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## Game On!

*For golf tournament information, see pages 4-5.*



## Come for the BBQ/FISH/FRY and Stay for the Annual Camping and ATV Ride

**Saturday, July 18, 2020**

**10 a.m. ATV ride • 6 p.m. BBQ**

Stomping Grounds, Akeley, MN

For more information call Mike Ganz at 612-865-0343

*Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and social distancing this event may be adjusted to accommodate state and campground mandates. We will post these potential changes on our website and FB page.*

## Quick Links for Unemployment

You will also find these links and additional information on our website at <https://www.bac1mn-nd.org>

**Minnesota** - <https://www.uimn.org/applicants/needtoknow/news-updates/covid-19.jsp>

**North Dakota** - <https://www.jobsnd.com/unemployment-individuals/file-claim>

**South Dakota** - <https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/individuals/default.aspx>



## Minnesota Construction Industry Statement Regarding Jobsite Safety and the COVID-19 Outbreak

The Minnesota construction industry is committed to the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and the public. Our respective organizations represent labor and management in the Minnesota construction industry. The purpose of this communication is to describe the specific mitigation strategies that our members – the Minnesota construction industry employers and their skilled workforce – are taking to combat the COVID-19 outbreak.

The following strategies, which are derived from CDC and OSHA workplace recommendations, have been and are being implemented on our construction industry jobsites across the state. Our organizations are promoting the universal implementation of these measures to safeguard Minnesota construction industry jobsites through the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Hand-washing and other hygiene measures are key to preventing the spread of viruses, including COVID-19.

The following measures are being taken across Minnesota’s construction industry:

- Worker education – through specific communications and posters – of the importance of frequent handwashing, hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, and staying home when sick. All employees must carefully observe these requirements.
- Careful attention to jobsite toilet and hand cleaning facilities. All employers must ensure that these facilities are in clean, working order and stocked with soap and/or hand sanitizer.

- Jobsite and equipment cleanliness. Jobsites must be kept clean, with frequent cleaning of any frequently touched surfaces on the site. Any tools or equipment that might be shared by workers must be cleaned before and after use.

Construction jobsites are not densely populated work areas. Regardless, the following social distancing measures are also being taken across our industry:

- Workers are being instructed to observe a minimum distance of six (6) feet between individuals to increase physical space between workers at the worksite. This includes pre-work and post-work events of all kinds.
- Employers are modifying their jobsite communications, planning, and schedules to shrink or eliminate group gatherings. This includes changes to or the elimination of pre-job conferences, communal break locations, and any other activity that would bring a group of people together on the jobsite. Policies for material deliveries and other third-party jobsite visits are being altered. Employers are simultaneously implementing new strategies to ensure ongoing, successful jobsite communications.

These and other measures – which include remote work directives in office settings – have the full support of labor and management. We will continue to support and take the steps necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and the public.

## Covid-19 Changes the Landscape of Our Industry



Doug Schroeder,  
President/  
Secretary-Treasurer

The past weeks have been trying as we deal with the CDC and state regulations from COVID-19. Thankfully, construction has been deemed to be essential and we have an abundance of work. The regulations put forward from state and national government have been changing from day one and we have been diligent at posting these items on our website.

With so many questions centered around unemployment, jobsite regulations, and government assistance, we found it prudent to add links to our website to help the members and their families find the answers they need.

We have been directed by the contractor groups that no third-party visitors can be on site. We will continue to monitor this and when these restrictions are lifted, we will have the agents start to make visits again. Some agents have been able to stop by sites before work starts and visit the members in the street or at off-site parking lots to conduct business.

Membership meetings have been postponed until further notice. This includes all in-person meetings, Gold Card dinners and luncheons, apprenticeship graduation, retiree breakfasts and coffees, and semi-annual meetings. We are working with the International Union for ways to have these meetings in the future if gatherings are prohibited.

Wage addendums went out in April and early May for the local. Please check the website for this information. As a note, there were some areas that have opted to allocate monies to an annuity fund. In most areas this was done and allowed by the negotiating committees. In the metro bricklayers agreement this was not accepted by the contractors. We will keep this item for our next round of negotiations in 2022.

