

The July Union Meeting will be Monday July 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm and will be in person and zoom. All Union Halls will be open for in-person and Zoom will also be available.

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).

The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday July 16th at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday July 24th at 6:00 pm. The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday July 28th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

NEW: Beginning Wednesday July 30th 2025 from 8 am to 12 noon a HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE from the Fringe Benefit Fund office will be at the Novi Union Hall to meet with any member(s), to address health care issues or HRA substantiation concerns. This will be ongoing during the last Wednesday of each month.

A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday August 6th 2025 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. If you wish to book an appointment or have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494.

The 41st Annual International Iron Workers Festival will be held August 8, 9, 10, 2025 in Mackinaw City MI. Please plan ahead and reserve your hotel room(s). For more information, please go to www.mackinawchamber.com/events

Awards Night will be held on Monday August 25, 2025 at the Novi Union Hall. A LETTER WILL BE MAILED BY JULY 31, 2025 to those eligible members. We will have a social hour with appetizers/beverages starting at 5pm. Awards ceremony starts at 7pm. **All are welcome.** Awards Night supersedes the August Union Meeting and will be **IN PERSON ONLY AT THE NOVI UNION HALL.** All other Union Halls will be **CLOSED.**

The 9th Annual Local 25 ICIF Fundraiser will be Saturday **SEPTEMBER 6th 2025** at the Novi Union Hall at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be bought at the door or through any Business Agent. **Join us for food, drink and comradery. We have great prizes to raffle off as we've done in the past!**

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) to view the 2025 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) 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.

24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues: Pay via our APP or website 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 next 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 next 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 (where you can create a log-in)

Check you online benefit information: 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 July 15, 2025 at 10:00 am. The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday August 5, 2025 at **8:00** am. All are welcome.

The **West Michigan Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday August 5, 2025 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The **Northern Michigan Chapter** next Retiree luncheon date and site is yet to be determined.

The next quarterly meeting & Picnic for the **Bay City Chapter** will be in July 17, 2025; 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 will be 9:00 am on **August 15, 2025** at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan: 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, Blue Care Network 800-482-5982 for Substance-use-disorder.

FindTreatment.gov 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](https://www.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: Lifetime IW Randy Tate #1031786 passed away June 20, 2025 at the age of 66. He was a 45-year member of Local 25, survived by his son Randy Tate Jr. Lifetime IW Marc Crance #1212069 passed away June 29, 2025 at the age of 69. He was a 30-year member of Local 25. Marc is survived by his wife Sharlene and son Marc. Marc served as Business Agent for Local 25 from July 1, 2012 until his retirement on September 30th 2021. He will be missed by all his fellow ironworkers, family & friends. ***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 (July 7, 2025 12:00 pm E.S.T.).