



Local Lodge 1746

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## District 26 Goes to Washington

The legislative conference was held in Washington DC from May 8-10 2017. The attending Locals were 1746, 700, 743, and 62A. There was no doubt that District 26 was well represented at the conference. The opening remarks were presented by the International Legislative director Hasan Solomon, and the Keynote address was done by our International President Robert Martinez Jr. There were several speakers including Senator Angus King (Maine), Senator Sherrod Brown (Ohio), Senator Maria Cantwell (Washington), Senator Jeff Merkley (Oregon), and our very own Senator Chris Murphy (Connecticut). Senator Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts) was supposed to speak but after the sudden termination of FBI director James Comey, Washington went in to a tailspin that prompted her and other speakers to change their schedule at the last minute.

The Delegation moved on to Capitol Hill and lobbied about several issues that affect the working class. Some of the key issues were investing in America, funding Amtrak and infrastructure, preserving retirement security, and repealing the “Cadillac Tax” on Health Care. Brother John Harrity did an excellent job at scheduling the appointment and it was seamless. We were able to meet with Congressman John Larson, Sen. Murphy and Senator Richard Blumenthal, and we managed to get a group photo with Sen. Warren, and squeeze in a press conference with Senator Bernie Sanders.

The press conference was about “Keeping Our Pension Promises”. Involved in the press conference was a retired member of the Boilermakers who had half of his pension taken away with legislation that was signed under the radar in the middle of the night. It is very hard to imagine that anyone receiving a fixed pension can have that pension cut in half from one month to the next. The good news is that our state senators and congressional constituents are all on the same page with our issues. On a sad note, the executive co-director of the International’s legislative department, announced that 2017 would be his last conference due to his impending retirement at the end of the year. Brother Olsson came from LL1746 and has done a great job teaming with John Harrity to conduct legislative activity during campaign time. You will be missed Bruce!

Pictured here are Brother Bruce Olsson and Local Lodge 1746 President Kirby Boyce.

Bruce has been a member of Local 1746 for 37 years. We all wish him the best in his upcoming retirement.





LL1746 Safety Reps gather by the Soldiers' & Sailors' Memorial Arch in Hartford.

## Workers' Memorial Day in Hartford

Thirty years ago on April 24<sup>th</sup> 1997, a partially-constructed thirteen-story concrete building in Bridgeport called L'Ambiance Plaza collapsed upon itself in one of the most tragic workplace accidents in Connecticut history. For the next ten days, rescuers, volunteers, and co-workers combed through the rubble in search of survivors, but when the gruesome task was complete it was determined that 28 construction workers had lost their lives and another 22 had been injured. The root cause of the accident was a faulty lifting device used to hoist the 320-ton slabs of concrete into place.

That tragedy was the catalyst for what is now known as the Workers' Memorial Day, an annual event that brings co-workers, families, and friends together to remember loved ones who lost their lives on the job. This year's event was again held at the Workers' Memorial Plaque at Bushnell Park in Hartford, on a warm, sunny day under the backdrop of the state capital building. A modest but fervent group of supporters gathered to pay tribute to the fallen workers and call to action support from state legislators to defend and strengthen workplace safety laws.

Speakers included LL1746 President Kirby Boyce, who called workplace safety a basic human right, AFL-CIO President Lori Pelletier, who cited Mother Jones' mantra to "mourn the dead and fight like hell for the living." Pratt & Whitney EHS Vice President Lisa Szewczul told the crowd that safety culture matters "big time" and praised the efforts of labor and management to work together with mutual respect to create a fully engaged workforce that can work positively around safety issues. And John Harrity, President of the CT State Council of Machinists, remembered L'Ambiance and spoke of the impending perils that climate change holds in store for workplace safety, a point not lost on a crowd sweating in 80-degree temperatures on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

All in all, more than a dozen speakers from labor, management, and government addressed the crowd during the event, which also included proclamations from Senators Chris

