



Brick, Block & Trowel

Masonry Institute Newsletter

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Directors Corner

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!

HOT-HOT!!! Has been the word of the days lately.

I'm sure this sweltering heat has presented some challenges in the field for our masons and tenders striving to get all the jobs done. I trust that the proper safety measures for working in these dangerous heat waves are being implemented at all times.

While I'm on the subject of safety, I'll tell you about the "Legislative Conference" I and a few of our members attended with me at the end of June on Capital Hill. Myself, Lou Cocks, our President, Camillo De Camillo / J.D. Long Masonry, Patrick Evinger / Safety Director J. D. Long, Al Higgins, Board Member MI / Glen-Gery Brick Corp., Peter Eberle / Pres. Heritage Contracting, Joseph Castelli / Heritage Contracting, James Stagi / Heritage Contracting all represented our Masonry Institute on the hill for this conference.

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2005 Apprenticeship Competition

This year's Apprenticeship Competition will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005. It will be sponsored and held at Betco / Supremes Yards in Gainesville, VA.

All first, second and third year apprentices are eligible to enter from the East Coast Corridor, meaning from Maine to Virginia.

Please complete your entry forms when you receive them and

return to Masonry Institute, P. O. Box 707, Falls Church, VA 22046, fax # 804-529-5351.

We need contributions for prizes in masons' tools, hats, shirts, levels, and monetary contributions as well. The flyer with applications will be in the mail in the next few weeks so look for it soon and respond ASAP.

Associate Builders and Contractors, Virginia Chapter 2005 Community Service Effort - Hopkins House

The ABC-VA Community Service Committee has announced the selection of "Hopkins House" to be the beneficiary of this years philanthropic effort.

Hopkins House is a non-profit organization that provides services to low income families in the Route 1 Community. The project will be an 8,000 square foot single story building in Mt. Vernon. They plan to break ground in August and anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony in February, 2006.

If your company is interested in volunteering for this effort, please

contact Jami O'Neill, Community Service Committee Chairperson at ABC Office (703) 968-6205.

There will be a variety of resources needed for this project from material donations, equipment, and manpower to name just a few. We at the Masonry Institute hope you will consider this effort for financial support or any of the resources that might be needed. We are all very fortunate to be enjoying prosperous times in our industry and giving back to our community is a responsible thing to get involved with.

2005 Masonry Institute Craftsmanship Awards Call For Entries

The applications for submission of projects for consideration for this year's Craftsmanship Awards should be in the mail before this newsletter is published.

The Masonry Institute's purpose for these awards is to recognize craftsmen that are responsible for creating exceptional projects built predominately of unit masonry, in the Washington Metro Region. Further, to recognize the companies, for

which the individuals work, and the architects and owners and general contractors for their respective projects.

Projects will be judged by a panel of pre-selected individuals comprised of masons, material distributors and suppliers. There is no established number of awards and the final selections will be at the sole discretion of the panel.

Submission deadline is Monday, September 12, 2005. Send completed entry form, pictures and checks to:

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If you do not receive an application and wish to submit one, please contact us at 866-529-7994 or for any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

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OSHA has been busy revising and establishing new regulations that directly impact our industry and as we found out some of our representatives have been busy presenting bills that will be beneficial to us as an industry in order that we may protect our workers and follow the guidelines enforced by OSHA. By forming a task force and taking part in discussions concerning all the safety issues our industry faces, those involved have been instrumental in devising methods that everyone can implement and live with.

Some examples of issues we were briefed on were:

- scaffolding regulations
- employee exposures to crystalline silica
- employee exposures to hexavalent chromium

We were also briefed on two new bills begin introduced: HR 739

OSHA Due Process Reforms would permit reasonable exceptions to filing requirements.

HR 740 would expedite reviews and reduces case backlogs by raising the number of commissioners from 3 to 5 to facilitate the quorum requirements.

Another issue directly affecting our industry is "Immigration Reform." This reform will definitely impact our workforce in the foreseeable future.

The information we received is too lengthy for this newsletter, but I would be happy to share any info you may be interested in reading more about.

I'll close by saying as an association we should become more knowledgeable in the workings of our government. I admit to having a more than cynical attitude about our political process. This conference humbled me and I became aware of just how much of a voice we can have as an association. There are many who welcome our involvement and are willing to listen to our expertise and

concerns if we will only become involved.

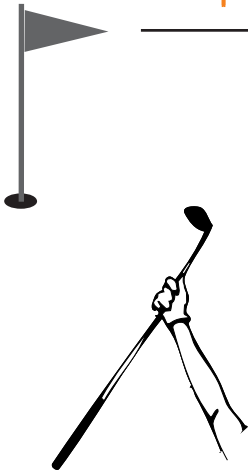
Set party politics aside, it is important for our industry members to realize how the issues on Capital Hill could very well be the future of our industry as a whole.

I challenge you all to become more aware of the processes taking place.

I have been notified by MCAA Government Affairs representative Marian Marshall that Senator George Allen could be willing to come and speak to our group in the near future on some of these important issues. We are in the process of the particulars as I write this. It would be a dinner meeting in September or October and it is my sincere hope that each and every member will be in attendance and bring family or guests for this important event. We are very fortunate to have someone of his stature interested in providing our association information that can impact our industry.

Best regards,
JOYCE GREER

Masonry Institute's Annual Golf Outing a Great Success



Well, the Masonry Institute pulled out another terrific weather day for their annual golf outing at Norbeck Country Club in Olney, Maryland on June 20, 2005.

Eighty-five golfers played in this year's event with a shot gun start and best ball format. Norbeck Country Club does an excellent job accommodating our association as they have done for over 30 years of this event.

The following is a breakdown of the winners in various categories.



FIRST PLACE: SCORE 61

Brad Reed
Pat Muldowney
Ken Lampard
Mark Muldowney

SECOND PLACE: SCORE 63

Ken Lane
Rick Sieling
Bill Bland
Bruce Sieling

THIRD PLACE: SCORE 63

Mike McGivern
Dan Ogle
Skip Kornmeyer
Jeremy (last name not listed)

LONGEST DRIVE #9 MEN:

Brett Chottiner

LONGEST DRIVE #15 LADIES:

Beth Story

CLOSEST TO PIN #3 MEN:

Brian Cleary 2'4"

CLOSEST TO PIN #6 MEN:

Josh Ayres 10' 11"

CLOSEST TO PIN #12 MEN:

Bruce Ladson 4'5"

CLOSEST TO PIN #16 MEN:

Rick Sieling 6'

STRAIGHTEST DRIVE MEN:

Rick Sieling

STRAIGHTEST DRIVE WOMEN:

Toni McKay



All of the above listed winners received gift certificates for the Pro Shop in various amounts.

The 50 / 50 netted the winner, Don Neldimier with General Shale, \$220.00.

All in all it was a great day and a good time was had by all. Great weather, good food and good company, what else could we ask for?

Thank you very much to all the sponsors of holes, contests, lunch sponsors, bar sponsors, and door prizes. Your support made the event a success.



MASONRY INSTITUTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005	Deadline for Craftsmanship Award Entries
TBA SEPTEMBER 2005	Board Meeting
TBA SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2005	Dinner Meeting Possible Speaker Senator George Allen (R) VA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005	Apprenticeship Competition / Betco Supreme Yard Gainsville, VA
OCTOBER / NOVEMBER, 2005 TBA	Craftsmanship Awards Banquet (Location not yet determined)

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