



A Call to Action!

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The Journal Register Company has taken a number of steps in recent weeks that, if allowed to occur, would be tantamount to the end of the Guild and, we believe, many of our jobs.

The company's opening salvo was to deliver a contract proposal for the upstairs unit that would strip us of our most basic protections - taking away our seniority rights, giving the company the right to lay us off at will and forcing us to take on more tasks for less pay.

Days later, we received a letter informing us that the company intends to "terminate" the contract with the downstairs unit and lay off all 48 employees covered by that contract, as well as the eight press operators covered by a separate contract with a different union.

These actions come after promises from the new CEO of a reinvented JRC that would place a value on news content, its employees, and the product we produce. As a result of those promises, we've stepped up to the plate, embracing the new CEO's "vision" of digital first. We got on board, we've taken videos, we're tweeting and we're crowd sourcing.

We've embraced his vision.

And for that, we've been kicked in the teeth.

We all should be mad as hell, and we should refuse to take it any more!!

We cannot allow the company to get away with these despicable actions.

We will not sit idly by while this company attempts to take away every shred of job security we've fought so hard for.

We are in a fight for our livelihoods, and there can be no more "sitting on the sidelines."

Together, we can fight back against these draconian regressions proposed by the company.

It's time for EVERY member to step up and join in the fight to protect our rights, our jobs, our future.

Please attend Tuesday's meeting to find out what you can do to help.

Reminder: Please send your personal e-mail addresses to pdoxsey@gmail.com.

It's important that we stay in touch and up to date. Important, timely news will be sent to members via e-mail, but we need your addresses.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 10

6:15 p.m.

Hurley Reformed Church

Pizza and Soda will be
served!