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**OUR LOCAL MEMBERSHIP COVERS FIVE STATES**

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**Union Meetings**

Thursday: February 11th, 2021 @ 12:00 N

Thursday: March 11th, 2021 @ 4:00 P

Thursday: April 8th, 2021 @ 8:00 A

MASK'S REQUIRED

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING AT

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Southwest: Passenger Service  
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## PENSION FUND INFORMATION

### IAM NATIONAL PENSION FUND

1-800-424-9608 ext. 222  
 Website: [www.iamnpf.org](http://www.iamnpf.org)  
 FAX #202-457-8653

### PBGC

1-800-400-7242  
 Email: [mypension@pbgc.gov](mailto:mypension@pbgc.gov)  
 Plan sponsor: **US Airways**  
 Case number: 20357000 (Machinists)  
 Plan termination date: 1-10-2005

### AMERICAN AIRLINES BENEFITS

1-888-860-6178  
 EMAIL: <http://myaa.com>

## DO YOU WANT TO "STOP MAILINGS"?

Our computer system has been updated and now members may request they not get any more mailings (IAM Journal, Victory Newsletter, non contractual information). This new procedure is intended to reduce mailings not pertinent to your contract.

If you would like to request this please send an email to [manager@vl1725.org](mailto:manager@vl1725.org) with your name and address. This is needed as we have several 'like' names among our more than 8,000 active and inactive members.

#### Editorial Policy Of Victory News

Victory News is the official publication of Air Transport Employees, Local Lodge 1725, I.A.M.A.W.

Members of Local Lodge 1725 are invited to contribute letters, articles, photographs, or cartoons to Victory News. All materials must be signed.

Submitted materials will not be returned unless specifically requested.

Views expressed herein are strictly those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or the officers of the Lodge; nor should they be construed as bargaining policy of the organization. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any materials.

The deadline for **submissions** for the next issue of Victory News is **March 17th, 2021**

## DUES RATES

For those who have taken the **Paid Vol Leaves** (3,6,9, or 12 mos), you are responsible for your full dues while receiving partial pay, accruing seniority, vacation, and benefits.

**Vol Early Out on Payroll** will pay dues for the 12 mos while out, then either apply for a retirement card (age restriction) or withdrawal card. If you take the **Vol Early Out with Lump Sum** you will complete a retirement card or withdrawal card at time of separation.

If you are out on **Medical** and are **off payroll** your dues are **reduced to \$2 a month and needs to be paid directly to the local. Any questions please** contact the local for assistance at **704-357-0027** or email [manager@vl1725.org](mailto:manager@vl1725.org).

## ARE YOU CLOSING IN ON YOUR RETIREMENT?

When you retire from the airlines, the paperwork you process with the company is for you to get your pension and/or 401K from them. This does **NOT** cover your membership retirement from the Machinists.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union has our own form to process.

If you are requesting "exemption card" status, you must call prior to submitting paperwork for approval. If you need assistance with the form you can call 704-357-0027 Mon-Fri 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, excluding holidays.

The below single form must be filled out and mail/faxed/turned in to your committee office. Our secure mailing address is: IAMAW Victory Lodge 1725, PO Box 19286, Charlotte, NC 28219.



### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of MACHINISTS and AEROSPACE WORKERS APPLICATION for RETIREMENT or EXEMPTION CARD

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mailing) Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear General Secretary-Treasurer,

I hereby make application for the following as provided for by the Constitution. (check one)

Retirement Card

Date last paid wages, vacation, sick leave, or severance pay \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption Card

I am a member who has been in continuous good standing for 30 years or more  yes  no

Date last paid wages, vacation, sick leave, or severance pay \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For Official Use Only

Lodge Seal

Secretary-Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This application is to be retained by the Local Lodge and the Retirement or Exempt Status should be reported on the lodge's monthly Per Capita Tax Report. See reverse side for rules on eligibility.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL?

The General Assembly met in statewide session this past week. Schedules were light in both chambers. Legislation is currently moving through the committee process in order to reach the floor for debate.

The 124th Session of the South Carolina General Assembly will be interesting. Lawmakers have described the session before them as "not like any other." Many issues face lawmakers this year and no one is quite sure how everything will play out. Major issues which need attention include: formulating and passing two budgets, determining Santee Cooper's fate, criminal justice reform (along with passing a hate crimes bill,) COVID-19, and redistricting.

