

Work is Available! We are in need of manpower. If you or someone you know is off, please call Dispatch or a Business Agent. We must fill our jobs in order to protect them!

Dispatch is OPEN. 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**

MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK IF YOU VISIT ANY OF THE UNION OFFICES OR UNION HALLS.

FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 **and follow the prompts.** 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. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

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.*

The September Zoom Union Meeting was very well attended. If you have not yet signed up for Notifications please sign up as Notification will go out via the APP. To participate in the Zoom Union meeting is very easy ... just be sure you have downloaded our APP or signed up for our emails via our website (www.ironworkers25.org). We are leaning toward communication through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** – Please download the APP if you haven't done so yet!! Again, via our website!

Unfortunately Steward Meetings are still cancelled until further notice as we adhere to the Governor's revised Executive Orders.

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.*

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.**

Classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School have started up again, please go the ironworkers25.org to view the block schedule; we are practicing social distancing protocols, etc.

Night welding, you must know how to weld this is for testing only- October 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29. First Aid/CPRE/AED November 10, SubPart R - November 12 and Qualified Rigger/Crane Signaler- December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17-textbooks must be purchased and homework completed before class starts.

New Apprentice Applications are being accepted BUT you MUST go to ironworkers25.org, print the application, gather documentation then phone the school for an appointment; no walk-in foot traffic. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: 248-960-2130.

Welder online Verification: For an accurate and quick review of welder certifications please visit www.welderscertification.org On the homepage click "login" and type "read only" as both your username and password. Once logged on, type the member's book number in the column on the left marked "advanced search," click the "go" button, wait until the name pops up, and then click on the welders first or last name. On the next screen, click "list certifications." Every welding certification the welder has will be available for viewing and you can see that if it has been renewed; it is good until the year 2021. The site also allows you to print out a copy of the welder WPQR if needed. Click on "list test results." Click on the actual test code you want to see and you will see the test details. On that page click "Printable Form" (WPQR) and you can print the WPQR. If you read this please contact the Training Center for meeting credit.

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.

On September 24th Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson stated that election clerks across the state will open their offices for early voting and mail absentee ballots to domestic voters who have requested them. September 24th is the 40th day before the Nov. 3 election, when they are required by the state constitution to do so.

Voters should check their local clerk's website or contact their clerk office before visiting to confirm ballots are available and find out if there any adjustments to regular business hours or special procedures in place for entering the clerk's office. In some cases, clerk offices may not yet have ballots available because of printing delays. Clerk office information can be found at Michigan.gov/Vote. "Voters can safely and securely vote absentee from home, early at their local clerk's office, or at their polling place on Election Day."

More than 2.39 million absentee ballots have already requested – more than ever before – and when voters receive their ballots they are encouraged to fill them out, sign the back of the return envelope, and as soon as possible place them in the mail or hand-deliver them to their clerk's office or ballot drop box. Clerk office and drop box locations can be found at Michigan.gov/Vote

By mailing applications, the Secretary of State will ensure that no "Michigander has to choose between their health and their right to vote," said Benson. "Voting by mail is easy, convenient, safe, and secure, and every voter in Michigan has the right to do it." The application is also available for download at Michigan.gov/Vote. At the same website, voters can also register and join the permanent absent voter list so they always have the option to vote by mail. Check your voter registration at Michigan Voter Information Center Michigan.gov/Vote

Election day is Tuesday Nov. 3, 2020

Voter Registration – Alternately ironworkers can visit ironworkersvote.org to check their voter registration status, register to vote, and request a mail ballot. This is a service from the national Building Trades and works in every state, so our Members can use it and share it with their Family Members also!

Registration deadlines: Online: Oct. 19; By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 19; In person: Nov. 3

"**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. The International Association (IABSORIW) has endorsed Joe Biden for president of the United States of America.

ATTENTION RETIREES: The Novi Retirees Board of Directors meets "in person" **October 6, 2020**.

The Novi Retirees regular meeting is "in person" **October 20, 2020** at 10:00am. Social distancing, face masks and good hygiene will be observed. There will be no luncheons in the near future, coffee and cake will be provided however.

The Retirees Bay City Chapter are planning a regular meeting for **October 15, 2020** at the Bay City American Legion Post 18, 700 Adams Street, Bay City, Michigan 48708 starting at 1:00 PM and that "**masks are required for entry**"

Watch for updates at (www.ironworkers25.org) or the Local 25 app that you can download by searching "Iron Workers Local 25" to stay informed on union matters.

Diversified Members Credit Union: Located at 25880 Novi Rd. Phone: 248-344-2560 - CALL FOR HOURS.

Services available: debit or credit cards, interest bearing checking accounts, IRAs, CDs, Benefits Plus program, **HOME MORTGAGES**, vehicle loans, 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: Gail Rumble passed away August 8, 2020 at the age of 65. She was the dear wife of Jacob Rumble #989178. Harold Keech #963449 Lifetime Rodman passed away September 15, 2020 at the age of 76. He began his membership with Local 340 and had been a 44-year member. ***Our deep condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!***

To all Union Members: Thank you for all you continue to do to support each other during this pandemic response. We hope you and your family stay safe and healthy!

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