

HMC-Memo-009-Build-Up-Friendships

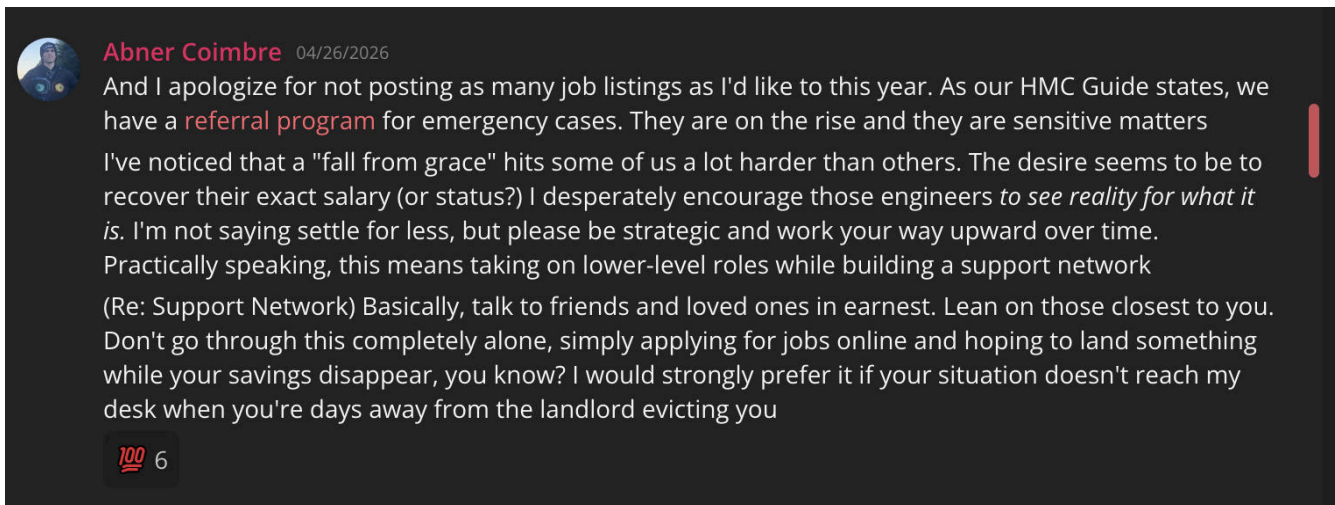
MEMORANDUM

TO: All Community Members
FROM: Abner Coimbre
DATE: Friday July 31st, 2026
SUBJECT: Build Up (Real-Life) Friendships

Dear Handmade folks,

This memo's a short one as life got *real busy* all of a sudden. This doesn't surprise me though, as the layoffs continue unabated, even as industry figures [confess](#) what we knew all along: most folks at the top are as stupid as they come.

If you're in a dire situation [we have](#) a job referral program. However my hope is YOU DON'T LET THINGS GET DIRE. It's exactly as I said a few months ago on the community chat:



I'm no saint when it comes to this. In my past I've asked for help when it feels a little too late, or I'm ashamed to face the result of my inactions. Remember we can take a step forward each day. It does get better over time, even if your backlog feels crazy.

Do something, *anything*, and don't become frozen deer. As part of that, I recommend developing camaraderie with those local to your area. Let's awkwardly spend EXP on charisma, because it's a learned skill like any other.

-Abner

P.S. We have a new jobs@handmadecities.com you can use to tip us off about new opportunities. Likewise this address may be used to send resumes and we'll connect you to the right folks.