



Cement Masons Local 600



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A MESSAGE FROM SCOTT

Brother and Sisters,

Hopefully all our members are experiencing full employment and sufficient hours in our benefit plans to have full eligibility. We continue to enjoy a construction boom across the country and all indicators are that work will be good for the next two to three years. We are actively organizing new members, both journeymen and apprentices to fill the need for Cement Masons in our industry. As stated in previous newsletters, if you are between jobs or laid off, please contact the Union office in your area and place yourself on our out of work list. This provides you with added income and benefits, and assists your Local Union in manning our projects and protecting our work from other trades that will do our work if given the chance.

As to Organizing and protecting our work as Cement Masons, your Business Agents have signed 53 new agreements this year with non-union contractors that provide work for our membership. Your Business Agents working alongside Richard Brain, Director of Compliance for Local 600, currently have 69 open cases on non-union contractors working in our area on prevailing wage projects. Because of their efforts, there has been \$355,000.00 received in stop notices by the State in penalties for non union contractors not abiding by the same rules our contractors must follow. In addition, we have another \$401,610.88 in penalties currently in process with the State, giving us a total of \$756,610.88 for 2017 thus far in penalties against non-union contractors that compete for against our union contractors for prevailing wage projects such as schools and infrastructure work.

Financially, your Local Union is in great financial condition and continues to grow. The total Assets of your Local Union have increased from \$2,621,014.00 as of January 01, 2016 to \$3,130,449.46 as of December 2016. This is an increase of \$509,435.40 for 2016, or 19.4%. Moving ahead to 2017, the net assets of your Local Union are currently \$3,293,784.07. This is an increase of \$163,334.60 for the year thus far. I am pleased to announce we have negotiated a new Collective Bargaining agreement effective July 01, 2017. This is the first four-year agreement we have negotiated with an increase of \$7.75 over 4 years. You will have received the breakdowns by mail, prior to this newsletter. I want to thank Fitzgerald Jacobs, Mike Cammarano, and Jaime Briceno, and Jack Alvarado, Tony Gianquinto and Dave Young from Local 500 for their hard work on the Negotiating Committee with me this negotiating cycle.

I have recently assigned Fitzgerald Jacobs as Senior Business Agent to assist me in more management issues at the Local Union. Fitzgerald has a long history as a strong labor leader that remains cool under pressure and exhibits great common sense and wisdom over the many years I have worked side by side with Brother Jacobs. I have the utmost confidence in his abilities and look forward to his new role in the Local Union.

In closing, I again wish to thank you for the trust you have put in the Officers and Staff of this great Local Union and best wishes to you and your family through out 2017 and many years to come. I look forward to seeing all of you soon at our Annual Magic Mountain BBQ which will be held on Saturday, September 16th. May God richly bless you!



Sincerely & fraternally yours,

Scott Brain
Financial Secretary and Business Manager

Cement Masons Contribute to 2017 Q Award Recipient—Wizards World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios Hollywood

The 2017 Q Award was presented to this year's recipient NBCUniversal for its new Universal Studios Hollywood attraction The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™. The Alliance for Quality Construction (AQC) event was held on June 15, 2017 at the Globe Theatre within Universal City Studios. Construction industry luminaries, government officials, and Universal Studios top brass attended the sold out event. Accepting the award were Karen Irwin, President and COO of Universal Studios Hollywood, and Ed Chuchla, Chief Real Estate Officer of NBCUniversal.

The opening video revealed the many iconic projects deserving of the prestigious Q Award including the



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Local 600 Member and Family Magic Mountain Barbeque and Picnic

On September 16, 2017, Cement Masons Local 600 will again have a Magic Mountain barbeque and picnic along with access to all the rides. This is one of our popular family events. Order forms to members will be coming in the mail.

