

IBEW LOCAL 43

on the *move*

August 2019 Newsletter

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From the desk of the Business Manager

Brothers & Sisters:

On Tuesday, June 25, 2019, the Department of Labor (DOL) released a proposal designed to expand apprenticeship opportunities in the United States. If made final, the proposal would establish a process for creation of "Standards Recognition Entities" (SREs) that would themselves recognize a new classification of apprenticeship programs, "Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs" (IRAPs). Very simply put, this would allow non-union contractors to become SRE's and self-certify their own "apprenticeship programs". IRAP's would not be subject to requirements that our apprenticeship programs and other DOL registered apprenticeship programs are.

The IBEW believes this is extremely problematic and would result in large quantities of "apprentices" being trained by inadequate programs. In addition, it is possible IRAPs would be a way of undermining prevailing wage. The process of self-certification and IRAPs generally have no place in our industries. In the proposal released, the construction industry is "at least initially" exempted from the proposal.

While it does appear the construction industry is currently exempted from the proposal, it is necessary for the IBEW and its partners to speak up to ensure we remain exempted permanently.

A website has been set up for all rank and file members, their families, and friends to easily submit individualized comments to the DOL. **Comments are due by midnight on August 26, 2019.** Please go to www.saveIBEWapprenticeships.org where you will be asked several required background questions and then have the ability to self-select prewritten paragraphs to form a comment letter to the DOL. It is possible to edit these prewritten paragraphs by choosing "edit message" from the list of available options. I encourage you to edit comment letters if you feel comfortable doing so.

Brothers and Sisters; I thank you in advance for your full participation and cooperation.

Fraternally,

Alan Marzullo

Alan Marzullo
Card #D869954

2019 Union Dues

Pay your 3rd Quarter

(July, Aug. & Sept.)

Dues now to avoid a \$30 reinstatement fee. The fee will be charged on payments received after September 30th.

A \$30 reinstatement fee will be charged if payment is received later than the end of each quarter. Payment can be made by credit card, check, money order or cash. We also now accept online payments through the Referral Portal on our website:

Contact Information

Union Office

315-422-0435

Business Manager,
President, Dues,
Organizers, Job
Referral

Funds Office

315-474-5729

Benefits, Pension,
Annuity, Health
Insurance

Training Center

315-546-0221

Apprentice Classes,
Training

On Tuesday, September 3rd, at our monthly Union Meeting, we will be congratulating and honoring recent retirees, and also those retirees who have reached a milestone for years of service with the IBEW.

Holiday Inn Syracuse—441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY

Thank you to these recently retired members for years of dedicated service to the IBEW & Local Union 43:

Edward Baker	Philip Grasso	Richard Paugh	Dennis Wisniewski
David Berda	John Hinchman	James Penoyer	Michael Wright
David Brandhorst	Peter Jacobs	Robert Picard	
David Bullard	Walter King	James Robinson	
John Cherchio	Michael Kite	Wayne Royal	
Richard Cummings	Mark Knapp	Frederick Schulze	
Julian Dow	Phillip Kolodziejczyk	Robert Taddonio	
Stephen Elmore	Stephen Nessel	Michael Tickner	

We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following retirees who have reached a milestone within the IBEW. They will receive their service pins and certificates from Int'l. President Stephenson and Secretary-Treasurer Cooper along with their congratulations and best wishes:

Sixty Years: Lloyd Barnes, William Gramith

Fifty-Five Years: Arthur Grady, John Hogan, Kent Snyder

Fifty Years: Peter Baker, Richard Block, Robert Brainard, Dennis Breheny, Carlton Brothers, Harold Collins, Michael Collver, Jeremiah Comer, Bernardo Delia, Ronald Frattellone, Mark George, Donald Hasenbauer, Thomas Kurak, Rodney Law, Keith MacGregory, Timothy McMahon, Edwin Nesbitt, Ronald Preble, James Roll, Dennis Ryan, Lawrence Tefft, James Wiley, Richard Wilson



**Greater Syracuse Labor Council's
Labor Day Parade 2019**



Labor Day 2019
**Monday,
September 2nd**
New York State Fair
Meet: 10:00 a.m.
Gate 4 (Iroquois/ Indian Village)
Parade: 10:30 a.m.
Rally immediately following
Wendy Colucci at 315-422-3363
wendy@cnylabor.org

Classic Cars
(before 1975)
Please RSVP
to Wendy Colucci at
315-422-3363
wendy@cnylabor.org

Harley Bikers
meet at
Teamsters 317
566 Spencer St
at 9:15 am
Must comply with all
NYS Traffic Laws

RSVP
To John Cometti
315-679-0968

Free tickets and parking passes are available ONLY to Local 43 Members and their families who will be walking in the Parade

1. Stop by the Union Office
2. Sign the list to walk in the parade
3. Pick up your Tickets!

**MAKE SURE TO WEAR
YOUR UNION T-SHIRT OR
HAT!!**

Wear Your Union Colors!



