



Boilermakers Local 128 Ontario

News Update

August 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I trust that you and your families have enjoyed your summer and have been able to make the best of it during stage three of the Pandemic.

I want to, once again thank all members who, during the height of the pandemic provided essential services and continued to work safely through the Provincial shutdown period. Remember that COVID-19 remains a very real concern for each of us, so complacency is not an option.

WORK

I'm happy to report that over 85% of our membership are back to work, up from 40% at the height of the pandemic a few months ago. It's been a slow but definitely a steady rise in employment opportunities for Boilermakers all over the Province and the next few months into the fall are looking very promising.

Refer to the work reports which are regularly updated and available on our website under the Unemployment tab. If you need to put your name back on an out-of-work list, please contact your area representative directly during office hours.

MONTHLY UNION & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board meetings have continued throughout the pandemic remotely and now the Executive Board members meet in person at the Union hall, appropriately and safely distanced. The board has been doing a great job with carrying out their duties and the trustees continue to go through all the monthly financials.

The question at the forefront of all our minds and the topic of discussion at each Board meeting is '*When will our monthly Union meetings be safe to resume?*' At this point it is agreed that the Union meetings will remain on hold until such time that we can accommodate the anticipated numbers safely. You will be notified when this will take place.

MONTHLY UNION DUES

Please ensure your Union Dues are current and remain up to date. During the Provincial construction shutdown, Local 128 implemented a short-term COVID-19 Dues Relief plan. This meant that if you were not working and were not a member in good standing, you were still eligible to be dispatched to work. No member lost employment due to delinquent dues and no members have been suspended for non payment of dues as of today.

GOING FORWARD, we have concluded the dues relief plan and you will be required to be a member in good standing with your monthly dues paid up in order to be dispatched. If you need to make a dues payment, you can do so easily by using your PayPal account on our website. You can also call your local area hall and make a payment using Visa or Master Card over the phone.

CORE Training

CORE Training is available by appointment only. If you require any training in order to be dispatch ready please email Eddie Wall, Dave Maddison or Kim Quinn. Class seating is very limited to ensure safety protocols. If you need training, please get in contact with the department and they will advise you when you can be booked in. You can also refer to the Local 128 Calendar on our web site for dates.

YOUR CORE TRAINERS can be reached by email at the following:

Eddie Wall: ewall@ibblocal128.org,

Dave Maddison: dmaddison@ibblocal128.org

Kim Quinn: kquinn@ibblocal128.org

WELD SHOP

The Burlington, Sarnia and Sudbury Weld Shops are open by appointment only. You must call ahead in order to reserve a booth.

Burlington Weld Shop Ed Hoffmann (905) 332-6979 or Email ehoffmann@ibblocal128.org

Sarnia Weld Shop Jared Cook (226) 402-0128 or Email jcook@ibblocal128.org

Sudbury Weld Shop Ray LeClair (705) 560-3202 or Email rleclair@ibblocal128.org

Please be aware that physical distancing, safety and disinfection procedures will be strictly adhered to while any member is on site. Please review the safety measures on the web site under the COVID-19 resources.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2020 Local 128 Scholarship winners. First place \$3000 Jada LeBlanc, daughter of Dave LeBlanc and second place \$2000 Ainsley Lewis, daughter of David Lewis.

LABOUR DAY

As you can well imagine due to COVID-19, the Labour Councils and Building Trades have cancelled the traditional Parades in Ontario. However, this is still a day to reflect on the past and appreciate the many strides of the Labour Movement. Please contact your area Rep for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH

Remember that FSEAP, the Boilermaker counselling and referral service is available to help anytime, day or night. If you or a family member thinks they could benefit from speaking to someone, then please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call any time at **1-866-990-1113**.

- ✓ Marital / Relationship / Family / Personal Counseling
- ✓ Work-Related Counselling
- ✓ Financial/Retirement Counselling
- ✓ Stress Tests and Counselling
- ✓ Teen/Parent Hotline
- ✓ Eldercare Information,
- ✓ Childcare Information
- ✓ Drug/Alcohol Counselling

IBB Local128 web site www.ibblocal128.org and
The Boilermaker National website
<https://boilermaker.ca/en/covid-19-updates/>
both have great information and resources available.

Be Kind... to Your Mind

1. **Pause**, Breath, Reflect
2. **Keep** to a healthy routine
3. **Connect** with others
4. **Disconnect** from fake news
5. **Be kind** to yourself and others
6. **Reach out** for help if you need it

Thank you
**ESSENTIAL
WORKERS!**



Proud to Support

**PURPLE RIBBON CAMPAIGN
SUPPORTING COVID-19 ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

A special thanks to all our front line and essential service workers who continue to wade through this pandemic and help us all. Wearing a Purple Ribbon symbolizes that support and shows we are thankful.

<https://boilermaker.ca/en/purpleribbons/>

Brothers and sisters, our reps and staff continue to work hard for you. Please remember to be mindful and safety conscious. Please exercise patience, on and off the job. This Pandemic is not over by any means.

Be safe!

In solidarity. I am fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Grills". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ROY GRILLS

Business Manager / Secretary Treasurer
Boilermakers Local 128 Ontario

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