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UNITED ASSOCIATION PLUMBERS, FITTERS, WELDERS & HVAC TECHS

LOCAL NO. 572

110TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

(SINCE WE WERE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE OUR 100TH IN 2015!)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

TOPGOLF OUTING • 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

500 COWAN STREET, NASHVILLE • APPETIZERS

BBQ BUFFET DINNER • 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

MARTIN'S BAR-B-QUE JOINT, 410 4TH AVE. S, NASHVILLE, 2ND FLOOR

SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS: 4:30 – 5:00 P.M., LIVE MUSIC

HONKY TONK DANCE PARTY • 8:00 P.M. – MIDNIGHT

KID ROCK'S BIG HONKY TONK, 221 BROADWAY, NASHVILLE, 3RD FLOOR

HEAVY APPETIZERS, OPEN BAR, LIVE MUSIC



LOCAL 572'S LEGACY HAS BLAZED THE PATH FOR ITS FUTURE

Brothers, Sisters and Friends:

It is with great pride that the officers and staff of Local 572 congratulate our members, past and present, for achieving 110 years of solidarity and excellence in Plumbing, Pipefitting, HVAC and Steamfitting.

Our strong legacy is built on the continued service and dedication of those who came before us. Without their commitment, we would not have the opportunities we enjoy today, as well as the next generation.

We are also proud of the deep heritage that represents multiple generations for so many of our members.

From the days of meeting at the Labor Temple to our current Union Hall and Training Center campus, there is plenty to be grateful for. Our trade has provided livable wages and benefits to raise our families for many years. There have been some lean years, but collectively we have weathered the hard times and are reaping the harvest.

Across middle Tennessee, we can look around the skyline and proudly say, "We had a part" in that project.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us remember where we came from, remember those we worked alongside and work diligently towards the future – continuing to bridge the past with those who follow along the path that has been forged.

Faternally,

William Johnson Jr., Business Manager
U.A. Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 572



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The History of U.A. Local No. 572, Nashville

SERVING THE CAPITAL OF COUNTRY MUSIC AND ITS PLUMBING & PIPING INDUSTRY SINCE 1915

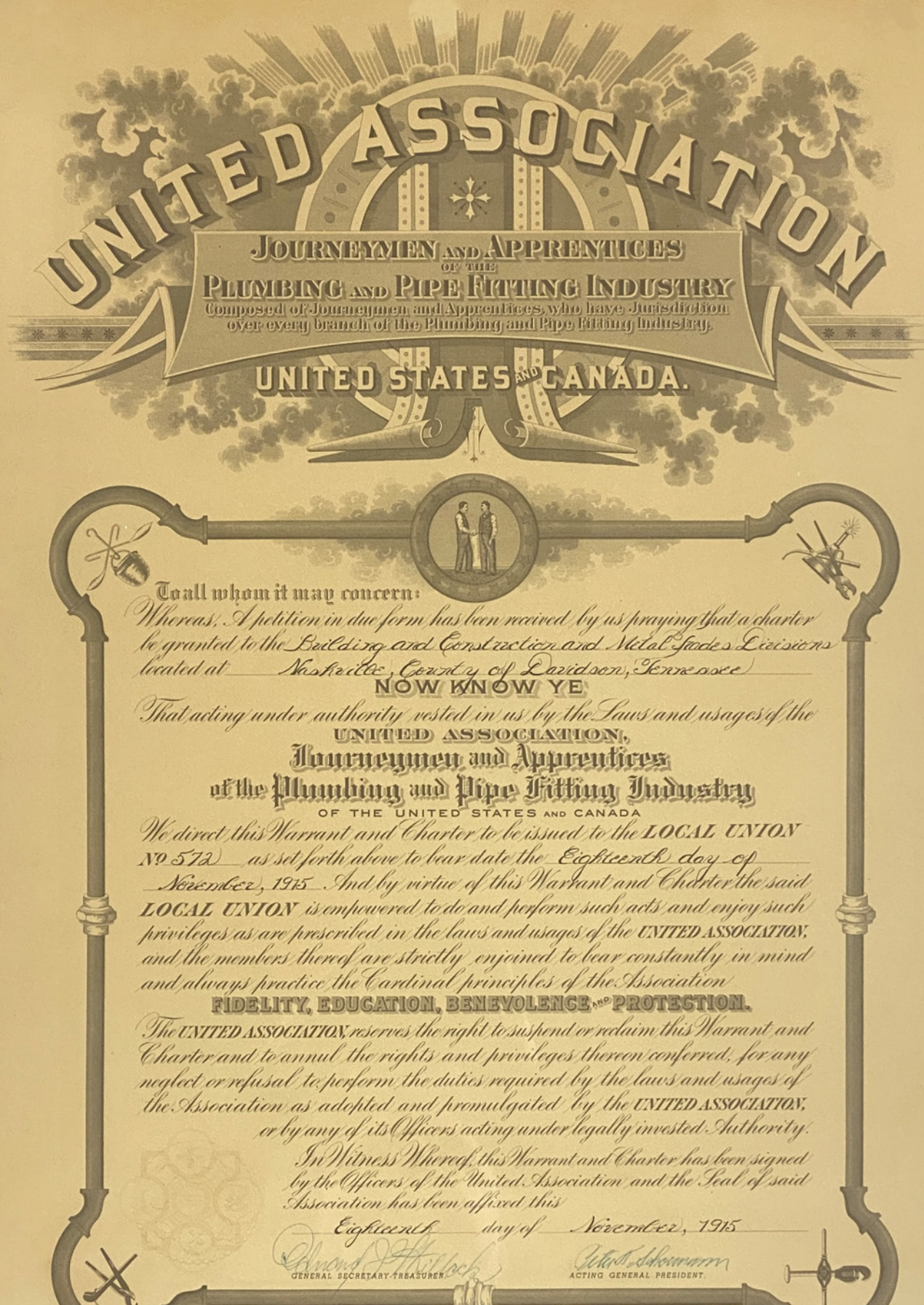


Just one year after it was established in late 1889, the United Association of Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada ("U.A.") first established a local in Nashville, Tennessee, when it chartered and admitted **Local No. 47** into the union on November 18, 1890, to represent plumbers in the city. Over the next 18 years, during which the local was briefly defunct before being reorganized in early February 1892, Local 47 fought to improve conditions for its union craftsmen, including reducing the length of its workdays down to 10 hours in 1893 and then to 8 hours in 1905 with a wage scale for its plumbers of \$3.25 per day.

(The U.A. would change its name to the current United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada on January 1, 1947.)

Meanwhile, the U.A. chartered **Local No. 352** on March 23, 1907, to organize and represent Nashville's steamfitters. The following year, for undocumented reasons, the union merged Local 47 into Local 352, giving Local 352 trade jurisdiction over plumbers and steamfitters in the city.

By 1916, Local 352 and the U.A. had been "considering for some time the practicability of establishing a separate local union for steamfitters in this city" because that was "the only way that we can ever thoroughly organize the steamfitters of this vicinity," U.A. General Organizer William Lynn reported in the January 1916 issue of the U.A. *Journal*, the union's monthly member publication, following a visit to the local. Afterward, the local and the union held open meetings and sent a letter to all the steamfitters working in Nashville explaining the benefits of forming a local, which, as Organizer



The U.A. Local No. 572 charter, dated November 18, 1915, was re-issued in 1953 and signed by U.A. acting General President Peter Schoemann, who only served in that position for a short time that year, and U.A. General Secretary Edward J. Hillock, who served in that position from 1943 into 1958.



Lynn described in the February 1916 *Journal*, “met with a good response.”

After a group of 15 steamfitters was then organized, including several Local 352 members, the U.A. chartered them as **Local No. 572** on **November 18, 1915**, with jurisdiction over steamfitters in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. Organizer Lynn subsequently installed the new local on December 16 during a meeting in the Nashville Labor Temple at which the local’s membership elected officers to serve for the balance of the year.

Steamfitters Local 572 and plumbers Locals 352 would go on to coexist for the next six decades. While some conflict between the two Nashville-based locals would occasionally develop during that time, the two sister union organizations would largely fulfill a prophetic declaration offered by Organizer Lynn in his report on their initial advancements in the April 1916 *Journal*:

“With our two locals in this condition in Nashville, we may expect better wages and better working conditions in the near future.”

GROWING AND PROSPERING ALONG WITH ITS ‘MUSIC CITY’

The fledgling Local 572 grew quickly along with a fast-expanding Nashville, whose population was continuing to rise on the heels of a 36-percent increase during the previous decade. As such, by February 1916 the local’s membership consisted of more than 20 dues-paying steamfitters and it was beginning to take in steamfitters’ “helpers,” and after attending one of the local’s regular membership meetings that March, Organizer Lynn was even able to announce in the April 1916 *Journal*, “They have certainly made great progress, having practically every man of their craft in that city in the fold.”

U.A. WAS ORGANIZED OVER 137 YEARS AGO

With a general lack of stable, national organizations to represent steamfitters and plumbers at the time, **Patrick J. Quinlan**, a plumber from Boston, sent a letter to **R. A. O’Brien**, a plumber in Washington, D.C., on April 25, 1889, proposing the formation of a new, national pipe-trades union. Subsequently, on October 7, 1889, 40 delegates from 23 piping-trades locals in 10 states and the District of Columbia assembled in Washington for a convention.

