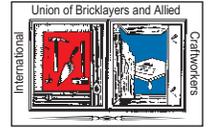


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LOCAL 9 PA - SERVING ALL OF WESTERN PA



BAC in Touch

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."
- Alexander Graham Bell

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."
- Paulo Coelho

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Message From The President . . .

We're BAC! After a brief hiatus, the Local 9 PA newsletter is back in distribution. During the last year and throughout the pandemic, I've been keeping in contact with our membership via informational letters, but I felt it's time for an all-out newsletter again. I truly hope you and your loved ones have remained safe and healthy and I ask that all of us take a minute to remember the ones we've lost during these troubled times. Local 9 PA lost several members to this terrible virus, so I ask that we all remain mindful and keep safe!

Having said that, work in our jurisdiction has been decent for most areas. The outlying counties have been lagging in construction start-ups, but there has been plenty of work around Allegheny County as well as Beaver County where the Shell Plant continues to provide man hours to all members in the refractory trades. We have some large projects in the horizon for our region, so I am optimistic that we shall continue to see growth over the next few years.

On the benefit front I am happy to report that the American Recovery Act has played a great part in securing pension benefits for years to come! I will go over the details at the Fall Mega Meeting. Our healthcare has continued to stabilize and provide solid benefits for our members, and we were able to subsidize members during the pandemic whose hours were reduced along the way. The healthcare subsidy will end this September and again I'll go over those details at the upcoming meetings!

We've had some changes to our staff this year and I'm excited to introduce Anthony Joseph as our new Apprentice Coordinator! Anthony was chosen through a diligent resume and interview process, and we are confident we've chosen the right man for the job! I've also hired a seasonal Organizer, Kevin Cogley, to assist with manpower recruitment and job-site investigations. Kevin has always shown an interest in maintaining union regulations as a steward and has always had a watchful eye on the jurisdiction he's worked in, so I felt he was the member who could best complete the tasks given for this difficult position! I'm sure he will do a great job for us! I welcome both of my new staff members to the team. On another important note, I would like to announce that it was time to say goodbye to a longtime friend and staff member, Bob Veselich. Bob retired this year after many years as a bricklayer, and most recently as the field representative for our northern counties. We all wish Bob a long and happy retirement! Currently Tom Auman is overseeing the Erie Chapter and Tim Wachter is serving the New Castle Chapter.

We have had many challenges throughout the past 18 months, but we have persevered. I have my staff working laboriously to represent ALL members of Local 9 PA no matter the chapter or trade! We are one local with one goal: The betterment and respect for all members of Local 9 PA.

In closing, I hope to see you all at the upcoming chapter meetings and the Fall Mega Meeting! If there is ever anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Fraternally,
Norman L. Ringer, Jr.
President
Local 9 PA

Architects need to Learn

IMI Update - Brian Trimble

Expanding the work of BAC members on building projects is a big part of IMI's efforts. One of the best ways of doing that is talking to decision makers and convincing them that masonry is the best way to build and to build it with union craftworkers. Some of the most important decision makers are architects and engineers. They will often put together building designs for their clients, some of whom don't know anything about construction. If we can convince architects that masonry is the material of choice, we will continue to see more opportunities.

It's hard to get a one-on-one meeting with an architect just to tell them to use more masonry - they are busy professionals. In most cases its easier to see designers at industry meetings or trade shows or when going into a firm to give them a technical presentation. This last way provides IMI with a way to educate the architects and engineers, while also promoting masonry. It also helps that designers need continuing education credits to maintain their architect or engineer license. For architects they need 18 credits per year. Of course, every other building material supplier is trying to get into see the designers as well. We usually hit all of the big architectural firms each year including firms like IKM, Stantec and LGA and smaller ones when they have masonry on their boards (you may have worked on some of their projects).

