

# LOCAL 83 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021



## Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

Well, 2021 is almost in the history books. It's been a very busy year and we sure had our challenges navigating through a pandemic. It's been very stressful for everyone to say the least but as carpenters do, working together, we managed to pull through it collectively.

The organizing team continues to refine strategic initiatives to increase our market share to create more work opportunities throughout all off our sectors.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again introduce Joan Ashe to the membership, Joan is our new dispatcher and administrative support. Joan plays a key role in the success of our organization. If you are laid off from work, make sure you contact Joan or call the out of work line to have your name placed back on the out of work list.

2022 is shaping up to be a very busy year with many large projects on the horizon. Make sure you are work ready with all current safety training up to date prior to commencement of work.

I would like to thank our shop stewards, they do an outstanding job day in and day out, they truly are the eyes and ears off the organization.

From myself, the staff and the local 83 executive, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Solidarity,  
*Jeff Richardson*



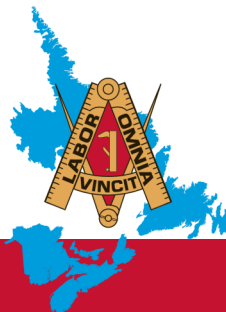
Photo of our members from Pinaud job site at 3411 Joseph Howe.

## Happy Holidays from Office to Advance Women Apprentices!

Is the \$1000 - \$3000 apprenticeship incentive grant on your holiday wish list this year? As you consider resolutions for the new year, have you thought about the apprenticeship journey? Ask us how those grants could be in your pocket!

The Government of Canada is providing taxable cash grants of \$1000 for men and \$3000 for women who have successfully completed either level 1 or level 2 of their apprenticeship in a designated Red Seal trade. In addition to the many other benefits of apprenticeship, the grant is another great reason to consider becoming a registered apprentice and steer your career toward success.

Want to find out more? Are you a woman working in the skilled trades and interested in apprenticing? Connect with Office to Advance Women Apprentices today to find out how we can help you  
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**Carpenter Millwright College**  
Well Trained. Work Ready.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

The Carpenter Millwright College of Mainland NS continues to offer all the required safety certifications you need to both get to and stay on the job. Contact the CMC Registration line at 902 252-3553 to register or get your name on a wait list.

All required COVID 19 public health orders are being strictly adhered to as we offer more and more training opportunities into 2022.

WHMIS 2015 (2 hours online, required for dispatch)

NS Fall Protection (1 Day required for dispatch)

NS Confined Space (1 day)

Emergency First Aid (**prior proof of Double Vaccination required for this program before you can be registered!**)

CITF MEWP (Elevated Work Platform) (1 Day)

CITF PITO (Forklift/Telehandler operator) (2 days)

CMC Forklift (one Day)

CMC Telehandler (One day)

Introduction to Construction Formwork (2 day—Dec 16-17)

ACTI/CMCNS Advanced Rigging Certification (2 Day—Dec 20-21)

UBCJA Level 2 Scaffold (3 week -Nov 29-Dec 17)

12-week Carpenter Development Program (recruiting for a Jan 10 start date)

Red Seal Trade Qualifier Interactive Online Webinar (Session #2) starting Sat Jan 8-9, 15,16, 22,23

Call NOW for a chance to PREP for the Carpenter Red Seal Exam!

Spaces available for many classes, please contact the office at 902 252 3553 for more information and to register.

The CMCNS in September, October, November, and December has also welcomed back many Mainland NS High School teachers and their students for one day sessions in Basic Carpentry, Construction Scaffold, and NS Fall protection Certification.

***Please welcome two new CMCNS admin team members, Stephanie at main reception and administration, as well as Denise in our Financial Department!***

Contact the CMCNS at 902 252 3553 anytime you need information or would like to see when you can register for a training class, both in Lower Sackville, and Stellarton locations.

Stay safe and work safe!

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Director CMCNS  
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## Dispatch Update

November

Hall Dispatch - 14

Name hire - 21

Total - 35

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