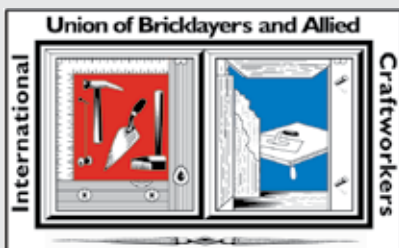
We hope that our membership, their families, and extended families are doing well during this pandemic.

### Apprenticeship Update

Classes have been suspended including the pre-job classes until further notice. All graduation apprentices will graduate this year. Future classes will be posted on the apprenticeship center's website when they are able to resume.

**Currently all meetings are postponed until further notice.**

**This includes chapter and local officers' elections as only in-person meetings are allowed to have these type of elections. Without clear direction from the IU and NLRB we can not schedule these nominations.**



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# RECREATION

Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

# Metro Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club, Rogers, MN  
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 MN/ND/SD

*Tee Off Time: 7 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Be There to Sign In by 6:30 a.m.*

**COURSE REQUIREMENT: ALL GOLFERS MUST WEAR SOFT SPIKES!**



**SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT** – A “Scramble” is a competition among foursomes, not individuals. Everyone in the foursome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. The foursome will have only one score on each hole.

**COST IS \$75 PER PERSON / RETIRED MEMBERS IS \$60 PER PERSON** – DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 17, 2020. This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Entrants will be limited to the first 128 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Doug Schroeder at 612-379-2966.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is July 17, 2020. No exceptions! The golf tournament is open to all members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and social distancing the tournament may be adjusted to accommodate state and course mandates. We will post these potential changes on our website and FB page.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION** – Payment by card or a check is accepted. Please note there is a 3% processing fee for all card payments. Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Send to BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD, 312 Central Avenue SE, Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

## 2020 RESERVATION BAC GOLF TOURNAMENT



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHERS IN YOUR FOURSOME

\_\_\_\_\_

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# RECREATION

Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

# Duluth Golf Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at Grandview Golf Links, Duluth, MN  
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 MN/ND/SD

*Tee off Time: 8 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Registration 7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.*



**SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT** – This is an 18 Hole Two-Person Scramble Tournament (We will play the 9 hole course twice). A “scramble” is a competition among twosomes, not individuals. Everyone in the twosome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. All levels of golf skill are welcome. You may make up your own two-person team, or we will place you into one.

**COST IS \$65 PER PERSON** – This cost includes green fees, refreshments, lunch, prizes, cash prizes, golf shirts, and balls. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUG. 31, 2020.**

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Doug Schroeder at 612-379-2966 or Stan Paczynski at the Duluth office at 218-724-8374 or cell 218-393-9406.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and social distancing the tournament may be adjusted to accommodate state and course mandates. We will post these potential changes on our website and FB page.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION** – Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Please send the registration form with payment to BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD, 312 Central Avenue SE, Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

## 2020 RESERVATION ANNUAL DULUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OTHER PERSON IN YOUR TWOSOME:

\_\_\_\_\_

\*Note\* If you do not have a partner, we will place you on a team\*

**Please RSVP on or before Aug. 31, 2020!**

## RETIRED MEMBERS

Many BAC Local 1 members have retired in 2017, 2018 and 2019. We are grateful for your dedication of work and we wish you a great future in your retirement years!



### #1 MN-St. Paul

John Anderson  
David Bearden  
Michael Bell  
Stephen Blood  
Thomas Bobich  
Michael Bogart  
Bruce Braccini  
John Buckingham  
Richard Burt  
Douglas Carlson  
Andrew Cook  
Maurice Cook  
Michael Cook  
Howard Doehling  
Mark Duncan  
John Fandel  
Bradley Gilbertson  
Allan Gillan  
Richard Gruber  
Alan Gruett  
Virgil Hoffman  
Chris Holton  
Leonard Jarosiewicz  
Jerry Jerome  
Ronald Johnson  
Stuart Koski  
William Lanier  
Jerry Lee  
Raymond Leisz  
Gregory Loritz  
David Lucke  
Robert Marshall  
Wayne Mathwig  
Lyle Matson  
Kelly Mayer  
Dennis Melgaard  
Ronald Miklya  
Richard Newman  
Ronald Nordeen  
Delbert O'Neill  
Arthur Onasch  
William Patzoldt  
Richard Perreault  
Charles Peterson  
Daniel Quinlan  
Steven Ruzek  
William Sauter