Each IMI staff person has a variety of masonry topics that we offer to architects. These run from basic masonry detailing and flashing seminars to in-depth seminars on tile, mortar or restoration. During these seminars we give them the basic information, but we are also telling them that BAC members are well trained to install masonry (meaning all of the masonry trades) the right way and other information on how cost-effective masonry is compared to other materials. Right now, we are pushing that masonry is less expensive to build with than wood frame or steel frame based on a third party cost study that was prepared. Designers get a lot of misinformation from GC or CMs that may not care to use masonry and we need to combat that with actual information. They also need to know that masonry is fire resistant, mold resistant and can withstand high winds and most forces that Mother Nature can throw at a wall.

We also feel that architects and engineers need to have most up-to-date technical information so they are designing masonry buildings efficiently. Recently the building codes have changed and masonry can be designed with higher strengths that result in less steel reinforcing in block, etc. Our technical seminars point this out and we offer to work with them to make their designs better. We also like bringing architects into the Local 9PA training center for hands-on seminars. Not only do they see how walls actually get put together, but they see the fantastic training center and realize the efforts that go into producing the best hands in the business. The BAC offers continuing education to you, their members, to keep you at the top of your game and we do the same thing for designers, all the while promoting the unionized masonry industry.

Check Out Our Facebook Page and our Website

We are happy to officially announce the launch of our B.A.C. Local 9 PA Facebook Page! Be sure to give us a like and follow our page for important updates.

In addition, we have been working to improve our website's functions and adding more information for your convenience.

Visit www.local9pa.com



UPDATES FROM BILL GREER

Work in the tile and terrazzo trades has been spotty the last few months but I see a lot of growth on the horizon with the start of several new hospitals and schools in the next year. I expect work to be plentiful! We also have the new airport terminal project starting soon and expect the interiors to start later next year.

We have a new Chapter Chairman in the Allied crafts Chapter! Lew Radomile was elected as chairman this past June. We had three very qualified candidates in the race, and it was very nice to see the interest and participation in the chapter election process. Thanks to all who were involved and congratulations to brother Radomile.

Many members have called in inquiring about the Carpenters Union training and installing ceramic tile. This is nothing new; it has been an ongoing issue for both internationals. For those of you who have been around a few decades, we remember this from the 90's when they attempted the same thing. They failed then and they will fail again because we have the qualified installers and contractors in our region. If you're approached by carpenter representatives, let them know how disgusting it is that they resort to these tactics and tell them to go fight the nonunion companies and installers in the region! President Ringer and I have been in constant contact with our international over this issue and we have also met with the local carpenters to try to put an end to it. It took a few years last time around, but eventually the two internationals agreed to recognize each other's historical jurisdictions. Hopefully we reach a mutual agreement once again.

With all that said, we are currently in a recruiting drive trying to fill voids of our retiring members in the months and years to come. I have found that it's best to have members rise through our programs and learn our way of business to have a successful career in the tile, terrazzo, and masonry trades. Local 9 has ads actively running on radio and social media, and we are planning an extensive media blitz with the mason contractor association in the coming year. Recruiting, retention, and growth is our primary goal moving forward.

I've been very active on the political fronts, crossing the aisles and meeting with legislators to educate them on the benefits that our union trade programs provide to the residents of the state of Pennsylvania. Our future depends on our ability to keep anti-union rhetoric and destructive legislative processes out of the political agenda! That means I meet with members from the Republican and Democratic parties on a regular basis. These meetings have played a crucial part in keeping, "Right to Work and prevailing wage" issues off the table. In fact, I've been assured by Republican leadership that those types of issues, "Won't see the light of day," and that's because we are in their ears weekly! It takes time and money but brothers and sisters, it's working!

I know that was a lot to dish out in a newsletter article, but I go over these and many more issues at our chapter meetings! So, stay informed and come to a chapter meeting soon. You just may learn something!