Q Award continued

Wizarding World of Harry Potter Universal Studios Hollywood. Emcee Barry Garfield opened the proceedings by asking the many labor and subcontractor representatives to stand, introduce themselves and briefly describe their involvement with the building of the project. Construction industry representatives who individually spoke were proud of their contributions to the final outcome.

Cement Masons Local 600, Scott Brain said, "In the 15 years the Q Awards have been presented, I am always proud of our cement masons and their incredible craftsmanship. The Wizarding World of Harry Potter is no different. Our work is there to see for millions of people visiting the attraction from around the world."

Ron Miller-Executive Secretary, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council, was delighted with the final outcome of this project, and that the LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council is continuing to work with NBCUniversal to secure future projects for Southern California union contractors and crafts persons. "Giving an award is a way of saying, 'let's stop, take some time, appreciate something new, exciting and different that now exists because



Left to right, Ricardo Gonzalez, Thony Sarmiento, Scott Brain, and Michael Cammarano.



Left to right, Chris Ritter-Operations Manager PCL Construction, Scott Brain, and Ed Chuchla-Chief Real Estate Officer NBCUniversal

a group of committed people put their heads together and decided to do something," said Miller. With the extraordinary Wizarding World of Harry Potter project completed, Miller said, "You dream it, we will build it."

The construction began in 2013 and was completed in 2016. The project created many union construction jobs with a total of 749,036 trade hours. The finished project appears to be a small European town right down to the cobblestone streets, candy shops and of course the castle on the hill which also houses a roller coaster. The attraction has already become a popular Southern California tourist destination.

The general contractor on the project was PCL Construction Services, Inc. PCL's operation manager on the job was Chris Ritter who addressed the crowd. "The amazing part to me is the amount of work that got done and the complexity of it. It took less than two years to actually complete the project from the time we broke ground, which is a tremendous feat." Ritter went on to say that there were 450 construction jobs created by this project, but that there were 3,700 people who went through their orientation.

In his speech, NBCUniversal's Chief Real Estate Officer, Ed Chuchla, beamed with pride to have led this project for NBCUniversal. He also mentioned the various ongoing construction projects and future developments planned to be built with union labor at Universal Studios Hollywood. "Let's be really clear, this is an award that's all about flipping the spotlight right back on you, because every tradesman, craftsman and woman sitting in this audience made it happen, right? And for that, we're incredibly grateful," said Chuchla.

Emcee Barry Garfield announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, hang onto your seats as we view the making of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter in sixty seconds." With that, the time-lapse video began on the giant screens. The overview shot of the project area began with bare ground and through completion of the town streets, castle, and roller coaster.

Karen Irwin, President and COO of Universal Studios Hollywood enthusiastically spoke to the audience. She touted the artistry, creativity in design, construction and workmanship necessary to build Universal's attractions. She thanked the Alliance for Quality Construction for bestowing such an award upon them, and announced other major attractions under way. "We look forward to working with your teams for many years to come. Thank you for your commitment and support. We couldn't do it without you!" said Irwin.

There are impressive projects Southern California union cement masons have been working on that will be completed this year, and may qualify to receive next year's Q Award. "You better believe if the cement masonry job is done right the first time, the craftsmanship will be from locals 500 and 600," said Scott Brain.



Apprenticeship Program

The Southern California Cement Masons Apprenticeship Program provided needed craftsmanship in Bakersfield, CA to build the new 9-11 monument which includes a piece of the NY World Trade Center and the planter for the only surviving tree. They also demonstrated skills with staining the OPCMIA logo onto Local 600's floor.

Local 600 Annual Awards Banquet

On May 20, 2017, Cement Masons Local 600 celebrated members' achievements at the Annual Awards Banquet. Gold cards and lapel pins were presented to proud recipients for 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years of continuous membership. Man and Apprentice of the Year were also honored. This year Local 600 awarded two Man of the Year Awards. Business Manager Scott Brain proudly presented this special recognition to the family of long-time member Roberto Medina, who passed away early this year. Scott also presented the award to signatory contractor and 30-year member, Douglas Barry Jacobs, owner of California Hitech Floors. Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for your hard work and dedication.



