



UAW Local 774 President's Report

President Wence Valentin III



Thursday April 8, 2021

Membership Meeting Schedule

Regular membership meetings will resume in accordance with NYS guidelines and with safety protocols in place.

Time: 10:00 am
Sunday, April 18, 2021
May 16, 2021
June 13, 2021
October 17, 2021
November 14, 2021
December 12, 2021
*All dates are subject to change

Election of the Election Committee

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8 of our Local Union Bylaws, an Election Committee of eleven (11) members and eleven (11) Alternates shall be elected at a Regular Membership Meeting. Currently, there are only eight (8) members. Therefore, we must reopen nominations for the other positions. A ballot box will be in place at the Local Union Hall from Monday May 3, 2021 – Thursday May 13, 2021 for members to submit their in-person acceptance for a position on the Election Committee. The box will be opened and the names will be posted on an election ballot in alphabetical order. Failure to submit an acceptance during this period does not disqualify someone from running in the election. Nominations will also be accepted at the membership meeting on May 16, 2021. The printed ballot will include blank lines for members who wish to submit their names on the day of the meeting.

NEW Website

We have launched our new website, UAWLocal774.org. Check it out and stay up to date by reading and downloading the latest Labor News & Reports issues, President's Reports, Regional/International news and more.

Amy Kloc, Communications Director
UAW Local 774

UAW Local 774 Hall Rentals

Beginning May 1st 2021, we will resume accepting reservations for hall rentals in accordance with NYS guidelines and with safety protocols including capacity limits in place. Call (716) 873-4715 ext. 12 (Wence) or 20 (Cleveland) for more details, information and availability. Deposit: \$200.00 Rental Fee: \$225.00

UAW Training Classes

The following classes are available to any interested member to attend. Register by email, wvalentiniiii@uaw774.com or phone, (716) 873-4715 ext. 12. Class size is limited and advanced registration is required. Classes will run from 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Local Union Hall.

UAW Standing Committees – Wednesday April 21, 2021

UAW 101 – Thursday April 22, 2021

2021 Defensive Driving Course(s)

Tuition - \$30.00 for UAW Active/Retired members and \$35 for non-UAW members. Advanced registration is required, Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896.

Time: 10am - 4pm, Local Union Hall

Saturday: May 22, 2021

August 21, 2021

November 20, 2021

June 26, 2021

September 18, 2021

December 11, 2021

July 10, 2021

October 16, 2021

*All dates are subject to change

Office of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Brothers and Sisters,

Under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, local unions who represent members in the private sector with \$250,000 or more in total annual receipts are required to submit annual financial statements to the US Department of Labor.

On Tuesday March 30th, I completed, signed and filed UAW Local 774's LM-2 form. Although preparation of the LM form is the responsibility of the Financial Secretary, the form MUST be signed by the Local Union President AND Financial Secretary before the March 31st deadline. This form is the government's way of regulating labor unions and ensuring that dues income is spent responsibly. From the International Secretary-Treasurer, it is the duty of the Financial Secretary to advise the Local Union Executive Board and membership that this mandatory filing has been completed.

As always, I am available to provide assistance or answer any questions you may have and can be reached through Facebook messenger, (716) 873-4715 ext. 20 or cjonesjr@uaw774.com.

Stay safe. Stay strong. Stay healthy.

Solidarity forever,

Cleveland Jones Jr.
Financial Secretary/Treasurer
UAW Local 774

1st Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament

We are having our 1st Annual Golf Tournament on June 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m. at Chestnut Hill Golf Course. You must have one (1) active or retired member in your foursome. Cost is \$85.00/person, must pay at sign up. Forms are available at the union hall. All proceeds will go towards our 1st Annual Scholarship Program. Contact 1st Vice President Ted Maldonado at tmaldonado@uaw774.com for more info. *Limited spots available.

Chaplaincy Committee

The UAW Region 9 Chaplaincy Committee is working with “Rooted in Love, Inc.” to collect personal hygiene products to be distributed to those that are less fortunate or have fallen on hard times. This drive will run through the month of April. Members can drop donations in designated bins at each gate and the Local Union Hall. Requested items: bar soap, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream and deodorant.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Renita Chatman
UAW Local 774 Chaplaincy Committee Chair
UAW Region 9 Chaplaincy Coordinator
Prayer Line Requests (716) 873-4715 ext. 30

SVS Vision Optical Centers: Prescription Safety Glasses

Bring in your GM badge to order prescription safety glasses once every twelve (12) months.

1551 Niagara Falls Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14228 – In Burlington Plaza – (716) 832-6172

4408 Milestrip Rd. Buffalo, NY 14219 – In BJ's Plaza – (716) 821-9199

Saf-Gard Safety Shoe Company: 2021 Shoemobile Schedule

Members can also go in-store at 1625 Walden Ave. Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Allowance is \$75.00 and GM identification must be shown.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Plant/Gate</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
4/15/2021	5	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
4/16/2021	1-R13	6:00 AM	11:00 AM
5/10/2021	5	6:00 AM	11:00 AM
5/11/2021	1-R13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
6/7/2021	1-R13	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
6/8/2021	5	11:00 AM	3:00 PM

UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship

The 2021 scholarship consists of \$6,000 payable at \$1,500/year for a maximum of 4 consecutive years. Applications are available at the Union Hall or the UAW Region 9 website, region9.uaw.org. This year's topic is "What can organized labor do to increase membership numbers?" Deadline for applications is June 30, 2021.

Upcoming Important Dates and Events

- Wednesday April 28, 2021 – Workers Memorial Day
- Monday May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day Holiday
- Sunday June 27, 2021 – 1st Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament
- Wednesday June 30, 2021 – Tom Fricano Scholarship application deadline
- Sunday July 4, 2021 – Independence Day
- Monday July 5, 2021 – Fourth (4th) of July Observance
- Monday September 6, 2021 – Labor Day Holiday



In Solidarity,

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