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Annual Old-Timers & Apprentice Graduation Luncheon



On Sunday October 12, 2008 Plasterer's friends and family came together for Plasterers' Local #200 annual "Old-Timers and Apprentice Graduation Luncheon" to honor the Graduating Apprentices and for old friends and scaffold mates to reminisce and swap lies.

This year 22 graduating apprentices commenced as journeymen, fully prepared, through their diligent training to stand side by side with their journeyman counterparts. Just as other Journeymen have done for over 100 years. These new journeymen may now command a great journeyman's wages and benefits as a result of all their hard work and dedication to the Plaster craft.

Each graduating Apprentice received a tool bag full of plaster tools along with their graduation certificates. Brother Ruben Ramirez was awarded the "Graduating Apprentice of the Year" award and was presented with a plague as well as an OPCMIA gold watch. Brothers Edgar Vargas &

Sergio Vargas were awarded the "Marshalltown Outstanding Student Certificate of Merit", and Brother Gilberto Ochoa received recognition and an OPCMIA gold watch for his Perfect Attendance record during his 4 years of training. As for all our Old-Timers in attendance, gold cards and pins were presented to those Brothers who have served the Plasterers' Union continuously for 25, 30, 50 and 60 years.

Also, in attendance were International Vice-President Mike Moylan, Acting Chief of the Department of Apprenticeship Standards, Glen K. Foreman, the Officers and Staff of Local #200, the Southern California Plastering Institute staff and Local 200's Apprenticeship Program staff.

Door prizes were also awarded; prizes consisted of a GPS, DVD players, gift certificates to the Outback and Olive Garden restaurants, movie theatre tickets and round trip tickets from Catalina Express. Congratulations to all those in attendance who won these prizes.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



~Graduating Apprentices~

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| Rivelino Aguilar ~ Orange County Plast. | Alex Anguiano ~ F. Rodgers |
| Antonio Ayala ~ F. Rodgers | Noureddine Bounadi ~ Perlite Plast. |
| Arnold Campos, Jr. ~ John Jory Corp. | Carlos Coronel ~ Brady |
| Manuel Duran ~ Matrix Wall Systems | Leopoldo Figueroa ~ John Jory Corp. |
| Richard Hernandez ~ Martin Brothers | David Lopez ~ LVI Environmental |
| Juan Mendoza ~ Platinum | Gilberto Ochoa ~ Orange County Plast. |
| Fred Rafael ~ Brady | Ruben Ramirez ~ Perlite Plast. |
| Phillip Sampson ~ Martin Brothers | Juan Santana ~ KHS&S |
| Javier Torres ~ KHS&S | Gilbert Vallejo ~ John Jory Corp. |
| Antonio Vargas ~ Raymond Interiors | Edgar Vargas ~ Nevell Group, Inc |
| Emilio Vargas Sr. ~ Martin Brothers | Sergio Vargas ~ Nevell Group, Inc |

~Marshalltown Tool Company Outstanding Student Award~

Edgar Vargas & Sergio Vargas

~Perfect Attendance Award~

Gilberto Ochoa

~2008 Apprentice of the Year Award~

Ruben Ramirez

~Division of Apprenticeship Standards~ Meritorious Awards

Presented by Glen K. Forman ~ Acting Chief

Tom Warren ~ 5 Years of Service

Dave Fritchel ~ 10 Years of Service

~25 years of Continuous Service Award~

Scott Barkelew ~ Arcadio Castillo ~ Dennis Giesman ~ Javier Romo

~30 years of Continuous Service Award~

Alejandro Gomez ~ John T Heck ~ Brian N Johnson ~ Donald Kerr ~

Casey McLean ~ Benny Perez, Sr.

~40 years of Continuous Service Award~

Luis T Castañeda ~ George J Zapien

~50 years of Continuous Service Award~

Arthur C Nelder ~ James Potter ~ Edward Powell ~ Robert T Puga ~ Walter Ruddock ~ Dietrich

Schenk ~ Carl Strickland, Jr. ~ Bernardino Vargas

~60 years of Continuous Service Award~

Harold Atkinson ~ Robert Bovee ~ Tranquilino Cipres ~ Frank A Colucci ~ Mark Cusano ~ Art

DiGregorio ~ Donald J. Elliot ~ Joe R Espinoza ~ Nicholas V. Franchino ~ Thomas Greek

Bernard J Kenney ~ Darwin C Lewis ~ Paul C McCay ~ Donald E. Matthews ~ Jack Mott ~

William J McCormack ~ Travis McMasters ~ Peter Pyer ~ Jesse Quiroga ~ Gordon M Smith ~

James B Smith ~ Baltasar Sotelo ~ Noboru Yoshimoto

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14 Questions That Must Be Asked of Obama Before He's Sworn In