Four days later, the **United Association of Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters’ Helpers of the United States and Canada** (U.A.) was born on October 11, 1889. The U.A. selected Brother Quinlan as its president, Brother Henry Collins of New York City as its vice president and Brother O’Brien as its secretary-treasurer.

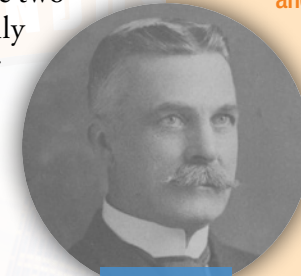
Meanwhile, most steamfitters were attempting to sustain their own national union, the National Association of Steam, Hot Water and Power Piping Fitters and Helpers, that they had formed in 1888, soon after which it would become the International Association (I.A.). For two decades, however, the two piping unions clashed regularly over jurisdiction – before the American Federation of Labor (A.F.L.) ordered the I.A. to amalgamate into the U.A. in 1912.

The union endured through World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II, after which on January 1, 1947, it changed its name to the **United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada**.

With a membership of 35 steamfitters, Local 572 exerted its growing strength and went on strike beginning January 11, 1917, against two of Nashville’s largest contractors when they refused to “recognize” the union, although two other firms employing 12 members, the T. J. Mooney Company and the Standard Engineering Company, had already signed the local’s work agreement. After the 23



Patrick J. Quinlan



Richard A. O'Brien

LOCAL 572 HELPED ESTABLISH CITY'S BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

Local 572 participated in forming and was a charter member of the **Nashville Building and Construction Trades Council** when it was first organized on September 1, 1916. Among its very first officers, Local 572 charter member **Brother George W. Carter** was elected and served as the council's first-ever president.

The council was established to "form a more compact organization of the various unions composed of men engaged in the distinct branches of the building industry ... through which they could be brought in closer touch with each other and could be enabled to work in harmony in promoting their mutual interests, as well as to further the interests of organized labor." Along with the steamfitters, original trades in the council were the plumbers, carpenters, painters, wallpaper-hangers, plasterers and machinists.

The organization has since transformed into the **Nashville and Middle Tennessee Building and Construction Trades Council**, which in 2026 represents 17 local trade unions. Among its advocacy and activities, the council publicly speaks for trade workers' interests in major developments; promotes worker-friendly legislation and jobsite safety measures; and supports programs that help local residents find union jobs in construction.



The Old Hickory Munitions Plant erected at Hadley's Bend near Nashville with Local 572 steamfitters and Local 352 plumbers in 1918 to produce gunpowder during World War I. (Tennessee State Library and Archives photo.)

striking members returned to work after their employers had signed the contract, later that year Organizer Lynn reported in the December 1917 *Journal* following a visit to the city, "Our local unions in Nashville are both progressing nicely, both working upon an agreement with their employers."

Then, after the United States had officially entered World War I, which had been raging in Europe since 1914, in April 1917, in early 1918 the U.S. government and the DuPont Company began building the massive **Old Hickory Munitions Plant** (also known as the **Old Hickory Powder Plant**) within the jurisdictions of Local 572 and Local 352, 15 miles northeast of Nashville at Hadley's Bend on the Cumberland River. Construction of the \$60-million (about \$1.3 billion in 2026) 4,700-acre facility to support the Allied war effort, which would be one of the largest munitions factories in the world, and the adjoining **Old Hickory town** to house its enormous workforce, employed several hundred union steamfitters and plumbers.

With employment conditions rapidly escalating, in May 1918 the Local 572 membership elected its first-ever business

manager, selecting **Brother Jack Patton** for the position. Previously, Local 352 member **Brother William E. "Billie" Donnelly** had been serving as business agent for both locals.

However, although the locals received a substantial wage scale increase of \$1.50 to \$6 per day through its new agreement with its employing contractors that went into effect on June 1, 1918, DuPont initially refused to pay the rate on work at the munitions plant and instead only provided a wage of 72 cents per hour, or \$5.76 per day. What's more, the more than 600 U.A. members working through the two locals also submitted additional grievances against DuPont and other contractors on the job that cited the lack of overtime pay for Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays; poor living conditions in the company bunkhouses; the need for better transportation to and from Nashville; and poor sanitary conditions in general at the jobsite and living quarters.

As the issues remained unresolved, in early August 1918, Local 572 and Local 352 members did not report for work on the plant, with the locals claiming they were not on strike but instead, as an article in the August 8 issue of *The Tennessean* newspaper reported,

were taking "a general vacation' pending a better understanding with their employers and better methods of getting to their work. After several meetings between the two sides and a federal labor conciliator, during which the locals declared that members working at the plant realized "the importance of its speedy construction" but under the current conditions "found co-operation impossible," the steamfitters and plumbers agreed to return to their jobs on the project beginning August 10 as the union and the Labor Board of the U.S. War Department worked to reach a settlement of the locals' grievances.

Elsewhere during that time, a large wood-chemical plant and blast furnace that the **Tennessee Valley Iron and Railroad Company** began erecting in 1918 for military purposes also provided an abundant amount of workhours for members of the two Nashville-based U.A. locals. Initiated to bolster the U.S.-supported Allied war effort, the facility was being built to recover wood chemicals, such as wood alcohol and tar and to produce charcoal, and would feature a 200-foot-tall smokestack that would remain an area landmark until it was razed in 1947.



Local 572 member Brother Earnest Campbell was killed in 1917 during World War I while serving in Europe with the U.S. Army 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry "Yankee Division," of the U.S. American Expeditionary Forces.

The following year, after the wage scales of both locals was increased to \$7 per day and they had been able to organize most every contractor in the city, Organizer Lynn was able to announce in the August 1919 *Journal*, "I found that our membership in both the plumbers' and steamfitters' unions are enjoying excellent conditions in Nashville ... and our members are being employed in shops over which we never had control in the past."

LOCALS 572 LOCATIONS AND UNION HALLS

(All locations are in Nashville.)

Nashville Labor Temple

411-1/2 Union Street
1915 – 1921

Nashville Labor Temple

212 8th Avenue, North
1921 – 1929
207 Polk Avenue
1929 – 1967

(The address of this Labor Temple was changed in 1929.)

Nashville Labor Temple

631 North First Street
1967 – 1994

Local 572 Union Hall

225 Ben Allen Road
1994 - current

But soon after World War I ended with the signing of a peace armistice on June 28, 1919, after Germany had surrendered to the Allies the previous November, work on the unfinished Old Hickory Munitions Plant ceased, putting many of the union steamfitters and pipefitters out of work. (Having never reached its full operational capacity, much of the plant would eventually be dismantled, but the company housing community of Old Hickory remains a residential neighborhood.)

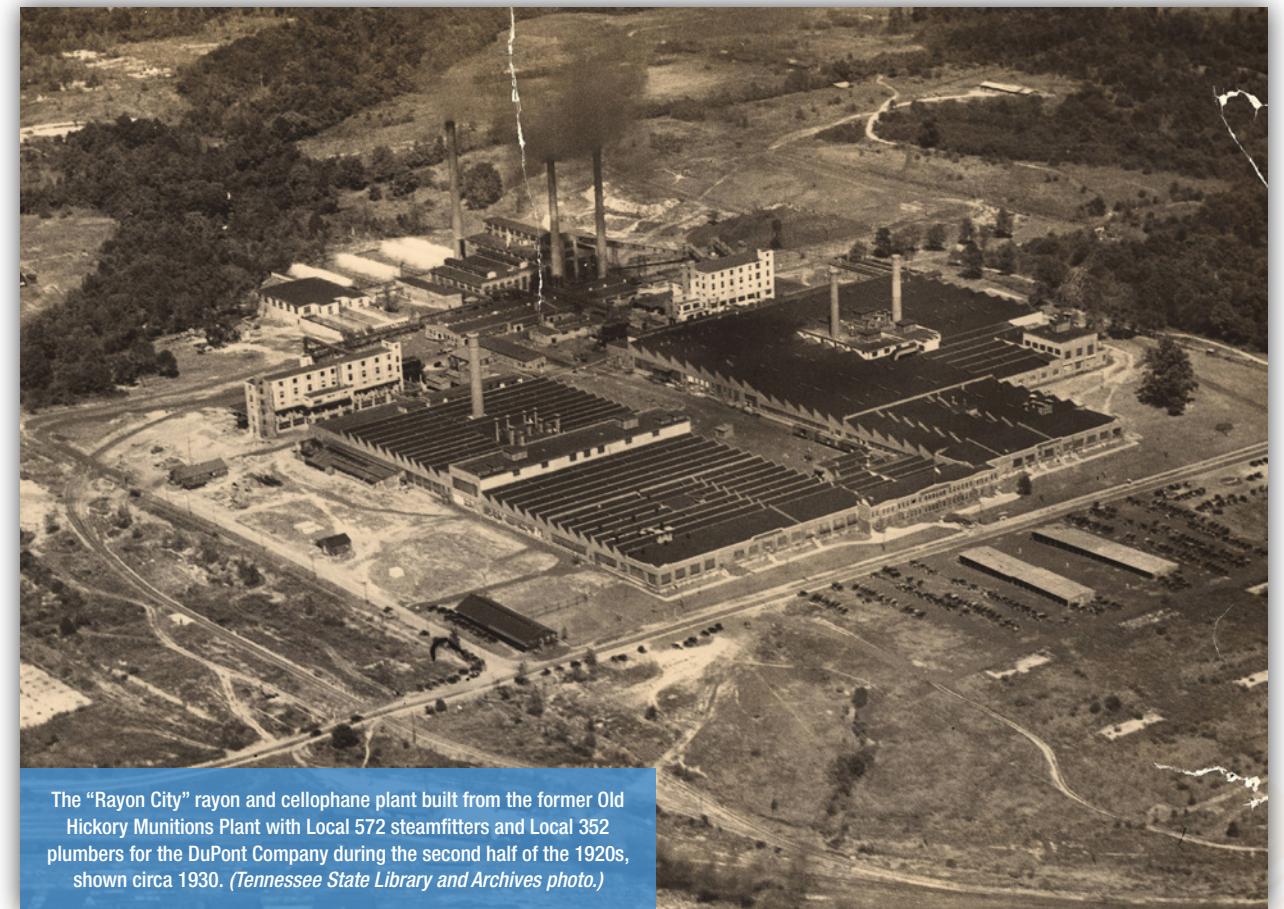
The following year, Local 572 and Local 352 went on strike against all piping contractors in Nashville beginning October 15, 1920, and remained off jobs for nearly 10 months before winning, as Organizer Lynn reported in the July 1921 *Journal*, "a complete victory" after all the firms signed the locals' respective agreements with \$8-per-day, or \$1-per-hour, wage scales. During the prolonged strike, both locals opened their own contracting shops, which



The Nashville Labor Temple on Polk Avenue, circa 1930. (Tennessee State Library and Archives photo.)