The General Assembly seems keen on resolving the issue on what to do about Santee Cooper this year. This is a matter which has plagued lawmakers for almost four years now. Based on recent comments by senior lawmakers, it looks as if a sale of the state-owned utility might be off of the table. This directly conflicts with what Governor McMaster and the SC House and SC Senate leadership have publicly said. It seems as if the entire process has been marred with problems since the beginning. Compounding the issue is the fact many lawmakers are not happy with how the procedure of vetting potential suitors for purchase played out.

Work on the state budget has already started. The SC House Committee on Ways and Means has been meeting in order to get a draft version of the spending plan(s) to the floor. It looks like the state will not increase spending levels for any line item as revenue projections remain conservative and unpredictable due to COVID's impact on the state's economy.

Given the fact the United States Census data is delayed, work on redistricting will begin a little later this year when compared to 2010.

Governor McMaster delivered his State of the State address to a joint session of the General Assembly this past week as well. McMaster touted what his administration views as a success confronting and combating COVID and how the state has handled spending during the pandemic. The Democratic response was delivered by SC Senator Mia McLeod (Richland) who accused McMaster of not taking COVID-19 seriously.

The SC House will not meet in statewide session this week and instead will hold committee meetings virtually via Microsoft Teams. The SC Senate will follow a similar approach and will meet in committee virtually but is currently scheduled to meet in statewide session Thursday, January 21st.

John Brisini  
Political Consultants/Advisors  
TO: SC AFL-CIO

## INSIGHT OF A DRUG MAKERS TESTING FOR COVID-19

Drug maker Eli Lilly and Company said its neutralizing antibodies cocktail of bamlanivimab and etesevimab combine to significantly reduce hospitalizations and deaths attributed to COVID-19.

Lilly said that based on results from a phase 3 clinical trial comprised of more than 1,000 patients it could conclude that the antibody cocktail reduced viral load and accelerated symptom resolution, resulting in zero deaths and just 11 hospitalizations.

Conversely, the placebo group experienced 10 deaths and 36 hospitalization. The Lilly cocktail remains under consideration for an emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration, the application for which was submitted in November.

## IAM FLIGHT SAFETY @ AA YEAR END REVIEW

So, to start, we were down about 250 ASAPs over 2019 but we flew much less with fewer airplanes. We had quite an increase in ASAPs filed for aircraft parking procedures, but we think those issues have been addressed. Another one that keeps popping up is the "Spotter Policy". Moving any equipment to, from, up or down within 10 feet of an aircraft; you must have a spotter. If you have a spotter and despite your best efforts, there is still aircraft damage. Affirming that you followed the procedures, and it was merely an accident, is a lot easier to explain then, "I never use a spotter and I have been moving equipment for over 30 years without any damage." Until now!

Another item getting harder to explain is, did you have a Monitor and Challenge briefing before working on an aircraft door. Do the process, even if it takes longer to do the job; Granny isn't going to Disneyland any sooner if you cut corners and a giant banana is sticking out of the aircraft. (aka Door Slide). I had a mechanic tell me he has heard the briefing 1000 times and felt he didn't need the speech. (side note: He has been with the Company for 1 year and that would be 3 briefing a day, every day without days off AND he blew a slide) The briefing is given so everybody gets their mind going in the right direction. Let us be careful out there.

The majority of ASAPs filed were based on, "Failure to follow completely the reference document." We must do a better job of following all steps and reading all cautions, warnings, and notes. We also need to follow Policies and Procedures as written at that time. I say that because they are always changing. Check your email, when the Company puts out a revision, read the highlights and see if you have additional questions. Then look it up.

Lastly, I along with John Hall would like to personally thank you all, the Flight Safety Representatives and Shop Stewards out there that we rely heavily on, for assistance. The extra time and effort you give for the benefit of our members should be recognized today and every day. To close, if you see something, say something. A lot of changes and migrations are happening, and mistakes are going to be out there. Be Proactive and if you see it, ASAP it; before it catches your fellow workers that may miss it.

Be Safe, stay Healthy and when you're at work, Be at work! A lot of people are counting on you being the professional I know you are.

Bud Brown

## SERCO CLUB OF ARCHDALE-TRINITY THERE FOR FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

The Archdale-Trinity SerCo Club was chartered on February 13, 1984. Since its start, SerCo has meant "Service to the Community" and our club works to serve our community by helping families.