Murphy and Richard Blumenthal in absentia due to commitments in Washington. Perhaps the most poignant moment of the afternoon, however, was the playing of Taps the bagpipes followed by the recitation of the deceased's names to the ring of the fire bell for each name. These names included not only those from L'Ambiance but also those from the Kleen Energy plant explosion in Middletown and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown. Many other names were read from fatal workplace accidents not so notorious, but each tragic in its own right. Brother Boyce noted that there were 44 workplace fatalities in 2015, up from 35 in 2014 and 29 in 2013. In spite of such a trend, the Trump administration has advocated for a massive rollback of federal workplace and environmental regulations in an effort to stimulate business growth. As the somber crowd dispersed from Bushnell Park to the sound of Amazing Grace on the bagpipes, it seemed clear to everyone what the price of large-scale deregulation would be and who would be the ones to ultimately pay for it.



## When Havoc Strikes in the Shop

### In the event of a fire or chemical release:

- Immediately evacuate the building if you feel that your safety is in jeopardy and go to your designated assembly location. Do not wait for the evacuation alarm. As you exit, if you pass a Red Emergency pull box, pull the box on the way out the door. Do Not stay at the Pull Box, leave the building. The P.W.F.D. can find the smoke. Only use your cell phone to call (860-565-1111) if you are in a safe location.
- Notify the Emergency sweeper of any observations or special conditions you witnessed.
- Don't go back for your keys or other belongings. Personal belongings can be replaced. Consider hiding a key somewhere on your car. This will help you get home and also avoids "lock outs".
- Do not attempt to extinguish a fire on your own. Never jeopardize your personal safety in order to save property or process equipment. East Hartford P&W has full time professional firefighters trained and properly equipped to handle emergency incidents

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**7th Annual MACHINIST CLUB OPEN  
Golf Tournament to Benefit  
FOODSHARE and ULA**

Join us **Friday, September 15, 2017** at  
**TWIN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
Route 31 in Coventry CT  
**Registration 10 AM, 11 AM tee time**

**PRIZES  
& RAFFLES**

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit  
FOODSHARE and the United Labor Agency.

Get your foursome together, \$110.00 per person  
Lunch will be provided. Following play, return to the Machinist Club @  
357 Main Street, East Hartford for dinner, raffles and prize awards.

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**FORMAT**

**FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE**

**MAKE YOUR OWN FOURSOMES**

**Entry fees to be PAID no later than Sept. 8th along with Hole Sponsor donations**  
Make checks payable to "MACHINIST CLUB"

**REGISTRATION**

Team: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Holes Sponsored at \$ 100.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGN WORDING** \_\_\_\_\_

Send payment to 1746 Machinist Club, 357 Main Street,  
East Hartford, CT 06118





## The Next Monthly Meeting is May 21, 2017 at 11:00 am



### How to get help for an injury or medical emergency.

- To call from an inside Phone, call 5-1111, Cell phones should call 860-565-1111. Be ready to provide the location of the medical emergency, building I.D. (i.e. L bldg., K bldg.), column number. State the nature of the injury or medical condition if you know it.
- In addition, red Emergency Pull boxes can be used for medical emergencies. These are located on columns with a red light. Please stay at the box once it is pulled to help the emergency responders locate the afflicted person. They will respond to the location of the box.
- Never transport an injured or ill person to medical or the Fire Department. You may do more harm than good. Let the responders come to patient.
- If you need medical assistance, please heed the advice of the emergency responders. If additional medical care is recommended, such as a trip to the hospital, please consider going. It is better to play it safe and get treated sooner than later. Take care of yourself, you couldn't do it for a better person!
- For an injury, please report it when it happens, even on the off-shifts or weekends the Fire Department is present on site 24 hours a day, 7-days a week. Don't wait to see if your injury gets better. If it doesn't get better, you are delaying treatment and possibly complicating your recovery time.



### WEBSITES:

[www.iamLL1746.org](http://www.iamLL1746.org)

[www.iamdistrict26.org](http://www.iamdistrict26.org)

[www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org)

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# Remember Our Troops Red-Shirt Friday's!

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Nancy Flagg, Secretary Treasurer; Roy C. Chambers, Conductor/Sentinel;  
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