrating the holidays as they had in prior years. That may not be the case this year. Many in the medical profession are cautioning large gatherings as they have since this past March. At least over the summer months we could take advantage of the outdoors, where socially distancing is more easily accomplished. Like every winter here in the northland, people tend to move all activities indoors where everyone is closer and consequently more exposed to things such as the flu, this year additional precautions are warranted. People like to travel over the holidays as well. Please practice caution, be aware of your health and the health of others. Safe travels, Happy Holidays.

Be safe, wash your hands and mask up.

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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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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