



# Cement Masons Local 600



Winter 2019

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## A MESSAGE FROM FITZGERALD

Brothers & Sisters,

First and foremost, I would like to wish each of you and your families a very happy and Prosperous 2019. As we start a new year, I would like to say that 2018 was successful here in California for our construction industry. The Southern California Cement Masons completed the year with well over 3 million man hours worked for the second straight year. Also, I am happy to report to you that Local 600 continues to be a strong, vibrant and financially sound Union.

Our contractors have projects on their books and a positive outlook for this year. We can all just hope and pray that our current harsh political climate, tariffs and trade wars, companies permanently closing their doors or moving to other countries to do business, and government shut downs that seems to have become normal do not continue. These things will continue to affect our economy negatively and eventually cause a downturn that may take many years to recover from.

The Business Representatives, along with our Compliance Officer continue to maintain their focus on monitoring Public Works throughout our area to ensure our signatory contractors have a level playing field. Through their hard work, the Southern California Cement Masons LMCC has assisted the DIR to assess over \$800,000 dollars in wage and apprenticeship violations, stopped a number of contractors from bidding public works and has over \$1,395,716 dollar in penalties pending.

In closing, remember to contact the main office or your area office with any questions concerning your membership or to be placed on the out of work list when you're between projects.



Sincerely & fraternally yours,

Fitzgerald Jacobs  
Business Manager & Financial Secretary

## 2019 Q Award Named



Photo Courtesy Ben Goldman/Banc of California Stadium

The owners of the Los Angeles Football Club and Bank of California Stadium will be the recipient of the 2019 Q Award on May 21, 2019. The Alliance for Quality Construction, a Southern California union trades group, presents the annual award to a union built construction project completed in the previous year.

## Dates to Remember

February 14, 2019-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm

February 21, 2019-Bakersfield Area Meeting @ 6:30 pm

February 26, 2019-Santa Maria Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

March 14, 2019-Bell Gardens General Meeting @7:00pm

April 2, 2019-Ventura Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

April 11, 2019-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm

April 17, 2019-Palmdale Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

May 9, 2019-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm

May 16, 2019-Bakersfield Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

**May 27, 2019-Memorial Day (Union Holiday)**

May 28, 2019 Santa Maria Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

June 13, 2019-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm

July 2, 2019-Ventura Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

**July 4, 2019-Independence Day (Union Holiday)**

## Area Meetings Note

For those members who attend the Ventura, Bakersfield, Santa Maria or Palmdale area membership meetings, please note that scheduling conflicts do come up periodically and the meeting day may need to be changed. If you plan to attend, contact the Business Representative prior to the date to confirm.

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# Christmas Celebration

On Saturday December 15, 2018, Local 600 held its annual Christmas Party at the main office in Bell Gardens. Over 400 members were in attendance. The yearly event gives old and new friends the opportunity to sit down and reconnect, talk and laugh about those job site stories we all have and like to tell as Cement Masons. Prizes and gift cards were raffled and some lucky winners took home tools, T.V.s., Play Stations and other electronics.



1-Members checking in; 2-Raffle time; 3-Retirees Nathaniel Millhouse (seated), Sydney Hopson and Albert Anderson (standing); 4-Vice President, Director of Jurisdiction and Local 600 member Rob Mason enjoying the event; 5-Members enjoying the festivities; 6-Business Manager with retiree Jesse Harris; 7-Kaiser Permanente Representative Arturo Diaz attended and was distributing important health information to the members. Also, Kaiser donated a bike for the raffle; 8-Local 600 Business Representatives.

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## Meet Your Representatives



My name is Jaime Briceno. I cover Bakersfield/Palmdale/Lancaster areas. Every December at the Bakersfield area meeting, I remind the members that they are the Union. Through their hard work, dedication and craftsmanship, the contributions made to the Trust Fund for their hours worked provide benefits. I encourage them that even in the hot summer months,

with over 100 degree weather, to still produce quality work for our contractors and together we make a formidable team in the area that lifts our trade to the highest esteem in the construction industry. I am proud to continue to grow our Union through organizing new contractors, while defending our traditional work.

