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PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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## Brothers & Sisters

After a couple of years of slim employment and trying times for our membership, Local 800 has finally hit a good run of work for everyone. With the long hours, and not always the best places to ply our trade, we will endure. With long hours, comes thin patience, thin skin and fat wallets.

We must, at all times, remember that we are proud tradesmen and tradeswomen. We took the Oath when we were initiated. As in 1889, the words in the Oath still ring true today; "I will, at all times, assist members of the United Association to the extent of my ability, defend them when unjustly treated or slandered, and cultivate for each and every member the warmest friendship and brotherly love."

Brothers and Sisters, the long hours have led to absenteeism. Some days, it is an epidemic. When a call is put in for x amount of days, we are expected to work these days. Our Contractors are counting on us to show up and to put in a fair day for a fair pay.

The client, Vale, is expecting the Contractor to finish their work. One Supervisor put it to me like this one day. If you were working in a car plant on the assembly line and you were on the bumper assembly detail and every week you were absent a day or two, there would be a lot of cars going down the road without a bumper.

People who work in hospitals that take care of the sick, work long hours and have one of the most trying jobs taking care of people when they are at their most vulnerable. These workers are mentally and physically challenged by their tasks every day. Yet, they remain pleasant and caring professionals in every way.

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We are supposed to be the Piping Professionals of the UA. Fitters, Plumbers and Welders of the UA are the, "Cream of the Building Trades". Yet, for some members on these long but lucrative jobs, they have become a little sour.

I have heard that the leaders of the UA are losing what our forefathers left us with. I think, it is more like, we are messing up what our forefathers left us.

Brother and Sisters, remember to take pride in your work. It is your chosen career and you are standing on the backs of the proud Tradesmen who have come before you. Now is your time to shine. Be careful and be the best you can be.

#### 508 BENEFIT PLAN

Recently in the Sault, Trustee, Doug Baic, retired from the 508 Benefit & Pension Trust. As the 508 Plan text reads; we shall have five (5) Trustees. Also, as stated in the text, the Local may hold an election or appoint a member to the Board until the said retired member's term is up. Please welcome back Nathan Nie, who has been appointed as Trustee for the balance of the term. We would like to thank retiring Board member, Doug Baic, for his perseverance and dedication to the 508 Board of Trustees and to the members of the 508 Benefit & Pension Trust.

#### REMINDER:

The Locals Golf Tournament will be held on SATURDAY JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> with a shot-gun start at 11 AM at Pinegrove Golf Course in Sudbury.

The Fishing Derby is on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> at 8 AM on White Water Lake.

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Please note that the June membership meetings will be the last until September. So, have a safe, happy and prosperous summer.

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