Robert Schutz  
Ronald Schutz  
Richard Sigstad  
Daniel Simon  
Jeffrey Skaar  
Donald Sorensen  
Robert Steinbring  
Lawrence Strese  
Stuart Sutton  
Glenn Svoboda  
David Sweitzer  
Thomas Teske  
Leo Themmes  
Dennis Trendera  
Ronald Vrieze

### #2 MN-Minneapolis

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Arthur Aube  
Alan Barbknecht  
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Thomas Betterman  
Michael Bodine  
Thomas Bonsignore  
Ronald Blesi  
Frank Blue  
Michael Blumberg  
Milton Boser  
Dennis Burns  
Daniel Chmielewski  
Francis Chmielewski  
David Christy  
Randy Clark  
Thomas Clark  
William Coleman  
Richard Dahl  
Raymond Davis  
Daniel Deziel  
Kenneth Diedrich  
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Vern Dotseth  
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Rodger Edblom  
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Stanley Erickson  
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Duane Jeske  
Mark Johnson  
Paul Johnson  
Roger Johnson  
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Randall Kellar  
Richard Kentzelman  
Kenneth Klefsaas  
Herbert Kunze  
David Laabs  
Andrew Lang  
James Larson  
Lyle Lean  
Steven Lehman  
Ronald Lewis  
Gerald Luedke  
Jerry Lund  
Oaklon Martin  
Kenneth Mccarthy  
David Mensing  
Paul Mikrut  
Leroy Miller  
Mark Morford  
Thomas Munn  
Jacque Nadeau  
Carroll Nelson  
David Nelson  
Michael Nelson  
Bernard Neumann  
Eugene Newell  
William Nickson  
Gilmore Olson  
Mark Olson  
Wynn Ostlie  
Craig Pearson  
Leroy Pederson  
Randall Petrash  
Terry Pierce  
Kevin Prestegord  
Gordon Rath  
Jeffrey Ratike  
Richard Riese  
Douglas Rix  
Paul Roberts  
David Royce  
Leo Schahn  
John Schmitz  
Terrence Schmitz  
Lowell Schrupp

Charles Seifert  
Bruce Smith  
Dallas Smith  
Harlan Snyder  
Mark Sopeth  
Steven Staple  
John Stemper  
Michael Strand  
James Sweeney  
Laverne Terwey  
Jeffrey Thompson  
Terry Tiemens  
Jeffery Torkelson  
Arvin Welle  
Glen Welle  
Steven Youngstrom  
John Zahler  
Edward Zarnke

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Randy George  
Jeffery Jacques  
Gregory Knoll  
Steven Kuhlman  
Richard Lawrence  
Thomas Ludolph  
Kurt Mehtala  
Shawn Murphy  
Gerald Perttula  
James Stebe  
Randall Willeck

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Gary Eggerth  
Richard Goodall  
Edward Gottwalt  
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Clement Kremers  
Jerry Kuseske  
Paul Lochner  
Thomas Mattson  
Douglas Mingus  
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Ronald Peterick  
Dale Reiter  
William Rhoads  
Russell Sanford  
Jack Schultz  
Thomas Steinmetz



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**#8 MN-Rochester**  
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Gerald Vandewalker

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Leroy Goranson

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James Iskierka  
Steve Mcnamee  
Todd Nyen  
Ronald Olson  
Calvin Schmock  
Richard Theis

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Michael Johnson

**#107T-Terrazzo Workers**  
Marvin Wojcik



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Everett Mostue  
Ronald Nelson  
Roger Wilde

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**#3 ND-Grand Forks**  
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Eddie Nelson  
Lyle Rygg

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Cary Reindel  
Stephen Schneider  
Scot Streyle  
Ladel Wilson



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Larry Budahl  
Steven Kraushaar

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### IMI Masonry Minute

#### Key IMI Activity Highlights

Minnesota IMI Director Mark Swanson promotes the use of masonry and skilled union craftworkers by providing masonry education and consulting to the design and construction community. The main goal is to create more job opportunities for signatory contractors and members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND/SD.

