

From The Hall

I.B.E.W. Local 2067

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Message from International Vice President

Greetings:

Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been a holiday on the second Monday of October since 1957; and is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year.

As union members, we give thanks to the builders of our Labour Movement; it's because of them that today we reap the benefits of their hard work through our collective bargaining agreements and the legislation they fought so hard to put in place.

Please have an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving long weekend, as this weekend comes with fun family time and good food. It is important to take the time to be with your family and friends and to put aside the stresses of your everyday work life.

This holiday Monday, October 10th, give thanks for the blessings in one's life and a Happy Thanksgiving to you all !!!!

*Russ Shewchuk
International Vice President*



The tradition of Thanksgiving originated with the harvest festival—an autumnal celebration meant to show appreciation for the bountiful harvest of the season. However, Canadian Thanksgiving was originally less about celebrating the harvest and more about thanking God for keeping early explorers safe as they ventured into the New World.

In that sense of “thanks-giving,” the earliest report of such a dinner dates back to 1578, when English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew held a special meal to thank God for granting them safe passage through northern North America, into what is today the Canadian Territory of Nunavut.

The first Thanksgiving after Canadian Confederation did not happen until April 1872, when the holiday was observed to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a serious illness.

Today, the tradition of Thanksgiving has come full circle, and it is primarily seen as a time to gather the family, mark the start of autumn, and celebrate the harvest and good food of the season.

Greetings from the Business Office

We are still in the process of resuming pre-pandemic life, including in person gatherings. This is something to most definitely be thankful for. However you spend the holiday weekend, we ask that you take time to say

thanks, reflect, remember our brothers and sisters who we have lost both on the job, and to the pandemic, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Please note, the Business Office will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022.

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