1. Mr. Obama, if the biggest terrorist attack ever on American soil were to take place while you're president, would you:
 - A) Finish the children's book you're currently reading.
 - B) Do something.
2. Mr. Obama, if a major American city were to be submerged under water, would you:
 - A) Fly over the city and wave to the drowning people below.
 - B) Do something.
3. If the planet were heating up and we were all going to look like burnt toast in twenty years, would you:
 - A) Sign a treaty with almost all the other nations to decrease the emissions causing the warming.
 - B) Call proof "Junk Science"
4. If using a certain type of cell, scientists could make amazing breakthroughs in treatments and cures for horrible diseases and ailments, would you:
 - A) Allow it.
 - B) Save the lives of those poor cells! And keep them in a jar on your mantle after naming each one.
5. Mr. Obama, if somebody called you on a lie you told, would you:
 - A) Think that perhaps it was wrong of you to lie to the American people.
 - B) Commit treason by revealing their wife as a CIA agent.
6. Mr. Obama, if you wanted a substance to make our cars go, what is the maximum number of U.S. soldiers and innocent civilians you'd be willing to kill to get it!
 - A) 1,000,000
 - B) 500,000
 - C) 100,000
7. If Congress passed a bill to make sure every American child had healthcare, would you:
 - A) Let it pass.
 - B) Use your mighty pen to show those sickly brats who's the f*cking boss. What's the big deal? A little cystic fibrosis?? Walk it off!"
8. If an Asian tsunami killed more than 350,000 people, making it one of the deadliest natural disasters ever known, how much money would you have the United States donate to help the survivors rebuild:
 - A) \$25 million--less than is spent every two hours in Iraq.
 - B) A larger amount of money than that.
9. Mr. Obama, if you ever went hunting, would you:
 - A) Shoot your friend in the face.
 - B) Not shoot your friend in the face.
10. If your greatest accomplishment after eight years as president was the creation of a "no call list" for telemarketers, would you:
 - A) Join the witness protection program.
 - B) Create a grand library to commemorate that feat.
11. Mr. Obama, after the biggest terrorist attack on American soil would you:
 - A) Track down the perpetrators, even if they were Saudi Arabian citizens.
 - B) Make up lies and excuses to attack a county whose leader threatened your father.
12. Mr. Obama, if as President you were aware of genocide (400,000 dead), the rape and murder of thousands of women each year for 5 years by Sudanese Rebels, would you:
 - A) Do something
 - B) Talk about doing something and do nothing.
13. Mr. Obama, if Congress told you spying on American Citizens was unconstitutional, would you:
 - A) Stop
 - B) Say about the U.S. Constitution; "it's just a G.D. piece of paper" (George W. Bush, 11/2005)
14. Mr. Obama, will you create a fair immigration policy that does not penalize the American worker, nor creates a worker program, but provides greater oversight and penalties with teeth for those employers who hire illegal immigrants, would you:
 - A) Yes
 - B) No

Let's Not Forget

GEORGE W. BUSH / Accomplishments as President.

- I am the first President in U.S. history to enter office with a criminal record. I invaded and occupied two countries at a continuing cost of over one billion dollars per week. I spent the U.S. surplus and effectively bankrupted the U.S. treasury. I shattered the record for the largest annual deficit in U.S. history. I set an economic record for most private bankruptcies filed in any 12 - month period. I set the all-time record for most foreclosures in a 12-month period. I set the all-time record for the biggest drop in the history of the U.S. Stock Market. In my first year in office, over 2 million Americans lost their jobs and that trend continues. I'm proud that the members of my cabinet are the richest of any administration in U.S. history. My "poorest millionaire", Condoleezza Rice, has a Chevron oil tanker named after her.

- I set the record for most campaign fund-raising trips by a U.S. President. I am the all-time U.S. and World record holder for receiving the most corporate campaign contributions. My largest lifetime campaign contributor, and one of my best friends, Kenneth Lay, presided over the largest corporate bankruptcy fraud in U.S. history, Enron. My political party used Enron private jets and corporate attorneys to assure my success with the U.S. Supreme Court during my election decision. I have protected my friends at Enron and Halliburton against investigation or prosecution. More time and money was spent investigating the Monica Lewinsky affair than has been spent investigating one of the biggest corporate rip-offs in history. I presided over the biggest energy crisis in U.S. history and refused to intervene when corruption involving the oil industry was revealed. I presided over the highest gasoline prices in U.S. history.

- I changed U.S. policy to allow convicted criminals to be awarded government contracts.

- I appointed more convicted criminals to my administration than any president in U.S. history.

- I created the Ministry of Homeland Security, the largest bureaucracy in the history of the United States Government.

- I've broken more international treaties than any President in U.S. history.

- I am the first President in U.S. history to have the United Nations remove the U.S. from the Human Rights Commission.

- I withdrew the U.S. from the World Court of Law.

- I refused to allow inspector's access to U.S. "prisoners of war" detainees and thereby have refused to abide by the Geneva Convention..

- I am the first President in history to refuse United Nations election inspectors (during the 2002 U.S. election)

- I set the record for the fewest numbers of press conferences of any President since the advent of television.

- I set the all-time record for most days on vacation in any one-year period. After taking off the entire month of August, I presided over the worst security failure in U.S. history.

- I garnered the most sympathy ever for the U.S. after the World Trade Center attacks and less than a year later, made the U.S. the most hated country in the world – the largest failure of diplomacy in world history.

- I have set the all-time record for most people world-wide to simultaneously protest me in public venues (15 million people), shattering the record for protests against any person in the history of mankind.

- I am the first President in U.S. history to order an unprovoked, pre-emptive attack and the military occupation of a sovereign nation. I did so against the will of the United Nations, the majority of U.S. citizens, and the world community.

- I have cut health benefits for war veterans and support a cut in duty benefits for active duty troops and their families in wartime.

- In my State of the Union Address, I lied about our reasons for attacking Iraq and then blamed the lies on our British friends.

- The main reason for our attack on Iraq and the removal of Saddam Hussein was because he once tried to kill my father!

- I am the first President in history to have a majority of Europeans (71%) view my presidency as the biggest threat to world peace and security.

- I am supporting development of a nuclear "Tactical Bunker Buster", A WMD.

- I have so far failed to fulfill my pledge to bring Osama Bin Laden to justice.



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