#### Recent IMI Seminars

##### Structural Coalition: Webinar

Sam Rubenzer, consulting structural engineer, delivered a 2-hour webinar to MBJ Engineering on March 19. Twenty nine attendees participated in the series from multiple MBJ offices. MBJ has offices in Rochester, Minneapolis, Duluth and Phoenix. Rubenzer demonstrated over and over that masonry was a viable option for lintels, shear walls, and storm shelters. MBJ is working on Rochester public schools and with Minnesota going to the 2018 IBC from the 2012 IBC, where storm shelters were not a requirement, making this a timely presentation. He showed that masonry can and is being prefabricated.



Image of prefabricated stairwells from Sam Rubenzer's presentation to MBJ engineers. For those of you who tuned into the seminar series, thanks for attending. Mark Swanson at IMI, and Rubenzer at FORSE Consulting are available to consult on masonry projects for us, and in many cases at no charge.

##### Masonry Wednesday Seminar Series at the BAC Training Center

Masonry Wednesdays are always the third Wednesday of the month. At our last in-person session in February at the BAC Training Center, Dekton porcelain tile demonstrated their porcelain exterior cladding rainscreen. IMI MN met Michelle and Morgan from Cosentino at Facades Plus in Minneapolis where IMI had a booth and Swanson delivered a rainscreen seminar. To demonstrate the durability of their product, Morgan poured nail polish on the tile sample and lit it on fire at the IMI tabletop. Perfectly normal, right? Swanson, a fan of flaming porcelain, then invited them to present at Masonry Wednesday, to build a mockup with a rail system to let the audience know this is ALL BAC work, and push



Cosentino Tile demonstrating their porcelain rainscreen system. Panels and the mock up was custom built for this event.

BAC installed rainscreen into the market.

Training Center Masonry Coordinator John Slama built and coordinated the mockup panel build with Cosentino and their rail supplier out of Canada. Fifty nine architects, contractors, and suppliers registered for the event. Grazzini Bros, Advanced Masonry Restoration, and American Masonry Restoration were some of our signatory contractors in attendance. Kraus Anderson GC was there as well as St. Paul Public Schools. Meghan Bittner, IMI admin assistant, greeted attendees, coordinated the food, and did the introductions for the speakers.

##### Masonry Wednesday Seminar Series now a Webinar Series

Things can certainly change quickly in our world. Swanson hosted Mike Granatowski from Mapei to deliver a webinar on gauged porcelain tile in March. Participants learned how to use the proper gauged porcelain tools, troweling, lippage control, and dry installation methods. They also gained an understanding of the importance

of having qualified installers that have gone through a certified training program like BAC offers.

On April 15, Swanson hosted Roy Ingrassia, IMI's national director of Strategic Partnerships, for our 2020 Restoration Day. Ingrassia delivered a webinar on Coatings on Historic and Existing Masonry Buildings to 206 attendees. This was the largest attendance for a MN Masonry Wednesday event. The webinar generated some excellent questions and project inquiries.

##### JBC Masonry Innovation Competition

The competition challenges current and budding designers to answer the question: What will masonry's design and construction delivery experience look like in the future?

Swanson traveled to the IUBAC in February to review the judged submissions at the IUBAC with Past President Joan B. Calambokidis, (whom the competition is named after), IMI President Caryn Halifax, and IMI Marketing Manager Elizabeth Kekeris. Also present were the jurors for this year's competition;



IUBAC President Tim Driscoll, Mike Schmerbeck of Back Brook Masonry, Architect Alan Feltoon, and Stephen DeSimone of DeSimone Engineering. There were had 34 submissions this year and some very compelling designs and ideas.

**Expanded Online Learning Opportunities for Signatory Contractors and AEC Professionals**

IMI has expanded online learning opportunities to support signatory contractors and AEC professionals amidst shelter-in-place and quarantine measures as a result of COVID-19.

