IRON WORKERS LOCAL 383
NOVEMBER 2026

AREA CHRISTMAS PARTIES

* **December 5th - Madison Christmas Party**

THE IW HALL, 5501 MANUFACTURERS DR, MADISON
STARTS AT FIVE, FOOD AT 5:30

* **December 12th - La Crosse Christmas Party**

FOX HOLLOW GOLF COURSE BANQUET HALL,
W4131 COUNTY RD O, LACROSSE
STARTS AT FIVE, FOOD AT 5:30

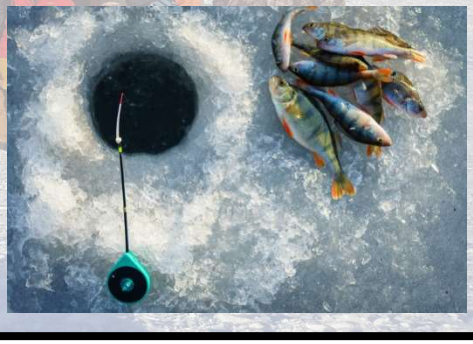
* **December 19th - Rapids Christmas Party**

JAMMERS BAR AND GRILL, 2810 EAGLE RD, WISC RAPIDS
STARTS AT 5, FOOD AT 5:30

THE IRON WORKERS LOCAL 383 ICE FISHERY IS BACK!!!

February 6th, 2027, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Petenwell County Park
2004 Bighorn Dr, Arkdale, WI 54612

Drive straight out from the park; you will see an American Flag and a 383 banner. That is where you sign up. $20 entry fee, money goes to the winners. Raffle prizes throughout the day. Grill will be going all day! Bring some food to grill!



Any questions, call:
Scott Jolly (715)581-5648
Arron Brock (224)400-2095

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters.

It's been two months since I took office, and I want you to know we have been busy! We have found what looks like a great option for an entry process for new candidates. It's a system used and recommended by our neighboring locals, and the attitude on the Joint Apprenticeship Committee has, for the most part, been very positive toward it. I'm hoping to move forward with that as soon as possible.

We have booked out ten new journeymen in the last two months and are making it a priority to get more apprentices on to the next chapter in their careers. Also, our Exam Committee and Instructors are looking over our JIW Exam and making notes on any improvements we can make to our test.

We are also tightening up on discipline with apprentices that aren't living up to the standards of the program and trade. On that note: to all apprentices who are not meeting the standards of excellence, consider this a warning. We have over 150 applicants who are waiting for the opportunity that you have. If you have a careless attitude and aren't fulfilling your responsibilities at work or in the classroom, you either need to shape up or start looking for a different career. That's not saying we don't want to help. Please don't be afraid to reach out! We want you to be successful. We are essentially an employee-owned business that sells labor to the contractors, and we owe it to ourselves, and those who came before us, to put our best efforts forward. To wrap that up, I would also like to ask all journeymen and foremen to contact us if you're having issues with apprentices in the field. We can't do anything if we don't have the information.

On a more positive topic, it's a workers' market out there! It sounds like there's no sign of things slowing down in any major way. Aside from what seems to be an epidemic of poor quality, whether it be from bad fabrication, bad drawings, or any other thing that's out of our control. It is a hell of a time to be an ironworker in Local 383! I'm so happy I get to work for all of you. If you have anything you want to talk with me about, don't be afraid to reach out! Just be sure to leave a message or send a text; I'm sure I'm not the only one being swamped with endless spam calls. Be safe out there and keep making us look good!

In solidarity,
Shea Cotter-Brown



LACROSSE LABOR DAY PARADE



Thank you to everyone who stopped out for the Labor Day Parade!! Hope to see you there again next year!





MEMBERSHIP PINS

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR YEARS AS A UNION IRON WORKER!