**Fraternally,
William "Bill" Greer
Executive Vice President
Field Representative
Pittsburgh Allied Crafts Chapter
Tile, Marble, Terrazzo**

PCC AND STONEMASONS

Work for the Allied Crafts Chapter PCC and Stonemasons was steady all Spring and has continued to grow through Summer. The problem is that jobs are plentiful, but members are not! All allied craft contractors are fully booked with work, and hiring is a constant effort. Local 9 needs more members in just about every trade to man new projects. It has been a rough couple of years dealing with the results of the pandemic, but hopefully we can move forward and get back to healthy, normal living again. Much has changed within our local; positions, training, meetings, and even some new faces! I encourage you to come out to your next chapter meeting and voice your concerns, whether good or bad. Communication makes us better as a whole. It helps us make better choices and lead the way for our members to prosper. Being a part of the plan to move forward will help you understand why decisions are made the way they are. Our union needs everyone helping to recruit members and organize new members for the future. Thousands of jobs in the restoration industry will be available for the next several years. Organizing new members is high priority! Please do your part and be involved with attracting new people to our union trades!

**Fraternally,
John Mains
Field Representative
Pittsburgh Allied Crafts Chapter
PCC & Stone Masons**

LABOR DAY PARADE CANCELLED

THE 2021 LABOR DAY PARADE WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS.

PLEASE ATTEND THE LOCAL 9 PA SEMI-ANNUAL MEGA MEETING TO RECEIVE YOUR UNION T-SHIRT AND HAT! DETAILS BELOW.

Semi-Annual Mega Meeting Notice

THE FALL SEMI-ANNUAL MEGA MEETING OF B.A.C. LOCAL 9 WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT THE B.A.C. LOCAL 9 PA UNION HALL
100 KINGSTON DR., PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

WE WILL HAVE A FEW DRAWINGS FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

SHOW YOUR UNION PRIDE & BROTHERHOOD BY COMING TOGETHER AT THIS GATHERING!

CERTIFIED / EXPERIENCED WELDERS

If you are not working and need to hone your welding skills, we can schedule a weekday to come in and practice welding. Call Anthony Joseph to schedule.



UPDATE TRAINING!

ADVANCED CERTIFICATION FOR TILE (ACT)

Why ACT? With the constant battle to protect our market share, ACT is the perfect tool to protect what we have worked so hard for. As a union, obtaining these certifications enables us to meet the designer specification when companies require ACT installers and finishers to qualify to bid on their projects. Locals in other regions are using this tactic with great success! Why not add this powerful tool to your tool bag?

TILE UPGRADE TRAINING

There are 3 tile upgrade training classes scheduled during the Fall semester of 2021.

Saturday September 18 from 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Ardex seminar - Self-leveling.

Saturday September 25 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ardex seminar - Membranes.

Saturday October 2 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Schluter seminar - Kerdi systems.

PCC / CAULKING TRAINING

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Local 9 is now offering weekday caulking training. Members of all trades (Brick, Tile, Stone, Terrazzo, Refractory) interested in learning this skill can come in on weekdays to train in the art of caulking. With all the restoration work, caulkers are currently in high demand. Join us and expand your skills. Again, ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

FALL 2021 APPRENTICE TRAINING CLASSES

Apprentice classes for all trades started Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. at all three training centers in Pittsburgh, Ridgway, and Erie. Classes will run nine Saturdays, ending on October 30, 2021. Saturday, November 6, 2021, will be a makeup day. For apprentices to move from one percentage level to the next level, they must complete 144 hours of related training as well as 1,500 work hours. Apprentice classes are mandatory for all apprentices. Apprentices who do not attend the required training classes may be expelled from the program.



Pittsburgh: 100 Kingston Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Ridgway: 11 Gillis Ave., Ridgway, PA 15853

Erie: 2550 McKinley Ave., Erie, PA 16503 (Duchini Block Plant)

APPRENTICE CONTEST AND OPEN HOUSE!

October 9 from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come and support the apprentices as they compete and demonstrate their skills. Family members and friends are welcome.

CROSS-CRAFT TRAINING

Cross-Craft Training is available to all members in good standing. Training will take place on the same days and times as the apprentice training classes. Call to sign up.

Important Changes in OSHA Training

OSHA 10-Hour and 30-Hour training are now available online. You will be able to take the classes online and get reimbursed for the cost of the course. Call me for a list of authorized websites prior to starting. Proof that you passed the course, and a copy of your receipt will be required for reimbursement. Classes will still be offered at the training center for those who do not want to do the training online.

