JOURNEYMEN. UPGRADE. TRAINING.

DO IT BY AUGUST 31.

All Book 1 and Book 2 journeymen must complete 10 hours of approved journeyman training before September 1 or they will not be eligible to work.

Courses are available through the A & J Training Center or through CPMCA. Members must attend all training hours and, if applicable, pass the course with a score of 70% or better.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact jut@ajtraining.org.

For more information, see www.uniontopics.com.
One of the most important aspects of our democratic principles as a country is that we have a free labor movement. Our unions are not dominated by any government nor do we owe allegiance to any political party. We make our own decisions as an organization and we elect the officers and leaders through elections where the membership votes. Democracy is a contentious process but it is also a sacred process. People have died to protect these freedoms.

We recently conducted our election of officers for Local 582. Candidates and members were able to express their opinions and values without fear of intimidation. That is how democracy is supposed to work.

I have been honored by the membership of this local with another term as Business Manager. While I was reelected with a substantial majority, I don’t take this result lightly or as a mandate to lessen the energy and commitment that I put into protecting the interests of Local 582 membership. I won’t take your vote of confidence for granted.

We face many challenges as a Local and as an industry. Our opponents who would rather have a union free environment or who oppose good union projects in Orange County have not gone away. They have been diligent in opposing our interests, which only means that we have to double down our efforts to advance our cause. I will continue to fight for you and I trust that you will continue to support this local as we attempt to secure work through policies and old fashion hard work.

Thank you again for your support and let’s keep building Local 582 together.
It’s the political season again, not exactly a news flash. I’ve stated a number of times at meetings and in this publication, that it is critically important that we stay involved in the political world along with other building trades allies. The reasons are straightforward. The political environment that we operate within shapes so much of what we do and try to accomplish.

Here are only a few examples:

- At the federal level, the survival of Davis-Bacon laws protects prevailing wages on federal construction projects. That means jobs.
- At the state level, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards makes sure that non-union contractors cannot undercut our high levels of training and expertise that protects our industry.
- At the local level, every Project Labor Agreement or Community Benefits Agreement is negotiated with the public entities like schools and colleges that are right here in our community.

At every one of these levels, it makes a difference who is in office and who is on these boards and committees. Jobs for Local 582 members are dependent upon the decisions that these officeholders make. You may want to ignore politics, but politics will not return the favor by ignoring you.

But there is a difference between being involved in politics and being a strong partisan in politics. The way that I operate goes back to one of the oldest traditions of the labor movement articulated most forcefully by Samuel Gompers, the founder of the American Federation of Labor. Gompers believed that the labor movement should remain independent of any political party and stick to rewarding our friends and punishing our enemies. I embrace that philosophy.

It is clear to me that there is no guarantee that any party or politician will put our interests ahead of their own. That’s why I’m a believer in watching what people do rather than listening to what they say. You will never see me stand up and say I want you to unequivocally support this party or that politician. I won’t do it. What I will do is always check in with the membership about the direction we should take in politics and keep foremost in my mind how to fight in that arena in a way that most benefits Local 582.
Our New Business Agent takes Aim

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Well I’ve hit the ground running since taking over at Business Agent (North). Right away I was appointed to the Building Committee and it’s been great seeing the progress made on our elevator and flat work. I was also appointed to the LAJOC Building and Construction Trades Council, and this has been a real eye opening experience to see how hard these guys have to fight to get these jobs to go with Union Trades. Next the UA Organizing blitz came to town and I was assigned two days of blitzing to get to know the organizing front here in Orange County. We have met with workers and contractors, finding success and lots of contacts. It’s something much different than what I’m used to but I understand the purpose and support it. The next big task is tackling the Disney Craft Maintenance contract and preparing for the next round of bargaining. The Business Manager has assigned me to Disney to represent all 47 cast members on all 3 shifts. We are scheduled to meet Disney management in late August.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to represent you. I take this job very seriously as I do all my endeavors. See you in the field.

Henry
(949) 433-8738

President’s Passage

Please take a moment to remember those of the UA Local 582 family who have passed away in the recent months.

DEAN KENNETH (SPOUSE)  PARDES, FRANK
NEPIECEK, WILLIAM  VIDAETI, DANIEL
COX, NEVILLE JR.  MASON, RYAN (SPOUSE)
AUGELLA, JONATHAN R.  HEARD, JACK
LANDMON, ADRIAN  RODRIGUEZ, SALVADOR
INN DANNY R. (SPOUSE)  ORR, WILLIAM
NEPIECEK, MICHAEL (SPOUSE)  RICK, BARRY
LEE, ROBERT SR.  BOYD, WILLIAM
JEFFREY, WINDELL  NOAK, RICHARD

Congratulations to our re-elected and newly elected Local 582 Officers:

Business Manager — Anthony Novello

Business Agents — Robert James & Henry Hillebrecht

President — Phil Fillers

Vice President — Brian Kruep

Recording Secretary — Trevor B. Meyer

Executive Board Members

Larry Kirkconnell, Adam Elliott, Bryan Erdeman, and Valente Rios, Jr.

Finance Committee

Nick Mayes, David Czapiewski, and Chad Grunseth

Exam Board Members

Kevin Solar, Tino Pham, Mark Shafer, Ralph Nieto, Miles Allen, and Pose Alvarez

Inside Guard — Ryan Lucas

As you may recall from our union meetings, Local 582 lends financial assistance to almost all DC-16 locals when it comes to sponsorships in any given event they may have, each for a good cause. Here are a couple photos from the Plumbers Local 78 Golf Tournament supporting their apprenticeship and the DC-16 Mesothelioma Tournament supporting research and development for a cure.