Darrell Robertson receiving his 30 Year Pin



Jason Grefsheim receiving his 30 Year Pin

APPRENTICE INITIATIONS

AUGUST 2026



SEPTEMBER 2026





OCTOBER 2026

AREA WORK REPORTS

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MADISON <> Findorff has structural work at the Wisconsin History Museum in Madison and Lake Mills High School; structural and rod jobs at Epic in Verona and at the UW Engineering Building in Madison; structural and metal building at the Lodi Airport; rod jobs at the YMCA in Madison and at the Laborers Training Center in DeForest; they have a rod and PT job at the Vilas in Madison; as well as miscellaneous jobs at Hub Broom St in Madison and at Stoughton Trailers. JP Cullen has structural and miscellaneous jobs at Camp Randall in Madison and at CQC in Milton; structural and precast at St. Augustine Church in Platteville; demo and structural at Lycon in Jefferson; stair jobs at Grainger Hall and at LZ Brooks in Madison; miscellaneous at Epic and IMP Panels being assembled at the CEI Plants in Edgerton. SPE has structural work at the Amazon Distribution Center in DeForest and miscellaneous at Beaver Dam Middle School. CD Smith has structural work at The Grande in Lomira and at the Mount Horeb Elementary School; as well as rods at the UW Steam Tunnel in Madison and miscellaneous at the wastewater treatment plant in Reedsburg. Chilstrom has rod jobs at Epic, the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Sun Prairie, and Kikkoman in Jefferson; as well as rod and PT jobs at Camp Randall, Haven Middleton Shores in Middleton, Orchard St in Madison, and at The Green Line in Monona. Miron has a structural and miscellaneous job at the Dane County Jail in Madison. Reynolds Crane has rigging and miscellaneous jobs at Cupertino in Edgerton and at the data center in Beaver Dam. MKE has structural jobs at University 300 in Madison, Hovde Churchill Hotel in Madison, Cottage Grove Police Station, DeForest/Windsor Fire Department, the Dane County Elections Center in Madison, Oppidan Data Center in Beaver Dam, Union Station Student Housing in Madison and at the Grant Regional Health Center in Lancaster; a structural and miscellaneous job at the Mifflin Chapter Multi Family Apartments in Madison; a structural and rod job at The 720 in Madison; rod jobs at the Dane County Sustainability Campus in Madison, the Dane County Juvenile Correctional Facility in Fitchburg and at Agrace Dementia Village in Fitchburg; they also have a glass job at the Wisconsin History Center in Madison. CS&E has a structural and welding job at Cake Parkway West in DeForest, and miscellaneous jobs at Beaver Dam Middle School and at University Row in Madison. Harris Davis Rebar has rod jobs at the Data Center in Beaver Dam and at LZ Brooks in Madison. Selden Steel has a structural job at 6300 University Ave in Middleton; they also have miscellaneous and welding jobs at the Front Street Station in Mt. Horeb and at MATC in Reedsburg. Capital Steel has structural jobs at Lido Apartments in Fitchburg, Element Collective in Madison, Dane County DA's office in Madison, Blue Wren in Madison, and at Rivers Crossing and Encapsys in Portage; they also have miscellaneous jobs at the Cross Plains Police Station and at the Oregon Senior Center. Hi Boom has rod jobs at Epic, the John Nolan Bridge, as well as bridges in Cambridge, Columbus, and Stoughton. TNT Rebar has a rod job at the Portage Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cary Specialized Services has a structural and miscellaneous job at the Blackhawk Middle School in Madison. Pauly Jail has a miscellaneous and rigging job at the Dane County Jail in Madison. West Wind Reinforcing has a reinforcing job at Badger Hollow Wind Farm in Montfort. Badgerland Erectors has structural jobs at Brearly St Apartments in Madison, Mendota Mechanical in Madison, A&I in Verona, Haven Apartments in Middleton, CWC Food Service in Madison, EK Machine Plant 4 and 5 in Madison, Sentry Insurance in Middleton, MSCR West in Madison, Lighthouse Inn in Madison, and Townplace Hotel in DeForest; Metal Building jobs at Lavelle Industries in Whitewater, Madison Country Day School in Waunakee, EK Machine in Fall River, Metal Rentals in Madison, 913 Watson Rd in Madison, Nonns Flooring in Dane, and Carley Woods in Madison; there is a structural and miscellaneous job Jones Dairy in Ft Atkinson, structural and rod jobs at Shabazz High School, Ponderosa in Madison, structural and metal building jobs at the Chocolate Shoppe in Madison, the Sun Prairie Water Treatment Plant, and at the DeForest Yards; they have rod jobs at Landmark in Waunakee, Endres Addition in Arlington, Ideal Builders/Madison Liquidators in Middleton and CQC in Milton; a structural, rails and miscellaneous job at Cummins in Stoughton; a structural, miscellaneous and decking job at Better Way Investments in Madison; and a welding job in Fitchburg for Mid-State.

