



**Local Lodge S6
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Company Excused Time for Storm

Employees impacted by the storm on Thursday, April 4, 2024, have the option to designate their time as Code 7W (Weather). Speak with your Front-Line Supervisor to arrange for this coverage. Coverage for 1st and 2nd shift will apply to the work shift on Thursday, April 4, 2024. For 3rd shift, coverage will be for the work shift on Friday, April 5, 2024.

Legislation for Cannabis Edibles Passes Maine House

The IAM partnered Maine Cannabis Union recently had a big win with the passing of LD 2147 through the Maine House of Representatives. The bill would exempt certain cannabis infused edibles, like gummies and chips, from the requirement of marking each individual edible with a symbol signifying that it contains THC. The MCU has identified this requirement as impractical and burdensome. Additionally, products manufactured before the requirement without the marking would be prohibited from sale, forcing small business owners to bear thousands of dollars in losses. The bill’s next stop is the Maine Senate. The Maine Cannabis Union and IAM alliance will continue to work towards positive change in the Maine cannabis community.

IAM Human Rights Director and Grand Lodge Representatives Visit Bath

Last week, the Human Rights, and Young Worker’s Department Director Julie Frietchen, alongside Eastern Territory Grand Lodge Representatives Lorie Wilson and Neil Douglas visited Bath to meet with Local S6 Human Rights Committee and the Company. Discussions focused on how the Local Lodge and the Company can work together to effectively respond to human rights issues that arise in the yard. The IAM Director presented a training video on how to identify and respond to situations involving harassment and discrimination. Senior and middle management were present to gain perspective on our expectations when attending to human rights violations on the deck plates. Moving forward, we want to establish a more effective process for meeting the needs of members who experience harassment. Every employee has the right to be treated with dignity and respect in the workplace.

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Women's Committee Food Drive in May

The Local S6 Women's Committee is holding a food drive in the month of May to benefit the Bath Area Food Bank. Donation bins will be conveniently stationed at all Main Yard and Offsite Gates, as well as on every floor in the MSC.

Mercedes Workers File for Union Vote in Alabama

Assembly workers at the Mercedes Benz SUV plant in Vance, Alabama filed paperwork for an election to join the United Auto Workers. After huge wins in negotiating contracts with the Big 3 in Detroit, the UAW is working hard to organize more American auto workers. Recently, VW workers in Chattanooga, TN filed for a union election as part of a new organizing effort. AW President Shawn Fain is spearheading this campaign, focusing initially on VW and Mercedes as part of a broader strategy to unionize over a dozen auto manufacturers across the U.S. He aims to revitalize membership numbers, aiming to match the peak of 1.5 million members reached in the 1970s. A supermajority of the 5,200 Mercedes workers signing union cards in Alabama paints an optimistic picture for the future of that plant.

Labor History

April 1, 1992 – Players begin the first strike in the 75-year history of the National Hockey League. They win major improvements in the free agency system and other areas of conflict, and end the walkout after 10 days.

April 3, 1954 – UAW Local 833 strikes the Kohler bathroom fixtures Company in Kohler, Wisc. The strike ends six years later after Kohler is found guilty of refusing to bargain, agrees to reinstate 1,400 strikers and pay them \$4.5 million in back pay and pension credits.

General Membership Meeting: April 20th

Bath Area Senior Center - 45 Floral Street, Bath ME, 04530 - Meeting Start: 9:30 AM. All members are welcome. This is the membership's opportunity to participate in union business.

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