

## **A Few Minutes with the Boss**

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### **It's all good in 2016**

A lot has happened in our good old US of A as we fly into 2016. I trust that you and yours have made it through the New Year's Eve tribulations safe and happy.

Now it's another year of strife, bitterness, and hopefully some happiness. Wish it could all be "bubbly" like the "Eve," but in the world and especially labor, it doesn't work that way.

The world is trying to find its way to peace. So are we in some small manner as the press, politicians, and other legislators continue to rip us apart.

I would pray that no policeman or policewoman has to shoot someone. Just as I pray that no citizen would ever try to harm one of us. I hope that we all receive many blessings and that kindness reaches into all our hearts.

My wish is that our families, our children, our critters all reach their potential without harm and have long, healthy lives as part of our future.

In my world of labor relations, I have always thought that all labor groups and management could forge their way through the maze of animosity and come together and work for the goal of harmonic and productive labor relations.

I'm a hopin' that our governor gives up his stupid personal agenda of destroying collective bargaining here in our great state. He with his \$58,000,000 income. Really, why does he care if we negotiate fair contracts to take home a smidgen of what he makes?

What did y'all say? Joseph, you watched too many repeats of *It's a Wonderful Life*." Put down the eggnog, there is something else in there. It's Bedford Falls all the time here, and Mr. Potter is still holding the keys to the barn! There is no George Bailey to save us—there is only you.

I guess the reality is to expect more of the same in 2016 as 2015 fades into history.

But I do wish you all a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year. And here at MAP, we will continue to fight for all that is good in law enforcement.

We are true believers!

*Vita é bella*