Our Contractor College program is now offered as a weekly webinar series with topics designed to help employers grow their businesses and succeed. Topics covered include project management, financial management, developing QA/QC plans, and more. The contractor webinar series was launched in late March and regularly draws between 30-50 attendees, with numbers continuing to grow each week.

To continue educating design professionals about the benefits of using union masonry and tile, IMI has also added more webinars to its popular series with new topics each week, including timely information like using structural masonry to save money and get a quick start on projects. These webinars, which offer AIA LU/



**2020 IMI Masonry Webinar Series – Third Wednesday of the Month**

June 17	U of Louisville: Dr. Mark McGinley – Energy Compliance Methods
July 15	Biggs Consulting: David Biggs, Extreme Masonry Veneers
August 19	York Flashing: Through-Wall Flashing Compatibility
August 26	MCMCA
September 16	NCMA: Nicholas Lang
October 21	IMI: Pat Conway
November 18	SMARTci: Peter Grotenhuis
December 16	HENRY: Justin Armitage, David Schurman: Progeq

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Keith Kersey  
Dick Knock

**#2 MN-Mpls**  
Eldon Eckert  
Roger Meissner

**#4 MN-St. Cloud**  
Warren Foss  
Kenneth Landborg  
Bryan Puchalla

**#4 SD-Rapid City**  
Thomas Becker

**18 MN-Tile**  
Samuel Glirbas

**#21 MN-Albert Lea**  
Harold Furland



## Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Asleson  
Brent Bartholdi  
Vincent Calabrese  
Preston Jopling  
Luis Luna  
Chad Mccabe  
Colton Mehrhof  
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# 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please clip the calendar and post it in a convenient spot so it's handy when you want to check meetings and events.

**Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
4:30 p.m. June 8, Aug. 10, Sept. 14,  
Nov. 9, Delta Hotels-Mpls. NE, 1330  
Industrial Blvd NE, Minneapolis: All  
Metro members 7 p.m. Dec. 14

**Chapter 1-Fargo, ND**  
Dillworth Hi Ho Tavern: 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 22, Dec. 8  
Glyndon Rod & Gun Club: 5:30 p.m.  
June 25

**Chapter 1-Sioux Falls, SD**  
101 S. Fairfax Ave., Sioux Falls Labor  
Temple: 6 p.m. July 14, Aug. 11,  
Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

**Chapter 2-Minot, ND**  
Minot VFW: 7 p.m. Nov. 11

**Chapter 2-Yankton, SD**  
209 Cedar Terrace, Yankton VFW:  
7 p.m. July 10, Sept. 11, Nov. 13  
Butch's Tavern: 7 p.m. June 12, Aug.  
14, Oct. 9, Dec. 11

**Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron  
Range, MN**  
Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: 5 p.m.  
June 10, Sept. 9, Dec. 9  
Hibbing, Crown Ballroom: 6 p.m.  
Aug. 12, Nov. 11

**Chapter 3-Grand Forks, ND**  
E. Grand Forks American Legion: 7 p.m.  
June 22, Sept. 23, Dec. 9

**Chapter 3-Aberdeen, SD**  
617 S. 15th St., Aberdeen Central Labor  
Union: 7 p.m. July 20, Sept. 21, Nov. 16

**Chapter 4-Bismarck, ND**  
Bismarck, AmVets: 7 p.m. Nov. 10



**Chapter 4-Rapid City, SD**  
922 E. St. Patrick St., Rapid City Labor  
Temple: 6 p.m. June 5, Aug. 7, Sept. 4,  
Dec. 4

**Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd, MN**  
St. Cloud Labor Home: 7 p.m. Aug. 5,  
Nov. 4  
Brainerd American Legion: 7 p.m.  
June 4, Sept. 3, Dec. 3

**Chapter 5-Watertown, SD**  
808 S. Broadway, Watertown VFW:  
6 p.m. Nov. 20

**Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN**  
Rochester, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. June 5,  
Sept. 14, Dec. 7  
Faribault, Eagles Club: 7 p.m. Aug. 3,  
Nov. 2