The current Local 572 Union Hall and J.A.T.C. Training Center on Ben Allen Road in Nashville.



The "Rayon City" rayon and cellophane plant built from the former Old Hickory Munitions Plant with Local 572 steamfitters and Local 352 plumbers for the DuPont Company during the second half of the 1920s, shown circa 1930. (Tennessee State Library and Archives photo.)

helped secure sufficient funds to continue the strike and at one point were doing more work than any of the other shops in the city.

In the aftermath of the successful strike, the U.A. organizer was later able to also announce in the September 1921 *Journal*, "We have more shops working under union conditions through this agreement than ever before in the history of Nashville."

The city's U.A. locals and its members would then go on to widely benefit from Nashville's quickening development during the nationwide so-called "Roaring Twenties," a period of prolific and optimistic social, economic and political change and progress throughout the United States during much of the 1920s. Indeed, union steamfitters and plumbers enjoyed strong employment conditions throughout the decade as the city's manufacturing sector

boomed and construction flourished through new industrialization and the expansion of its riverfront stockyards.

(It was also during this time that Nashville earned its title as "Country Music Capital of the World" thanks to the popularity of WSM radio broadcasts of barn dances that would eventually become the Grand Ole Opry, transforming Nashville into a magnet for country performers and songwriters. It would later be crowned "Music City" in 1950 by a WSM radio host.)

Out in the field during the first half of the decade, among key projects in its jurisdiction that employed Local 572 steamfitters was construction of the new **Vanderbilt University Hospital** (now Medical Center North) on the school's Nashville campus beginning in October 1923. When completed and opened in September 1925, the large building unified

LOCAL 572 LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT 110 YEARS

Local 572 first employed a full-time business manager/financial secretary to run the affairs of the local in 1958; the positions have continually been served together since 1995.

Business Managers

Harry E. Keene
1958 – 1974

James D. Farmer
1974 – 1975

Charles W. Bray
1975 – 1983

Billy F. Overton
1983 – 1985

James D. Farmer
1985 – 1988

Billy G. Borchert
1988 – 2015

Robert D. Carroll
2015 – 2016

Lawrence F. Abril
2016 – 2017

Phil Trucks Jr.
2017

Eric H. Coons
2017 – 2024

Kurt V. Smith
2024

William L. Johnson Jr.
2024 – current

Business Agents

William H. Lynch
1915 – 1918

J. Donnelly
1918

Robert E. Barrett
1918 – 1920

<none listed>
1921 – 1942

Harry E. Keene
1942 – 1944

Venus E. Cantrell
1944 – 1945

Harry E. Keene
1945 – 1958

Charles Bray
1961 – 1963

Shirley Wilkerson
1963 – 1965

Billy F. Overton
1965 – 1970

Herman P. Gand
1971 – 1973

Charles Bray
1974 – 1976

J. M. (Morris) Sidler
1976 – 1978

James R. Krantz
1976 – 1979

Robert E. Spain
1976 – 1988

Paul H. Gandy
1979 – 1982

<none listed>
1982 – 1988

Harold E. Boyd
1988 – 2000

James M. Foster
2000 – 2015

Robert D. Carroll
2003 – 2015

Phillip A. Hartman
2012 – 2015

Charles D. Ethridge
2015 – 2016

William L. Johnson Jr.
2017 – 2024

Trenton L. Mitchell
2022 – current



Local 572 Business Agent Harry E. Keene (center of front, kneeling row), who served in that position from 1942 into 1944 and again from 1945 into 1958, poses with other local officers and retirees sometime during the early 1950s.

Kurt V. Smith
2024 – current

Lacey N. Russell
2025 – current

Financial Secretaries

William A. Williams
1915 – 1916

William D. Riley
1916 – 1917

Elmer P. Radabaugh
1917 – 1918

Charles M. Murphy
1918 – 1923

Paul Bishopberger
1923 – 1926

Charles M. Murphy
1926 – 1934

<none listed>
1934 – 1937

Davis S. Welch
1937 – 1941

Delmas J. Mitchell
1941 – 1944

Venus E. Cantrell
1944 – 1945

Harry E. Keene
1945 – 1974

J. D. Farmer
1974 – 1986

Paul H. Gandy
1986 – 1995

Billy G. Borchert
1995 – 2015

Robert D. Carroll
2015 – 2016

Lawrence F. Abril
2016 – 2017

Phil Trucks Jr.
2017

Eric H. Coons
2017 – 2024

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the university’s medical school, hospital and research facilities under one roof and initiated Vanderbilt as one of the premiere medical institutions in the country.

Then in 1925, a primary stimulus of progress in the region got underway when DuPont restarted its dormant Old Hickory plant and began retooling it to manufacture rayon, cellophane and, eventually, other polymers. Work renovating, expanding and rejuvenating the massive facility provided Local 572 and Local 352 members with a new source of abundant workhours over the next several years.

The largest construction project in the Nashville area, by 1927 the massive undertaking had successfully transformed the former World War I munitions site into a thriving industrial hub known as “**Rayon City.**” DuPont had even brought the Old Hickory village back to life with the help of union piping craftsmen (after which DuPont would run it as a company town until the end of World War II in 1945.)

As robust work opportunities persisted throughout the jurisdictions of the 35-member Local 572 and its sister Local 352 throughout the remainder of the decade, the locals came together in 1929 to develop plans “to better protect their condition.” After visiting Nashville to assist in that endeavor, U.A. General Organizer George Masterton declared in the September 1929 *Journal*, “I feel that our efforts along those lines will bring results before long.”

FROM HISTORIC CHALLENGES TO PIPING THE NUCLEAR AGE

The Great Depression that began when the U.S. stock market crashed on October 29, 1929 (history’s “Black Tuesday”), caused soaring unemployment of up to 25 percent of the country’s workforce devastated Nashville as the ensuing catastrophic nationwide financial collapse hit the city particularly hard in the aftermath of the bankruptcy of Caldwell

& Company in November 1930. Once the largest investment bank in the South, its failure triggered massive bank runs and the collapse of over 120 regional banks.

In the throes of the historic financial crisis, employment among the Local 572 and Local 352 memberships, as with other U.A. locals across the United States, rapidly declined during the early 1930s. "Construction all but stopped, and this led to a significant decline in manufacturing," the official U.A. history recounts. "The economies of both (the United States and Canada) spiraled ever downward, until unemployment reached extremely high numbers and workers began to give up altogether."

As the Depression persisted and construction work in the Local 572 jurisdiction continued to diminish, the local would dwindle to just 12 dues-paying members by June 1934. In another telling sign of the frantic times, on March 25, 1932, member Will Baldwin fired a shotgun at Local 572 **President Robert L. Hailey**, slightly injuring him, after a union meeting at the Nashville Labor Temple during which a heated argument took place.



Meanwhile, as the U.A. history notes, the *Journal* ran several issues during the early 1930s that offered advice on how members could make their wages go as far as possible, although many articles focused either on calling on the government to take action to help people or on trying to offer some hope and encouragement to the U.A. membership. But as its overall international membership declined and the U.A. held no conventions between 1928 and 1938, "the union held it together," the history states.

Federal "New Deal" legislation championed by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, instituted from 1933 through 1938 to generate construction and civic-improvement jobs throughout the country, significantly helped alleviate unemployment in Central Tennessee as it transformed and modernized Nashville through infrastructure, public works, electrification and public-housing development. Those government-funded projects in and around Nashville included construction of the city's first municipal airport, which opened in June 1937; the Davidson County Public Building and Courthouse; the Tennessee Supreme Court Building; the John Sevier State Office Building; the Andrew Jackson Courts and Cheatham Place public-housing complexes; and multiple segregated public schools and colleges for black students such as Cameron Middle School, Pearl High School and Tennessee A & I College (now Tennessee State University).

Among the agencies established by the New Deal, the **Tennessee Valley Authority** (T.V.A.), which Congress created in 1933 to provide the region with low-cost hydroelectric power and modernized utilities, would prove to be vital for Local 572 and its members during and well beyond the 1930s.