Related Training & Welding

Any member needing ICRA 8-Hour, AWP Training, OSHA 10-Hour or 30-Hour, First Aid, Silica Awareness, or Scaffold Safety training should let me know so I can schedule them for class. Any member wanting welding training will be required to bring a \$75.00 check payable to B.A.C. Local 9 JATF on the first day of class. The \$75.00 check will be refunded upon completion of the course. You must attend seven out of nine classes to meet completion requirements. If you do not pass the Welding Certification Test but do attend the required classes your \$75.00 deposit will be returned. We have openings for the welding class. If you have any questions or want to register for a class call Anthony Joseph at 412-825-0923.

New Membership Dues Payment Option!

Online Credit Card Payments - **New Option!**

Through the BAC Member Portal, you can pay your membership dues online with a credit card. Make sure you register, if you haven't already! When using a credit card, there is a 3.13% processing fee.

Automatic Payments

Please consider signing up for automatic monthly payments! You may choose from four different schedule options (below). Checking account is required. There are no fees for using this service.

AUTO DUES PAYMENT SCHEDULES	
Monthly	Your account will be debited on the 1st of each month, for that month.
Quarterly	January 1st : January - March
	April 1st : April - June
	July 1st : July - September
	October 1st : October - December
Semi-Annually	January 1st : January - June
	July 1st : July - December
Annually	January 1st : January - December of current year

Contact the Union Hall to sign up for automatic payments! (412) 825-0923

Bob Veselich Retires

Bob Veselich, a 14-year Field Representative for Local 9, is now enjoying his retirement. We want to thank him for his hard work, dedication, and great service he has given to our local. Following Bobby's retirement, the members of his chapters have now been assigned to new Field Representatives.

Tim Wachter, the Pittsburgh Brick Chapter Field Representative, now represents the New Castle and Beaver Chapters as well. Tim can be reached on his cell phone at: 412-860-8398.

Tom Auman, the Warren and Clarion Chapter Field Representative, now represents the Erie Chapter as well. Tom can be reached on his cell phone at: 412-860-8397.

Job Site Attendance Issues!

I truly regret having to report this to our membership, but the union has received so many calls from our signatory contractors lately about absenteeism on the job. It's gotten to be so much that the mason contractors association called a meeting to bring this to my attention. It's been hard enough this year to even supply manpower requests for contractors, and now it seems that some our members aren't working all available shifts when asked. Please remember that our existence depends on our local supplying manpower, and that our manpower must show up for work at the designated sites as directed. Hours worked are the backbone for your benefits! It hurts us all when one of our own has extended or frequent unscheduled absences on a job site. I understand things arise from time to time, but I just wanted to give a friendly reminder of the importance of showing up for work on a regular basis! Thanks for your understanding and thank you to our members who are always at work and do their best! You make us proud to be UNION!

**Fraternally,
Norm Ringer
President**

LOCAL 9 AT WORK AND PLAY



(L-R) Instructor - Blase Caranese, Marty Krumenacker, Tylor Rock, Gunnar Wood, Instructor - Randy Ringer @ Apprentices Class



Tony Ivock, Glenn Smyers, and Jim Greene at the Labor Council Golf Outing



Jacob Brent @ CMU



Lewis Radomile @ Peters Township School



Marty Joseph and Tamar Johnson @ New Stanton



Megan Sharretts grouting @ CMU



Mike Hunter and Shawn Hauer @ Delmont Goodwill



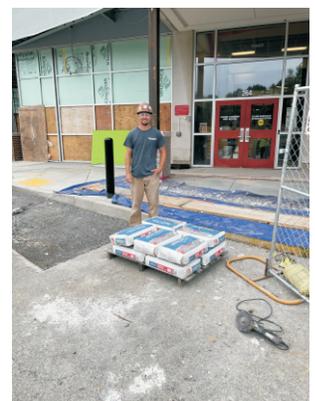
Gary Lamanna and Randy Howard @ Delmont Goodwill



IMI Instructor Jared Rice @ and apprentice Russell Peters (L) @ South Park Row, Perry Square



Jerry Van Sickle, Lester (Boo) Brkovich, Blaize Morrison and Tanner Schmitt @ the Laborers' Bldg., across from PNC Park



Joe Hite @ Peters Township (Harris Masonry)



Max Kline and Keith Morgan @ Mount Aloysius College



Mo Brown, Dom Borreggine, and Jim Hall @ King Ed



Roger Yeager, Rob Miller @ Advanced Acoustic Concepts



Rick Novicki at King Edwards in Oakland (Foreman) Cost Co.

