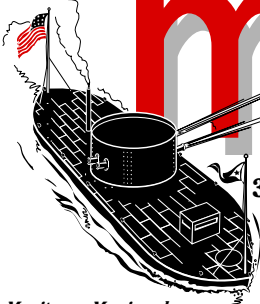


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A Few  
Words  
From...

**TOM TYRAKOWSKI**  
President, FCA of Chicago

## TIME TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS?

Writing at Thanksgiving time naturally turns one's thoughts to this enduring tradition of counting our blessings. Sure, it's difficult when times are tough, jobs are hard to find, and just plain surviving is foremost in our minds.

In times like these, it nevertheless does help to stop, look around, take stock, and reflect a bit on what really counts in life.

For one thing, consider the generations of really tough Americans before us who braved unimaginable hardships and threats...

- The Pilgrims and other early colonists who left Europe to settle a wild and unpredictable new wilderness.
- Our Founding Fathers who put it all on the line, risking life, limb, and their reputations to establish a different kind of country.
- The determined soldiers who fought a Civil War to prevent this country from being torn in two.
- The adventurous and durable homesteaders who moved west to pursue new lives and opportunities.
- The doughboys who suffered trench warfare to defeat the Kaiser.
- The generation that endured a Great Depression, then fought a second World War.

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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



**F**ifty-two Painter Apprentices were graduated on Friday, October 29, 2010, at the JATC-DFTC Graduation Dinner, held at the Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont. Ronald Ivers received the Outstanding Graduating Apprentice Award, while he and Andrew Buikema were both honored for Perfect Attendance. Dan Penski, Director of the Finishing Trades Institute, delivered the Keynote Address, while attending dignitaries included Jim Williams (General President, IUPAT), Ray Price (General Vice President, IUPAT), Terry Fitzmaurice (PDC14 BMST), Tom Villanova (President, Chicago & Cook County Building & Construction Trades Council), and Jeff Castles (Chairman, Chicago Area Painting & Decorating JATC).

### WELFARE FUND REPORT

Trustee Marty Tew reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for September, 2010, that Total Ordinary Income of \$3,398,203.00 plus Investment Income of \$719,542.71 minus Expenses of \$4,492,569.33 yielded a Net Income of (\$374,823.62).

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$14,409,676.73 plus Investment Income of \$2,020,061.89 minus Expenses of \$15,071,185.02 yielded a Net Income of \$1,358,553.60.

The Fund Value as of 9/30/10 was \$88,818,796.66.

### PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Rick Ascher reports for the Pension Fund for September, 2010, that Ordinary Income of \$2,945,103.64 plus Investment Income of \$10,831,721.82 minus Expenses of \$2,836,823.04 yielded a Net Income of \$10,940,002.42.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$15,501,555.44 plus Investment Income of (\$5,178,778.27) minus Expenses of \$17,450,243.37 yielded a Net Income of (\$7,127,466.20).

The Fund Value as of 9/30/10 was \$485,669,999.74.



## 2010-2011 FCAC Meetings & Events

**FCAC Christmas Luncheon**  
December 8, 2010  
Maggianno's Little Italy, Schaumburg

**Chicago PDCA Associates  
Christmas Luncheon**  
December 17, 2010  
Basils Greek Dining, Aurora

**FCAC Presidents Night**  
January 21, 2011  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont

**PDCA Associates Night**  
March 16, 2011  
Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont



## News From The Apprentice School...

By ED BOGDAN, Apprentice Training Coordinator

**Contractors & Associates Are Cordially Invited  
to Attend the FCAC Christmas Luncheon!**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010**

**Maggiano's Little Italy**  
1901 E. Woodfield Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL

- ☐ 11:30 am Reception
- ☐ 12:00 pm Family-Style Lunch
- ☐ 1:00 pm Membership Meeting

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**Associates  
Christmas Luncheon**  
**Friday, December 17, 2010**

**Basils Greek Dining**

400 Fox Valley Center, Aurora

**11:30 am Reception**

**12:00 pm Lunch**

(Two Free Lunches Per Company,  
For Associates Only!)

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Financial Reports for September, 2010, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$152,247.77 plus Investment Income of \$78,001.43 minus Expenses of \$113,736.47 yielded a Net Income of \$116,512.73.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$1,213,934.60 plus Investment Income of \$259,374.21 minus Expenses of \$1,380,320.82 yielded a Total Net Income of \$92,987.99. The Fund Value as of 9/30/10 was \$4,555,472.21.

The Journeyman classes for the final quarter of the 2010-2011 STAR year will be open for registration on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. View the STAR calendar and register on-line at [www.jatc-dftc.org](http://www.jatc-dftc.org).

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- The later generations of troops that have successively fought thankless wars in far away Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Really, our daily struggles in this time of a down economy do pale in comparison to the kind of life-and-death challenges all of those people shouldered.

Secondly, in our personal lives, are the things that really count still intact?

If our health is good, if our family and friends still surround us, and if we're still able to get up every morning to give our businesses another shot, aren't

we really rounding all the bases that count most? Home plate may still be in the distance, but good base-runners keep their eye on the next bag.

Mind you, I'm not just being overly cheerful at a time when the mood is gloomy...but I do believe we should take comfort in a longer perspective.

In time, our current problems will fade into history with the return of more normal business conditions. Meanwhile, we can tough this out together. In the immortal words of Benjamin Franklin, "We must all hang together, or most assuredly we

will all hang separately."

So, in closing, and in the spirit of that bit of Founding Father philosophy, I cordially invite all FCAC Contractors and PDCA Associates to join the festivities at Maggiano's Little Italy in Schaumburg on December 8th (11:30 AM) for our Annual FCAC Christmas Lunch and Election program.

Let's tip a cup of Holiday Cheer to set aside any sorrows and keep our eyes trained on that next base. I do believe we may have rounded second....

**Tom**