

Please check our website (www.ironworkers25.org) and “Alerts” on the Local 25 APP to stay informed on union matters and in regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is evolving daily. Local 25 is working with our Contractors on a daily basis. Download The IRONWORKERS’ APP to your android or smartphone via the APP Store or Google Play (no charge). Simply search “Iron Workers Local 25” Most of the features from our website is available thru the APP!

Local Union Elections: Letters have been mailed regarding the Notice of Nominations which will be conducted electronically. A member can nominate himself/herself; or a member can nominate a fellow member. Cut off for nominations to be submitted is 4:00 pm Wednesday April 22, 2020. Nominations are to be submitted via our website www.ironworkers25.org via the member log-in section. Full instructions are contained in the letter and on our website.

Considering all that is going on please be sure we have your current address on file at the Novi Hall. If you have moved recently and are unsure of the address we have, please call the Hall to double check (248-344-9494).

All Union and Steward Meetings are cancelled until further notice. The classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School are cancelled. New Apprentice Applications are suspended. Mandatory Apprentice April meeting is cancelled. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: 248-960-2130 - Phone calls only to the school.

Novi Dispatch is STILL OPEN, IF YOU are able & willing to go to work, please call 248-305-9282: Monday through Friday 7 am to 10 am. if you happen to get voicemail, just leave your name, book number and phone number. Local 25 Active Members, Apprentices and Probationary should call each day you are out of work. **OR use our website to sign up for the out of work list: www.ironworkers25.org**

The 2020 Dennis O’Dowd SCHOLARSHIP Rules & Application is **EXTENDED**. All requests for complete rules and the application must be received by April 30, 2020 (extended) and AT THIS TIME WE ARE EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN THE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS by MAY 31, 2020. The blank application is also posted to our website; or call the Novi hall to get one mailed to you. These are for sons/daughters of full dues paying active/working members of Ironworkers Local 25 who are in their senior year of High School. The member must have a minimum of five years continuous membership to be eligible.

Stewards’ Notes: 1) The Electronic Steward Reporting forms are online www.ironworkers25.org Log in with your book number, and the password is the **last 4 (four)** of your social. 2) PLEASE be sure to check dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING. 3) **All members please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date** as it is criteria for working. *You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.*

*** The Fringe office is still open as Benesys is deemed an essential business and will remain open ***

If you need an early vacation check during these times, please call the Fringe Office before 4:00 PM on Wednesday and your check will be mailed Thursday Morning. No Pick-up at the Novi Union Hall at this time.

FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100, press 1 for Member access to this menu:

QUESTION: Vacation Payout or Balance Inquiry: Option 1. **QUESTION:** Loss of Time, Disability or Death Inquiries or Claims: Option 2. **QUESTION:** Health & Welfare such as Add or Remove a Dependent, Self-Payment, Enrollment forms, Prescription coverage, Monthly Status, Eligibility, ADDRESS Changes: Option 3. **QUESTION:** To find the status of employer contributions remitted on your behalf: Option 4. **QUESTION:** To update reciprocity information or find the status of reciprocity contributions: Option 4. **QUESTION:** Pension or Defined Contributions Information such as Request an application for retirement or an application for a D.C. distribution. Direct Deposit or tax withholding changes. Request a Pension Verification Letter or you haven’t received your pension check: Option 5. **QUESTION:** Blue Cross Health Claims / Customer Service 877-790-2583. **QUESTION:** Delta Dental Claims / Customer Service 800-482-8915. Benesys office hours 7:30am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219.

BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD: *Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days.*

Apprentices: Fill out your monthlies online at the website or mobile app located under the apprenticeship tab “Monthly Report Sign-In” this gives you the ability to electronically submit your monthlies. Also located under the apprenticeship tab you will find “Evaluation Form” Journeyman/Supervision can use this to submit apprentice evaluations using computer/cell phone and submit electronically. **Please also note, you must check your email on a regular basis; we now email your annual MUST drug screen paperwork and your pay raise slips.**

Local 25 Apprentice Competition **still anticipated to be Saturday, June 20, 2020**. All participants must be at the Training Center @ 7:00 am. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The Ironworkers picnic anticipated to be this same day from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

International's John H. Lyons Scholarship applications accepted until MAY 15, 2020 and must be filed electronically at www.ironworkers.org **Likewise, the Eric S. Waterman Scholarship** applications are accepted until MAY 15, 2020 and must be filed electronically at www.ironworkers.org. The Waterman Scholarship was established to provide educational funding to sons and daughters of Iron Worker members and **encourage pursuit of a construction industry related degree**. Information, rules and eligibility are on the International website.

Pay union dues with credit-debit card 24/7 by calling 888-386-8173 and follow the prompts. OR PAY at www.ironworkers25.org *Any member payment for multiple members, fines, suspensions, withdrawal deposits, SHOULD NOT use this process. Whenever possible we are emailing you, your dues receipt.*

Pay union dues with personal check or money order and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. PLEASE include your book number on the face of the check/money order. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall **(M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash)**. After-hours use the outdoor-dues-collection box.

Pay a year's dues or more (\$429.00 Journeyman) (\$426.00 Apprentice) and you will get a (1) one-month dues paid for by Local 25. (Get the 13th month free). This is intended to encourage members to pay their dues in a timely manner. The one month will be credited **in the month AFTER** your actual 12-month payment.

The International Association (IABSORIW) has endorsed Joe Biden for president of the United States of America. Due to the passage of the statewide ballot proposal last year, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Check your voter registration at [Michigan Voter Information Center Michigan.gov/Vote](http://MichiganVoterInformationCenterMichigan.gov/Vote)

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." Quote from PLATO.

ATTENTION RETIREES: Due to the COVID-10 pandemic, *all* retiree meetings across the local's jurisdiction are canceled until further notice. Watch for updates on the locals website (www.ironworkers25.org) or the Local 25 app that you can download by searching "Iron Workers Local 25" to stay informed on union matters.

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 virus and the directive from the governor's office, publication of a print version of *The Building Tradesman* is suspended, effective immediately. The "Building Tradesman" newspaper will only be available online at <http://www.michiganbuildingtrades.org/current-article> until further notice. *The Building Tradesman is also available on www.ironworkers25.org website & APP. See the tab "Recent News."*

Clinton Woods was promoted to Major for the US Marine Corp. and will be stationed at Twentynine Palms Marine Base in California. He will assume the position of Commanding Officer of the Computer Networking School. Clinton graduated from Eastern Michigan and earned his master degree from Middle Tennessee State. He is the son of Lawrence Woods #808680 and the grandson of (deceased) Chester "Chet" Woods #593997.

Diversified Members Credit Union: Located at 25880 Novi Rd. Phone: 248-344-2560 - CALL FOR HOURS in the event changes made due to COVID-19 - Services available: debit or credit cards, interest bearing checking accounts, IRAs, CDs, Benefits Plus program, **HOME MORTGAGES**, low interest loans and part of Co-Op Shared Branching. We have other branch locations in Detroit and Clawson.

Home Mortgages for Union Families: Learn more about the unique benefits available to union members, their parents and children. **CALL 866-802-7307**, M-F 8am - 10pm EST, Sat 9am - 5:30pm EST www.unionplus.org

Those who have passed: Jack Downey #704256 passed away March 20, 2020 at the age of 73. He had been a member for 56 years. Emilee Christopher passed away suddenly March 29, 2020 at the age of 19. Her dad is Scott Christopher #1253362. Richard T. Burgess # 986075 passed away April 2, 2020 at the age of 65 and had been a former member for 17 years. ***Our condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!***

To all Union Members; Please continue to do everything you can to slow the spread of Covid-19. This virus affects ALL age groups! Keep yourselves and your families safe, stay home whenever possible and enjoy your family time. Stay in touch with one-another and find a balance to the amount of news you listen too. We will get through this!

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (4/13/2020 12:00 pm E.S.T.).