

## Presidents Message Dec 2011

2011 has been a challenging year for us at NFTC. We successfully came through a potential layoff, numerous parts related issues on both fleets, manpower issues and a culture of having to do more with less. Fortunately with the dedication and work ethic that we all possess, we have managed to keep both fleets flying despite issues which for the most part are beyond our control.

Some highlights from 2011; District lodge convention, Bylaw amendments, Executive and negotiation committee elections and a successful arbitration decision.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who participates in the process of keeping us moving forward as a local in the IAMAW. We have a new executive that was elected in November and with only a couple of new faces we have continuity to carry us through the next 3 years.

First to the executive and the membership for coming out to the meetings. Without your help this local would not function. Last but not least I would like to thank the shop committee for their tireless dedication. The challenges that have come up have been met with determination and professionalism and always with the interests of the lodge in mind.

To the membership in general, 2011 has seen some challenges and these will no doubt carry over into 2012. As the fleets age, new and more difficult problems will arise. We have always met challenges head on in the past and I am sure that we will continue to do so.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

In Solidarity,

Travis Laslo  
President  
Local Lodge 32