

# OHIO LABOR CITIZEN FEBRUARY 2023

BY: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF IRON WORKERS LOCAL 17

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING:	March 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM
OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:	Officers Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM <u>Executive Board Meeting:</u> Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM
RETIREEES' CLUB MEETINGS:	Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:00AM
OFFICE HOURS:	
Monday - Thursday:	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday:	7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday:	8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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## INTERNATIONAL APPROVALS

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Dan Bilek #985692

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Kurt Kershner #1537616

Kevin Barr #985970

## CONDOLENCES

We are sorry to report the loss of the following members:  
Brother Raymond L. Baker passed away on December 22, 2022; he was a 37-year member.  
Brother Harvey Stepp passed away on December 16, 2022; he was a 52-year member.  
Our heartfelt sympathies go out to their family and friends.

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## LOCAL 17 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING CENTER INFORMATION

### APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Apprenticeship's June 2023 class are being accepted. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have either a high school diploma or G.E.D. Applications are available at the Union Hall Office and online at [ironworkers17.org](http://ironworkers17.org).

### SIGNALING AND RIGGING CARD CERTIFICATON:

Presently, International Signaling and Rigging qualification cards have been issued to all members who have been initiated and have completed their apprenticeship with Local 17. If you did not complete the apprenticeship and would like to obtain training for a Signaling and/or Rigging qualification card, please contact Brian Murray at the Training Center for more information and registration.

### WELDING CERTIFICATION:

In order to protect our work, Local 17 needs members certified in stainless and innershield welding. If you do not have your welding certifications, please take the time now in acquiring these certs. Remember protecting our work is protecting your paycheck. If you are interested in welding instruction or recertification, please contact the Training Center Office to schedule an appointment. All Training and Testing is done free of charge. With the exception of: A re-testing fee of \$60.00 **PER POSITION** may be charged for all RE-tests due to lack of work record.

**ATTENTION STATE CERTIFIED & INTERNATIONAL REGISTERED WELDERS:** As a reminder to those members with State Welding Certification (ODOT) and registered with the International Welding Certification Program (WCP), **it is your responsibility to keep your State Certification & International work record current.** Welders must register with the State (ODOT) and our International Association. Welder employment records should be completed on the appropriate ODOT form and orange Int'l booklet, which includes the project name or number, the contractor name, start and finish dates for the project on which you welded, supervisors name and their signature, along with a contact phone number. The ODOT log record must be submitted to ODOT every six (6) months on your test anniversary date. The International log record must be submitted 30 days prior to your test anniversary date. If you are unsure on how to fill out your welder employment logs or you need additional forms or Int'l log booklet, please contact the apprenticeship for assistance.

Please note that WCP WILL NO LONGER TAKE FAXED continuity logs. They may be sent electronically to [wcp@ironworkers.org](mailto:wcp@ironworkers.org) or sent in the US Mail. ODOT forms are also available at the union hall or you can Google “ODOT WELDERS UPDATE” and print out a form from your computer. Please contact WCP at 1-202-383-4814 for the orange Int’l log booklet.

With regards to the **STRUCTURAL WELDING CERTIFICATION**, please remember you are responsible personally to keep continuity records for this certification. The structural welding certification that comes with your bridge papers do not expire, provided that you can show welding employment records for every six-month period from the time you took your weld test. You are expected to be able to furnish these work records to employers upon request. It has come to our attention that more and more frequently these records are being requested by employers. Secure your work, please keep adequate records.

Apprenticeship Phone Number: 216-685-1781                      Fax No. 216-685-1544  
Dan Strimpel, Coordinator/Instructor  
Dan Beckett, Instructor  
Brian Poindexter, Instructor

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**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IRON WORKERS**

As part of our Drug Free Workplace policy, Iron Workers Local 17 will provide assistance to any member who is seeking help for substance abuse. Through the [EASE@WORK](mailto:EASE@WORK) program qualified professionals are available to assist you in dealing with drug and/or alcohol related issues. These services are provided on a strictly **private and confidential** basis. Iron Workers Local 17 pays the full cost for Voluntary Self-Referral Services for Chemical Dependency Issues (Based upon three (3) sessions) and Positive Drug Screen Referrals (Based upon three (3) sessions) through the [Ease@Work](mailto:Ease@Work) program. We feel this offering is an investment in your health and productivity.