We provide assistance on a need's basis year-round with heat, utilities, rent, groceries, school supplies, etc. We also conduct our Annual Archdale-Trinity Cheer Fund - providing gifts for the children of families who cannot afford them. Besides sponsoring individual families, we prepare and distribute large stockings filled with blankets, toys, candy, books, toothbrushes, and other assorted items to those in need within our community.

In 2020, SerCo was able to brighten the holidays for 750+ children, seniors, and families! We rely on donations to operate. These allow us to continue to provide financial support within the community, honor our seniors with the Annual Senior's Banquet, and continue the tradition of our Annual Cheer Fund.

Besides your direct donations, we count on community support of our fundraising activities and events like our Spaghetti Dinners, or our Annual Big Galute Chili Cook-Off and 5k Run. If you would like to be a part of a great non-profit, we would love to have you be a part of SerCo. We can't wait to see you. Remember to like us on Facebook.

I would like to thank all the members at Victory Lodge 1725 for there generous donation towards our Cheer Fund during this past holiday season. And a special thanks to Mark DeLuke for his personal support by making this happen.

Thanks to all and hope your holidays were safe.

JD Peace - President

## WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER WINNERS GRAND LODGE ANNOUNCES 2019

### Newsletter Best Layout and Design Local Lodge

**First Place:** Local Lodge 1725 – Victory News Editor: Gary Winchester  
Excellent front-page with good use of white space throughout. Continues a worthy history.

Second Place: Local Lodge 701– Mechanics’ Local 701 News and Views Editors: Mark Grasseschi, Sam Cicinelli, Bob Lessman  
Continues a tradition of excellence. Excellent member photos and an organizing asset.

Third Place: Local Lodge 66 – Badger Lodge News  
Editor: Jon Zancanaro  
Professional appearance. Every page is a winner with quality photos.

Honorable Mention: Local Lodge 2003 – 2003 Shop  
Talk Editor: Dusty Cooper  
Unique layout, eye-friendly and keeps focus on important issues.



Editor - Gary Winchester (L) with Webmaster - Todd Day (R)

### General Excellence Local Lodge

First Place: Local Lodge 66 – Badger Lodge News  
Editor: Jon Zancanaro  
Solid monthly product. Great writing, good photos, a good mix of local and national news, and a solid, reliable resource for union members.

Second Place: Local Lodge 701 – Mechanics’ Local 701 News and Views Editors: Mark Grasseschi, Sam Cicinelli, Bob Lessman  
Great bi-annual newsletter, excellent writing, and valuable information for active and retired members. Excellent overall.

**Third Place:** Local Lodge 1725 – Victory News Editor: Gary Winchester  
Relevant content, good photo mix, decent writing, and an eye-catching front-page.

Honorable Mention: Local Lodge 1746 – Insight Editor: Joe Durette  
Professional appearance and writing, member history focus, and great photos. Text ratio is substantial.

### Website General Excellence – Local Lodge

**First Place:** Local Lodge 1725 – [vl1725.org](http://vl1725.org) Editor: Todd Day  
Eye pleasing, great content, and smartly organized.

Second Place: Local Lodge 701-[mech701.org](http://mech701.org) Editors: Walter Emerson, Mark Garseschi  
A relaxed layout and excellent navigation.

Third Place: Local Lodge 463- [iamaw463.com](http://iamaw463.com) (Unsecured) Editor: Layne Johnston  
Great page with excellent content.

Honorable Mention 3: Local Lodge T643 – [lodge643.org](http://lodge643.org) Editor: Narold “Stephen” Andrieux  
Great website, nicely updated news and features retirees.

Honorable Mention 2: Local Lodge 66 – [unitedlodge66.org](http://unitedlodge66.org) Editor: Jon Zancanaro  
Straight forward resources, easy to navigate, and a welcoming appearance.

Honorable Mention 1: Local Lodge 16 – [iamaw16.ca](http://iamaw16.ca) (Unsecured) Editor: John Vincent  
A great overall site that delivers information quickly.

### Website Best Layout and Design – Local Lodge

First Place: Local Lodge 463 – [iamaw463.com](http://iamaw463.com) (Unsecured) Editor: Layne Johnston  
A unique landing page with well-organized information and smart graphics.

**Second Place:** Local Lodge 1725 – [vl1725.org](http://vl1725.org) Editor: Todd Day  
Well designed and current, yet classic website.

Third Place: Local Lodge 869 – [aimta869.ca](http://aimta869.ca) Editor: Benoit Blanchette  
Great navigation, easy-to-tackle layout, and bi-lingual.