

## President's Report

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters,

Un – ion : a number of persons, states, etc., joined or associated together for some common purpose.

What is that common purpose? The purpose of continuing the struggles of the brave men and women whom came before us and laid the groundwork for establishing unions.

The purpose of continuing the struggle for better working conditions.

The purpose of continuing the struggle for equality for all.

We do this by coming to union meetings and discussing which road we must take to achieve these common purposes. This is our forum brothers and sisters.

We also do this by holding events so we all can come together and put aside petty differences for a day while breaking bread.

I am bringing this to your attention as a reminder brothers and sisters. A reminder that just paying dues does not cut it in my book. As I speak to members daily one constant saying seems to appear..."I have been a member for 20 plus years". Really, congratulations. But how many union meetings have you been to? They answer "none". How many events have you volunteered for? They answer "none". Have you ever been a steward or officer? They answer "no". Same questions, same answers. It is not enough just paying dues. It has to mean more than that to those who believe that's all they have to do. So I have a message to those I speak of here today. Do me a favor...when you speak the words "unions" don't! You have no concept of the word "union".