The T.V.A. immediately began constructing several hydroelectric power-producing dams in the region – although not initially within the Local 572 jurisdiction – that put many U.A. members back to work, beginning with the Norris Dam on the Clinch River in upper East Tennessee on October 1, 1933. Throughout that time and through to the local's 110th anniversary in 2025, Local 572 members would work on scores of T.V.A. projects, including the more than two-dozen hydroelectric dams built by the agency (which is now a federally owned electric utility corporation).

Labor-friendly federal legislation such as the **Davis-Bacon Act of 1931**, which gave workers prevailing wages when employed on public-works projects, also provided a measure of relief for Local 572, Local 352 and other unions during the Depression and beyond. The **National Labor Relations Act of 1935**, which guaranteed employees the right to organize and bargain collectively, further supported and fostered unions and their memberships.

Before the end of the decade, Local 572 had grown back to 36 members by June 1939 as work slowly returned to its jurisdiction. With World War II already raging in Europe at that time, increased military production in and around Nashville would further bolster the local's employment as the country finally escaped the Great Depression as it entered the 1940s and another historically tumultuous era.

The first in an array of significant military-related projects that employed Local 572 steamfitters and Local 352 plumbers in the new decade was the massive expansion of **U.S. Army Camp Peay** at Tullahoma, Tennessee, in late 1940. Initiated as part of the Army's preparation for World War II, the project



transformed the 1,000-acre base into the 85,000-acre **Camp Forrest** training facility.

After the United States officially entered the war following the Imperial Japanese attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, Nashville transitioned from a primarily commercial center into a vital manufacturing hub. As such, a growing number of union steamfitters and plumbers helped the city's industrial and construction sectors rapidly pivot to produce military aircraft, naval vessels, uniforms and munitions, while simultaneously erecting the essential infrastructure required to sustain the U.S.-led Allied war effort.

With the global conflict stimulating strong economic recovery throughout Central Tennessee and the United States, U.A. locals nationwide grew as a result of the work created by military production demands. Subsequently, U.A. membership across North America swelled from 81,000 in 1941 to 210,000 members before the end of the war in 1945, with many of those fitters and plumbers building and expanding the shipyards, weapons plants, aircraft factories and other facilities that supported the Allies.

Over the course of the war, among other key projects over which Local 572 and Local 352

The U.A. changed Local 572's trade jurisdiction from steamfitters to **pipefitters** on February 12, 1945.

had jurisdiction were the **Monsanto Chemical Plant** and **Victor Chemical Works** near Columbia, Tennessee, that were retooled for military production. In particular, construction in 1944 of the **Duck River Ordinance Company** at Monsanto and expansion that year of Victor Chemical's operations to produce chemicals for the U.S. military provided more work for the local's members.

After World War II ended with the surrenders of Japan on September 2, 1945, and Nazi Germany earlier that year on May 8 (by which time the U.A. had re-designated Local 572's trade jurisdiction from "steamfitters" to "**pipefitters**" as of February 12 of that year), Nashville experienced a massive post-war construction and industrial surge that triggered escalating suburbanization in the region. With a wide range of projects in its territory during the second half of the decade such as new federal housing, urban renewal that reshaped downtown Nashville and construction of the 10-generator hydroelectric **Wolf Creek Dam** on the Cumberland River at Wolf Creek, Kentucky, on which work had begun before the war and was continued afterward under the jurisdictions of Local 572 and Local 352, the pipefitters local rapidly grew to more than 300 members before the end of the 1940s.

Among the multitude of significant notable projects that also employed the expanding membership of the Nashville-based U.A. locals was the "secret" **Clarksville Base** project at **U.S. Army Camp Campbell** in Clarksville, Tennessee, beginning in 1947 for the federal government. The highly restricted project was a joint nuclear-weapons storage and modification facility operated by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project that, at its peak,

housed about one-third of the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal in its concealed bunker system known as "The Birdcage."

(With the dawn of the "Atomic Age" and the ensuing Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, during the early 1950s the U.A. would launch an ambitious program to educate and prepare members, including Local 572 fitters and Local 352 plumbers, for work in the nuclear industry. As a result, members in Central Tennessee and throughout the country became uniquely qualified for highly skilled jobs in the construction and maintenance of atomic plants, missile bases, automated refineries, chemical plants and many other related industries.)

Then in early 1949, the start of construction on the new T.V.A. **Johnsonville Steam Plant** powerhouse (now the modernized Johnsonville Combustion Turbine Plant) on the Tennessee River at New Johnsonville, Tennessee, under the jurisdictions of Local 572 and Local 352 provided another consistent source of ample workhours for U.A. craftspeople. Work on the 1.5-gigawatt coal-fired power plant would continue throughout the 1950s, during which it began commercial operations of its Unit 1 generator on October 27, 1951, before all 10 of its units were online by August 1959 after scores of union pipefitters and plumbers applied their skills on the project.

GENERATIONAL JOBS INDUCE NEW GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT

As Nashville and Central Tennessee continued their major transition driven by post-war economic growth during the 1950s, with the city shifting from a primarily localized commercial center into a sprawling Sunbelt metropolis, Local 572 and Local 352 correspondingly progressed throughout the decade as its members enjoyed stable when not flourishing employment. Under those favorable conditions, the Local

572 membership would grow to more than 520 pipefitters by the end of the decade while fulfilling a declaration it later made in a promotional advertisement it would run in late 1963 issues of *The Tennessean* newspaper:

"Building America is our job."

But first, both locals went on strike against the **Master Plumbing, Heating, Piping and Air Conditioning Contractors of Nashville and Vicinity**, which represented the locals' employers, beginning January 1, 1952, when the contractors refused a new wage-scale request by the locals in new work agreements. After two weeks, the pipefitters and plumbers returned to their jobs on January 15 when the two sides reached a deal the previous day for new contracts that provided the locals' journeyman members with a pay increase from \$2.37-1/2 to \$2.61 per hour, retroactive to January 1.

Back out in the field, notable projects that employed U.A. members in the Local 572 and Local 352 jurisdictions during the first half of the decade included construction of the **Gallatin Steam Plant** near Gallatin, Tennessee, the eighth steam-electric project built by T.V.A., beginning in 1953. The four-generator, coal-fired powerhouse would continue to provide a large amount of workhours throughout the decade before its fourth unit was completed in August 1959.

Elsewhere, beginning in March 1957 members also worked on construction of a massive new **titanium dioxide pigments plant** near New Johnsonville for DuPont. The 1,500-acre facility that would produce titanium dioxide, which was widely used in the manufacture of paint, paper, plastics and floor coverings, officially opened in September 1959 after employing many union pipefitters and plumbers to erect its buildings and complex equipment that were all connected by a maze of piping.

The second half of the 1950s was also filled for the locals and their members with a large amount of work on an array of projects, some of the more significant of which included development of the **Arnold Engineering Development Center** (now the Arnold Engineering Development Complex) at **Arnold Air Force Base** in Tullahoma, which would become the world's largest and most-advanced facility for flight simulation and a critical U.S. Air Force resource for testing aerospace and defense systems. Union fitters and plumbers were also employed during the late 1950s on



Local 572 set air-control units on top of the new GM Saturn plant being built in Nashville in 1990.



construction of the new **National Carbon Company** (now Union Carbide) plant at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, for manufacturing vital synthetic carbon and graphite electrodes.

Strong employment conditions persisted into the 1960s for Local 572 and Local 352, although in early 1960 the locals' 1,000 members went on strike beginning February 1 when negotiations for new work agreements were deadlocked over a "no-strike" clause proposal by contractors while the locals' former contracts had expired. In response to the stalled bargaining, Local 572 **Business Agent Harry E. Keene** explained in the next day's *Tennessean* newspaper, "We want the right to protect our people and to picket when necessary. Management does not want us to have this right. That's what stopped the (negotiations)."

After the Nashville Building and Construction Trades Council voted Tuesday to support the striking steamfitters and plumbers, a federal mediator would be utilized to settle

the dispute. The locals' members would return to work after the arbitrator mediated equitable new agreements.

Among the numerous noteworthy projects on which the Local 572 and Local 352 memberships were employed throughout the prosperous decade, many of those steamfitters and plumbers helped transition and expand DuPont's Old Hickory rayon plant to produce synthetic materials, polyester and other new, cutting-edge manufactured fibers. Members also worked on the construction of gas-distribution lines and converting existing boiler plants at Camp Campbell beginning in late 1961 – jobs that helped the Local 572 membership expand to about 680 member journeymen and apprentices by June 1963.

Then beginning in February 1965, both locals' craftspeople utilized their considerable trade skills on the development of the **Mark 1 Test Facility**, a state-of-the-art space-environment

simulation chamber at the Arnold Engineering Development Center. Designed to test full-scale satellites and aerospace systems by replicating the extreme vacuum and thermal conditions of deep space, the facility was completed with the manpower of union pipefitters and plumbers and operational late in the decade.

Despite their positive work picture, beginning in the mid-1960s Local 572 and Local 352 had to contend with an increasingly more-intrusive non-union construction sector within its jurisdiction, encouraged by the state's so-called "right to work" law that stipulated unions could not require employees to pay union dues even in fully organized workplaces. During one of an increasing number of picketing actions used to counter the use of non-union workers, on August 3, 1965, Local 572 **Business Agent Billy Frank Overton** was among 17 union picketers who were arrested and later freed on bond for throwing rocks at cars and violating a court injunction on a building-trades strike against the use of non-union workers on an expansion job at the National Carbon facility.

