



**PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS  
LOCAL 398  
8590 Utica Avenue, Suite 200  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730  
October, 2020 Newsletter**

**THE RETIEMENT OF RAY**

**LEVANGIE JR.**

Well-earned congratulations to Business Manager Ray LaVangie Jr. Ray has retired effective September 30, 2020. Ray was initiated on August 1<sup>st</sup> 1977. He served as a paid officer of this local for over 30 years. Ray completed his career as the Business Manager of Local 398, President of DC-16, and President of the Western States Pipe Trades.

To fill the vacancy created by Ray's retirement, the membership approved the Executive Board's recommendation to appoint Bill Steiner, the Interim Business Manager, and David Hanson the Interim Business Agent of Local 398.

**CHRISTMAS MEETING**

The November/December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m., at the Ontario American Legion Hall, 310 W. Emporia, Ontario. **THERE WILL NOT BE A CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERWORD.** In lieu of the Christmas party, tee shirts, gift cards, and raffle tickets will be distributed drive through style. The event will happen on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 a.m., at the 398 local union office located at 8590 Utica Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. The raffle will be done live on the zoom platform later that afternoon.

**2021 DUES INCENTIVE**

Any active member who pays dues through **September 30, 2021** postmarked by December 31, 2020, will get Three (3) months free dues and will be paid through December 31, 2021.

***Please take advantage of the cost savings.***

**Retired members** who pay dues, and pay through December 31, 2021 postmarked by December 31, 2020, will be eligible to win one of the following prizes: a \$500.00 gift card, one of two \$250 gift cards, or one of fifteen \$100 gift cards.

The dues must be postmarked or received in this office by December 31, 2020 to be accepted.

**IN MEMORIUM**

**Please remember our departed brothers and their families:**

Brother Larry Barkly  
Brother Juan Cantu  
Brother Denver McCuiston  
Brother William Nash  
Brother Kenneth Pond  
Brother Stephen Schoeny  
Brother Gustav Sundberg  
Brother Phil Zicarelli

**RECAP OF MEETING SCHEDULE**

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 -5:00 p.m.-JAC Meeting  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting  
**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 5:30 p.m. Local Union Meeting**  
November 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 -5:00 p.m. JAC meeting  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020- 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020- 5:30 p.m. Local Union Meeting**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. Christmas gifts**

**REGISTER TO VOTE!**

Which candidates, measures, and propositions support our agenda? Go to our website to get the following recommendations. **Local398.org**

- The Building Trades Endorsements
- The Inland Empire Labor Council's Voter Guide

**SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

Local 398 is represented on Facebook.

We will be posting announcements, upcoming projects, member spotlights, training, and community events. Please like, follow, and share these pages.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RAY!**

Ray LeVangie Jr. has retired... No, he didn't just drop his tools and walk off the job. Over several decades Ray has built our local to become financially sound and secure. He made sure that Local 398 was left in a position to weather the next recession or depression. Ray also invested significant time in the last two years, training the officers of the local to ensure a smooth transition without down time. Thank you for your commitment to our Local.

Ray, your leadership and commitment to this local's success has made us the gold standard of the U.A. and the envy of many others. Thank you for your 30+ years of service as an officer and Business Manager of Local 398. We wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Congratulations Ray!

Fraternally,  
Bill Steiner  
Business Manager



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## FREE COLLEGE INFO SESSIONS

This is an event for local 398 members and their family only. The UA will have representatives there to answer all of your questions. We will send the link to the zoom meeting to all of our members. If you haven't received it yet please contact the hall to update your email information.

**Thursday October 22nd @ 7:00 PM**



**UNIONPLUS**

**UnionPlusFreeCollege.org**

**DON'T MISS OUT!  
JUT CREDIT DUE IN LESS THAN 90 DAYS  
10 Hours Due By January 1, 2021 for the  
2019/2020 Year**

**Need help or have questions?**

**JUT@ajtraining.org**

**A&J Office: 310.604.0892**

**M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**There are a lot of classes available at  
<https://www.ajtraining.org/ClassSignUp.aspx>**

**Sign up before you miss out!**