

LOCAL LODGE S6 LEADERSHIP CONNECTION: 3/31/23



STRIKE SANCTION VOTE

A large number of our current members have never participated in a Strike Sanction Vote. **To be clear, the Strike Sanction Vote is NOT a decision to go on strike. The Strike Sanction Vote AUTHORIZES a strike IF we choose to have one. We will have a Strike Sanction Vote before negotiations begin. Then after negotiations conclude, we will have Contract and Strike Votes. Authorizing the strike is vital to our negotiation efforts.** The initial vote provides advanced legal notice to the Grand Lodge, so members will receive strike benefit checks without any undue delay **IF** they vote to strike after voting on the contract ratification. We have no power to have our demands met without the ability to strike. We need to show the company that we are ready to strike if it becomes necessary. Let's take this opportunity to show the company **WE ARE UNITED, WE ARE READY, AND WE RUN THIS YARD!**

MESSAGE FROM THE WOMENS COMMITTEE

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women throughout history and contemporary society. The United States, United Kingdom, and Australia celebrate during the month of March, corresponding with International Women's Day (March 8th). U.S. Women's History Month traces its beginnings to the first International Women's Day in 1911. During World War II, BIW employed 1,600 women, compared to only 300 a decade earlier.

Happy Women's History Month and Thank You for all that you do!

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LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Local Lodge S6 is holding a design contest for a new logo representing our Union. **Please submit all designs to the Recording Secretary; Ryan Ryder, before April 13, 2023. The logo will be voted on and approved by the membership at the April General Membership meeting on April 15, 2023.** A \$500 prize will go to the winning design.

LABOR LOBBY DAY

We sent representatives to the Maine AFL-CIO Annual Labor Lobby Day at the State House in Augusta on March 30th. Labor Lobby Day is an event where all the Unions across the state meet to lobby their representatives on issues involving workers. Some of the issues covered this year are safe staffing levels for nurses, limiting forced overtime in paper mills, and banning mandatory anti-union captive audience meetings. The event gives us a great opportunity to help make Maine a safer and friendlier place for all workers.

LOCAL S6 LABOR HISTORY

Why are Shipfitters, Welders, Electricians, Tinsmiths, Pipefitters, Machinists, Carpenters, etc. all in the same Local Lodge? Many Unions only organize a single trade or group of related trades. Before Local Lodge S6 was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) we were in the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IUMSWA). IUMSWA was formed in 1934 by shipyard workers in Camden, NJ who earned official recognition of their Union after a successful strike. The founders understood the importance of all shipyard workers organizing as an industry to fully utilize the power of their numbers. Within a year they successfully organized the workforce at 10 other shipyards including Bath Iron Works, Electric Boat, and Newport News. IUMSWA merged with IAM in 1988 and the rest is history. It has always been true that our power lies in our ability to band together for the good of us all.

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