Cracks were also beginning to manifest between Local 572 and Local 352 by that time beyond common jurisdictional disagreements over work assignments on jobs, as growing tensions were recently aggravated by the plumbers' claim that the pipefitters were violating a "60-40" working agreement that was instituted to allow the pipefitters 60 percent of the plumbing and pipefitting work and the plumbers the remaining 40 percent in their shared jurisdiction. The controversy came to a head when on May 17, 1967, a "freewheeling fistfight broke out for the second straight morning," as the next day's *Tennessean* described, between about 75 of each local's members at the DuPont Old Hickory plant when the pipefitters crossed a plumbers' picket line protesting the firing of several plumbers who were replaced by fitters on a job at the facility.

However, following the plumbers' strike at the DuPont plant, the U.A. international office placed Local 352 under its trusteeship later that month. As such, the union suspended the local's autonomy and took control of its governance, financial management and daily operations.

Meanwhile, although an influx of non-union contractors and mounting civil-rights tensions over discriminatory hiring practices within the building trades were increasingly hindering construction unions, Local 572 continued to make progress while its members benefited from strong employment conditions as the Nashville region was transitioning to a diversified manufacturing and regional corporate hub that spurred economic growth. Consequently, by the end of the decade, the local maintained a membership of about 650 journeyman pipefitters and about 30 apprentices.

NAVIGATING HIGHS, LOWS & MERGER IN 1970S, '80S, '90S

For Nashville and Local 572 and Local 352, the 1970s were marked by a multitude of impactful advancements and events, centered around the renewal and redevelopment of the city's downtown skyline and expansion of its suburbs and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. For the union pipefitters and plumbers, that progress within its jurisdiction provided steady employment throughout much of the decade, helping to boost the Local 572 membership to more than 1,000 pipefitters and apprentices in early 1976.

The university's massive, rapid growth and modernization during that time, much of which employed the skills of Local 572 and Local 352 members, essentially got underway with the construction of the **Children's Regional Medical Center** (now **Vanderbilt Children's Hospital**) in 1970. Its continued expansion in clinical care, facilities and research would also involve construction of the modern **Vanderbilt**



Local 572 Apprentice & Member Training EDUCATING CENTRAL TENNESSEE EE'S TOP PIPING WORKFORCE



Local 572 apprentices pose during a break in training in 1956.

While the pipe trades U.A. locals of Nashville, steamfitters Local 572 and plumbers Local 352, had trained prospective journeymen through a system of paid jobsite apprenticeships, in November 1948 the locals and the Associated Master Plumbers of Nashville, which represented the locals' employers, formed a **Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee** (J.A.T.C.) to enhance the on-the-job training apprentices were receiving. Originally composed of three representatives from each local and six delegates

Local 572 member **Sister Sue Bullion** was the first female to complete the local's apprentice training program when she graduated her four-year apprenticeship and "topped out" to become a journeyman steamfitter while working at the TVA Hartsville Nuclear Plant in 1978

of master plumbers, the committee first instituted a course in "lead wiping" at **Hume Fogg Technical School** in the city for the local's apprentices and some members to learn the skill in a hands-on, classroom setting.

By 1964, Local 572 had built up its construction-training program and was spending about \$8,000 (about \$86,000 in 2026) each year for "special classes" at Hume Fogg. Through those courses, apprentices and journeyman members were receiving additional special training on the very latest methods and products of the steamfitting industry.

By 1978, before which Local 352 was merged into Local 572 the previous year, the **Nashville Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C.** had established a formal, structured, four-year **Apprentice Training Program** that required students to attend three hours of classes two nights per week (for more than 200 hours per year) at **McGavock High School** in Nashville, in addition to their on-the-job training, before they could graduate to journeyman steamfitter

status. At that time, the no-cost education, for which apprentices only had to purchase textbooks, included pay of about \$3.62 per hour as well as employer contributions of 60 cents per hour for pension benefits and 60 cents per hour healthcare benefits.

When Local 572 moved into its new Union Hall on Ben Allen Road in Nashville in 1994, it included space for the local's first-ever **Local 572 J.A.T.C. Training Center**. Four years later, the local built an addition onto the facility for more training space, and since then the Training Center has continued to grow with further additions that have provided space for classrooms, computer labs and workshops for hands-on experience – including a mock hospital wing used to train pipefitters to work with medical gasses.

Local 572 is also in the process of erecting and furnishing a new, state-of-the-art **Welding Facility** on its campus. With 93 welding booths, the \$3.3-million facility is set to start classes in the fall of 2026 (while the local remains debt-free as it funded the welding center as well as its training center and its additions "out of pocket.")

The J.A.T.C. pipefitter and plumber programs have likewise expanded into five-year curriculums, with third-year apprentices selecting a trade path in which they will complete their education with specialized courses and classroom instruction. As always, they continue to work with Local 572 signatory contractors as they "earn while they learn" throughout their apprenticeships.

Local 572 journeyman-level members continue to improve and update their skills as well at the Training Center,

as the local provides **upgrade training** courses on the latest industry trends and advancements that ensure members remain the very best craftspeople in the piping industry.



University Hospital beginning in 1977 with union pipe-trades craftspeople for its opening in 1980.

New high-rise skyscrapers in downtown Nashville were also erected with Local 572 pipefitters and Local 352 plumbers, including the new, 28-story **Hyatt Regency** that opened in 1975. A prominent addition to the city's skyline, the luxury hotel (now the Sheraton Grand Nashville) famously featured a rotating rooftop restaurant.

Further bolstering Local 572's employment prospects, in April 1970 the U.A. assigned complete jurisdiction of **gas distribution** work in all of Tennessee to Local 572. At that time and throughout the decade, gas-distribution pipelines rapidly expanded across the state to meet surging energy demands caused by the "1970s energy crisis," a period of excessive petroleum shortages and soaring prices triggered by the 1973 Arab oil embargo and the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

Another rush of workhours was then provided to the locals' respective memberships when construction started in 1974 on the **Hartville Nuclear Plant** in Hartsville, Tennessee, for the

T.V.A., with piping work under the jurisdiction of the Nashville locals. The four boiling-water reactor power plant, planned when the T.V.A. expected a large increase in the region's electrical demands for the 1970s and 1980s, would be the largest nuclear power plant in the world when completed with a total potential output of nearly 5 gigawatts.

But perhaps no other watershed event in the history of Local 572 – and that of Local 352 as well – since it was chartered in 1915 more impactfully shaped the local and the regional union piping industry than the U.A.-ordered **merger of Local 352 into Local 572 on August 15, 1977**. From that moment, Local 572 would have singular trade jurisdiction over plumbers and pipefitters within its territorial jurisdiction of Central Tennessee, entering its new future with a combined membership of more than 1,400 piping craftsmen and apprentices.

Later that year, many of those members began working on the new **Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility** at the Arnold Engineering Development Center, the largest construction project in Air Force history at the time. The futuristic facility designed for testing integrated, full-scale turbine-engine and airplane propulsion

systems under more realistic simulated flight conditions would take seven years to build before it was officially dedicated on October 2, 1984, and reached initial operational capability in September 1985.

During construction of the test facility, however, Local 572 members went on "wildcat" strike (without authorization from the I.B.E.W. international office) beginning October 24, 1978, to protest other trades performing electrical work. After idling about 4,500 workers on the project, the electricians ended the walkout three days later after a judge issued a temporary restraining order limiting the number of pickets they could deploy to two and the trades unions resolved their differences in a conference the following day.

As employment conditions remained favorable for the local's members with large projects such as the Vanderbilt Hospital, the Hartville Nuclear Plant and the Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility providing ample work, the local ended the 1970s with a membership of 1,638 journeymen and apprentices. The local's base wage scale at the time for its pipefitters and plumbers had reached \$10.34 per hour and members were also receiving employer contributions of 60 cents per hour worked for **Pension Fund** retirement benefits and another 60 cents per hour worked for **Health & Welfare Fund** healthcare-insurance benefits – for a total journeyman compensation package as the local entered the 1980s of **\$12.54 per hour**.

But a rapid rise of non-union, "open-shop" contractors, the state's anti-labor laws and a general national public and political animosity toward unions would prove challenging for Local 572 and the organized building trades of Nashville throughout the new decade. Indeed, although the region's shift from its traditional manufacturing industrial base to healthcare and auto production and the beginning of downtown construction that ushered in the modern skyscrapers that would eventually

LOCAL 572 ALWAYS A GOOD NEIGHBOR

A 110-year tradition of volunteer service by Local 572 and its members has more-recently included reconstruction of the Opry Mills Mall after the historic May 2010 Nashville floods submerged it in up to 10 feet of water; assisting with clean up after a large and destructive tornado moved through downtown Nashville in 2020; and helping the Town of Waverly recover after the catastrophic flood of August 21, 2021. The local also assisted the families of 16 victims of a blast at Accurate Energetic Systems (AES) in Hickman County on October 10, 2025.

The local has actively participated in a wide range of charitable and fundraising activities and organizations throughout its existence. Those have more-recently included the **Metro Police Youth Camp**, **Nashville Firefighters**, **FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) Camp** and the **Montgomery Bell State Park Volunteer & Trail Days** for trail maintenance and park cleanup.

define the city's skyline generated flourishing work opportunities, at one point during the 1980s the local's market share dipped to only 8 percent of the piping work being performed in its jurisdiction.