LOCAL 9 AT WORK AND PLAY



Sean Stephen @ Peters Township School



Vice President Timothy Wachter presenting William McClafferty with his 50 years of service award



Wally Struble with his Georgia Spring Gobbler



Will Defelice @ Peters Township School



David Portwood and Joe Brockly



Andrew Castillo, Dan Morgan, Tim Wachter @ Shell Cracker Plant



Ray Halstead @ Second Ave., Pittsburgh with Marsa Inc.



Anthony Dascoli Jr.

Good Old Days



Bill Caven



Enore Mariutto & Blase Caranese



Chris Farabaugh



Bill Miles @ Philipsburg Middle School (Clarion Chapter)



Lester (Boo) Brkovich & Ken Greene



Joel Johnston @ Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center (Warren Chapter)

Pittsburgh & New Castle / Beaver Chapters

Work throughout the region has been strong this year and getting even stronger. I'd like to provide an update on jobs in Allegheny County as well as the Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties that I have been appointed to oversee going forward. It is a privilege to represent more of our Local 9 PA membership in the field.

Pittsburgh International Airport construction that was put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic has been in full swing since April. The upcoming casino hotel project, The Landing, was also on hold and has resumed. Some projects, mainly medical buildings, were never interrupted, such as the UPMC Vision and Rehabilitation Tower at UPMC Mercy that broke ground in March of 2019 and is projected to open in 2022. UPMC has committed \$2 billion to future work. First National Bank is moving forward to build their new headquarters on a 23-acre site where the Civic Arena once stood. This is a 26-story, \$230 million building. The Pennsylvania Shell ethylene cracker plant is still in full swing and is 85% complete. This is a massive site that houses 7,700 workers.

Just as important are the smaller projects that we desperately need to maintain market share. Mod Car washes will start building in Hermitage and Erie. Two Giant Eagle Get-Go gas stations are being built in McKees Rocks and McKeesport. Also, a new McDonald's restaurant is underway in Baden. Beaver County's educational construction remains strong with two projects at Carnegie Mellon University and work at Grove City Buhl Library in Mercer. Work at the Seneca Valley School District nears completion.

As always, stay safe and I wish you and your families the best of health. If there's anything I can do for you don't hesitate to call me at 412-860-8398.

**Fraternally,
Timothy Wachter
1st Vice President
Field Representative
Pittsburgh Brick & Beaver/New Castle Chapters**

Greensburg & Johnstown Chapters

I hope everyone is having a great summer following the devastating impact of COVID-19 in 2020. It feels as though we are returning to some resemblance of a normal year. As I write this, work is plentiful in Local 9 and everyone should be employed. Work in the Greensburg and Johnstown Chapters is relatively busy, and I have almost everyone working, but not entirely. If you are not working, please call me and we will get you working somewhere. You might have to cross chapters, but we need to man these jobs and get them done to preserve our masonry industry. Many of our members are retiring now, and we are in short supply of strong, skilled Local 9 members. If you know any non-union bricklayers who want to join the union, or anyone with interest in learning any of our trades, please contact our office or give them my number and have them call me. We are going to try to train as many new apprentices as possible to continue to replenish our aging workforce. In the next few years, you may see a greater number of apprentices on your jobsites. Please remember that it is every journeyman's responsibility to help train our new apprentices. I know some people are better at working with the apprentices than others, but we all must try harder. The apprentice instructors only have the apprentices in school for a little over 3 weeks a year, and that includes classroom time (safety and training certifications). Most of the apprentices' skill-building comes from on-the-job training. It is important for the foremen to give the journeymen time to train. The journeymen must shape and mold these new apprentices. Please dedicate yourselves to making great journeymen out of our apprentices, because your pension benefits seriously depend on it. I wish everyone a positive remainder of 2021. As always, remember to use full head joints!

