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NEWS

What a Year

From Janus to Amazon and UPS...and even #MeToo, organized labor figured prominently in the headlines this year. Here are 8 of the most important national stories affecting worker rights in 2018.

Switcheroo

In conservative Kansas, there’s some jumping ship going on as former GOPers see a brighter future on the other side of the aisle. “The party switching comes after a nationwide surge of Democratic voters in suburban areas, and some state lawmakers are now aligning themselves with this new political reality.”
Incoming Kansas governor Laura Kelly wants Labor to have a louder voice in the Sunflower State. She has assembled a labor and commerce transition team (Carpenters representative Joe Hudson – back row, second from left) that is helping Kelly and her staff set policy and priorities for the next four years. One key recommendation: A stronger focus on fraudulent business practices, namely the misclassification of workers and the use of independent contractors. This has long been a topic of national concern within the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council and Benefit Office Holiday Hours

Office Closings
The Council and Benefit Offices will be closed Monday, December 24, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

If you have an emergency regarding your Medical or Prescription coverage that can't wait until January 2, check out the emergency on-call hours:

Benefit Office Emergency On-Call Hours
Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28
7a - 4:30p, Member calls only, press 7
Phone 314.644.4802 / Toll-free 877.232.3863

From our homes to yours, Happy Holidays!

Refer a Friend, Win $200!

Allen Roofing is hiring roofers! If you refer a friend who gets hired, you'll get rewarded with $200 from the Council after they complete 30 work days on the job.

Know any good candidates? Have them fill out the job application here: https://goo.gl/oLLPMh.

Have a question? Contact Keith Taylor by calling (314) 393-5847 or emailing kotaylor@carpdc.org.
1310 POKER TOURNEY
Ante up for the CRC Scholarship Fund. Local 1310's annual poker tournament is set for Saturday, March 23

GET DETAILS HERE

MOUSE RACES
What: 14th Annual Mouse Race & Rodent Roulette
When: Sat. Feb 23, 2019
Where: Carpenters Hall
Call (314) 644-4800 or (800) 332-7188 ext.5250 to reserve your spot.

GET DETAILS HERE
*Benefiting the CRC Scholarship Fund*

BASS TOURNAMENT
Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the CRC's annual bass tournament is set for Saturday, April 13 at Lake of the Ozarks.

Come help us mark the occasion and enjoy one of the council's longest running and most fun traditions.

ENTRY FORM HERE

Onsite Smoking Cessation
It's the final call to join the pilot onsite smoking cessation classes in St. Louis and Kansas City!

Classes begin January 10th and are free of charge to members and dependents. Don't miss out!

Sign up
Full class details

SCHOLARSHIPS
It's that time of year again. Applications for the annual CRC Carpenters Scholarships are available now (deadline is Jan 18.). This marks the 20th year that we've been helping students further their education.

It's only possible due to the numerous fundraising events the council hosts to benefit the scholarship fund, so please keep supporting these essential fundraisers.

Download applications here.

Cutlery Fair
Jan. 26 & 27
Carpenters Hall
1401 Hampton
St. Louis, MO 63139

If you need a knife for home, work or recreation this is the place to be!
GET DETAILS

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Council Events

Local Meetings

Jan. 2
Locals 777, 1529, 1596, 2030

Jan. 3
Locals 201, 634, 978

Jan. 4
Local 1770

TRAINING

ICRA

We can't afford to lose. It's that simple. The Carpenters Regional Council has the ability to train its members with a skill no one else has - yet. Our union is leading the way developing new innovative training and techniques that teach our membership how to reduce contamination while working on expansion and renovation projects in busy hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Become a part of the growing healthcare construction boom. info@carpdc.org.

New ICRA Best Practices in Health Care - 24 Hour Qualification classes have been posted to carpdc.org

UBC LEADERSHIP

Carpenters leadership training gives our members the communications, coaching and mentoring skills we need to carry our union into the future. Held at the UBC's International Training Center in Las Vegas, these comprehensive courses have already helped thousands of carpenters learn practical on-the-job tips. Learn more here... and spread the word.
Please register for these classes by following the instructions for the ICRA classes in your area.

**AVAILABLE TRAINING CLASSES**

**MSHA New Miner Class**
- Start Time: 7:30 AM
- 12/26 and 12/27: Surface Mining
- 12/28: First Aid
- 12/29: Underground Mining

**Attendance on 12/26, 12/27 and 12/28 would complete the MSHA Part 48B Surface Initial Training including First Aid.**

**Attendance on 12/29 would complete the MSHA Part 48A Underground Initial Training.**

*Location: Washington County Library, 235 East High St, Potosi, MO 63664*

To register for these classes, please call 314.644.4802, ext. 4

**MSHA 48 Part B Refresher**
- Start Time: 7:00 AM
- 12/22 8-hour refresher class

*Location: 1320 YMCA Dr., Festus, MO 63028*

To register for these classes, please call 314.644.4802, ext. 4

For a list of all available MSHA courses, [visit the schedule on carpdc.](#)

**Walk-On Safety Classes St. Louis**

*December schedule*

**OSHA 30 Construction Class**
- Start Time: 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- Sat 1/12/19; Sat 2/9/19; Sat 3/9/19; Sat 4/13/19

*Location & Directions:*
- St. Louis Carpenters Training Center
- 8300 Valcour Ave St. Louis, MO 63123
- Park in the rear parking lot and enter through Door #10
- CRC Safety Classroom

OSHA requires at least three participants for this class to run. To register, please call (314) 644-4802 ext. 4

**OSHA Silica Awareness Course**
The purpose of this course is to educate carpenters on OSHA’s Crystalline Silica Standard and to provide an understanding of proper ways to limit exposure.

[Registration form](#)

**Kansas City Builders Association**

*July thru Dec 2018 Safety Class Schedule*

**Skilled Trades Associate of Applied Science Degree**
Check out the [Completion Guide](#)

**Southeast Missouri CJAP Training**

[Upcoming training course schedule](#)

**AGC MO Safety Course Schedule**

[Upcoming AGC course schedule](#)

**Local 32 Safety Training**

[Local 32’s safety training course schedule](#)

**Welding Shop Hours**

[New Shop Hours](#)