Darnell Reynolds <> (608)256-3162

NORTH AREA <> The North is very busy and looks to stay busy for a while. Sentry in Stevens Point is very busy with CD-Smith, Cullen is there right now with about 25 Iron Workers and Klein-Dickert glass starting December 1st to add 6-10 more. Findorff will start the new $160 million Portage County jail in December they have the rods, structural and the precast; that should be a great job. Miron will be starting their 3M project in November. Reger has been there for a few months tying the rebar and Miron will start as soon as they are done. I think we are up to about 30 Apprentices in the north, an all time high, and with that said please take time to help and push these new members in the right direction. They are the future of this great Local. Stay up on your certs, if you need a weld cert in the north give Glen Jensen a call 715-571-3620. If you need any other cert please reach out to me and we can get something set up here in Rapids or in Madison. Christmas Party is on December 19th at Jammers Bar. Party starts at 5; it's a great place for you new guys to meet a lot of people and hope to see you all there. THE FISHERY IS BACK…. We had a couple Iron Workers step up and they are going to get the fishery going again. Thanks to Scott Jolly and Arron Brock! All the details are on the front cover of the newsletter. Let's finish the year strong and get ready for another great year in 2027.

Adam Maves <> (715)498-4280

LaCROSSE <> Work has continued to be steady heading into fall, with only one person out of work currently. Modern Crane has ongoing work at the Mayo expansion in Sparta, miscellaneous work at Xcel Energy French Island, structural work at the Kwik Trip distribution center in Onalaska, and structural and miscellaneous work at the new Hogan Elementary School in La Crosse. Cary Specialized Services has metal buildings for Ledger in West Salem, American Marine French Island, structural at the Mayo cooling tower in La Crosse, Christ is Lord Church in Onalaska, Crown Cork & Seal La Crosse, Bethany Lutheran Church in Barre Mills, Actus Farms Sparta, Schreiber Foods in Richland Center, Brennan Marine French Island, and ongoing miscellaneous jobs West Salem High School, and excel energy Onalaska. Fowler Hammer has rebar jobs at UWL Prairie Springs, La Crosse, and Copeland Park La Crosse; rebar and structural at La Crosse Brewery; structural at Crane Plant 7 in La Crosse; ongoing structural at Sparta High School; a few guard shacks around Fort McCoy, Sparta. North American Kraemer has ongoing miscellaneous work at the Blackhawk Bridge near Desoto that will be coming to a close soon, opening Nov 6th. Badgerland will be starting a metal building in Fort McCoy. We had a huge turnout for the Labor Day parade and festivities this year! A huge thank you to everyone who marched and celebrated. A special thank you to Willie Rommel for volunteering for the AFL-CIO and helping organize everything with the Labor Day celebration. Our President, Shea Cotter-Brown and some apprentices from Madison made a wonderful float this year for the parade! We currently have the most apprentices around the La Crosse area in a long time. Please teach them up; they are our future.