**Fraternally,
Glenn L. Smyers Jr.
Vice President/Recording Secretary
Field Representative
Greensburg & Johnstown Chapters**

Members who received awards in 2020

25 YEAR AWARD

Christopher Aubele
Dennis Barrett
Kim Benedict
Timothy Birch
Christopher Book
Norris Boyd
Alan Campbell
Daniel Castellino
Mark Ceriani
Jefferson Chittester
Robert Cuffman
Daniel Davic
Daniel Depello
David Donkin
Nicholas Hoover
Thomas Kelly
Lewis Kloos
Cliff Lorenzato
Daniel Mccowin
Tim Moore
Richard Moran
Price Mowery
Andrew Petrusky
Stephen Phenicie
James Pokorny
George Rajkovich Iii
Scott Rice
Stephen Robson
Joseph Sinagoga
Robert Smith
Terry Smith
Barry Sullivan
Robert Sutton
James Tomachesky
Brandon Vadella
Matthew Voytish
Warren Waltonbaugh
Jeff Westbrook
David Wright
Michael Yacoviello

40 YEAR AWARDS

Mark Carlton
Michael Dibernardo
Salvatore Falcone
Rudolph Fink
Alan Gabris
David Hubbell
Russel Kalp
Anthony Mancini
Frank Martincic
Donald Monroe
George Pelesky
Daniel Remele
Samuel Sabo
Samuel Scabilloni
Ronald Schmidt
Dave Sinclair

50 YEAR AWARDS

Eugene Crist
Arthur Hostetler
Richard Magrini
Ronald Mcclimans
Gary Mclaughlin
Milo Sasic
George Stevens
Robert Tosadori



UP NORTH!

Erie, Warren & Clarion Chapters!

First and foremost, I hope you are all having a safe and fun-filled summer.

I am both humbled and honored as I announce my appointment by President Ringer to represent our Erie Chapter members, replacing Bob Veselich as agent in the area. I have been getting to know the membership in Erie since 2002 when I was first brought on as an agent, and it has been a pleasure working with them. I wish Bob a happy retirement, and I hope to build on his great accomplishments for the membership in this territory. The Erie Chapter has some ongoing projects this summer, with more expected to begin. Hopefully the upcoming Fairview School, Plastico, Soldiers & Sailors, Cambridge Jail, Albian Prison, and Federal Courthouse jobs will continue into the cooler months as we enter Fall.

Work in the Warren Chapter has been somewhat slow recently. Hopefully the start of the United Refinery and Pitt University projects, along with work at all the carbon plants will be enough to keep the hours coming in. There are also several projects scheduled for the glass plants and powdered metal plants in the Warren Chapter area.

The Clarion Chapter looks like it's going to be busy as well heading into Fall. Some of the upcoming projects are Oklahoma Salem School, Oil City High School, Oil City Housing Authority, and Penn State University (Dubois Campus).

One of the major issues on most of the above-mentioned projects is delayed materials. Due to the various shutdowns that have resulted from the pandemic, suppliers are struggling to keep up with the demand for general construction supplies. We are all hoping this works itself out in the near future so there are less delays on our projects.

As I have mentioned in my past newsletter articles, organizing is very important to the future of our local and our International Union. Therefore, President Ringer has hired an Organizer for Local 9 PA, Kevin Cogley. We all welcome Kevin to our staff. Kevin is a 20-year member of the union. The entire staff at Local 9 is working together with him during this transition into a new position. Kevin is dedicated to the organizing cause and understands the importance of his job. He has been aggressively pursuing the non-union workers on their projects in hopes to bring them into the union. Although everyone on staff is an organizer, Kevin's role is exclusively to organize. We are optimistic that with the addition of an Organizer to our staff, our local will build even faster and stronger for the future. Welcome again, Kevin!

In closing, it looks like it is shaping up to be a busy Fall for the local! Please contact your business agent if you are off work. I am confident that there will be a project to place you on.

