



UAW Local 774 President's Report

President Wence Valentin III



Tuesday December 14, 2021

Upcoming UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter Meetings

The next few meetings for 2022 are Tuesday January 11, 2022, Tuesday February 8, 2022, Tuesday March 8, 2022, Tuesday April 12, 2022, Tuesday May 10, 2022 and June 14, 2022 at 1:00pm in the upper and lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207.

*All dates are subject to change

Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP Compensation Representative

The Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria Representative hours at the UAW Local 774 hall will resume as follows:

Every second Tuesday of the month from 12:00pm – 4:00pm and the fourth Tuesday of the month from 8:00am - 12:00pm. *All dates are subject to change

UAW/GM Legal Services Plan

This Benefit was first bargained for you by your Union in the 2015 FCA, Ford, and GM national negotiations, and improved in 2019 bargaining as to eligibility and coverage.

Eligible active or retired members and their spouses of UAW, GM, Ford, and Stellantis, can use this benefit for the following: wills, trusts, powers of attorney, deeds, uncontested family matters, residential real estate matters, credit reporting problems, consumer contracts, legal advice for traffic matters, Social Security disability matters, Medicare, Medicaid, and other questions.

The benefit also offers low-cost referrals to private attorneys who have a contract with the Legal Services Plan to represent eligible members.

To use your benefit, call Legal Services Plan at 1-800-482-7700 or by email clientcomments@uawlsp.com. A case specialist will verify your eligibility, explain the coverage available for your matter, and refer you to an attorney.

Legal Services Plan new address

10535 Main Street
Suite 200
Clarence, NY 14031

UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2021 UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship. We are especially proud of the New York State winner, Victoria Chilcott, daughter of UAW Local 774 member Eric Chilcott. Additionally, Jake Lombardo is the winner from New Jersey and Nicholas Demjan Jr. is the winner from Pennsylvania.

Veterans Committee Update

On behalf of the Veterans Committee we would like to say thank you to everyone that donated during our annual Veterans Gate Collection. We raised a total of \$3,102.14 and will use the funds raised to assist local veterans.

We are currently accepting orders for the veterans t-shirts. The cost is \$20.00 for S - 4XL. Please return completed order forms and payment to the local Union Hall or any Veterans committee member by **Tuesday December 14, 2021.**



Ted Maldonado, Chairperson – UAW Local 774 Veterans Committee

2021 UAW Referendum Vote

Under the direction of the Court-appointed Monitor, UAW members voting in the Referendum opted to change to the direct election method of electing all International Executive Board members.

With just under 14% of total active and retired membership participating in the vote, as of December 2, 2021, 2pm ET, the vote count is complete. In Total, 143,044 returned ballot packages were received, and 140,586 valid votes were counted. Out of those 140,586 votes, 50,971 members voted for the delegate voting system (36.3%) and 89,615 members voted for the direct voting system (63.7%).

UAW Local 774 members voted as follows:

- 380 members voted for the delegate voting system.
- 704 members voted for the direct voting system.

While the Court will need to provide final approval for the results of the Referendum, the International Executive Board will begin the process of working in unity with members, local unions and the Monitor in drafting the Constitutional changes, and implementing policies under this new method of direct election of officers and regional directors. Ultimately, all modifications to the UAW Constitution will be adopted by the delegates to the 38th UAW Constitutional Convention to be held July 25-28, 2022.

For more information and/or to view the entire 2021 UAW Referendum Interim Rules and FAQ visit uawmonitor.com

BJ's Wholesale Club (offer valid until 12/31/2021)

Discount membership applications are available at the Union hall during regular business hours (8am-4pm). New basic membership - \$25 plus tax = \$27.00, 12 months, 2 cards. New Rewards membership - \$50 plus tax = \$54.00, 12 months, 2 cards.

Basic renewal - \$55 plus tax = \$59.40, 12 months, 2 cards, receive \$20 rewards at register on next visit at club (\$20 off next purchase). Rewards renewal - \$110 plus tax = \$118.80, 12 months, 2 cards, receive \$30 rewards at register on next visit at club (\$30 off next purchase) Note - Rewards are available 48 hours after date of renewal at checkout. Rewards are only valid for 45 days.

Important Upcoming Dates and Events

- Sunday December 19, 2021 – Retiree Christmas Party, Grapevine Banquets 333 Dick Rd. Depew, NY 14043
- Friday December 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve
- Saturday December 25, 2021 – Christmas Day
- Sunday December 26, 2021 – Kwanzaa Begins
- Monday December 27, 2021 – Friday December 31, 2021: Christmas Holiday Period
- Friday December 30, 2021 – New Year's Eve
- Saturday January 1, 2022 – New Year's Day
- Thursday January 6, 2022 – Three Kings Day
- Sunday January 9, 2022 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00am
- Tuesday January 11, 2022 – Retiree Chapter Meeting 1:00pm
- Monday January 17, 2022 – Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Union Hall Holiday Hours

Please be advised that the UAW Local 774 union hall will be closed from Friday December 24, 2021 – Friday December 31, 2021. We will reopen Monday January 3, 2022 at 8:00am.

Happy Holidays from Your UAW Local 774 Executive Board

On behalf of the Executive Board, we would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We ask you to stay diligent with your PPE to protect you, your family, friends, and colleagues. Stay safe, stay healthy, and above all stay positive.



In Solidarity,

/s/ Wence Valentin III, President - UAW Local 774



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Union Update



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Please boycott Kellogg's products until they negotiate a fair deal with their workers. The Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM) members rejected the company's latest tentative agreement in a powerful act of solidarity and commitment to ensuring all Kellogg's workers get the fair pay and dignified working conditions they deserve.

The strike includes more than 1,400 BCTGM members in Michigan, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Omaha, Nebraska, and Tennessee.