**Local 776 Newsletter**

**April 2021 Newsletter Issue #184**

**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Secret Ballot Vote**

Wednesday April 21st, 2021

For **Wage Appropriations**, Allocation of Dues (not an increase) and **Delegates** for the OSBCT State Convention

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

Should a tie result, a runoff election will be held on Wednesday April 28th, 2021 at 1300 Bowman Rd., Lima. Ohio

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**Fraternal News**

* **Congratulations:** Kaycee Nichols and Ryan Calvelage are scheduled to top out in April!
* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #343 William Kassaw. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Boot Voucher:** The Boot Vouchers are in! You can stop in to pick yours up during regular business hours. Reminder - members are required to be current on Death Benefits prior to receiving your voucher. These expire on April 30th, 2021.
* **Neck Gaiters:** Local 776 purchased some neck gaiters to give to the members. If you would like one, please stop in and see Melissa. Due to limited availability each member is limited to one per person right now.

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Golf Outing:** Saturday June 12th. This year the cost has changed, retirees will be free, members are $15, and non-members are still $45. Call the hall to sign your team up today.
* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday April 21st, 2021 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday April 24th at 8 A.M.

Please call Melissa no later than noon the Thursday before to sign up and to check on the status of the test session.

**JATC**

* **Journeyman Upgrade Classes:** The JATC is planning an Innovative Welding Techniques class from April 5th- April 21st. This class is designed for members that are already proficient at Tig and Stick. If you are interested, please stop in and sign up or call Jim or Melissa at the hall. For other Journeyman upgrade classes please check the hall.

**Business Manager Comments**

Recently with the addition of Vision and Dental insurance we have had a few issues with people using their benny cards. NWOA should be sending out a flyer explaining a few different rules for the benny card usage. Please be sure if you are using your benny card that the expense is first ran through your insurance. Before this coverage took effect, you could use your benny card to pay for a dentist/eye doctor visit in full. Now, since you have insurance, the benny card cannot be used until insurance pays their portion. If you have questions or need help with a situation with your benny card, please give me a call.

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