

Local 1588 Newsletter

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Please note our holiday office closures are as follows:

Closed December 24th, 25th, 28th and January 30th and 31st.

Local 1588 members and staff like to give back to the community every holiday season. We do this by donating to Christmas Daddies as well as our 14 local food banks on the Island. We hope this kindness reaches many families over the holiday season.



Merry Christmas to our members and families. Please stay safe over the holidays and have a Happy New Year!

*From the Executive & Staff
Local 1588*

We want to remind our apprentices to get registered with Apprenticeship Nova Scotia if they want to have the opportunity to work on Government jobsites. Also our Journeyman need to have their Red Seal to work on these jobsites as well. We will be holding red seal upgrader courses at the hall in the New Year. Please phone Jaclyn at the hall to be placed on the list for the course.

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The ACRC kicked off 2020 with a bang. Hours for January and February were higher than previous years, and we anticipated that this would be a ringer year for work for our members. In March COVID 19 became a reality for Atlantic Canadians and our world, and the world around, us changed dramatically. Project cancellations and slowdowns caused tremendous job losses for Brothers and Sisters across the regions. Some regions recovered by late summer while others still have not overcome the losses caused by the impact of Covid.

To say the very least, it has been an incredibly difficult year for most. As 2020 ends and we look to 2021, we are filled with optimism. Our provinces will begin to administer vaccines in the next few days.

Work for 2021 is very promising with government pledging to invest in infrastructure to boost the flailing economy. Many projects that were put on hold due to the virus will move forward in 2021. This means jobs and plenty of them. – if we continue to control the spread of COVID.

Government restrictions on travel and the creation of the Atlantic Bubble gained worldwide recognition for our provinces as one of the safest places on earth to live. As the holiday season draws near, we must continue to practice safety. Many of our members are working away and travelling home for Christmas, or will have family members returning home for the holidays from other areas of the country and abroad that have had significantly more cases of Covid. It is important for all of us to follow the rules put in place by our various Premiers to ensure the safety of our families and all citizens of Atlantic Canada.

Christmas this year will look very different from past ones and we need to be creative as we find new ways to communicate with our families and friends. Take some extra time to think about who may be alone for the holidays and check in on them by reaching out to give them a call. During these difficult times, we all need to support each other. I would like to remind all members that we do have support available through our health plan if you or a family member are not coping well with the extra stress. On behalf of the Executive Board, delegates, and staff of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council, I would like to extend a heartfelt wish for a safe and happy holiday season for you and your family.

EST Deb Romero