Above; Scott Brain with Man of the Year Barry Jacobs Owner of Hi Tech Floors.



L-R: 60 yrs members, Richard Reyes, Jesus Flores (prev. pictured-50 Yr. recipient), Andrew Davis, Claude Knox, Michel J. Cammarano (retired B.A.) and Alphonse Gutierrez [Alphonse Gutierrez, did not attend].



Above; 50 yr member Jesus Flores and Business Manager Scott Brain.



L-R: 40 yr members, Business Agent Thony Sarmiento, Harry Vanderhoofven, Gonzalo Castillo, Andrew Garcia, Leonard Hernandez, Michael B. Cammarano (B.A. & recipient) and Business Manager Scott Brain.



Above: Posthumous Man of the Year: Medina Family Robert and Pedro Medina; Apprentice of the Year Angel Payan.



L to R: 30 yr members, Michael Ciarmoli (B.A. & recipient), Fitzgerald Jacobs (B.A. & recipient), Ruben Gutierrez, Miguel Ramirez, Jose Davila, Esteban Gomez, Arturo Gonzalez Rojas, Jose Guerra, Rosaleo Alamillo and 25 Yr. recipient, Arturo Cervantes.

A Message From Fitzgerald Jacobs

Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this, we are already half way through 2017. Work is good, hours are on the rise and projects continue to break ground. As mentioned, the Negotiating Committee just completed bargaining with the contractors associations to successfully secure a 4-year agreement for the first time, and with favorable future increases. As work is plentiful, many members now have choices with which company, foreman and location they want to provide their skills. With that said, lets continue to be professional tradesmen and women. When you accept a job, report to the project on time with all your tools and ready to work.

Reports of cement masons not showing up for work is on the rise. This adversely affects companies' finished product, while your fellow cement masons have to pick up your slack and perform short-handed that day. This lack of commitment shines unfavorably on the entire OPCMIA. Let's remember that the industry cycles up and down. The reputation you establish

now is the reputation that will be remembered by contractors, foremen and superintendents when work slows down. If you are unable to report, call and inform the foreman. This courtesy will go a long way and allow the company to attempt to secure a replacement.

Finally, great pension news. At our last Pension Board meeting, the Trustees and myself were able to approve a 13th benefit payment check for the retirees and beneficiaries this year. Our pension continues to do well and our funding status remains in the green zone. Remember, the representatives and myself are here to assist you.



Fraternally yours,

Fitzgerald Jacobs
Sr. Business Agent



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OSHA-10 CLASSES	DATES	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
DAY 1	FRIDAY JULY 14, 2017	1605 NORTH SUSAN ST SANTA ANA CA. 92703 LOCAL 500 HALL	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017	1605 NORTH SUSAN ST SANTA ANA CA. 92703 LOCAL 500 HALL	6:00 AM	2:00PM
DAY 1	FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2017	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA. 91006	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2017	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA.91006	6:00 AM	2:00 PM
DAY 1	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA. 91006	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA. 91006	6:00 AM	2:00 PM

Ernest Alamillo is 90 Years Young



Local 600 was honored to be invited to celebrate the 90th birthday with **Ernest Alamillo** and his wonderful family. We recognize Ernie and the **entire Alamillo family** for their contributions to our local union and wish them a bright and blessed future.

Contiguous Vesting—Capturing the Lost Years

If you have any past years in another trade (laborers, carpenters, or inside the office in a clerical or management position) working for the same union contractor, those years of service may be combined to give you vested status in all the pension plans you have contributions made on your behalf. In the past, members may have thought those years were lost

because they did not vest in that particular pension, but with Contiguous Vesting, you may be able to capture those lost years. Should you have any questions on lost years worked, please call us here at the Local Union or the Trust Fund Pension Department.

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