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Naming your beneficiaries is important!

Are your beneficiaries named and up to date?

You need to have a beneficiary designation for the following plans:

- 1.) The IBEW Local No. 43 and Electrical Contractors Annuity Fund
- 2.) The IBEW Local No. 43 and Electrical Pension Fund
- 3.) The IBEW Local No. 43 and Electrical Welfare Fund

If you pass away and do not have beneficiary designations on file, any death benefits you are eligible for will pass under the plan's successive family member class rules and might be subject to probate. Don't let that happen. Name your beneficiary today!

Beneficiary designations are required for all three plans. To name your beneficiary(ies):

Log on to www.ibew43.org:

- Click on **Portals**
- Click on **Benefit Fund Portal and Login**
- Click on **Beneficiaries on File or Member Links to select the Beneficiary Form required to update your beneficiary**

You may make changes to your beneficiary information at any time and we encourage you to review your beneficiary designation(s) from time to time. If you have questions, call the IBEW Local Fund #43 Office at **315-474-5729**.

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Manage your consumer accounts from the palm of your hand

Want to check your health care account balances and submit receipts from anywhere? There's an app for that! The new Consumer Accounts with UMR mobile application lets you easily and securely access your health benefit accounts, submit claims and upload receipts at any time. You have quick access to common tasks with an easy-to-use design that helps make sense of your health and financial information.

Download the "Consumer Accounts with UMR" mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Once you download the app, click on "forgot password" to begin the registration process. When prompted for "SSN or Employee ID", please enter SSN



Obituaries

IBEW 43 notes the passing of these members, with gratitude for their service to the union.

David Babbitt passed away June 20, 2019 at age 82. Brother Babbitt was initiated into Local 43 in 1975. He was an IBEW member for 44 years.

Michael Barney passed away July 8, 2019 at age 66. Brother Barney was initiated into Local 328 in 1989. He was an IBEW member for 30 years.

Charles Paul, Jr. passed away July, 13, 2019 at age 93. Brother Paul was initiated into Local 181 in 1946, He was an IBEW member for 73 years.

Kenneth Hart passed away July 16, 2019 at age 62. Brother Hart was initiated into Local 43 in 1989. He was an IBEW member for 30 years.

Jeffrey White passed away July 26, 2019 at age 58. Brother White was initiated into Local 43 in 2004. He was an IBEW member for 15 years.

Listed below are some jobs our members have recently worked on:

Due to our organizing efforts, some of Local 43's Successes in the construction field -

Taco Bell—Genesee St., Utica	\$ 400,000	Utica Zoo	\$ 3,100,000
New Burritts Chrysler Dealership in— Oswego	\$ 8,900,000	Dollar General	\$ 2,900,000
New Michaud Rehabilitation Center—Fulton	\$ 3,900,000	O'Reilly Auto Parts, Oswego	\$ 800,000
Steet Ponte Auto Group	\$ 3,800,000		

Please patronize these businesses in support of Local 43 and Union labor -

Planet Fitness-New Hartford	Burritts Motors—Oswego	CoreLife Eatery—Fairmount
Starbucks-Consumer Sq.—New Hartford	Oswego Health Services	Athletic Apex Health Club—Destiny
4 Seasons Car Wash—Liverpool	Talbots—Fairmount	

Reminder to all Journeymen In our current contract - Section 2.19 Tool List - it states "In addition, **Journeymen shall be responsible to have verifiable 'OSHA-10' training and CPR certified training.**" Please call the Training Center (315-546-0221) to see when the next scheduled classes are if you need either of these training sessions.

Free, Confidential Counseling Services provided by Mental Health Professionals are available either in-person or over the phone. We encourage you and your eligible family members to take advantage of this benefit whenever you feel that life is getting too stressful. **Call 1-800-EAP-CALL** for assistance. Our Member ID is: 93793410 Our Group ID is: 8413