Currently in my area, some of the largest projects in California are in progress. The High Speed Rail is working its way into Bakersfield with a 420 million dollar contract. Future contracts will be moving the Rail toward Tehachapi, then to Palmdale/Lancaster. One of our contractors, Griffith Company, is performing the site concrete work on all the stations for this contract. Another large project in progress is the 300 million dollar repair of the Lake Isabella Dam being done by Flatiron/Dragados/Sukut JV. Finally, I want each of you to dream big, think big! Do this for your family and your future. Through hard work and dedication, nothing is impossible. Working together and with our contractors is what makes us great. After all, you are the Union.

Fraternally yours,  
Jaime Briceno



My name is Michael Ciarmoli. I am the Business Representative for the Ventura/Santa Barbara areas. I have been a proud member of the OPCMIA for over 32 years. I believe this is the best union in the country. As a Local, you cannot find a better Business Manager and Agents to work with, it is an honor to be a part of this team. Local 600 has some of the best craftsmen in the industry

and I am proud to serve as a representative for Local 600. I believe our apprenticeship is a big key in keeping this Local and the OPCMIA a strong part of the Building Trades for many years. Seeing a new indentured Apprentice start and complete our program, graduating and becoming a Journeyman, is an inspiration. I enjoyed seeing all of you that attended our Christmas party and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year. Once again, it is a great privilege to serve this Local and the membership. If you need any assistance or would like to be placed on the out of work list, please give me a call at the office (805) 653-5919 or my cell (805) 857-1462.

Sincerely,  
Michael Ciarmoli

## Things to Know

It is very important that the Local Union and the Trust Fund office have your current mailing address, beneficiary information and emergency contact. When a member does not update this information, it will cause delays in receiving your vacation check from Union Yes Credit Union, correspondence from the Trust Fund regarding health & welfare and pension benefits. When a member becomes deceased, not having the current beneficiary information may cause delays with the proper beneficiary or beneficiaries receiving any death insurance benefits to be paid. If you plan to or recently moved or married, please contact the main office or your area office to receive a change of address form and beneficiary cards. Any changes will only be honored in writing and only on the forms provided by the Local Union or Trust Fund

## For Our Members and Families Who Cook

### Chicken Pozole Verde

Chicken Pozole Verde is a comforting Mexican soup filled with shredded chicken and hominy in a comforting green chile broth. (gluten free, freezer friendly)

Prep Time 10 mins - Cook Time 1 hr - Total Time 1 hr 10 mins

Course: Main - Cuisine: Mexican

Servings: 6 Servings (2 heaping cups each) - Calories: 409 kcal

#### INGREDIENTS

2 pounds boneless chicken thighs, skin removed  
1 pound tomatillos, husked and washed  
1 large onion, chopped  
3 jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped (or keep the seeds if you like it spicy)  
6 cups chicken broth  
1 tablespoon dried oregano  
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt  
1 large handful fresh cilantro, stems and leaves  
1 28-ounce can white hominy, drained and rinsed  
To serve: limes, radishes, jalapeños, cilantro, oregano

#### INSTRUCTIONS

In a large pot or dutch oven, add chicken thighs, tomatillos, onion, jalapeños, chicken broth, oregano and sea salt. Place over high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cover partially. Cook for 40 minutes, until chicken is fall-apart tender.

Transfer chicken to cutting board and shred with a fork. Set aside.

Using a large slotted spoon, place the cooked tomatillos, onions and jalapeños in a large blender. Add a large handful of fresh cilantro, a cup or so of the cooking liquid and puree until completely smooth.

Add the shredded chicken, pureed veggies and hominy into the large pot. Stir and cook over medium-high heat for 15 minutes uncovered. Taste and season with salt as necessary.

Served with fresh lime juice, radishes, jalapeños, cilantro and oregano.



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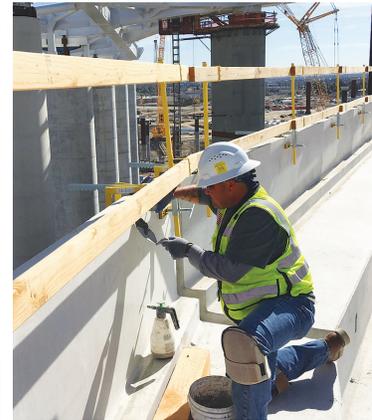
### 2018 Christmas Continued



*Shown above are members awaiting their meal provided by In N Out. Below are two of the many raffle winners at our annual Christmas party.*



### Local 600 On The Job With Coreslab



*Local 600 members working hard for our signatory contractor company Coreslab. They are installing the Precast Concrete at the Rams Stadium in Inglewood.*

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