

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**U.A. LOCAL 682 NEWSLETTER**

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Since our last newsletter we regret to inform you that the following members have passed away.

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| Basil Brown August 5,2014             | Russell S. Scott August 8, 2014                     |
| Bernie Marsh September 30,2014        | Arthur( Art ) Fraser December 6 <sup>th</sup> 2014. |
| Donnie G. MacKinnion December 10,2014 |   |
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On November12/2014 there was amendment to existing Bi- Law Article 7 Amendment

Whereas the cost of funeral arrangements has been steadily increasing since the implementation of this bi law:

Whereas the financial position of this fund has improved to the point that the benefit may be increased **without increasing** the assessment of \$ 10.00 upon the death of a member .

- A) **\$ 8,000.00** death benefit shall become effective January 1, 2015 and made payable to the beneficiary of a member withing four (4) days of the member's death.
  - B) Members eligible for the death benefit must have paid the assessment described herein on the month of assessments.
  - C) All members have paid an initial assessment when the plan was implemented and all new members must pay an assessment of \$ 10.00 upon initiation.
  - D) An additional assessment of \$ 10.00 must be paid upon the death of a member payable on the month of the death before dues for that month will be credited to the cash sheets.
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**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSES**

OH&S Courses will be available at UA local 682's training Center beginning January 12, 2015. Courses will be available until the end of April 2015. Schedule for courses will be posted on our website. As of May1, 2015 if your safety course expires training will be provided when there is enough participants and you must register for the course and you will be contacted when the course will be offered.

The following courses are **Mandatory** to be dispatched by UA Local 682.

- (1) CSTS (2) WHIMS (3) Fall Arrest (4) Confined Space (5) First Aid (6) Fork Lift

Contact Ambrose MacKinnon at 902-562-3753 to register for updated tickets or expired courses.

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## Steamfitting & Welding Upgrade for Red Seal Tickets

The Steamfitting upgrading course has started and will be completed on February 19, 2015 and writing for the Inter- Provincial Examination on February 21, 2015.

The Welder upgrading course is tentatively scheduled to begin on the second week of January 2015. If you have the necessary hours contact our office to register for the course. An application must be filled out.

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## RENEWAL OF WELDER BOILER BRANCH TICKETS

Brother Tommy Rockett will begin testing of welders to up date their tickets beginning January 12, 2015 and each Thursday thereafter until such time as the number of welders to be tested drops below (8) at which time the welding coordinator will be terminated for the year. Any other Testing will be done on a need be basis if there is enough members to fill a class.

Fees for welding tickets are:(\$ 115.00 for F3 F4 ) (\$ 115.00 for F6-F4 ) (\$ 115.00 for F6-F5)

**Note:** There will be no fees if you have worked 300 hours in ANY UA Local Jurisdiction in 2014.

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## RIGGING

UA National Rigging Certification is required in Alberta to pull a rigging slip. This training includes rigging theory and practical rigging training on approved pipe rack. Both components require a pass before you become certified. This course is for members holding Interprovincial Red Seal Steamfitter Certification with priority to those members who will have to travel to Alberta to work. Training will be scheduled when we have 12 or more participants . You will have to register 3 weeks prior to the course test date at a fee of \$ 150.00 to cover the course and books which must be paid on registration. Once 12 or more participants are registered all participants will be contacted with the date time when training will begin. Contact our office to register.

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## Local Work

New Sports and Wellness Centre Membertou starting in the New Year  
Marine Atlantic new Terminal Building ongoing  
Inverness Golf Course  
Industrial work continues to be slow

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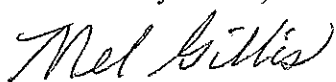
## Work on the Road

UA Local 179 Saskatchewan will be busy again in 2015 and work is expected to pick up in UA Local 488 Edmonton Alberta in the Spring.

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In the New Year Membership Cards for 2015 -2016 will be sent out with your 2014 Tax Receipts .

Fraternally Yours,



Mel Gillis

Business Manager