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November...the passing of another season. Political, that is. By the time you read this article the important elections for control of the White House, Legislature, and our Local and State offices will be over. Regardless of one's political leanings I think I am not alone in saying that the outcomes may or may not have been to our liking but I am sure looking forward to some election free time here in Wisconsin.

No matter for whom we voted, I think that by and large we are seeking quite similar things. At the time of this writing, before knowing the outcomes of the elections at hand, it is safe to say the following.

My wish for the President and all of our political leaders, regardless of party, is for the wisdom to lead well, the compassion to serve all, the foresight to look to the future, and the courage to embrace ideals that will make this country a better place. Those who have earned our vote provide guidance and set the tone of political discourse that can't help but influence anyone who pays attention. Frankly, I think that the exchange as of late has not been productive for the country as a whole. When the middle is abandoned for the extreme, no one benefits aside from those at the fringe. Cooperation, collaboration, and compromise should be neither the exception nor the rule, but certainly should be more the norm than we have seen in recent times. If our desire is for political leaders at every level to work together on behalf of the majority, we must have it within ourselves to demonstrate through our own actions that guidance and tone can be

different than recent experience would have it. By demonstrating to our leaders what we expect from them instead of merely demanding it, we may well help to achieve that change. We need to have the wisdom, compassion, foresight, and courage to allow them to do so.

I hope that all of our hunters, carrying on a great Minnesota and Wisconsin tradition, have a safe and successful fall hunt. To all of our members, their families, and everyone, Happy Thanksgiving!

The Wisconsin State Council of Machinists 2012 Fall Conference

The Wisconsin State Council of Machinists 2012 Fall Conference was held in La Crosse at the Radisson Hotel October 4th, 5th, and 6th. We were well represented at the meeting by delegates Jim Urbanek and Bill Huiss from Local Lodge 21, Ernie Domnie, Rod Perry, Jon Halverson, and Dennis Leis from Local Lodge 1115, Scott Morgan and Patricia Livingood from Local Lodge 1771, and Scott Phillips and Bryan Adams from Local Lodge 2191 along with President Dean Rink and Secretary Treasurer Dennis Gerke representing the District along with myself. I want to thank all of these delegates for their attendance and participation at this conference along with the members of each local for sponsoring your delegates to attend these important meetings. Special thanks to Dean, Dennis, and my assistant Carla Easterday for all of the help running our raffles and welcome desk; I certainly could not have done this alone.

The Conference was very informative and educational. Along with the regular business, we had a number of speakers including Representative Ron Kind, State Senator Jennifer Shilling, and State Representative Jill Billings. All of our political representatives did a great job speaking to our delegates. Representative Steven Doyle was also scheduled but was unable to attend due to illness. We hope to give him the opportunity again in the future. The conference was also addressed by Phil Neuenfeldt, President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO. Phil did a great job engaging our members while delivering his message and concern for all working men and women.

Our next State Council Conference will be held this spring in Madison.

DISTRICT 66 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE

District Lodge 66 is holding a Holiday Food Drive December 10-14, 2012. Terry Hicks and the Union Herald have graciously provided us with a full page ad promoting this drive. PLEASE REMOVE THIS AD FROM THE PAPER AND DISPLAY IN YOUR

SHOP OR WORKPLACE. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, REGARDLESS OF UNION OR COMPANY AFFILIATION! PLEASE HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY AND REACH OUT TO THOSE WITH LESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

2013 MACHINISTS UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Sisters and Brothers,

Following are the details of the **2013 Machinists Union Scholarship Competition**. This competition is available to children of Machinists Union members and the member themselves.

To keep up with current times, the International has made the Scholarship Program fully accessible from the web. Please check out the web-site to see about the eligibility for competition. Additionally, applications are available via internet from the IAM Scholarship web page at <http://www.goiam.org/iamscholarship> for downloading. You can now download and print the three (3) different Scholarship Applications online.

- IAM Child of a Member applying for College
- IAM Child of a Member applying for Vocational/Technical School
- IAM Member applying for College

Another option is you can call the District at (608) 784-2025 and have a paper application sent to you.

At the 2004 Grand Lodge convention, the delegates voted unanimously to name one of the scholarships after Roman A. Mayfield, a 55-year member of D.L. 751, now deceased. This will be given to one of the scholarship recipients who best represent the spirit of volunteerism and the strong sense of service to their community that was a hallmark of Brother Mayfield.

Since its implementation in 1960, the Scholarship Competition has continued to grow.

Although information appears in the IAM JOURNAL as well as on the web page, please let any member you know who has children graduating and going on to college about this very valuable scholarship opportunity. We need your help letting others know in order to eliminate the many disappointments expressed in past years by members who learn about the Scholarship competition too late.

Do not wait to request your application packet, the sooner the better. The deadline for returning your application packet is February 25, 2013. District Lodge 66 has had 2 winners and 1 honorable mention in recent years of this competition, so apply today! Good luck to all applicants!