The local and the region's union construction industry in general suffered another series of blows beginning in March 1983 when the T.V.A. cancelled construction of the third and fourth generating units for the **Hartville Nuclear Plant**, which were only 17 percent and 7 percent complete, respectively, laying off scores of union pipefitters and plumbers. Realizing the regional demand for electricity was not what it had calculated, while a significant accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in Pennsylvania in 1979 heightened public anti-nuclear sentiments, the T.V.A. then shuttered the entire project in August 1984, ceasing construction of the plant's Unit 1 generator, which was about 44 percent complete, and its Unit 2, which was about 34 percent finished, and putting more union craftspeople out of work.





Respite from poor employment did come into the Local 572 jurisdiction during the decade to provide workhours to portions of the local's membership, including retrofitting and expanding a new **Bridgestone/Firestone radial tire plant** in La Vergne, Tennessee, after the company had purchased the former Firestone Tire & Rubber Company facility in 1983 as its first U.S. factory. Work at the Bridgestone/Firestone plant would be a source of steady and at-times substantial work for the local until the factory was permanently closed in the summer of 2025.

Additional consequential work for the local was also provided with the construction of the General Motors' first-ever **Saturn Assembly Plant** in Spring Hill, Tennessee (now **GM Spring Hill Manufacturing**) beginning in July 1986 to produce the company's new line of Saturn cars. The project would employ as many as 400 union pipefitters at one point before it was completed and operational in July 1990 – after which Local 572 members have continued to work at the plant for maintenance and upgrade shutdowns that have employed as many as 150 union fitters and plumbers at a time.

Also during the 1980s, however, among numerous actions to counter the non-union sector, members of Local 572 even had to briefly picket the Arnold Engineering Development Center beginning October 29, 1986, to protest the use of out-of-state, non-union workers to replace fuel lines at the engine test facility. Although the local continued throughout the decade to fight back against the non-union incursions in order to maintain its standing, utilizing stepped-up organizing and picketing and making contract concessions to help signatory contractors gain jobs, by the end of 1989 its membership had decreased to 1,189 journeymen and apprentices.

While during the 1990s Nashville's building-trades unions were largely forced to continue fighting an arduous defensive battle against an increasingly more-aggressive "open-shop" movement as the regional construction market flourished, union density generally steadily declined. However, Local 572 was able to maintain its membership at previous levels throughout the decade as it and some of the trades managed to maintain employment within the industrial sector

and on projects such as construction of the **South Central Correctional Facility** prison in Clifton, Tennessee, that opened in 1992, although private commercial and downtown development projects were largely built by non-union labor.

Regardless, Local 572 members helped build the now-iconic, 33-story **South Central Bell Building** skyscraper (now 333 Commerce Street and colloquially known as the "Batman Building") in downtown Nashville beginning in 1991. When completed in September 1994, the office tower became the tallest building in the State of Tennessee.

But during a mid-1990s "construction frenzy in Middle Tennessee," as an article in the July 24, 1994, *Tennessean* described it, which was punctuated by projects such as the Nashville arena and an Opryland Hotel expansion, many contractors still refused to use union labor and pay union wage rates despite a shortage of skilled trades workers. "There is no shortage of skilled people if they want to go to the right place to get them," Local 572 **Business Manager Billy Borchert** refuted in the newspaper. "We've got enough people in Tennessee to build everything they want to build, but they don't want to pay the rates."

The local also implemented a **Target Fund** during the mid-1990s to help its contractors gain work. With the fund, which was financed through contributions from the membership based on hours worked, the local could supplement members' wages so that the contractors could lower their bids on certain construction jobs.

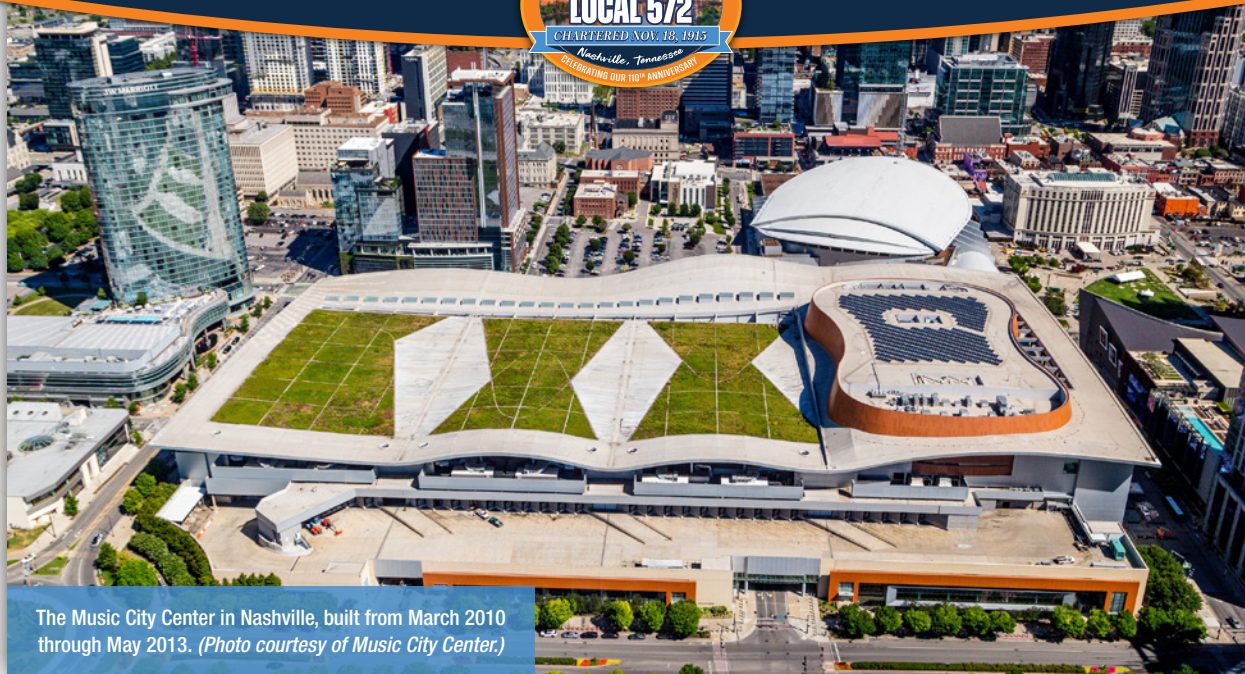
Improved employment in the second half of the decade featured many Local 572 members

working on construction of the **Nashville Arena** (now Bridgestone Arena) multi-purpose indoor venue in downtown Nashville that was completed in 1996 and the *original* **Nissan Stadium** in Nashville beginning in May 1997. After it was opened in August 1999, the 69,000-seat stadium would serve primarily as the home field of the Tennessee Titans of the National Football League while also hosting other sporting and entertainment events. *(Nearly 30 years later, the local's members would be on the jobsite for the new replacement Nissan Stadium under construction in 2026.)*

MEMBERS' SKILLS, BOOMING WORK PUSH LOCAL FORWARD

Into the new "Y2K" (Year 2000) Millennium, Local 572 also continued to leverage the considerably superior training of its members to gain more work within a booming Nashville construction industry. The union plumbers and pipefitters were subsequently employed on a wide array of major projects throughout the 2000s and 2010s, including construction of the freestanding **Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital** at Vanderbilt that opened its doors in February 2004.





The Music City Center in Nashville, built from March 2010 through May 2013. (Photo courtesy of Music City Center.)

With members working throughout their jurisdiction, including regular maintenance and upgrade shutdowns at the Bridgestone plant, in June 2002 the local's membership peaked at a then-all-time high of 1,331 total members, including 110 apprentices. The local would nearly be able to sustain those numbers throughout the decade despite a severe national recession that began in 2007 and persisted until mid-2009, during which time employment conditions for the local's membership critically suffered as construction work diminished during the worst economic slump since the Great Depression.

The return of frenzied building activity in the Local 572 jurisdiction in the aftermath of the recessions quickly returned members to jobsites, including construction of the enormous **Music City Center** convention complex in downtown Nashville beginning in March 2010. Scores of union pipefitters and plumbers were part of a union building-trades workforce that constituted about 50 percent of the total construction workers who erected the 2.1-million-square-foot entertainment and expo facility that opened in May 2013.

Many of the local's members were also employed on a range of sites that further included T.V.A. power plants to install environmentally

friendly "scrubbers" during the late 2010s and ongoing additions and renovations at Vanderbilt University. Additionally, before the end of the decade, the start of construction in February 2019 for the new **Amazon Operations Center of Excellence at Nashville Yards** put more pipefitters and plumbers to work building the mixed-use Amazon corporate office campus and its dual high-rise towers that would be completed in the summer of 2021 and the summer of 2023, respectively.

The global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that struck the United States in January 2020 and lingered into 2023, by which time it had claimed the lives of more than 1 million Americans, forced Local 572 to curtail its office activities, initially canceling meetings and training. However, members continued to work as "essential workers" on jobsites, where safety measures were implemented to protect them against the disease.

As the nation slowly reemerged from the initial outbreak of the pandemic, employment conditions again improved as 2020 progressed, with ongoing jobs as well as a number of new significant projects opening and reopening in the local's jurisdiction. Those included construction of a new, state-of-the-art **Spring Hill Manufacturing Paint**



Shop at the GM automobile plant beginning in November 2020 that supplied the local with an abundance of workhours.

