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The Alberta Labour History Institute salutes “100 years of Labour Carpenters Local 1325” as it celebrates its centenary on November 11, 2002. From 38 skilled craftsmen to over 3,600 members today, the job of the union has remained the same. They have struggled to organize and promote union principles. Although not the oldest union local in the province, (that honour goes to the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers which was founded in September 1886) Carpenters Local 1325 is the oldest local union in Alberta operating under its’ original charter. Local 1325 has a long history within the labour community as well, Brother Robert Kinney was the first President of the Edmonton & District Labour Council in 1912. 

Preparations for this centenary are well under way. It will take place on November 16, 2002. The members of Local 1325 would like to pass on their invitation to the labour community to celebrate this event with them.

The Local would also like to ask that if anyone is aware of any historically significant items or records from the carpenters, to please contact them.

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Upcoming Centenaries
Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 488
September 10, 2004
The largest Plumbers and Pipefitters local in Canada and one of the largest in North America. This local has a very active political Action Committee and Retired Members Association. Local 488 is a vital art of the community and donates to many charities in Alberta.

The Alberta Labour History Institute (ALHI) Labour History Calendar 2003

This is the second edition of the Alberta Labour History Institute calendar. The purpose for the calendar is to create an awareness of the Institute and the work we are involved with.

The Institute is made up of rank and file union activists, union officials, academics and members from the community who share our interest and commitment to preserving, studying and relating the social, cultural and political history of working people in Alberta.

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