



Cement Masons Local 600



Winter 2020
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A MESSAGE FROM FITZGERALD

Brothers & Sisters,

First, I would like to wish each of you and all your families a very happy and prosperous 2020. As we start the new year and a new decade, I would like to say that as a Local, we had a great year of growth within our membership and Local Union finances in 2019. The construction industry in Southern California had another solid year in which Southern California Cement Masons, Locals 500 and 600 ended the year with well over 3 million man hours worked once again. That is due to you, our members continuing to be the best trained, skilled and hardest working men and women at what we do, Concrete.

Signs show that the economy will continue to be strong. Projects for our contractors and work for our membership looks very promising as well, pending any unforeseen catastrophe. Unfortunately, some of the same issues seem to persist now as it did in 2019. A very confrontational political atmosphere in Washington D.C. is not getting important work done for our country such as infrastructure, healthcare, tariffs, trade wars with other countries, and companies still closing their doors or moving out of the U.S. to do business, even after the very generous Tax Cut and Jobs Act passed in 2017 increased their bottom line. These things didn't seem to affect our industry last year, and hopefully it will not affect us in 2020.

Your Business Representatives remain vigilant and active in their duties daily by attending prejob meetings to ensure our scope of work is awarded properly to us by contractors, processing cases through LMCC, our work compliance program and monitoring the projects in their assigned area. Remember to contact your area Business Representative immediately when there is an issue on the job site that needs to be resolved. There are time limits that need to be observed with certain issues when dealing with our Master Labor Agreement.

In closing, you can contact the Main Office in Bell Gardens, or your area office with any questions regarding 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



Local 600 members on the job at L.A. Metro Station at Alameda & First Streets. See back page for more photos.

Area Meetings Note

For those members who attend the Ventura, Bakersfield, Santa Maria and Palmdale area membership meetings, please remember that scheduling conflicts do happen occasionally and the meeting may need to be rescheduled or canceled that month. If you regularly attend or plan to for the first time, be sure to always contact the Business Representative to confirm the meeting will still be taking place.

Dates to Remember

- January 14, 2020-Palmdale Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- February 13, 2020-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm*
- February 20, 2020-Bakersfield Area Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- February 25, 2020-Santa Maria Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- March 12, 2020-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm*
- April 7, 2020-Ventura Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- April 9, 2020-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm*
- April 21, 2020-Palmdale Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- May 14, 2020-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm*
- May 21, 2020-Bakersfield Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- May 25, 2020-Memorial Day (Union Holiday)**
- May 26, 2020 Santa Maria Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- June 11, 2020-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm*
- July 4, 2020-Independence Day (Union Holiday)**
- Falls on Saturday**
- July 7, 2020-Ventura Area Meeting @ 6:30pm
- July 9, 2020-Bell Gardens General Meeting @ 7:00pm*
- July 21, 2020-Palmdale Area Meeting @ 6:30pm

* - Denotes General Membership Meeting

Swearing in of Local 600 Officers

On October 12, 2019, we held our Local Union Elections for Officers and Delegates to serve the membership of Local 600 for the next three years. At our November 14, 2019 membership meeting, International Vice President Chester Murphy was in attendance and took the opportunity to swear in the officers.



Membership Christmas Party

On December 14, 2019, we celebrated the holiday season with our annual membership Christmas Party held at the main office in Bell Gardens. This year's menu was BBQ Tri Tip, Lemon Garlic Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad and Bread Sticks. Some lucky winners took home prizes from the raffle, with the big winners taking home 50" and 55" inch 4K TV's.

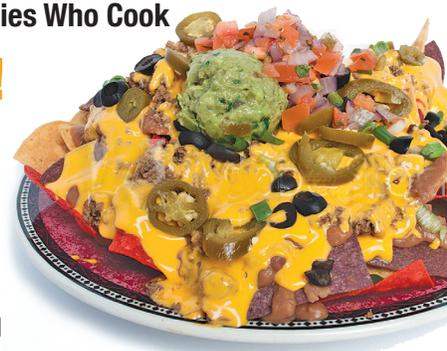


Important Things to Know

It is very important that the Local Union and the Trust Fund office have your current mailing address, beneficiary information and emergency contact. As a member, when you do not update this information, it will delay receiving your vacation check from Union Yes Federal Credit Union, and correspondence from the Trust Fund regarding your health & welfare and pension benefits. Keeping your beneficiary information current will reduce confusion and delays with any death insurance benefits to be paid. If you plan to or have recently moved, recently married or divorced, contact the main office or your area office to receive a change of address form or beneficiary cards. Changes will only be honored in writing and only on the proper forms provided by the Local Union or Trust Fund.

For Our Members and Families Who Cook

Super Nachos!



Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef (Tyson Fresh Meats)
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced
- Jalapeño pepper to taste
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2-3 tablespoons chili powder (Watkins Seasoning or Durkee Spices & Seasonings)
- 1 ½ cups refried beans (Rosarita Refried Beans)
- 1 (16 ounce) jar salsa (Tostitos Chunky Salsa, Old El Paso, or Pace Salsa)
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- Tortilla chips (Tostitos)
- Salt to taste (Diamond Crystal or Morton Salt)
- Black pepper to taste
- Sour cream (Alta Dena)
- Green onions, sliced
- Tomatoes, chopped (Eurofresh Vegetables or Sunripe Produce)
- Black olives, sliced

Directions

1. Cook ground beef. Add onions, garlic, Jalapeño peppers, green peppers, and chili powder. Stir beef until well browned.
2. Once beef is cooked, add beans, salsa and grated cheese. Continue to stir until beans and salsa are hot, and cheese has melted.
3. Place meat mixture on top of chips, add remaining toppings and guacamole as desired.

Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Sandwiches



Ingredients

- 2 ¼ cups flour (Gold Medal Flour)
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt (Diamond Crystal Salt or Morton Salt)
- 2 sticks or ½ pound softened butter (Land O' Lakes or Blue Bonnet Butter)
- 1 cup granulated sugar (Domino)
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar (Domino)
- 2 large eggs (Alta Dena or Horizon)
- 1 ½ teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate (Nestle or Hershey's)
- Ice Cream (Breyer's or Good Humor Ice Cream)

Directions

1. Mix flour, baking soda and salt in bowl. Set aside
2. In a separate bowl, beat butter and sugars at medium speed for 3-4 minutes, then add eggs and vanilla while blending.
3. Add the flour mixture at low speed. Then stir in chocolate chips.
4. Cover the mixing bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
5. Shape into balls (2-inch or preferred size) and place onto cookie sheet a few inches apart from each other.
6. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes at 350°F. Once golden brown, let cool completely.
7. Scoop ice cream onto flat side of cookie, and top with another cookie. Use a butter knife to flatten, and add mini chocolate chips or sprinkles for decoration.
8. Hint: Have fun using assorted ice-cream flavors like mint-chocolate chip!

In Remembrance

We remember those we lost in 2019.

	Years of Service	Area	Age
June			
DAVID T. NORIEGA	59	627	92
July			
THEODORE EBELL JR.	66	741	91
EDSON DE LA TORRE	01	627	30
October			
BENJAMIN J. CASTRO	23	775	61
JOSE ALVAREZ	64	741	93
November			
JUAN C. MONCAYO	61	627	86
RICHARD DE LOS SANTOS	51	741	88
December			
MICHAEL J. CAMMARANO	62	923	81
MANUEL Q. OCAMPO	70	627	98
DAVID HERNANDEZ SR.	53	627	73



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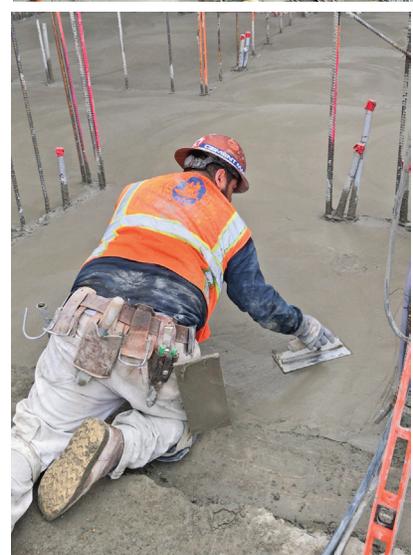
OSHA 10 Training 2020

As more projects are requiring all workers to have minimum OSHA 10 training, it's very important that you receive this training to be employed on certain projects. Our Apprenticeship provides the class at no cost to our members. If you have not taken the OSHA 10 yet, review the schedule below and plan to take the class. It's a small investment of your time for your future. Remember, you must call the Apprenticeship Office and register to attend.

Southern California Cement Masons Apprenticeship OSHA - 10 SCHEDULE

FREE OSHA-10 HR CONSTRUCTION COURSE CLASSES FOR CEMENT MASONS JOURNEYMAN and Apprentices				
MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND CLASSES. SIZE LIMITED TO 20 STUDENTS PER CLASS. SIGN UP NOW!!!! 626-975-1938				
MUST ATTEND BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CLASSES TO RECEIVE OSHA CARD. Breaks and lunch, test are not include in the 10 HRS.				
OSHA-10 CLASSES	DATES	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
DAY 1	FRIDAY February 7 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY February 8 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	6:00 AM	2:00PM
DAY 1	FRIDAY April 17 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY April 18 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	6:00 AM	2:00 PM
DAY 1	FRIDAY June 19 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY June 20 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	6:00 AM	2:00 PM
DAY 1	FRIDAY August 7 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	5:00 PM	9:00 PM
DAY 2	SATURDAY August 8 th 2020	5417 PECK RD ARCADIA CA, 91006	6:00 AM	2:00 PM

Local 600 On The Job



L.A. Metro Station Alameda & 1st Streets Project for contractor Skanska: Concrete slab pour in progress (above), funny trowling / hand trowling, (upper right), Journeyman & Job Steward Jose Muniz hard trowling (right).