

# OHIO LABOR CITIZEN MAY 2022

BY: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF IRON WORKERS LOCAL 17

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**THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING:** June 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM

**OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:** Officers Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM  
Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM

**RETIREES' CLUB MEETINGS:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 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

## **CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 25, 2022 ELECTION OF UNION OFFICERS** . Voting will be held at the union hall Saturday, June 25, 2022 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

**July 5, 2022 SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS**. Scheduled at the July 5, 2022 Union Meeting at 6:00PM.

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## **INTERNATIONAL APPROVALS**

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

William Meaden #998531  
Edward Holthouse #975585  
Kevin Edwards #1092214

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

John W. Logan #975418

## **CONDOLENCES**

We are sorry to report the loss of the following members:

Brother Edward Gale passed away on April 6, 2022; he was a 59-year member.

Brother Leon Cartwright passed away on April 7, 2022; he was a 52-year member.

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## **LOCAL 17 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING CENTER INFORMATION**

### **APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications for the Apprenticeship's June 2022 and January 2023 classes 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](#) 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](#) 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>May 7, 2022</b>	<b>8:00 AM TO 11:00AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 4, 2022</b>	<b>8:00 AM TO 11:00AM</b>

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## **IRONWORKERS LOCAL 17 SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS EXTENDED TO MAY 15TH**

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 15, 2022 in order to be considered for the 2022/2023 class year. Applications received after May 15<sup>th</sup> will be held for consideration for the 2023/2024 class year.

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## **MAY 1, 2022 WAGE ALLOCATION**

Please be advised at the April 5, 2022 union meeting, two (2) resolutions were presented and voted on regarding the \$1.40 wage increase. Both resolutions passed and will be allocated to the following funds:

The Vacation Fund will increase \$0.40 per hour paid.  
The Annuity Fund will increase \$0.50 per hour paid.  
(The remaining \$0.50 will stay into the hourly rate.)