As work surged, the local's members then worked in the new high-rises being erected in downtown Nashville, including the 40-story **Four Seasons Hotel and Residences** that would be completed in 2022 and **The Pinnacle at Nashville Yards**, a 37-story office, residential, retail and entertainment complex and headquarters of Pinnacle Financial Partners that would be completed in 2025. Lower to the ground, beginning in March 2024 many local pipefitters and plumbers have been working on construction of the new, \$2.1-billion, 60,000-seat **Nissan Stadium** for the Titans that is scheduled to be completed in February 2027 as well as several data centers in the area.

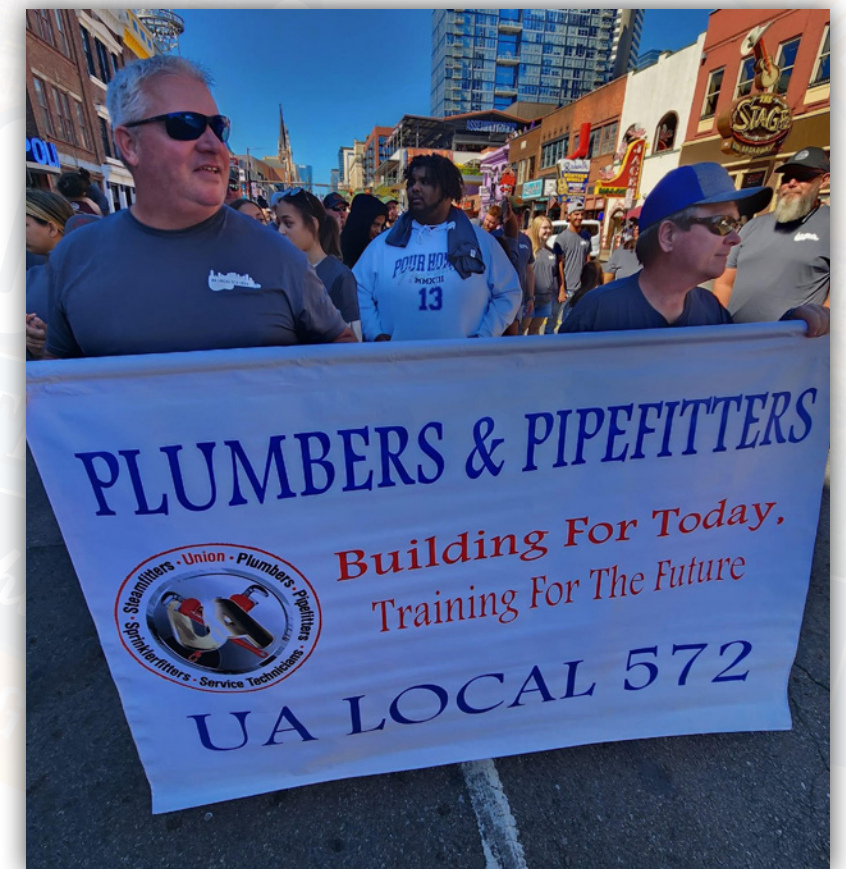
Elsewhere, work throughout the first quarter-century of the new millennium on numerous schools and medical facilities, including **Nashville General Hospital, St. Thomas Hospital, Centennial Hospital, Baptist Hospital, Skyline Hospital** and **Williamson Medical Center** has substantially bolstered the local's membership and workhours. Meanwhile, the trade skills of the local's members have made it possible for Nashville landmarks such as **Opryland Theme Park**, the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel** and **Opry Mills**, Tennessee's largest outlet shopping mall, to come to life and continue to host and entertain.

The abundance of work for the local's union pipefitters and plumbers throughout the 2020s in and around the burgeoning Nashville, which has continued to cement itself as the "Country

Music Capital of the World," has allowed Local 572 to nearly double its size since the COVID pandemic. As such, in 2026 the local has about 2,100 member journeymen and apprentices throughout the 27-county middle-Tennessee jurisdiction it serves.

The local is also working under its most recent work agreement that it collectively bargained with its employing contractors and which went into effect on May 1, 2023. With a current wage of **\$48.20 per hour** for journeymen, the contract will expire on April 30, 2027.

Still intrinsically tied to its history, Local 572 has since 1915 continued to evolve despite the many challenges that have been placed before it at times over the past 110 years. As such, the local is able to look forward with the knowledge that it has been a vital part of the legacy of "Music City." ●





In Memoriam

Local 572 remembers all our Brothers and Sisters who have passed before us, including those listed below who have recently passed since 2020. *(Years of Service to the U.A. and date of passing are listed.)*

Wallie E. Borchert (61)
January 7, 2020

Carl R. Tubbs (46)
January 15, 2020

Hershel O. Baker (61)
January 17, 2020

Oliver G. Rackley (40)
January 30, 2020

John B. McKeone (18)
February 15, 2020

Jerry W. Hamilton (55)
February 18, 2020

Ronald L. Page (19)
March 18, 2020

Hubert F. Farthing (20)
April 19, 2020

Charles F. Feller (55)
April 20, 2020

Barry L. Johnson (46)
April 26, 2020

Donnie R. Groves (41)
May 11, 2020

John W. Puckett (49)
May 28, 2020

Glenn A. Graves (48)
June 12, 2020

Jerry T. Young (54)
June 13, 2020

Johnnie L. Lightfoot (68)
July 27, 2020

John D. Collins (54)
August 3, 2020

Michael Sanders (1)
August 8, 2020

Jesse E. Blackburn (2)
August 9, 2020

Lemro E. Hartwick (53)
August 18, 2020

Jackie R. Cates (54)
September 2, 2020

Aubrey L. Fox (11)
September 4, 2020

Dennis R. Lowery (22)
October 2, 2020

Dale H. Carver (42)
October 6, 2020

William D. Barfield Jr. (43)
October 18, 2020

A. J. Smith (56)
November 14, 2020

Steven R. Robertson (8)
November 28, 2020

Lyndle T. Dickson (14)
December 18, 2020

Stephen B. Fielder (14)
January 8, 2021

J. M. Meadows (53)
January 29, 2021

Wayne R. Beasley (19)
February 18, 2021

Richard T. Holt (47)
March 4, 2021

William T. McDonald, III (55)
March 13, 2021

Bobby J. Ferrell (41)
April 2, 2021

William D. Blankenship (30)
April 9, 2021

Larry J. Fisher (36)
May 14, 2021

Melvin E. O'Brien (56)
June 13, 2021

Steven T. Rutledge (10)
July 2, 2021

Charles F. Birk (70)
August 4, 2021

David W. Frey (42)
August 6, 2021

William P. Brady (19)
August 24, 2021

Steven G. Poole (8)
August 29, 2021

John E. Roney (18)
August 31, 2021

Christy M. Craig (29)
September 11, 2021

Mark A. Lashley (15)
September 21, 2021

Elton Tester (62)
October 14, 2021

Leonard W. Elliott (50)
October 15, 2021

Raymond W. Bennett (68)
October 20, 2021

Jeffery S. Walker (16)
November 20, 2021

George L. Summers (66)
December 16, 2021

Larry W. Laughlin (52)
December 25, 2021

Joe H. Patterson Jr. (53)
December 27, 2021

Michael J. Patterson (14)
January 20, 2022

Dwight R. Bigham (23)
January 28, 2022

James E. Mayo (35)
January 31, 2022

Justin D. Taylor (7)
February 10, 2022

Jerry W. Teet (1)
February 13, 2022

James E. Browning (44)
February 28, 2022

Forest R. Harlan (24)
March 16, 2022

James M. Rich (46)
March 30, 2022

Tommy L. Freeman (24)
April 10, 2022

Ted Ring Jr. (16)
May 8, 2022

Daniel R. Meyer (2)
May 30, 2022

Billy A. Baker (10)
June 13, 2022

Marshall W. Reeder (45)
June 19, 2022

Jimmy C. Karnes (34)
June 21, 2022

Nathan H. Freeman (59)
July 1, 2022

Robert A. Lane (50)
July 12, 2022

Paul T. Brownlee (37)
July 19, 2022

Jacob D. Mathis (0)
September 1, 2022

Heath B. Rebello (32)
September 3, 2022

Dan Prince (22)
September 26, 2022

Kenneth D. Rich (44)
September 28, 2022

Jerry L. Woodlief (56)
October 7, 2022

Albert L. Yunker (27)
November 7, 2022

James L. Chapman (25)
November 22, 2022

Jonathan A. Bakenhus (1)
November 24, 2022

David Winfree (50)
January 8, 2023

Mack E. Pilkinton (56)
January 10, 2023

Jimmy M. Seal (48)
January 20, 2023

Jerry B. Roberts (48)
January 28, 2023

Forney W. Abbott (57)
April 13, 2023

Clyde J. Wallace (51)
April 28, 2023

John E. Roney (9)
May 9, 2023

Paul J. Gooden (24)
June 1, 2023

George R. Hinson (48)
June 5, 2023

Walter V. Lancaster Jr. (53)
June 11, 2023

Kenneth M. Richmond (55)
June 16, 2023

Joseph W. Jenkins (4)
July 6, 2023

Dorris W. Pope (57)
August 1, 2023

Victor C. McGee (12)
August 4, 2023

Edward H. Harper (36)
August 14, 2023

Herbert P. Crump (5)
August 25, 2023

Linda F. Haynie (10)
August 27, 2023

Frank C. Cherry (57)
August 27, 2023

Warner S. Roby (39)
September 12, 2023

Paul T. Graves (49)
October 6, 2023

Kenneth T. Louallen (59)
October 27, 2023

Sidney E. Allen (43)
November 5, 2023

Anthony L. Curtis (55)
November 25, 2023

Maurice H. Fulbright (48)
December 10, 2023

Bradley R. Schmitt (2)
December 11, 2023

Shawn Patrician (4)
December 23, 2023

Johnnie E. Stafford (3)
January 14, 2024

Gale D. Ramsey (6)
February 26, 2024

Sherman N. Anderson (69)
February 26, 2024

Marvin A. Chavis (5)
March 5, 2024

Clayton B. Springer (53)
April 26, 2024

Billy R. Halsell (33)
May 9, 2024

Ray W. Bradshaw (5)
May 12, 2024

John C. Marsalis (37)
May 26, 2024

Jerry B. Lane (42)
June 3, 2024

James R. Ward (27)
June 24, 2024

George W. Crook (54)
July 3, 2024

Samuel Culver (39)
July 30, 2024

Jerry L. Cole (58)
August 20, 2024

Jeffery L. Dunavin (30)
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Charles R. Hickenbottom (46)
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Casey L. Goodwin (3)
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Donald Travis (18)
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Timothy W. Pinson (16)
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John T. Ervin (25)
October 13, 2024

