

**The April Union Meeting is Monday April 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm and will be in-person only.** All Union Halls will be open for in-person only. Please join your fellow brothers & sisters for camaraderie and solidarity! As always, we will have pizza on hand.

We continue to communicate through the PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails. You can download our APP for android on google play or for iphone at the APP store just search "Iron Workers Local 25" Martinez web shop. Or sign up via our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)).

The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday April 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday April 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

**Local Union Election of Officers and Delegates to Convention will take place on Friday May 15, 2026.** This Election cycle will be a hybrid election (as has been done the last 2-election cycles) with the option to vote by mail or to cast your ballot in person. Voting in person, will take place in all Union Halls from 7am to 7pm Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>. A member is considered "eligible" to vote who is in good standing. Union Dues must be paid through April 2026 or better. Apprentice, pre-apprentice, probationary, honorary and lifetime members, not being full dues paying members, are NOT eligible to vote. Ballots have been mailed to all those of Journeyman status; and those ballots are provided with a self-addressed stamped envelope with which to return your vote. Keep a look out for your ballot. Any Journeyman who does not receive a mail-in ballot or needs a duplicate due to damage or improperly marked ballot, should immediately contact the Business Manager (Michael Randick) at the Union Hall 248-344-9494 who will immediately notify the Chief Judge of Election. Deadline to make contact for this purpose is May 1, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Further instructions for voting are included with the mail-in ballot. Please account for **sufficient** mailing time as all ballots are due back to the Post Office by Friday end of Business Day on May 15, 2026 (4:00 pm est). Any ballots received after this time will be null & void.

**A HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE from the Fringe Benefit Fund office will be at the Novi Union Hall on Wednesday April 29, 2026 from 8am to 12 noon;** to meet with any member(s), to address health care issues or HRA substantiation concerns Call ahead, or walk-in!

**A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday May 6, 2026 from 8:00 am to 12 noon.** If you wish to book an appointment or have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome also!

***June vacation check schedule:***

***The cut off for any early checks before the freeze period takes place is May 6, 2026 and this will be the last early check processing before the semi-annual disbursement for June 6<sup>th</sup> 2026.***

***The last day to call to have your June vacation check pulled is Tuesday June 2<sup>ND</sup> at 12:00 pm (Noon).***

***Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, by 2:00 pm.***

***All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday June 2<sup>ND</sup>***

***All members that receive ACH deposits, your vacation check will be transferred on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.***

***All Vacation checks will be dated Saturday June 6, 2026.***

**The 2026 Iron Worker Picnic** will be held on Saturday June 20, 2026 at the Local 25 Training Center, Wixom Michigan. Starting time approximately 11:00 am. Bounce house, music, food, face-painting, lots of fun!

***If you have moved recently, please be sure to update the Union Hall 248-344-9494. We will gladly advise the Fringe Benefit Fund office of your move upon request.***

**Resumes:** We are accepting resumes for an Instructor at the Wixom Training Center. The instructors job description can be found in the member only section of our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)). Testing and resume must be completed and turned in by Friday May 1, 2026. Please contact the Wixom Training Center at 248-960-2130 to set up an appointment.

**Apprentices:** located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find "Make-Up Days" & "Welding Test Certifications" where you can electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests. To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go to our website ([ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org)); to view the 2025 or 2026 Block Schedule, Roster and Raising Gang Schedule. Please make sure to download the TradeSchool Mobile App to submit your monthly work and school hours. These must be submitted monthly. If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a follow. Wixom Training Center Phone: 248-960-2130.

We take Apprentice applications year-round! Visit our website ([ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org)) where you can print your application, make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; you must have an appointment to turn in an application. We take appointments Tuesday – Thursdays! No walk-in foot traffic.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Dennis O'Dowd Scholarship Winners:** Johnathon Keller, son of John Hall #1353559; Julia Mattson, daughter of James Mattson #1239831; Gavin Howery, son of Terry Howery #1249168; Lilly Goss, daughter of

Kevin Goss #1516832; Elizabeth Maisano, daughter of Stanley Weglarz III #1448141; Elaina Morley daughter of Bo Morley #1306245; Fenton Gustincic, son of Robert Gustincic #1391565; Morgan Laupinchler, son of Brian Laupichler #1252611. Kylee Aguirre, daughter of Eric Aguirre #1291512. We wish you all the best in your college endeavors!

**24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Pay via our **APP** or website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org). **The phone number is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall **(M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).**

***BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE:*** Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse ***MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).***

***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; otherwise wait until the open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).***

**FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 **and follow the prompts.** Hours 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. 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.

If any member is having problems with the HRA substantiation letters please call Dennis Aguirre.

Check your HRA/Benny Card Balance: [my.wexhealthcard.com](http://my.wexhealthcard.com) (where you can create a log-in)

Check you online benefit information: [ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/](http://ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/)

**HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US Mail – please respond if you have been contacted.**

**You need to save your receipts for three (3) years.**

**The Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club:** The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday April 21, 2026 at 10:00 am. The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday May 5, 2026 at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

**DEADLINE NEAR: Local 25 Retirees' Club 2026 Scholarship:** Completed applications due by 5pm EST April 30, 2026. Questions: please contact John Miller: **Prefer that you TEXT TO: (734) 812-8036.**

**The West Michigan Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday May 5, 2026 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will July 16, 2026; at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw Mi 48604 at 12:00 pm. All are Welcome.

The **Downriver Chapter** next quarterly Retirees breakfast to be held 9:00 am April 17, 2026 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

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**Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan:** [www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/](http://www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/) Resources on the home page including In-Person Crisis Care options in many locations throughout the state. BCBS Michigan 877-627-1041 Substance-use-disorder.

**When the World feels Heavy:** FindTreatment.gov is where you can search by zip code/city. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-4357. **MentalHealth.gov** provides information & programs about mental health. **Dial 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) For help 24/7 in a Time of Crisis.** Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. You can also [Chat at 988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) (English & Spanish). Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.

**Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT:** <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. A volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

**In Memory:** Almon Bridges #746162 passed away March 16, 2026 at the age of 82. He was a 46-year member. Gary Buccafurri #865616 passed away March 21, 2026 at the age of 76. He was a 54-year member, survived by his wife Pamela. Frederic Halberg #640919 passed away March 30, 2026 at the age of 84. He was a 66-year member, survived by his wife Rilla Jo. Marty Kloostra passed away Monday April 6, 2026 at the age of 83. He was an ironworker with Local 340 and is survived by his son Kraig Kloostra; owner of Bee Steel. ***Our sincere condolences to all of the family and friends on the loss of your dear loved one(s).***

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (April 13, 2026 9:00 AM E.S.T.).