This Employee Assistance Service is accessible to you twenty-four hours a day with weekend counseling appointments available throughout Northeast Ohio. You can access this service by calling:

**EASE@WORK**  
**216-241-3273(EASE) OR 1-800-521-3273(EASE)**

Remember that the program is strictly **voluntary, confidential, private, and pre-paid**. We all have very busy lives that demand our attention, and it is sometimes difficult to find the time to take care of ourselves. Know that help is available to you when you need it.

**DRUG TESTING INFORMATION**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RANDOM DRUG TESTING: It is imperative that those members currently holding a drug free card, be aware and understand the requirements of random drug testing. If you currently have a valid drug free card, you are required to comply with random drug testing. These random tests are many times scheduled right after or before your yearly testing is done. Even if you have just recently renewed your yearly drug card, and have passed, you are still required to appear for a random testing. Random drug testing is done at the discretion of MMC, and a special notice advising you of a scheduled (RANDOM TEST) is sent to your current address. Please be aware if you do not appear for a scheduled RANDOM TEST nor have a valid excuse from random, or do not go to a collection facility prior to the RANDOM TEST DATE, you will become **INELIGIBLE** under the terms of the Drug Policy.

<b><u>DRUG TESTING DATES &amp; TIME:</u></b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 4, 2023</b>	<b>8:00 AM TO 11:00AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 1, 2023</b>	<b>8:00 AM TO 11:00AM</b>

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**IRONWORKERS LOCAL 17 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Applications are available to all active dues paying members, children of dues paying members or child of a deceased member. The application, along with the rules and guidelines for the scholarship are available at the union offices, located at 1544 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, or by calling Local 17 at (216) 771-5558. Applications must be received by the Fund no later than May 31, 2023 in order to be considered for the 2023/2024 class year. Applications received after May 31<sup>st</sup> will be held for consideration for the 2024/2025 class year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS  
WITH 25 THROUGH 70 YEARS OF CONTINUED SERVICE**

We humbly thank you for your continuing membership, loyalty, and for supporting the ideals and principles of this organization. In recognition and sincere appreciation of these many years of distinguished service, members having served 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, & 70 years will receive a service pin for this achievement. **Members with 50 years of service will also receive a watch and 55 year members will receive a clock honoring these milestones.** These items will be mailed sometime during the month of March.

25 YEAR	1252289	DEREK	BAIRD
25 YEAR	1249276	CHRISTOPHER	BENEDICT
25 YEAR	1249285	BRYAN	BLAZETIC
25 YEAR	1249300	KEITH	COLEMAN
25 YEAR	1249317	WILLIAM	GAST
25 YEAR	1249275	STEFANIE	GEIB
25 YEAR	1249277	DALE	GOSSELIN
30 YEAR	1198506	THOMAS	BASS
30 YEAR	1199016	JEREMY	BUKKY
30 YEAR	1198550	LEONARD	CONNELL
30 YEAR	1198209	JON	EASTON
30 YEAR	1198939	CHRIS	FIRTH
30 YEAR	1164751	JAMES	JOHNSTON
30 YEAR	1197697	RONALD	MEINHART
35 YEAR	1153174	GEORGE	ANGELIS
35 YEAR	1147401	THEODORE	ARANDA
35 YEAR	1147405	CRAIG	BONDERER
35 YEAR	1147461	WILLIAM	BREEDEN
35 YEAR	1148985	BRYAN	BUNCHER
35 YEAR	1143644	LOUIS	CATALDO JR.
35 YEAR	1147515	JOHN	CHAPON JR.
35 YEAR	1147400	GENE	DOMINISH
35 YEAR	1143381	SAMUEL	GRIMES JR.
35 YEAR	1145299	DAVID	HARMEL
35 YEAR	1148908	JAMES	HERSTINE
35 YEAR	1152426	TROY	KENYON
35 YEAR	1146633	FRANK	LANZO
40 YEAR	1094045	TED	PASTOR
45 YEAR	998512	LARRY	ATWELL
45 YEAR	999240	MALCOLM	BAILEY
45 YEAR	999241	MEL	BARON
45 YEAR	985970	KEVIN	BARR
45 YEAR	985691	JOHN	BELTER
45 YEAR	985692	DAN	BILEK
45 YEAR	999738	JAMES	BRADLEY
45 YEAR	963610	KENNETH	BRINKLEY
45 YEAR	988795	CARMEN	CASSELLA
45 YEAR	990308	ANGELO	CENTORBI
45 YEAR	988336	LARRY	CLANTON
45 YEAR	998516	MATT	CLUPPER
45 YEAR	907021	ROBERT	CLUPPER JR.
45 YEAR	986368	JOSEPH	COX
45 YEAR	998518	KEVIN	CRAIGLOW
45 YEAR	985694	DEAN	CROUCH
45 YEAR	988093	JOHN	CROUCH
45 YEAR	985624	THOMAS	DANZEY
45 YEAR	998957	WALTER	DAVIS JR.
45 YEAR	985695	RAYMOND	DEUCHER
45 YEAR	985974	STEVEN	DIMENGO
45 YEAR	986655	ROBERT	ERZEN
45 YEAR	988370	GERALD	FERGUSON
45 YEAR	988371	KEVIN	FURLONG
45 YEAR	989880	DONALD	GEIB
45 YEAR	985698	ROBERT	HALL
45 YEAR	999244	JEFFREY	HEIM
45 YEAR	985737	JEFFREY	HOLLAN
45 YEAR	998961	ARNOLD	JOHNSON

