



IRONWORKERS LOCAL 550

DECEMBER 2024



We would like to wish all of our members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holiday Office Hours

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 closing at noon

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 office closed

New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31 closing at noon

New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1 office closed

In Memory of the Members that passed away in 2024

Daniel E. Fantin, Book Number 1117998, age 77, passed away on January 25, 2024

Bruce Campbell, Book Number 721199, age 79, passed away on February 18, 2024

Steven J. Davis, Book Number 1436149, age 50, passed away on February 20, 2024

Olden E. Lynch, Book Number 1047517, age 83, passed away on June 11, 2024

Brian K. Timmons, Book Number 1136050, age 67, passed away on June 20, 2024

Ralph L. Galliher, Book Number 598542, age 92, passed away on July 22, 2024

Bernard L. Sampsel, Book Number 622431, age 84, passed away on August 2, 2024

Andrew Pertginides, Book Number 580130, age 91, passed away on September 1, 2024

Perry L. Range, Book Number 1195817, age 86, passed away on November 30, 2024

NATIONAL VISION ADMINISTRATORS, LLC (VISION INSURANCE)

At January 14, 2025 Union Meeting, Diane Mescher with National Vision Administrators will be at the Union Meeting to discuss the cost and answer any questions the members may have regarding the Vision Insurance that Local 550 is looking into.

UPCOMING RAISE MAY 1, 2025

This is just a reminder that Local 550's upcoming raise for our Collective Bargaining Agreement will be going into effect on May 1, 2025. It is very important that all members try to attend Local 550's Union Meeting on January 14th, 2025, and February 11th, 2025, as Local 550 Officers will be taking suggestions at these two meetings as to how to allocate the money. The vote for this Wage Allocation will take place sometime in early April 2025. The membership of Local 550 will be notified two weeks prior to this Wage Allocation vote by mail.

Cancellation of March's Union Meeting

This is to inform all members that we have received approval from the International to cancel Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, Union Meeting, as this is when Ironworkers Local 550's Great Lakes District Council Meeting is scheduled. If you should have any questions regarding this cancellation, please feel free to contact the Union Hall. February's Union meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at 7 pm and due to March's Union Meeting cancellation, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 7 pm.

APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINING

Apprenticeship Class Schedule for December 2024:

- 1st year class A will start on Monday, December 9, 2024, at **7am**
- 2nd year class will start on Monday, December 16, 2024, at **7am**
- 4th year class will start on Monday, December 16, 2024, at **7am**

Apprenticeship Class Schedule for January 2025:

- 1st year class B will start on Monday, January 6, 2025, at **7am**
- 3rd year class will start on Monday, January 6, 2025, at **7am**
- 4th year class will start on Monday, January 13, 2025, at **7am**
- 1st year class A will start on Monday, January 20, 2025, at **7am**
- 2nd year class will start on Monday, January 27, 2025, at **7am**

Please remember that the school schedule is also available on www.iw550.org website.

MEMBERS UNION DUES

This is just a reminder that dues for Journeyman are \$35.00 a month and dues for Apprentices are \$34.00 a month. There was no increase this year with the International. (Honorary members remain at \$8.40).

This is just a reminder that there are no longer any reminder phone calls if a member is six months behind on their union dues. If you are not sure where you are at on your Union Dues, please call the Union Hall and Julie will be more than happy to let you know where you are with them. Also, if you go suspended you will be pulled off of the job you are working at and you will need to pay a reinstatement fee and a month dues.