Roger D. Owen (46)
December 15, 2024

Perry P. Hale (0)
January 1, 2025

Carl R. Pearson (25)
January 3, 2025

William O. Knox (33)
January 31, 2025

William E. Keel (53)
February 9, 2025

David Wells (3)
February 12, 2025

Aaron Busse (1)
February 16, 2025

Jerry E. Mann (58)
February 28, 2025

Nathan K. Allen (38)
April 30, 2025

Jack T. Jones (72)
June 17, 2025

Louis P. Perri (27)
July 1, 2025

Jack Curtis (59)
September 13, 2025

Philip L. Farmer (14)
September 27, 2025

Ronnie W. Gilliam (61)
October 22, 2025

Ronald L. Sumner (48)
October 29, 2025

James W. Rowland (56)
November 28, 2025

Michael L. Kilgore (36)
December 8, 2025

David M. Burton (54)
December 19, 2025

Bobby P. Ambrose (61)
January 2, 2026

Louis E. Wright (54)
January 9, 2026

Michael R. Kirsh (22)
January 28, 2026

David W. Nance (42)
March 15, 2026

Zachary Osborne (0)
March 19, 2026

Herbert O. Ellithorpe (40)
March 20, 2026

Lloyd S. Webb (44)
April 27, 2026





LOCAL 572 SALUTES ITS LONG-SERVICE RETIREES

These Local 572 retirees have 50 or more Years of Service to the U.A. *(Years of Service are listed.)*

James W. Abbott
62 Years

Raymond E. Adams
58 Years

Bob J. Armstrong
52 Years

Thomas L. Atwood
59 Years

Randall A. Baker
51 Years

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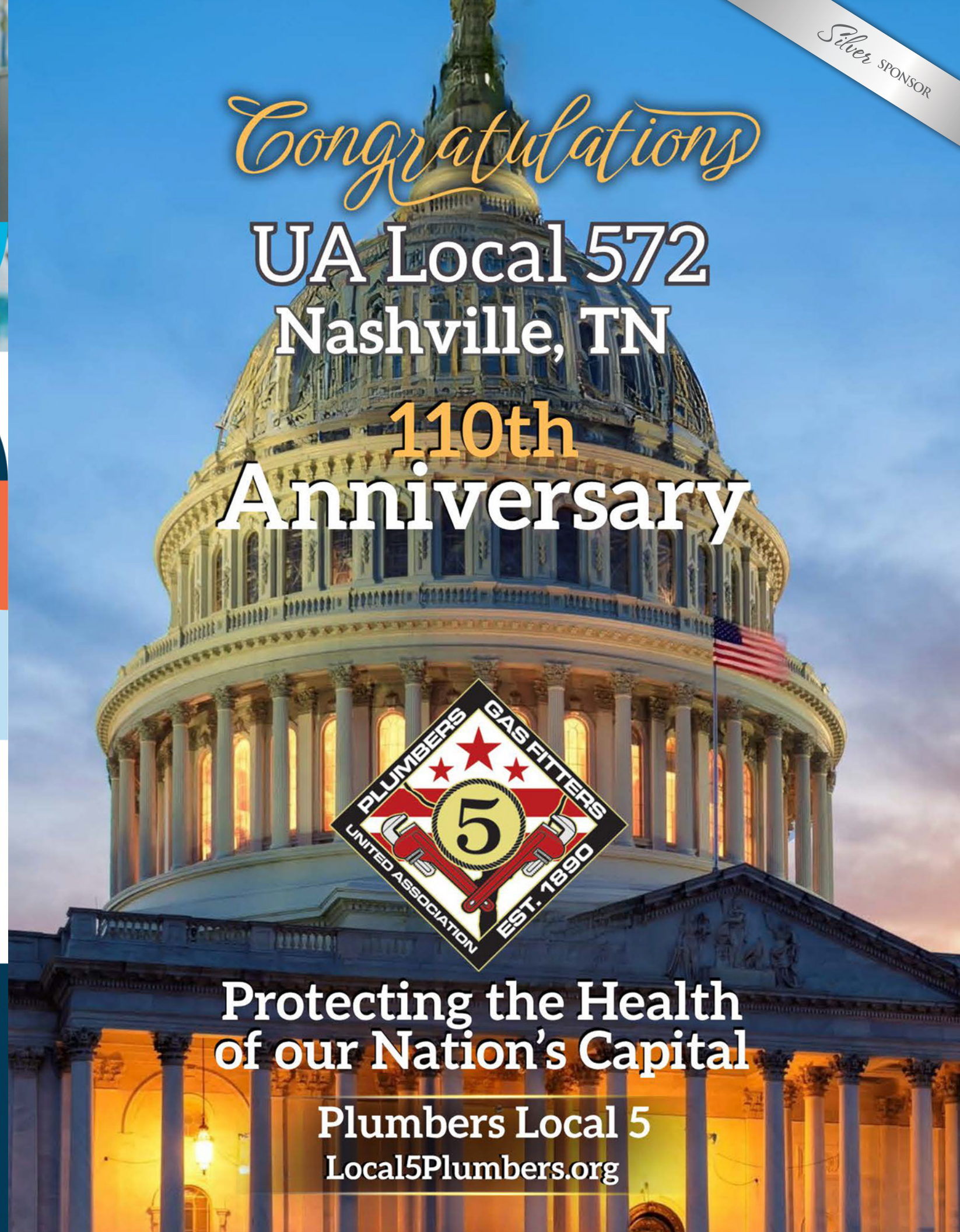
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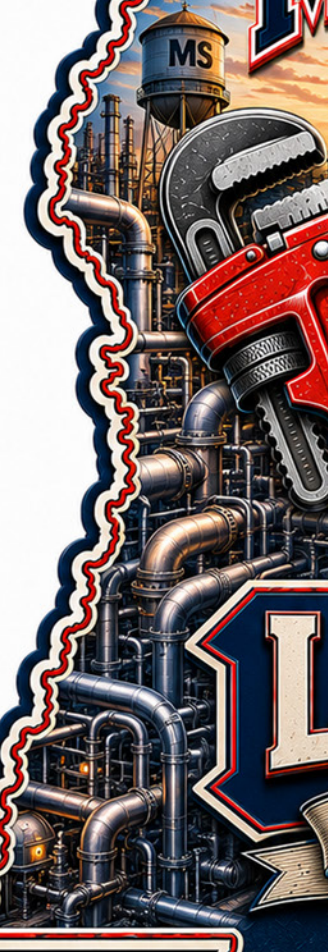
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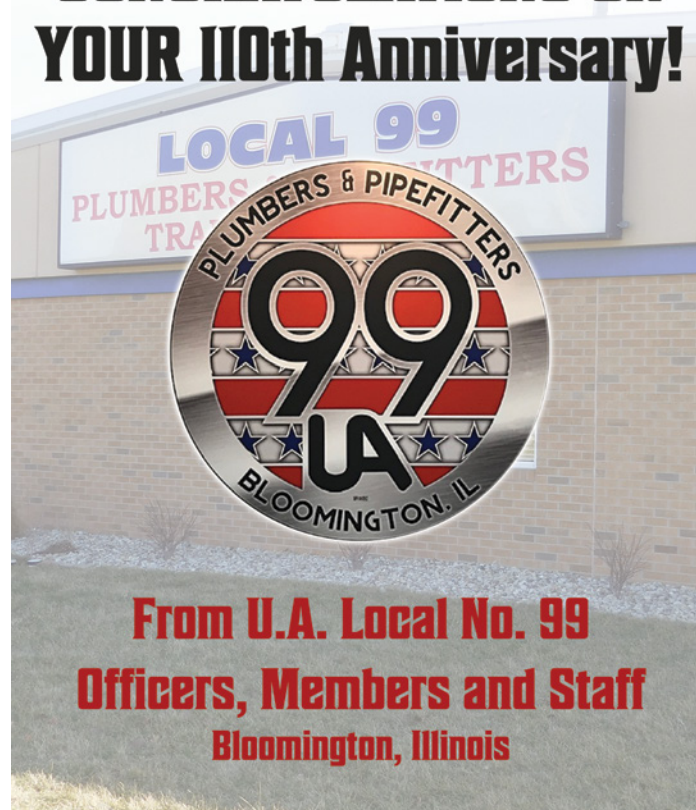
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