25 YEAR	1249291	GEOFFREY	KAUFMAN
25 YEAR	1244090	DALE	MACKEY JR.
25 YEAR	1249281	MICHAEL	MC CASSON
25 YEAR	1249293	JAMES	MOTTL
25 YEAR	1249299	JESSE	MUHLHAN
25 YEAR	1249296	JEFFREY	SULLINGER
25 YEAR	1251114	MICHAEL	TILLER
30 YEAR	1198938	EDWARD	MUHLHAN JR.
30 YEAR	1199855	W. SCOTT	NEMETH
30 YEAR	1198699	WENDY	NOLEN
30 YEAR	1198507	JIMMY	RUTHERFORD
30 YEAR	1196291	DAVID	SCHLAUFMAN
30 YEAR	1198505	MICHAEL	SCHREINER
35 YEAR	1144441	ANTHONY	MAFFEI
35 YEAR	1147665	WILLIAM	MAYO
35 YEAR	1144047	JAMES	MC DONALD
35 YEAR	1144048	THOMAS	MC DONALD
35 YEAR	1145722	WILLIAM	MOORE
35 YEAR	1143525	WALTER	PACE
35 YEAR	1147402	JAMES	PHILLIPS
35 YEAR	1147460	ERICK	SEBOLT
35 YEAR	1147705	MICHAEL	SENER
35 YEAR	1147404	RONALD	SHEPHARD
35 YEAR	1143964	MARK	STINZIANO
35 YEAR	1147407	JOSEPH	THURSTON
35 YEAR	1147410	TERRY	TRIGALET
40 YEAR	1093248	PETER	KOSOVICH
40 YEAR	1094824	RONALD	WALLACE
45 YEAR	988375	RONALD	LEHMANN
45 YEAR	998964	BRETT	LINTON
45 YEAR	998965	MATT	LIPSTREU
45 YEAR	999316	KENNETH	LITVAK
45 YEAR	998528	RICK	MAFFEI
45 YEAR	988096	CLARK	MANN
45 YEAR	988097	PAUL	MARCUM
45 YEAR	998530	THOMAS	MC CAFFERY
45 YEAR	998529	GEORGE	MC CAFFERY JR.
45 YEAR	988342	TIMOTHY	MC CARTHY
45 YEAR	985700	PATRICK	MC NEELEY
45 YEAR	998531	WILLIAM	MEADEN
45 YEAR	998969	DAVID	MIKUS
45 YEAR	985980	JOSEPH	MOLDOVAN
45 YEAR	906353	TOMMIE	MOSBY
45 YEAR	985983	JOSEPH	MOSS
45 YEAR	988106	DON	MULL
45 YEAR	985984	WAYNE	NARO
45 YEAR	990247	SCOTT	NEILL
45 YEAR	988098	DOUGLAS	PALSA
45 YEAR	985985	SCOTT	PANNENT
45 YEAR	988100	JOSEPH	REVAY
45 YEAR	998974	ELMER	RIEMENSCHNEIDER
45 YEAR	999739	JON	ROTHKEGEL
45 YEAR	985703	STEVEN	SIMMS
45 YEAR	999253	WILLIAM	SKUPIC JR.
45 YEAR	988338	JOSEPH	STACKS
45 YEAR	987050	DAVID	SUTTON
45 YEAR	988339	JAMES	SWALCY

