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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 211, DEER PARK, TX



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM LOCAL 195

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To all the members and their families, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. I would also like to mention a final farewell to our Business Manager Kenneth Edwards. I want to say "thank you" to Kenneth for his awesome leadership and guidance for the past 12 years as Business Manager of Pipefitters Local Union 211. I want to announce that I have appointed Kenneth to be the Local 211 Chaplain. If anyone is admitted into the hospital for any reason

please call Local 211 and let us know what hospital because Kenneth will be visiting you. Kenneth volunteered himself for this position simply because this is something he feels that he could do to help or assist our members that are not well. Under Kenneth's leadership Local 211 has brought in 3 other Local Unions through the UA's merging them into Local 211, and the reason for the merger was because the UA knew that through these mergers the members would be better off being a part of a local union that was not only financially sound, but also had numerous signatory contractors and a lot of work going on as well. I am also sure that Local 211 having the highest pay scale in the Southern part of the U.S. played a big part in the decision of these mergers by the UA. Kenneth Edwards will be sorely missed by all of us, and I want to say a final thank you and I wish him a long and happy retirement because he truly deserves it! I am looking forward to the year 2017, because from what I see on the horizon, we should be blessed with another year of an adundance of work and another pay raise.

In closing let us not forget the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas, and once again may God bless each of you and your families. Bryan K. Edwards



I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours and may 2017 bring good health and tidings to all of our Local 211 members and their families. Fraternally, Mike Trahan



To all of the LU211 Officers, Members, and Apprentice School Staff, May you and your families have a Merry Christmas, & may the New Year be Healthy & Prosperous! Fraternally Yours, John "Ace" Coody



I am truly blessed to be a member of Pipefitters Local 211. There are so many great people I have met & fellowshipped with. I take to heart some of the relationships I have formed and am greatful for all. I want to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember Philippians 4:13 and 4:23. Have a Blessed 2017! John Guyon



As many of you have heard, I find this holiday season has been taxing for me at best. My wife had knee replacement on 11/14 and the same afternoon my son Robert was in a motorcycle accident that nearly cost him his life. My family has been blessed with the prayers many of you have provided for their needed recovery. I can't thank you all enough for all the prayers and messages we have received in this wonderful season. In addition, Robert received donations from the generous coworkers at Exxon Baytown as well as some continuing education members. It's this generosity that makes our local union and the UA an organization of pride. Robert is on a slow road to what we hope is a full recovery. Thanks to you all I have much to be thankful for this Christmas season.

I wish all my Brothers & Sisters a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Mark Baker



IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 ALL MEMBERS WILL BE RECEVING A NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD THAT CONTAINS A MAGNETIC STRIP THAT WILL BE ACTIVATED SOMETIME MID 2017. There will no longer be dues stamps on the back of your UA card. This card will not expire for 3 years and will eventually replace your travel card. You may go online at http://www.pipefitterslocal211.com and check your paid through dates, or check your receipt for paid through date.

MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL INCREASE \$2.00 AS OF JANUARY 1st, 2018.

Some Retiree's will have an increase in their dues as of 1/1/17. If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact the dues office.

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We are pleased to announce that you are now able to pay online with your VISA, MASTERCARD, or DISCOVER debit or credit card. Log into the website at www.pipefitterslocal211.com. There will be a \$3.00 service fee added to your transaction. We are no longer accepting credit cards by phone. Of course you still have the option of mailing in your dues or paying at the window or signing up for ACH. ACH allows us to directly debit your bank account once a month between the 15th and 20th for that month's dues. No service fee will be added to an ACH transaction. On the left you will see an ACH enrollment form. You may complete it, cut it out, and drop it by the dues office or mail it to: Pipefitters Local 211 Dues Office 1301 W. 13th Street, Deer Park Texas 77536. As you know, our system automatically adds fines to your account if you become delinquent on the 1st of the month. Please keep up with your dues! The dues office phone number is (713) 644-2395. Thank you.

Please make sure whenever you have a change in address or phone number that you contact the Union Hall as well as Health & Welfare so we can update our records accordingly.