DuWayne Knobloch <> 608-769-6430

APPRENTICE COMPETITION 2026

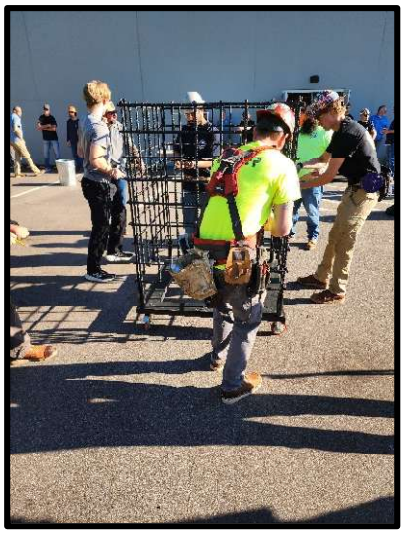


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Apprenticeship & Training Report

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 completion of that month. For example, the November 2026 report is due no later than December 10th, 2026. 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.

Also, please remember: WORK REPORTS ARE TURNED IN ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL AND INCLUDING THE DAY YOU TAKE YOUR JOURNEYMAN'S EXAM. There has been some confusion in the past few years over this issue. The State Standards and the Local Committee Policies require you to turn in a monthly work report, as long as you are an apprentice. You will be an apprentice up to and including the day you take your JIW exam.

Tuition Reimbursement Checklist:

The North Area Winter Semester at Mid-States Tech will be starting in a couple of months. Be sure that the following conditions are met, so that you may take advantage of the PRIVILEGE of being reimbursed for your tuition:

1) You must be current on dues (paid through the month of reimbursement).
2) You must be current on work reports.
3) You must have turned in a Paid tuition receipt by November 1st for Fall Semester, and by April 1st for Spring Semester.
4) You must have attended at LEAST 90% of the scheduled classes.
5) You must/will have earned a grade of "C" or better in the classes for which you are being reimbursed.

Be Sure you have everything together…don't miss your reimbursement.

Reminder to Apprentices of Local 383; Training Center Food and Alcohol Policy:

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 in order 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

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Tiny Schaller
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Matt Hicks in DeForest
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Glen Jensen in Wausau
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Kenric Sorensen in LaCrosse
(608) 789-6221

GOOD & WELFARE

715 members = 155 Apprentices, 360 Journeymen, 63 Honorary, 116 Lifetime

* Apprentice Members <> Anthony Beltran-Sanchez, Anthony Boyd, Agustin Curbelo-Lema, Victor Eulogio Perez, Blake Gruhlke, Taylor Hall, Aidan Hillyer, Teygan Johnson, Aiden Kell, Zachary Lewis, Coden Morrell, Spencer Moschel, Noah Muenchow, Dylan Nichols, Leon Parker, Dom Wachter, and Edward Calderon. Congratulations to everyone!!!!

* Journeymen Members <> Arron Brock, Hunter Nowak, Jordan Alberth, Jebediah Darling, Dylan Guitierrez, Zacharia Zinser, Jeremy Kroman, Jaiden Panici, Jalen Pickett, Ryan Trumm and Andrew Graham. Jessie Noll transferred into 383 as a Journeyman also! Congrats to all on becoming Journeymen Ironworkers.

* Withdrawal Cards <> No one deposited a withdrawal card

* Reinstated Members <> No one was reinstated

* Honorary Members <> Joel Beutel, Timothy Curry, Mark Pionkowski, Steven Schaefer and Neal Uselman have hung up their tools and are now Honorary Members.

* Lifetime Members <> Francis Schenk has reached over 25 years of membership and 65 years of age to qualify him for Lifetime Member classification. CONGRATS!

* Pins <> 60 Years- William Kerwin, Dennis Burt; 50 Years- Michael Gilberson, Anton Weisensel; 30 Years– Robert Klawitter, Darrell Robertson, Jason Grefsheim; 25 Years- Nicholas Dolle, Jim Davis

* Condolences <> Brothers Darrell Schumacher, Jerry Roscoe and Norman Brown have passed away. Our condolences go out to their families and friends.

* Sick and Injured <> Andy Gullickson, Matt Wells, Wes Frey, Mark McKinney, Mitchell Pertzborn, Kalvin Norquist, Matt Preisig, Dakota Chamblee, Ayden Wilkins and Matt Hogan Get well soon, Brothers!

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

ARREARS LIST AS OF November 5, 2026 <> Behind name is the last month 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!
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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.

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Look like a professional.

Be proud of your career choice.

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