45 YEAR	988627	MARK	KAHANCA
45 YEAR	998523	JAMES	KARPEN
45 YEAR	988095	ROBERT	KEPIRO
45 YEAR	998526	ROBERT	LADD
45 YEAR	988431	STEPHEN	LADOVICH III
45 YEAR	990311	LAWRENCE	LANE
45 YEAR	989606	RICHARD	LANGEL
45 YEAR	999246	ANTHONY	LAUX
50 YEAR	810008	JAMES	ANDERSON
50 YEAR	911800	RONALD	BERTHOLD
50 YEAR	895940	DAVID	BRINKLEY
50 YEAR	900064	DANNY	BULLARD
50 YEAR	906348	JEFFREY	CARLSON
50 YEAR	911801	DANIEL	CARRICK
50 YEAR	904013	WILLIAM	CARROLL II
50 YEAR	899004	ALEX	DAVIS JR.
50 YEAR	912447	WILLIAM	DE VITO
50 YEAR	907336	MICHAEL	DUDICH
50 YEAR	910655	DENNIS	ELBERT
50 YEAR	786094	GREGORY	ESTERGALL
50 YEAR	911861	MAX	GAST
50 YEAR	894180	DAVID	GUGGENBILLER
50 YEAR	914098	DENNIS	GUNNING
50 YEAR	910051	GERALD	HAUSER
50 YEAR	896674	ARTHUR	HENDERSON
50 YEAR	911806	GLENN	HOLCOMB
55 YEAR	795266	DAVID	BENISEK
55 YEAR	806690	TOMMY	BLYTHEWOOD
55 YEAR	801526	KENNETH	CARROLL
55 YEAR	791685	GEORGE	CIRULLO
55 YEAR	801528	RUSSELL	DUSKEY
55 YEAR	795273	DANIEL	GERMOVSEK
55 YEAR	806703	IVAN	JELOVAC
55 YEAR	795275	THOMAS	JOSEPH
55 YEAR	801543	MICHAEL	KING
55 YEAR	795276	THOMAS	KRUTY
55 YEAR	804035	SAMUEL	LANDIS
55 YEAR	801547	JAMES	LEWIS
60 YEAR	692029	JACK	BAILEY
60 YEAR	693412	FRANCIS	CALLAHAN
60 YEAR	693304	RONALD	CATON
60 YEAR	696808	PAUL	FIRTH
60 YEAR	693308	JOHN	GRAHAM
60 YEAR	690409	DENNIS	JARVIS

45 YEAR	990793	NICHOLAS	SWECH
45 YEAR	988433	PAUL	TOMAZIC
45 YEAR	985704	DAVID	VALENTINE
45 YEAR	998536	JAMES	VARGA
45 YEAR	998980	JAMES	WARD
45 YEAR	982969	GARY	WILKINSON
45 YEAR	998537	RALPH	WOODY
45 YEAR	838106	NICHOLAS	YURKIW
45 YEAR	999093	STANLEY	ZIMMER
50 YEAR	697743	GERALD	JARVIS
50 YEAR	907338	TED	JONES
50 YEAR	892325	CARL	LOGAN
50 YEAR	911808	MICHAEL	LOGAN SR.
50 YEAR	795277	ALBERT	LUGO
50 YEAR	907339	JOHN	NAUS
50 YEAR	895173	BRUCE	PATERSON
50 YEAR	907024	MICHAEL	PICONE
50 YEAR	913495	THOMAS	SCOTT JR.
50 YEAR	908104	DAVID	SKULLER
50 YEAR	903140	EDWARD	THOMAS
50 YEAR	906154	GARY	THOMPSON
50 YEAR	908959	DANIEL	WARGO
50 YEAR	904704	WAYNE	WEISS
50 YEAR	913500	DUANE	WHITE
50 YEAR	898084	ENRIQUE	ZAMORA
55 YEAR	790161	VINCENT	ABRAHAM
55 YEAR	806674	TODD	LUSHER
55 YEAR	806708	GARY	MC COY
55 YEAR	786649	DENNIS	MERHAR
55 YEAR	795260	CARL	MUNNINGS
55 YEAR	784081	GARY	NICOLOSI
55 YEAR	801560	ANDREW	PETERS
55 YEAR	796657	DAVID	RADER
55 YEAR	801566	GLENN	SEITZ
55 YEAR	801569	LYMAN	STAFFORD
55 YEAR	792374	CARL	WALK
55 YEAR	795284	JAMES	WARD
55 YEAR	795285	JOHN	WARD
60 YEAR	690411	KENNETH	KRAUS
60 YEAR	693301	EARL	MORAIN
60 YEAR	660920	JOHN	MURRAY
60 YEAR	693314	THOMAS	O NEILL
60 YEAR	693302	GARY	STARK
70 YEAR	535085	EDMUND	KRESTY