



HEAT & FROST

LOCAL #118

NEWSLETTER

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Introducing LOCAL #118 'S WEB SITE - www.hnf118.com

Yes, it is up and running! Local 118 has a web site. Our address is www.hnf118.com. For those of you with a computer, please review the site and get back to us with your comments and/or recommendations. There are several links on this site to take you to information regarding your Health and Welfare and your Pension Plan, hearing cards, WHMIS, etc.

It is important to have our membership's feedback on the usefulness of this site. We want this site to be as informative and helpful as possible. So please peruse this site and give us your feedback.

MEETING DATES CHANGED—March—May

Regular General Membership Meetings

Saturday, March 15, 2008

one week earlier because of the Easter weekend

Saturday, May 31, 2008

One week later because of the Victoria Day long weekend

NEW BASIC DUES RATE—Reminder

Please note that, effective **January 1, 2008**, the dues are **\$30.00** per month. Please check with the Union office to see where your ledger stands with dues. It gives me no pleasure to sign Suspension letters so I would ask that you send your dues on time.

Office Hours:	Monday to Friday	9:00 to 4:30 pm
	Closed for lunch	12:30 to 1:30 pm

ASBESTOS AWARENESS

The February 5, 2008 *Vancouver Sun* article caused quite a media stir. This Office was inundated with telephone calls from radio stations and the television network. They were picking up on the asbestos article written by Brother Wayne Peppard, Executive Director of the Building Trades Council.

I asked Brother Peter Hawkins to do the television interview for CTV while I did the interview for CBC Radio. From the feedback, it appears we did a good job. It is sad that the dangers of asbestos in the past have been kept under wraps for so long that many of our members have paid the ultimate price.

ENCLOSURES

Officers List
Holiday Schedule 2008



APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL—April 7, 2008

The following apprentices are scheduled to attend Level 1 school on:

Monday, April 7th to Friday, May 2, 2008

Matthew Bedore	Kylie Keyes	Christopher Lyon
Mila Clarke	Danny Larocque	Doug McCarthy
Patrick Dunlevy	Scott Lewis	Errol Rodney
Chris Hollingsworth	Christopher Low	Tavis Turner
		Gary Welde

A reminder to these apprentices that your tuition fees are due on **April 4, 2008** and cheques are made payable to "Insulation Industry Apprenticeship Fund".

Organizing priorities set

The International Director of Organizing, Brother Todd Dunnahoe and Brother Vince Engel, Regional Director of Organizing presented the Comet 1 course to 40 members working in the Commercial sector on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Brother Dunnahoe gave his history and how he became involved in organizing the most important aspect of our work right now.

Brother Engel's presentation was well received. There was good member participation with enthusiasm shown to form an Organizing Committee from our members working in the Commercial sector. It was gratifying to have twelve members sign up to be part of this committee. That, in itself, is a commitment to take this sector back for our members.

Brother Engel is now planning to be back in Vancouver in approximately three weeks to get the Organizing Committee going and to select our targets in order to get on with the job at hand. I have given Brother Engel our commitment that Local #118 will provide a full-time organizer to assist in the campaigns that we are about to undertake.

ON THE MOVE

This Office has started the process of looking for a suitable building that will house the Union Office and our Trade School. We have engaged the services of Avison Young Commercial Real Estate (BC) Inc. to check out various locations in Metro Vancouver so that the Office and Apprentice School are more accessible to the membership.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of:

Brother Tom Christiansen - January 6, 2008

Brother Gerry Kermode - January 21, 2008

Our sincerest condolences to their families.

Fraternally yours,

Wayne Laxton
Business Manager