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**Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

**PROVINCIAL ELECTION:**

Please make every effort to vote in this very important Provincial election on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Some of the conservative's platforms that would hurt all construction workers are:

- ❖ 1:1 Apprenticeship ratios.
- ❖ Dramatically reduce/eliminate a lot of the green energy jobs, such as the solar wind and peak power in Local Union 115 area.
- ❖ Ministry of Labour Safety Inspectors, we believe would be reduced over time to Mike Harris levels; less than half of today's levels.
- ❖ The initiatives by the conservatives that are listed above mean journeypersons will work less and there will be less enforcement of safety issues on construction sites by the Ministry of Labour. Also, this will mean the apprentices; the future of the trades will NOT have the same amount of mentoring and learning available to them.

Please talk to your neighbours and friends and have them recognize the importance of this election for tradespeople. Your future depends on it!

**2012 O.P.C. HOCKEY TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS:**

We will be hosting the 2012 O.P.C. Annual Hockey Tournament April 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Invista Centre in Kingston. We are looking for volunteers for the Organizing Committee and for volunteers to be hosts at the tournament. Please contact the hall if you are interested in volunteering.

**2011 O.P.C. BASEBALL TOURNAMENT:**

The annual O.P.C. tournament was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Toronto. Our team had the following results:

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Game 1 | Won by 2 runs over Oshawa             |
| Game 2 | Lost to Kitchener by 4                |
| Game 3 | Won by 12 over Toronto                |
| Game 4 | Won by 4 over Barrie                  |
| Game 5 | Lost to Kitchener in B – Finals 14-12 |

Thank you to the 11 guys who attended. Thanks to Mike Vandermeer for organizing the tournament on behalf of the local.

**KINGSTON AND BELLEVILLE UNIT GOLF TOURNAMENTS:**

The tournaments were held on Friday, September 9, 2011. The weather was good. Thanks to the 32 members who participated in Kingston as well as the contractors who donated prizes. Thanks to Nedco and Daltco. Thank you to Boyd Hartley, Jim Kish and Mark Maziarski for organizing the tournaments. Hope to see everyone at next year's tournament.

**CORNWALL UNIT MEETINGS TIME CHANGE:**

The members at the last Cornwall unit meeting have decided to try a 6:30 p.m. start time for the duration of the year to see if it will increase attendance.

**CONDOLENCES:**

We are sorry to inform the membership, Brother Robert J. Johnston passed away on August 23, 2011. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family at this time.

**WORK PICTURE:**

In Belleville ~ The courthouse will man up in the spring, only a few before that. We expect Proctor & Gamble to stay busy with the new building and new line. In Kingston ~ The new housing units at Collin's Bay, Millhaven and Bath institutions are now closing with non-union competition. We are still waiting for the new theater complex at Queen's to come out to tender. In Brockville ~ There is nothing new to report. In Cornwall ~ We are waiting to see who is successful at the Target Distribution Centre. Loblaw's Distribution Centre won't start until the spring. The pre-qualifications are now being done for the sewage plant.

On the road ~ Local 586 Ottawa, ON and Local 105 Hamilton, ON will be busy this fall as well as the Saskatchewan Locals.

**OCTOBER MEETING DATES:**

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| Kingston – Union Hall 7:00 p.m.                 | Thursday, October 6, 2011              |
| Belleville – Best Western 7:00 p.m.             | Tuesday, October 4, 2011               |
| Brockville – Days Inn Brockville 7:30 p.m.      | <b><u>Monday, October 3, 2011*</u></b> |
| Cornwall – Parkway Inn <b><u>6:30 p.m.*</u></b> | Monday, October 11, 2011               |

***\*\*Please note changes. \*\****

Please attend your Unit Meeting as it is a source of valuable information. Until then, work and drive safe.

Fraternally,

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