**Chapter 11-Mankato, MN**  
Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club:  
7 p.m. June 3, Sept. 3, Dec. 3

**Chapter 15-Bemidji and ND**  
Bemidji, Elks Club: 5 p.m. June 11, Aug.  
13, Sept. 10, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

**GOLD CARD DINNERS**  
Letters will be mailed.

**Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron  
Range, MN**  
Duluth area: Holiday Inn, 6 p.m. Oct. 9  
Iron Range: Valentini's, 6 p.m. Oct. 10

**Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault, MN**  
Rochester, Rochester's Eagle Club:  
Cancelled

## OTHER EVENTS

**Retirees Club Breakfast meetings**  
Jax Cafe: Minneapolis, 9 a.m., Sept. 24,  
Dec. 3

**Duluth area Retirees coffee meetings**  
Miller Hill Mall Perkins: Duluth 9:30 a.m.,  
First Wednesday of each month

**Iron Range Retirees coffee meetings**  
Sportsman's Cafe: 9 a.m., Hibbing  
Third Monday of each month

**St. Cloud Retirees coffee meetings**  
Brigitte's Café: 9:30 a.m.,  
Third Tuesday of each month

**Executive Committee meeting**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
9 a.m. Oct. 9

**Semiannual Meeting-All of MN/ND/SD**  
312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:  
9 a.m. Oct. 10

**BAC Golf Tournament**  
Pheasant Acres: 7 a.m. July 25

**Chapter 3 Golf Tournament**  
Grandview Golf Links: Duluth  
8 a.m. Sept. 12



**All meetings are canceled at this time.**  
**Refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.**

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## GOVERNMENT POLITICS: OUR ISSUES



### POLITICS – Our Issues

By Bill McCarthy,  
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### In “Reopening,” Worker Safety Must Come First

Every single day workers across Minnesota are putting themselves at risk; both in the battle against COVID-19 and in the effort to continue providing the essential goods and services Minnesotans depend on. These workers didn’t ask to put their lives on the line, but they are keeping Minnesota moving none the less.

Despite the best efforts of state government and labor unions to keep workers safe, many of our state’s non-union employers continue to put workers at unnecessary risk. In Shakopee, more than 50 workers at the Amazon warehouse walked off the job in the middle of the night to protest retaliation against workers with safety concerns. Caribou Coffee workers staged drive-in protests across the metro, protesting unsafe working conditions, lack of sick time, and lack of hazard pay. In Cold Spring, more than 100 workers walked out of the Pilgrim’s Pride plant to protest how the company was handling worker safety.

Workers shouldn’t have to take drastic action to win basic safety protections. Workers must have a say and have their safety concerns addressed in any viable plan to save lives, defeat the coronavirus, and revive the economy. The AFL-CIO has proposed eight conditions for reopening the economy in Minnesota and across the country:

1. Workers must have a say in these decisions at every level: workplace, industry, city, state and federal.
2. Decisions must be based on worker safety and sound science.
3. Strong, clear, and enforceable workplace health and safety standards must be in place.
4. Workers must have stronger protections against retaliation.
5. There must be a massive increase in adequate levels and types of personal protective equipment for workers currently on the job—and then for those returning to the job.
6. There must be a massive increase of rapid and reliable coronavirus testing.
7. There must be a comprehensive system of recording, reporting and tracking worker infections.
8. Employers, in coordination with local and state public health departments, must trace the contacts of infected

workers and remove exposed workers from work with pay and without retaliation.

Without properly addressing worker safety, before lifting or relaxing preventive measures that are currently reducing the number of cases and deaths due to COVID-19, will result in more workers falling sick and dying and even more economic damage.

Minnesotans want to get back to work, but we need to do it the right way. While some have been loudly clamoring to “flip the switch” and reopen all businesses at once, a clear majority of Minnesotans in every area of our state understand how irresponsible and dangerous such a decision would be. They understand that our economy cannot rebound unless workers are protected. They support Governor Walz and our state government’s measured approach to protect workers and overall public health.

Minnesotans’ strength comes from us being there for one another. This crisis shows that when we face adversity, we join together to protect our neighbors and our co-workers. It’s by working together that we will get through this crisis and emerge stronger than before.

