



Local 83

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January 2025 Newsletter

From the desk of Regional Manager Rob Monahan:

As we begin a new year there will be a lot going on within the Union. Local 83 is projected to have a very busy year with work. Negotiations will be taking place for a new contract effective June 1, 2025, we continue our organizing efforts, and we will continue trying to gain back our market share. The NANO project will soon need our members on-site, we will keep you updated with news about this project. The Wadsworth Laboratory project has gone to bid, and I have spoken with two out-of-town contractors that are bidding on the project. This project may require special certifications. We will hold any classes that are needed for our members to obtain work.

We will be starting Local 83 contract negotiations in the next few months and the union hall will be looking for feedback from our members. Please send any recommendations via email to rmonahan@smart-nerc.org as soon as possible.

SMART Local 83 skiing and snow tubing night will be held on January 30, 2025, from 5:00-9:00 pm at West Mountain in Queensbury. I am pleased to announce that we have a limited number of free tickets, please contact Robert Monahan (518) 708-9914 for more information.

From the desk of Business Rep John Shustz:

If you become unemployed, please make sure you call me on my cell at (518) 709-3691, and let me know so I can enter you in the out of work book. SASMI requires the fund office to provide them with a date that you called in advising that you are out of work. SASMI also requires that in order to collect a SASMI check your dues need to be current at the time of your application.

From the desk of JATC Coordinator Stephen Savoca:

We currently have 29 Apprentices in the program, with 5 new 1A apprentices being brought on in December.

The Laser welder has been delivered, and preparation has begun with lesson plans being developed to begin training. To encourage the use of this new technology we will be holding a demonstration on the new laser welder for contractors and their foreman/supervisors at the JATC shop. A date & time to be announced soon.

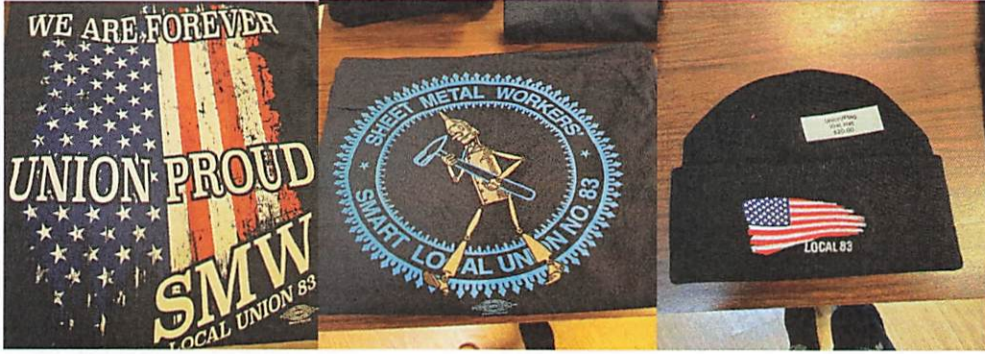
As always, any member who would like additional training or resources either in our facility or via the ITI, please contact me and I will assist you with your request.

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New Shirts & Hats are here!

We have two new designs of long sleeve shirts and knit hats for sale at the hall. The knit hats are \$20.00 each and long sleeve tee's range from \$25.00 to \$29.00 depending on the size. We have only ordered a limited quantity, and sales have been quite impressive already, so don't delay if you want one.



SASMI

With the winter season upon us there are plenty of germs and viruses going around which can make you unable to go to work. Local 83 members should know that SASMI offers members with 5 days of paid sick leave per year.

Please login to your SASMI member portal for more information. I have included the link below.

[SASMI.org/member-portal-login](https://sasmi.org/member-portal-login)

ADDITIONALLY

If you are sick, we in the Union Hall would appreciate it if you would please refrain from coming into the Hall to conduct business. Please first give us a call to see if we can help you over the phone whether it be dues, insurance or annuity questions.

We are a small office so if you call in and do not reach the person you are looking for, please feel free to hit another extension and someone will be able to help you.

Reminder: Donna (ext. 4) & Marilyn (ext. 5) work Tuesday through Friday, 7am to 5pm. Angela (ext. 3) works Monday through Thursday, 7am to 5pm.

Thinking of Retirement?

Beginning in the month of February, Local 83 will open its doors to members and their spouses to answer questions about retirement, pension, health insurance, annuity and any other topics that you need information about. These "informational meetings" will take place from 3:45PM – 4:45PM before the monthly union meetings.

The first meeting will take place on February 20, 2025, where we will talk about all things retirement. If you would like to attend, please call the hall at 518-489-1377 and let us know you plan on attending.

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Robert Monahan
Regional Manager