**New** Union Dues for 2017

The delegates to the 39th IBEW International Convention authorized a Pension Benefit Fund payment increase to be paid to the International Office. Accordingly, all dues payments covering January 2017 through December 2017 will increase six dollars ($6.00) per quarter.

Dues payments for 2017 are $109.50 per quarter.

1st Qtr. is owed in January, 2nd Qtr. is owed in April, 3rd Qtr. is owed in July, 4th Qtr. is owed in December.

Dues are to be paid at least quarterly in advance. You can pay ahead either:

- 1 Quarter (3 Months) = $ 109.50
- ½ Year (6 Months) = $ 219.00
- ¾ Year (9 Months) = $ 328.50
- Full Year (12 Months) = $ 438.00

A $30.00 reinstatement fee will be charged if payment is received later than the end of each quarter.

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**Union Local Scholarship Announcement**

The official Application Request Cards for the 2017-2018 IBEW Local 43 Scholarship were mailed to all eligible members on January 2, 2017. The deadline for submission of the application request is **February 28, 2017**. Applications will not be issued without **timely** receipt of the official Application Request Card.

REMEMBER: Application for awards must be made annually without exception.

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**Two (2) St. Patrick’s Day Parades**

**Saturday, March 11th** - noon ‘til 3 p.m. - in Syracuse

**Saturday, March 11th** - 10:00 a.m. - in Utica

All members and families - please join one of our IBEW Local 43 groups as we walk in these Parades and celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

Contact the Union office to sign up. (Local 43 members will get a green t-shirt to wear!)

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**Join us at the American Heart Association’s HEART WALK in Utica.**

**Saturday, March 4** 9:20 a.m. Run, 10:30 a.m. Walk

Go to [www.uticaheartrunwalk.org](http://www.uticaheartrunwalk.org) and search for the “IBEW Local 43” team.

The walk will be held at Utica College (limited parking), Park & Ride Shuttles are suggested - please allow 1 hour from shuttle lot to the event.

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**Join us at the American Heart Association’s HEART WALK in Syracuse.**

**Saturday, April 1** 8:00 a.m.

Go to [www.heartwalk.org](http://www.heartwalk.org), click on Syracuse, then ‘More Information’, then look for the “IBEW Local 43/NECA” team.

The walk will be at the SRC Arena - Onondaga Comm. College, 4585 W. Seneca Tpk., Syracuse, 13215

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**SILVER KNIGHTS Soccer Game Vouchers**

We have a limited number of free admission vouchers for any 2017 regular season game. **The limit is four (4) vouchers per member, available at the Union office.**

Vouchers may be redeemed at either the Silver Knights office in the CNY Family Sports Centre, or at the ONCenter War Memorial Arena box office.

Event dates based on availability. Voucher not valid with any other offer.

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**Obituaries**

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

**Stephen C. Parker, Sr.** passed away December 28th at age 95. Brother Parker was initiated into the IBEW in 1942 and was a member in the Syracuse/Utica area for 74 years.

**John H. Chamberlin** passed away November 26th at age 71. Brother Chamberlin was initiated into Local 43 in 1972. He was an IBEW member for 44 years.
News from the JATC Training Center:

**Upcoming Classes:**

- OSHA 30: Need 15 to hold the class
- Code of Excellence: Need 12 to hold the class
- Utica JW Exam Review Class – This is a review class on best Codeology methods to help improve testing score. 2/7 and 2/9 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Please call the Training Center (315-546-0221) for more information if interested in attending any of these classes.

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 JATC (315-546-0221) to see when the next scheduled classes are, if you need either of these training sessions. OSHA-10 and CPR training are needed to work in Local 43’s jurisdiction as a Journeyman.

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 or log on at www.mybalanceworks.com

Our Member ID is: 93793410 Our Group ID is: 8413