

Pin Dinner 2024

Welcome to Carpenters Local 322 Pin Dinner

I am Amanda Phillips, president of Local 322.

On behalf of myself, the Exec committee and the Entertainment Committee, we are happy to be here today with all of you to acknowledge your years as a member of the UBC.

Special Guests: Asst EST Wayne Nordin / Allisa Cole

Catering staff of Morrissey, preparation and meal enjoying

Bonnie Marshall, new administrative assistant

Invite ExecComm and Entertainment Committee to stand

Individuals that make these events possible

This afternoon, we are celebrating members who have 25 or more years with this organization, up to 75 years. Many here tonight to receive their 50, 55 and 60, 65 year pins. Today, also recognizing our members who have journeyed out in the past year. Regardless of what milestone you are here to celebrate, we are proud to join you. Collectively honoring 5,480 years of service assembled in this room.

Carpentry unique & multi-faceted trade. Requires problem-solving, on-the-fly, work that is both physical and mental, happening often in an unfriendly environment. Members work in the weather, early morning, overnights and long days, grown accustomed to finding comfort on a stack of materials to eat a lunch that you can't heat

up. Often our members are working with heights, surrounded by noise, using powered equipment and tools that have the capacity to injure us. Don't quit when you are tired, quit when you are done.

The work you have done and some of you will be doing tomorrow, combined with the efforts of other tradeworkers, is what gets these projects done, for a number of you that work is done. It's not a solo effort, not in the scale we work in.

Ask that you honor yourself by considering the significance of what you have built and done as a member of the UBC. Our members have built safe places for children to learn, warehouses that creates jobs for others, care facilities, manufacturing plant, refinery and water purification work. They have created office spaces and housing where thousands of people work, sleep, live, and navigate life. Finally roads and bridges that allow people to go where they need to go, and the list is endless. We don't often have time to consider that, because you and your skills are already needed elsewhere.

Members remarkable, intelligent, reliable, resilient and capable individuals. These projects would not get done without your skills and experience. Thank you for your stamina, your strength, finesse and dedication. For the millions of people enjoying the outcome of your labor and will never know you or understand you were behind it all.

When members talk about being proud to be part of this organization, it's because of people like you. Because if it weren't for what you bring to the job sites every day, for the hard work and commitment to your crew and craft, there wouldn't be anything to be proud of.

I hope you are proud of your service and found purpose beyond provisions for yourself and family. What you have done and are doing is not unnoticed. For those of you that have retired boots and hands, I can assure you that the next generation of UBC journeymen and women will continue to deliver that pride your legacy deserves. It isn't easy work and it's not a life everyone can live. This craft is not meant for everyone, but it was meant for you and we are all better for it.

You have challenged yourselves physically and mentally every day to provide for those you love. I will also not forget to thank and acknowledge whoever may be sitting next to you or was not able to be here but loved and supported you through it all. Let all of us acknowledge you now.

We all have different reasons why, but this trade was and is made better by your being part of it. If anyone asks how we do it, only one answer that ever comes to mind. Together. We do all things together. You are both the history and the future of this organization. Let us honor that today.

Recently, training received a tool donation on display from Tim and Deb Graf. Tools belonged to Clarence, Selmer and Norman Waage. Grateful to have them on display, made me consider how much of our member history is lost and we still stand to lose. Don't want to miss an opportunity to record some of the stories and experiences of our experienced members.

If you have the willingness to record your story, like starting or a favorite project, meaningful experience from your years, please forward to the local so that we may compile them for future generations to see.

If you would please join me also at this time, in honoring our members who have passed away with a moment of silence.

We will now begin with the presentation of pins, with the help of Ryan Boudreau and Kevin Ealaín, our Local 322 recording secretary and conductor, who will be announcing the names of pin recipients by category, beginning with the 75 yr.

As you step forward to the front, please accept your pin from either side and join us in the middle, before going into the lobby for a photo.

After the presentation of the 25-yr pins, VP Matt Price will speak about training and those attending here tonight that have journeyed out in the past year and to give closing comments.

Thank you all for being here today and congratulations on the receipt of your pin.