

Please check our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)) and the Local 25 APP to stay informed on union matters 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!

**The March Union Meeting By-Law 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and VOTE is cancelled until further notice. All Steward Meetings are cancelled until further notice. The classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School are cancelled through 3/20/2020 and perhaps longer. New Apprentice Applications are suspended until at least April 7, 2020. Please call the school to get current updates. This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (3/16/2020 3:00 pm E.S.T.).**

The 2020 Dennis O'Dowd SCHOLARSHIP Rules & Application is **EXTENDED**. All requests for complete rules and the application must be received by April 15, 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) 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. 2) The Electronic Steward Reporting forms are online [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org) Log in with your book number, and the password is the last 4 (four) of your social. 3) **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.*

2020 LOGBOOKS, are available for pick up at the Union Meetings, Steward Meetings or in the lobby of the Novi Union Hall. IMPACT is not mailing out logbooks this year and neither is the Esper Aiello Law Group. Esper's office will mail you one by calling them at 313-964-4900.

**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.**

**The Wixom Training Center:** Normal Business Hours: M-F 8 am to 4 pm. **Phone:** 248-960-2130. Due to classes being scheduled and having one Instructor in Hudsonville; all JIW welding **appointments and/or visitors to The Hudsonville Training Center need to call the Wixom Training Center, to set up all appointments.** The 2020 JIW Upgrade schedule, 2020 Apprentice Block schedule and Roster are now on the website.

**Welding class SUBJECT TO CHANGE:** April 7,9,14,16,21 & 23, 5:00 pm-10:00 pm. Call the school to get current updates.

**Mandatory Apprentice meeting, Saturday, April 18, 2020 @ 10:00 am** at the Novi union hall. Local 25 Apprentice Competition will be Saturday, June 20, 2020. All participants must be at the Training Center @ 7:00 am. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Ironworkers picnic will 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**

**Coming soon: a new credit-debit payment "platform" which will have a new 800# and require new log-ins to access for anyone on auto-pay. However; all auto-pay information will be automatically transferred. No worry there. Still safe & secure with Comerica Bank.**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Novi Dispatch number 248-305-9282: M-F 7 am to 10 am.** At times, the BA is running a pre-job during dispatch hours; 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](http://www.ironworkers25.org)**

**Other Phone Numbers:** Pay dues: 888-386-8173, Training Center: 248-960-2130, Credit Union: 248-344-2560, Lansing: 517-882-3078. Flint: 810-742-3820. Saginaw: 989-755-9091. Grand Rapids: 231-342-3358. **Call before you go:** The Lansing, Flint & Saginaw offices are manned by one Business Agent each who are in the office by appointment or by chance. Please call before you drive there.

Calling the Hall with a pen in your hand is a nice thing; having a great pen is a personal thing, but having **pen and paper on hand** would be immensely appreciated!

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.

**The West Michigan Retiree breakfast** is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am @Whitlow's 4610 Airline Rd., Muskegon MI 49444. **Note: subject to CHANGE based on future Coronavirus updates.**

**The Gun Lake Casino Retiree breakfast** is held the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am. Please join us! **Note: subject to CHANGE based on future Coronavirus updates.**

**The Novi Retiree Club** membership/luncheon meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Novi Union Hall. Lunch is always provided for a very nominal charge! The next luncheon will be Tuesday April 21, 2020. All retirees are encouraged to attend. Please come out for lunch, learn & comradery. **Note: subject to CHANGE based on future Coronavirus updates.**

**Andy McKinnon #699203** was back in this hospital; hopefully short term. Kindly keep up your well wishes & prayers. Andy serves as a Trustee for the Retiree Club.

**Diversified Members Credit Union: 248-344-2560 - Located at 25880 Novi Rd.** Saturday hours 9am – noon in addition to our regular weekday hours. 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.

**Those who have passed:** Emilee Woodruff (age 23) and (baby) Autumn Melody-Noelle Wlock passed away February 25, 2020 in a tragic house fire in Saginaw. Emilee was the fiancé of member Michael Wlock # 1573695. Emilee was accompanied in death with not only her precious daughter Autumn; but also, her unborn child; and four cats: Milo, Spoticus, Noir, and Zen0. **Our deep condolences to the Woodruff's and to the Wlock Family on your loss!**

William Maul #949541 passed away February 9, 2020 at the age of 70. He was a 44-year member. Ronald Schroeder #1268164 passed away March 2, 2020 at the age of 61. He had been a member for 20 years. Rigger Jimmy Tuck #1270173 passed away March 13, 2020. He was 57 years old and a 20-year member. **Our condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!**