MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION – PETER AND INGRID MRAS SCHOLARSHIP

Brothers and Sisters,

The Supplementary Benefit Trust Fund Trustees are pleased to announce the Peter and Ingrid Mras Memorial Scholarship for Apprentices who demonstrate a high level of Union pride, quality of work, productivity, teamwork, work ethic, and commitment to the trades.

Scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded yearly to 3 apprentices who exemplify these traits while in the field and in school.

Eligible applicants will be entered into a draw to determine the 3 Scholarship recipients at the Annual Awards Banquet. Eligibility will be determined by the Trustees based on the criteria below. The decision of the Trustees is final.

Application deadline is August 04, 2023

Please send completed applications to: stacey.burry@local488.ca

Award Eligibility:

- Good Standing in the UA (1 year)
- Clean record (previous 2 years from nomination cutoff date)
- Must be a Member Apprentice in a UA represented trade

Award Application Process and Award Parameters:

- 1. Applicant must be nominated by a Member Journeyperson and supporting documents indicated below must accompany the application.
- 2. If less than 3 nominations are sent in, the Supplementary Benefit Trustees will choose an apprentice that meets the criteria set out by the Mras family.
- 3. Eligibility rules and successful applicants are deemed by the Trustees and may be reviewed and amended annually.
- 4. Successful applicants will be entered into a draw for the 3 awards.
- 5. Award recipients will receive a \$1,500 scholarship in addition to recognition on the Local 488 Website, Pipeline Magazine, and at General Membership Meetings.

About the Donors:

In August 2017, Ingrid Mras provided an endowment gift to the Supplementary Benefit Trust Fund in the amount of \$150,000. This gift was provided on behalf of her late husband and 50-year member, Peter Mras, to help enhance the careers and provide recognition to our hard-working apprentices through the financial support of this scholarship program. Ingrid Mras passed away on February 19, 2018.

It was her hope that her generous gift would celebrate the best in our trades and the membership's contribution toward the betterment of society.

Peter Mras was a long-serving and respected member of local 488, initiated into our membership August 16, 1966, and remained a member until his passing in November 2016. Peter was a consummate tradesman, meticulous in what he did, and he imbued this characteristic in all who worked with him. Peter set high standards for himself and expected those standards from his co-workers. He was a leader at work and in the community and understood the importance of Unionism to society.

Peter exemplified that a skilled craftsperson with a minimal set of tools can work wonders. He was innovative and could always find a safe and efficient way to solve problems.

Peter was an unsung hero whose contributions will continue to benefit society through this scholarship for years to come.