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December 10, 2020

Brothers and Sisters,

At the Union Meeting on November 12, 2020, it was unanimously approved to add the \$0.35 cents that was allocated to wages to our Annuity. The new package will be: Inside Wage \$31.65, Retirement \$5.83 (Local Pension \$1.88, Annuity \$3.95), Health Fund \$5.92. The contract will expire on November 30, 2021.

The Holiday Season traditionally is a time for looking back on the year ending, and forward to the new one coming. With Christmas coming up I would like to take a moment to reflect on 2020 and how this year has been like no other. We have had to deal with the Covid-19 Pandemic, a political division that has divided the country like we have never seen. Our work has slowed down, and some members have had to leave their families to work elsewhere. Despite the issues within this year, think on what we can and should be thankful for this Christmas: Christ died for our sins, the health of our families, the smile on the faces of our children and grandchildren as they open their presents, and the warm hugs of our families or significant other. When we celebrate Christmas this year, let's give thanks for the blessings that we have and look toward a new year that I think will open all kinds of new possibilities.

The work picture is expected to improve in the upcoming year: Harrah's Casino and Charity Hospital projects are planning to start in 2021. Our contractors indicated that they have work on the books and are waiting for projects to get started. With the vaccine being approved, hopefully the pandemic will be brought under control.

Please note that the offices of Local 130 will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will reopen on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the entire staff of Local 130, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please observe and enjoy the Season safely and thoroughly.

In Brotherhood,

Paul



#### **Dues Department**

There will NOT be an increase in the I.O. per capita dues for the upcoming year. The dues will remain the same for Journeyman Wireman and Construction Electrician at \$46.00 per month. The dues will also remain the same for an Apprentice Wireman and Construction Wireman at \$43.50 per month. If you need to update your contact information, please give the office a call (504) 831-1372.

#### **HEALTH & WELFARE**

We recognize the value of Labor solidarity and brotherhood in dealing with day to day stresses that can prove just as devastating. Too often, family tensions, financial difficulties or personal bouts of depression can lead to dramatically tragic outcomes. That's why our Health and Welfare Plan offers an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which covers professional counseling services through Ochsner. When needed, please do not hesitate take advantage of what can be a life-saving medical benefit of our Plan. Call Patti at 504-837-9812 for information.

#### **CREDIT UNION**

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Thursday December 24th (Christmas Eve) - CLOSED Friday December 25th (Christmas Day) - CLOSED

Thursday December 31st (New Year's Eve) - 7:30am to 12:00pm Friday January 1st (New Year's Day) — CLOSED

#### SHORT ON CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Your Credit Union can help! Call us for loan and Skip-A-Pay options. (504) 831-1307

### **REFFERAL GUIDELINES**

So, there is no confusion with the Referral process, here are the rules for the Hiring Hall. We have tried to make the out-of-work list as easy as possible.

The Referral window opens at 7:00 am.

- When you are laid off, quit, or fired, you must report to the hall in person <u>the next</u> <u>business day</u> to sign the out-of-work list at 7:00 am. If there is more than one person that comes in to sign the out-of-work list, then those names will be drawn out of a hat and the first name drawn will be sign-in first, the second name drawn will be sign-in second and so forth.
- 2. If you come to the hall after names have been drawn, you will be put on the out-of-work list.
- 3. Calls for all jobs will be issued out at 7:30 a.m. You must be present and signed in to get the job, if all jobs are not filled, the remaining job calls will be available till 3:00 p.m. If you arrive after 7:30 a.m., you will not be eligible for jobs already issued.
- 4. When there are existing calls on the book, Contractors will have until 8:00 a.m. to add any new additional calls for that day.

## Monthly Resign:

- 1. Each month the resign date is between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. It is MANDATORY that you contact the referral agent each month by Phone (504) 831-1372, Email <a href="mailto:billy@ibewlu130.com">billy@ibewlu130.com</a>, or Fax (504) 834-1410, to be resigned or <a href="mailto:you will be">you will be</a> dropped off the list.

# **Under 14-Day Jobs:**

Under 14 are consecutive days worked, such as; Job starts on December 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 14<sup>th</sup>, shift begins on your first day of work. You will not lose your place on the book if you return after working 14 days.