

Business Manager's Message

October 9, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the past month, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has reported a significant increase of positive COVID-19 cases in Alberta. This increase in COVID-19 cases further limits our ability to host gatherings of over 50 people at one time, yesterday (AHS) reduced this number to 15. As Business Manager, it is my responsibility to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 between our membership, their families and friends. The health and wellbeing of our members is and continues to be our number one priority.

It is important that we continue to keep both our Dispatch office and our Welding Centers open. In August and September we dispatched over 1,300 people to jobs. In the same two months, over 938 welders either tested or practiced in our Welding Centers. If the Lodge were to close because of a positive COVID-19 test result, the significant impact of such a stoppage of services would cause long-term damage to us as members, and to our contractors and the clients for whom we work. We must do everything we can to ensure the essential services we provide continue if at all possible.

Given the current situation, we cannot hold a Regular Monthly meeting until the public health restrictions on mass gatherings are lifted. I appreciate your patience, members who have questions regarding the financial reports, travel cards or any other matter can contact us. All your questions will be answered in a timely manner.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family.

Fraternally yours,

Hugh MacDonald
Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer