



IRON WORKERS LOCAL 383

OCTOBER 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

The 2026 IW Convention Delegates will be held in March (nominations) and April (elections) of 2026 at the Hall in Madison.

Brothers & Sisters

If you are facing mental health issues, help is available. Call Aurora EAP at (800)236-3231 for a confidential conversation with a professional. They connect eligible health care participants with in-network doctors. Visit Credible Mind (iwu.crediblemind.com) for a multitude of coping resources. Also, reach out to a trusted friend when you are in need. Please take care of yourself.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES



- * **December 6th - Madison Christmas Party**
 - * **@ THE IW HALL, STARTS AT 5**
- * **December 13th - Rapids Christmas Party**
 - * **@ JAMMERS BAR & GRILL, STARTS AT 5**
- * **January 10th - La Crosse Christmas Party**
 - * **@CASTAWAYS, DRINKS AT 5 DINNER AT 5:30**

All 383 members and their guest(s) are invited to attend one or all of the area Christmas Parties. The main meal will be provided as well as a keg of beer and soda. Please bring a dish to share. Hundreds of dollars of door prizes are given away just for attending. Attendance has been increasing every year. Plan an evening of fun with your IW brothers and sisters as you celebrate the holiday season.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters,

During my first 90 days as the President/Business Agent, I am slowly but surely becoming more acclimated to this position. I am starting to understand my role and where it positions me as a positive force of this union.

Work is better than ever and continuing to boom in all areas of our jurisdiction! We are growing the union every month with new apprentices and with the workload ahead of us, that doesn't seem like it's going to end. If you know someone who not only wants to be a part of the brotherhood, but can also demonstrate the pride that you have, feel free to tell them to apply.

To ensure the quality and work ethic of the apprentices that are joining our membership, we need to mold and train them in the likeness of our own image. If they're doing a good job, let them know so that they can continue with those efforts. If they're not meeting the expectations of the Standards of Excellence, apprentices should be held accountable for their actions when given an assignment and should be managed accordingly. Together, with our foreman leadership, we must report all advancements, inaccuracies, and mishaps, so we are all helping to create a better union. Of course, our objective and goal is to promote the growth of our union, but we should also strive to keep the integrity and pride that was embedded in every one of us.

For any of you who are unaware, there is now a way to pay for your union dues via our website at www.iron383.com. This change is only one of the many changes for the future of our local that I see not only as a powerful addition, but also as an essential piece of our structure.

As a reminder, we have merchandise for sale at the union hall, so feel free to stop by and gear up for the winter season. While you're at it, feel free to pick up some of the newest designs of our hard hat stickers. These stickers are literally one of a kind because they were designed by your very own 383 members! Show your union pride and represent your union with our apparel.

Lastly, I urge us all, brothers and sisters, to make sure that we are doing the best that we can to put our union first and secure our future. WE can do this together by showing up to work, show up on time, and show pride in our work. Please keep these three things solid and we can shape the course of the journey ahead.

Thank you.

Fraternally yours,

Darnell Reynolds



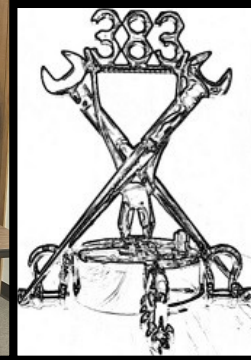


OCTOBER 2025

PAGE 3



RETIREE LUNCHEONS



**BTC
TAKE
YOUR
KIDS
FISHING
2025**





International Ironworkers Festival 2025

The 41st annual International Ironworkers Festival in Mackinaw City, Michigan has again come and gone. This year we registered close to 91 competitors, 30 of which were signed up for the Old Timers (age 55 & up) division and a total of 23 teams. There was a large crowd of spectators again this year who were able to take in the sights and sounds of the festival, even with the heat! We had a great selection of vendors this year. Some new and some returning, including Ideal Construction, Midwest Steel, Ironworkers Local 8, Ironworkers Local 25, ABOV3THEREST, and of course, one of my personal favorites, Tom and Adam with Mar-Mac Industries were there. Adam drew the short straw this year and kept me company/laughing during registration and handing out the various shirts while Tom kept people entertained at their booth. Online registration was huge hit this year and we received a lot of praise from those who took advantage and were able to skip the lines. The festival website also continues to expand, and I hope you all take a minute to check it out at IWFestival.com. The website hosts not only where to register and this year's festival results, but all past year's results since I've been in this position and keeping the books. You can also view the many photos and videos from the festival, including those from Rockrose Productions who were brought in again this year by our Local 8 friends from the north. Friday, registration was busy, but we still made time for the Walk of Iron ceremony where some of our dear friends received their plaques to commemorate their bricks in the Ironworker's Walk of Fame, thanking them for their years assisting with the festival. Saturday, the kids had fun with the spud throw and column climb games while more registration took place. After their fun on the iron, they were able to enjoy some popcorn and snow cones from the kids tent before they burned off some energy in the bounce house or at the Local 25 Kids Ironworker Demonstration set up. Then, the men and women of the iron held their friendly competitions in knot tying, rod tying, spud throwing, rivet toss, and of course the column climb. As the games wrapped up Saturday, the Mighty Hiawatha Band again kept the crowd entertained throughout the night under the beer tent. Sunday the games continued with the Old Timers Competition followed by the World Championship Column Climb. Local 25 Ironworker MC Club held various 50-50 raffles along with their normal quilt and pillow raffle again this year as well. As the games ended and the festival tear-down commenced, the 'Wives' Events, for all non-ironworker females in attendance, took place with some friendly competition and amusement. As the events ended on Sunday, the annual prize and awards ceremony commenced. Our daughter Raylan stepped up again this year to help with handing out the winning belt buckles and door prizes with her friends Sophia and Shannon. It is always great to see our friends from around the country at the festival and it would be amazing to see more Local 383 members there to either compete or just to watch the events. If there is anyone brave enough to try their hand at the World Championship Column Climb on Sunday, they could also stand a chance of winning the \$1000 given to the winner. For those who would rather try their hand in tying, Mar Mac Wire is always there to give out additional prizes for those who take first, second and third place in the Rod Tying events for both the all-around and in the Old-Timers division. We hope next year's festival will be just as enjoyable with a bigger turn-out, and I personally invite anyone and everyone to come to beautiful Mackinaw City, Michigan to join in the festivities and fun the second weekend in August every year. For additional pictures and information about the festival, please visit our Facebook page: International Iron Worker Festival or our website at www.IWFestival.com Please also be sure to check the latest edition of the Ironworker Magazine for the write-up about the 2024 festival submitted by Chris Burger, Wage Compliance Administrator, Davis-Bacon. Chris took the time to visit the festival last year and we've been in contact throughout the year for this article. It was great seeing him again at this year's festival as he continues to promote it from afar.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelli Keller,
International Ironworkers Festival Recording Secretary,
Wife of Brandon Keller, Local 383



Brandon Keller, Local 383, and International Ironworker Festival Vice President getting ready to climb on Saturday and at the top of the column on Sunday. Saturday's climb was 8.54 seconds whereas Sunday's Climb was an amazing 6.87 seconds landing him in 7th place! Winning time was 5.55 Seconds this year.

Our daughter Raylan enjoying her favorite part of the festival. She is riding with Local 25 MC President DJ Brandly





AREA WORK REPORTS



MADISON <> Work in the Madison area is booming! Findorff has structural and rod jobs at Epic in Verona, structural at UW East Hospital in Sun Prairie, rods and miscellaneous jobs at the Hub Broom St in Madison; rod jobs at The Triangle Project in Madison, Columbus Hospital in Columbus, and Upland Hills in Dodgeville; they also have rods, PT, and miscellaneous jobs at Hub Johnson St in Madison. JP Cullen has miscellaneous projects at Kikkoman in Jefferson, structural projects at Camp Randall in Madison, and at SSM Health in Verona, as well as at the UW Hospital. They also have a precast project at CEI Modules in Edgerton. CD Smith has miscellaneous jobs at AMPI in Portage and at UW Levy in Madison; structural, precast, and miscellaneous work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Reedsburg. They also have a rod job at the UW Steam Tunnel in Madison and structural and miscellaneous at the Markesan Elementary School. Bald Eagle Erectors has rods at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Reedsburg. Chilstrom has rod jobs at Epic, Kikkoman, UW Hospital, the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Sun Prairie, and SSM Health in Verona. MKE has structural at The Theory in Madison, as well as rod jobs at the Sauk Trail, Public Safety Communications in McFarland, and the Wisconsin History Center in Madison. Cary has a miscellaneous job at the Kwik Trip Distribution in DeForest. B&H has rods at the Wisconsin River Bridge Project in Portage; they have upcoming structural work at MG&E for 2 weeks. CS&E has a structural and sheeting job at The Theory. Kraemer North America has a structural and miscellaneous job at the bridge of the Mississippi in Lansing. Capital Steel has a miscellaneous job at Monroe High School; structural jobs at Mendota Boiler 6 in Madison, Southwest Health in Platteville, Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Monona Pines, Young Blood Brewery in DeForest, and at the Public Communications Building in McFarland. Miron has a structural and miscellaneous job at Dane County Jail, structural/precast/misc at Sun Prairie Bio Solids, and miscellaneous jobs at Sun Prairie Utilities and at Bartillon Shelter in Madison. Selden Steel has structural and miscellaneous jobs at St Bernard's and at 128 Langdon St in Madison; a miscellaneous job at Doxa Church in Fitchburg, rebar at Kayser Ford in Sauk City, and a miscellaneous and welding job at Valvoline in Middleton. Hi-Boom has rod jobs at bridges in McFarland, Fort Atkinson, Stoughton, Sauk County, and Verona; they also have a rod job at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Oregon. TNT Rebar has rod jobs at bridges in Verona, Shullsburg, Mauston/Camp Douglas, Watertown, and Stoughton. Badgerland has structural jobs at Hotel Wisconsin in Wisconsin Dells, EK Machine in Madison, Wisconsin Dells Municipal Building, Zion Lutheran School in Columbus, Deerfield High School, and Woodman's East in Madison; Rod jobs at Glen Hefner in Hartford and Crave Brothers' Cheese in Waterloo. Rods and metal building at EK Machine in Fall River, structural and miscellaneous at Chesapeake Apartments in Madison, and at Elvehjem Hall in Madison; structural and rods at the Vollrath Company in Dane. They have rods, structural, and metal building jobs at Johnsonville Sausage in Watertown, RG Heating in Waunakee, and at Aspen UCS #3 in Fitchburg; as well as a structural and metal building job at Flint Hills in McFarland. Finally, they have miscellaneous jobs at McKee Apartments in McFarland, Trachte in Oregon, and The Chocolate Shoppe in Madison; as well as a fabrication and miscellaneous job at Madison Trucking Equipment.

Anthony Anastasi <> (608)256-3162

NORTH AREA <> Everyone in the North is working as of mid-October, and we are getting busier as fall moves along. Starting some new apprentices took a while to get going, but we added 4 more. CD-Smith has two parking ramps going right now, one in Point and one in Rapids, and it sounds like Phase One at the SentryWorld project will start late fall; rumor has it, it's a \$500 million job overall. Miron has a few jobs going on now, and Aspirus in Wausau should be starting soon. 3M is starting a \$150 million MSHA site job in Wausau in November. We are holding an MSHA refresher class on October 25th at the hall in Rapids. If you need your weld cert, call Glen Jensen at 715-571-3620. He is retired and ready to help you. Not the busiest summer in the North, but everyone was working.

Adam Maves <> (715)498-4280

LaCROSSE <> Work in the La Crosse area remains very strong heading into the fall months, with no one on the out-of-work list. Stronghold has miscellaneous at the Crawford County jail in Prairie Du Chien. Cary Specialized Services has a structural project at the VA building 404 in Tomah, Kwik Trip dairy addition in Onalaska, Dale's clothing store in La Crosse, structural & miscellaneous at Brookwood Elementary School, metal building in West Salem, miscellaneous at Crown Cork in La Crosse, and Cardinal Glass in Tomah. Fowler & Hammer has structural at the Boys & Girls Club in La Crosse, readiness center in Viroqua, rebar at West Salem Elementary, Officers Barracks at Fort McCoy, miscellaneous at various Trane plants in La Crosse. Modern Crane has structural work at the Fort McCoy Officers barracks, the Kwik Trip distribution center in Onalaska, the Kwik Trip clinic/pharmacy, miscellaneous jobs at the Holmen Elementary School, and the La Crosse library. We have been very busy putting in many new apprentices. Please take time to teach and mentor them. The work outlook in the area looks great, so let's keep up on our certs and keep doing a great job! Work safe! Christmas will be here soon. See you at the party!

DuWayne Knobloch <> 608-769-6430

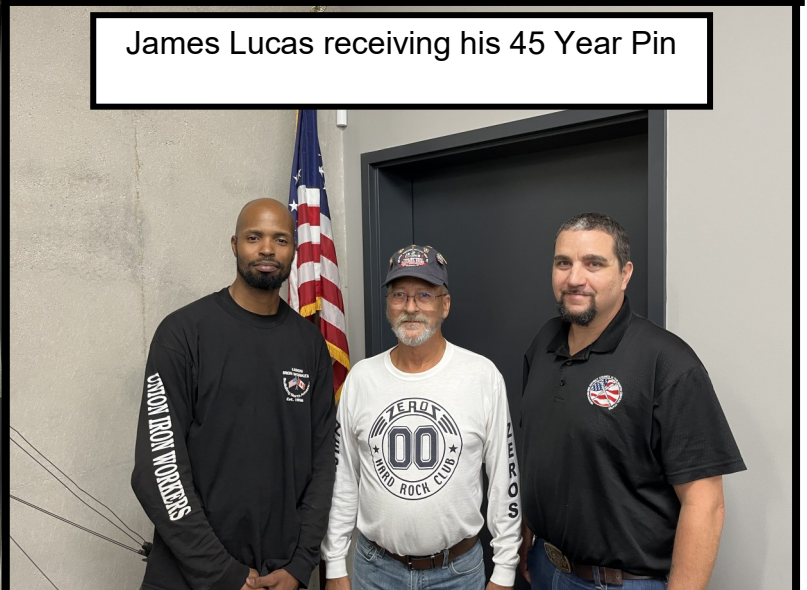


MEMBERSHIP PINS

Charlie Meinholz receiving his 55 year pin



James Lucas receiving his 45 Year Pin



Maurice Hager receiving his 55
Year Pin



Kenny Rasmussen receiving his 35 year
pin





UPCOMING Upgrade Training

MSHA Annual Refresher Journeyman Upgrade Course – Wisconsin Rapids Office, at 220 Johnson St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI: An 8-hour upgrade/refresher course will be conducted at the Local's Northern Office, on **Saturday, October 25th, 2024 at 7:30 am.** This refresher will also include 1ST AID/CPR/AED re-certification. Please email to pete@iron383.com for more info and to confirm your attendance

Forklift-Aerial Lift Class:

Saturday November 8th, 2025 a Forklift/Aerial Lift course will be conducted at the Madison Training Center, located at 5501 Manufacturers Dr., Madison WI 53704. The class will **start at 7:30am.** Please email to pete@iron383.com for more info and to confirm your attendance.

New Apprentices: Pay close attention! Completion of Work Reports

The top portion of the work report must be completed in full (Name, Date, Member#, Employer, etc.) The work report must be received in the Apprenticeship office no later than the 10th of the month following the "work report month." For example, the November 2025 report is due no later than December 10th, 2025. The hours must be completed on the form with a breakdown, for example, of REBAR, POST TENSION, STRUCTURAL, SCHOOL, etc. The form must also be signed by both the Foreman and the Apprentice. Please be advised: Once you turn your work report in, there will be NO adjustments made to that report for missed or forgotten hours of work or school. Therefore, be sure your report is COMPLETE and ACCURATE before you submit it to the Apprenticeship Office.

Training Center Food and Alcohol Policy – recent problems/issues at Local 383 Training Center.

Your Attention Please: It has come to my attention that compliance with the rule for food and drink (including alcohol) has been slipping more and more in recent months at the Training Center. If adherence to the policy (see below for the full text) continues to decline, the solution incorporated in the policy when it was established (boldfaced and underlined below) **WILL BE implemented.** In addition, violators of the alcohol policy will be brought before the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for discipline and very likely expulsion from the Apprenticeship Program.

"On May 24th, 2022, at the monthly Joint Apprenticeship Committee Meeting for Local 383's Apprenticeship Program, the Committee unanimously agreed that effective June 1st 2022, Local 383's Training Center and the property on which it sits would be strictly alcohol-free during any Apprenticeship Program activities. This includes time on-site pre and post all classes/training. This does NOT include any Local 383 officially sponsored social events. Violators of this policy will be ushered off-site and may face disciplinary hearings and action from the Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

In addition to this policy, all classrooms and shop areas within the Training Center are now designated non-dining, non-eating areas, with the exception of the break tables and refrigerator/microwave area on the west side of the Training Center Shop. **Violation of this policy will result in the removal of the break area from the shop.** Food and non-alcoholic beverages may of course be consumed outside and within personal vehicles.

These changes were necessary to maintain the integrity and discipline of the Apprenticeship Program, and to protect the members, the facility and the grounds from physical and legal liability. Adherence to this policy is expected and very much appreciated."

Weld Test Conductors

Pete Stern
(608) 256-3162

Tiny Schaller
(608) 219-4254

Matt Hicks in DeForest
(608) 513-4733

Glen Jensen in Wausau
(608) 219-4254

Kenric Sorensen in LaCrosse
(608) 789-6221



GOOD & WELFARE

679 members = 150 Apprentices, 354 Journeymen, 56 Honorary, 117 Lifetime

- * Apprentice Members <> Zachary Bennett, Adrian Briones, Ephrem Jerue, Kevin Barajas, Garrett Bristol, Clayton Fuchs, Timothy Grulke, Owen Kendhammer, Garrett Mikkelson, Cooper Paisley, Nicholas Rankins, Brandon Sao, Max Sikora, Samantha Zepeda, Brandson Zuniga, Cooper Roberts, Gary Thomsen III, Jayson Woerner, Brian Thomas, Christopher Cardenas, Nathan Fuchs, Charles McGlynn, Brandon Hollnagel, Jalen Johnson, Hunter Welke, Trent Pank, Ayden Wilkins, Eric Rodriguez and Brady Haynes
- * Journeymen Members <> Logan Denasha, Dawson Kalata, Thomas Lawrence, Isaac Nerby, Dylan Parr, Austin Schunk, Ian Southall, Nicholas Shumway, Noah Goetzke, Michael McCook, Kegun Brunker, Tate Grogan, Jonny Sanchez-Nunez and Colton Whitwam have completed all apprenticeship requirements and passed the Local 383 JIW Exam. Congrats to all on becoming Journeymen Ironworkers.
- * Withdrawal Cards <> No one deposited a withdrawal card.
- * Reinstated Members <> Tamarcus Daniels and Ethan Houghland have been reinstated to IW 383. Welcome back!
- * Honorary Member <> John Alft, Malcolm Davis, Tim DeMinter, Dennis Moore Jr and Shawn Rose have hung up their tools and are now Honorary Member class.
- * Lifetime Members <> Frank Selden and Randall Roelke have reached over 25 years of membership and 65 years of age to qualify them for Lifetime Member classification. CONGRATS!
- * Pins <> 60 Years- James Peplinski; 55 Years- Robert Woodhouse, Duane McQueen, Charles Meinholz and Maurice Hager; 50 Years- Michael Skibba, Rick Lasko, Mark Redetzke and Richard Vandre; 45 Years- James Yngsdal and James Lucas; 35 Years- Joey Borchert, Wayne Peplinski, Kenneth Rasmussen and Terry Lang; 30 Years- Michael Wallen, James Fuchs and Timothy Flemke
- * Condolences <> Brother Robert Lenzer has passed away, rest in peace. Our hearts are with Waylon Dupee with the passing of his mother and with Michael Kukulka and the passing of his father.
- * Sick and Injured <> Aaron Brock, Stephen Prince, Stephen Bremmer, Steve Schaefer, Tom Schewe, Andy Gullickson, Matt Wells, Larry Brown Jr. Get well soon, Brothers!

FRIENDLY REMINDER!!!
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 5:30 PM



August 2025 Apprentice Initiation



September 2025 Initiation



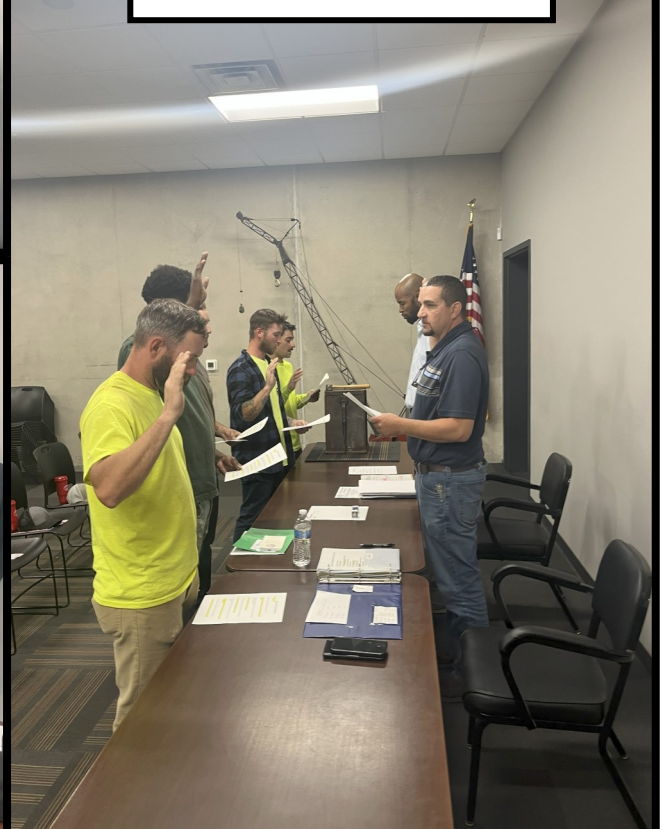
October 2025 Initiation



A
P
P
R
E
N
T
I
C
E

I
N
I
T
I
A
T
I
O
N

June 2025 Swear In





OCTOBER 2025

PAGE 11

ARREARS LIST AS OF October 10th, 2025 <> Behind name is the last month of paid

RATES/month = Apprentice & Probationary - \$36, Journeyman - \$46, Honorary - \$7, Lifetime - \$0

- ♦ put your **MEMBER NUMBER** on your check &
 - ♦ include a **SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPE** for return of your dues receipt.
 - ♦ Remember, Buy 12 months of Dues, and get 1 month free.
- It is the member's responsibility to stay current with their monthly union dues.
Reinstatement fee is \$800.00.

**We accept credit card
payments in person or
over the phone!
FEES APPLY !
NO CASH !**



CALL THE HALL <> (608)256-3162
Monday - Thursday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Friday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm





IRON WORKERS LOCAL 383
5501 Manufacturers Drive
Madison, WI 53704



FACEBOOK: Ironworkers Local 383
WEBSITE: www.iron383.com

IW383 Hall & Training Center Is approaching eight years old. Be proud of what your Local has and treat the facility and its staff with respect. Just the loan payment is \$10,000 per month of your money. This is your house. Remember that when you walk through its doors. It is there for you, the members. It is up to you to care for your house. Come to the membership meetings, attend the training sessions, attend the holiday parties. The more you involve yourself with your Local, the more you will get out of being a proud union ironworker.

PRIDE, HONOR, RESPECT

your UNION, your co-workers, your employer, yourself, your family, your country

What do you want to see in your newsletter? Give us some ideas for articles. Send in some pictures. They can be that big buck or a trophy fish or cool views from a jobsite. Please share and make this your newsletter.

You are not *just* a construction worker.

You are a trained professional.

Act like a professional.

Look like a professional.

Be proud of your career choice.

You are a UNION IRON WORKER!