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**NEWS**

**On the Rise**

Missouri is doing something most other states are not: adding union members. Nationally, membership rolls shrank in 2018, but the Show Me State added 25,000 new union brothers and sisters. Combined with the defeat of "Right to Work," it makes the past year a productive one for organized labor.

**Workforce**

In Ozark country, contractors are working with state officials, school districts and trade associations to combat a lack of skilled workers. More than two-thirds of employers want to expand, but young blood is hard to find. "The average age of construction workers now is in their 40s."

**Land of Lincoln**
Union-backed JB Pritzker was sworn in last week as Illinois’ new governor, replacing the disastrous Bruce Rauner. Earning his labor support, Pritzker quickly named a former union man to head his labor department, issued an executive order on Project Labor Agreements, and signed a law that ties prevailing wage rates in Illinois to collective bargaining agreements.

**Survey**

Construction is well underway on the new Carpenters Wellness Center on our Hampton campus in St. Louis.

As we plan services and staffing for the Wellness Center, we want to make sure it meets the needs of our members and their families.

Please complete this brief survey with your spouse (if applicable) and consider how you and your family members will use the center: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VN8P5VJ.

**Short-Term Disability Benefits**

Carpenters Health Plan provides a short-term benefit to help members in the active classification who are unable to work during periods of disability. If you have a non-work-related injury or illness and become disabled while covered under the Plan’s active classification, you are eligible to take advantage of these benefits.

Members filing for short-term disability have up to one year from the date of accident or injury to file for this benefit.

For more details about eligibility for these benefits, refer to the Schedules of Benefit on the carpdc website. To take advantage of these benefits, contact Tammy at 314.269.5567.

There’s nothing fishy about taking pride in your work. Check out our carpenters and other tradespeople rocking the “Baby Shark” dance while building the new St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station.
A crew works on tilt-up wall panels that will be installed at the new St. Louis Blues practice facility in Maryland Heights, Mo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
Discounts to Join the Gateway Region Y in February

The next Try the Y promotion for all St. Louis and Southern IL area Carpenters members and their families runs for the entire month of February.

You may visit any Gateway Region YMCA for a two-week period free of charge for up to twice per year, no obligations.

Sign up for a YMCA membership in February and you will receive 100% off your joining fee and 100% off your first full month's draft. Use company code 11004 and contact your local Gateway Region YMCA for questions.

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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*

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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

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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

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

Council Events
Local Meetings

Jan. 28
Local 57

Jan. 29
Local 1181

Feb. 1
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

Please register for these classes by following the instructions for the ICRA classes in your area.

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.

AVAILABLE TRAINING CLASSES

MSHA 10-Hour Annual Refresher
MSHA Part 48B - Surface New "Inexperienced" Miner 24-Hour Training
MSHA Part 48B - Surface 8-Hour Refresher

The above MSHA classes are now available

For a list of all available MSHA courses, dates and times, visit the schedule on carpdc.
Walk-On Safety Classes St. Louis
January schedule
To register for these classes, please call 314.644.4802, ext. 4

OSHA 30 Construction Class
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
January thru June 2019 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

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