**Fraternally,
Thomas E. Auman
2nd Vice President
Field Representative
Clarion, Warren & Erie Chapters**

Sign Up for the BAC Member Portal!

Registration is Fast and Easy

Get started today by registering online now at member.bacweb.org or the **BAC Mobile App** for the BAC Member Portal by following these simple steps:

- Log on to BAC's homepage at bacweb.org
- Have your IU Number ready (located on the upper left of your Union card)
- Have the address of your active e-mail account ready
- Click on the "Member Portal" banner
- Click on "Create an Account"
- Follow the instructions on the screen
- Sign up for the receipt of IPF/BAC SAVE materials electronically
- **Record** your **username** and **password** for future use

Register for the BAC Member Portal and Mobile Applications and Stay Connected.

Pay your membership dues through the portal, using a credit card.

If you need help registering for access to the Member Portal or BACMobile, logging in, or recovering your password, email Portalsupport@multiemployer.com or call 510-204-0606.

To opt into text notifications, text "9PA" to "877877"

APPRENTICES: Sign Up for the IMTEF Apprentice Portal!

The IMTEF Apprentice Portal provides the ability to enter and update your apprentice timecards online. To get started, please follow the below instructions:

- Browse to the IMTEF Apprentice Portal at <https://ojt.imtef.org> which will take you to the logon page.
- Click on the "Not signed up yet? Register now" link to sign up for a new user account.
- Follow the instructions on the screen.

Please contact the union hall for step-by-step instructions if needed.



FREE MEMBER RAFFLE

Member Contact Information Update!

DELINQUENT LETTERS TO BE DISCONTINUED!

We are looking for updated contact information for all our members. Please complete the slip below, tear it off and mail back to the Local 9 Union Hall at 100 Kingston Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15235. You will be entered into a raffle for your choice of a Carhartt jacket, or one year of free membership dues! Respond by October 31st to be entered in the drawing!

You may email this information to memberservices@baclocal9.com OR call the union at 412-825-0923.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____

IU#: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

(Delinquent notices will no longer be sent via standard mail. You will not receive a letter if you do not provide your email.)

Address: _____

New Membership Card Year!

NEW DUES CARDS FOR 2022-2023 WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

YOUR DUES MUST BE CURRENT THROUGH DECEMBER TO RECEIVE YOUR NEW CARD.

MEMBERS CAN PAY THEIR MONTHLY DUES IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. CHECK BY PHONE - CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT AND ROUTING NUMBERS, AND YOUR DUES WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR ACCOUNT. ONE-TIME PAYMENT. NO FEES. THERE IS ALSO AN OPTION TO ENROLL IN AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS.
2. PAY ONLINE WITH A CREDIT/DEBIT CARD BY REGISTERING FOR THE BACWEB PORTAL OR DOWNLOADING THE BAC MOBILE APP. THERE IS A 3.13% PROCESSING FEE.
3. PAY BY PHONE WITH CREDIT/DEBIT CARD - THERE IS A 3.13% PROCESSING FEE.
4. YOU CAN PAY AT YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS.
5. YOU MAY SEND MONTHLY DUES TO OUR MAIN OFFICE IN PITTSBURGH, PA. IF YOU ARE PAYING BY MAIL, PLEASE ENCLOSE A **SELF-ADDRESSED-STAMPED ENVELOPE** FOR THE RETURN OF YOUR CARD.

DUES SCHEDULE IS LISTED BELOW:

JOURNEYMEN	\$20.00
SUPPORT	\$20.00
IMPROVERS	\$16.00
APPRENTICES	\$16.00
RETIRED	\$13.00
INACTIVE	\$13.00
*CONTRACTORS	\$30.00
*DISABLED	\$11.00
*COUNTY WORKERS	\$30.00
FORTY YR. RETIRED	-0-
LIFE-50 YR.	-0-

IF YOU ARE A JOURNEYMAN AND ARE **PLANNING TO RETIRE**, PLEASE CALL AND NOTIFY US OF THE MONTH YOU ARE RETIRING AND THE LAST DATE OF WORK. YOUR NOTIFICATION WILL ENABLE THE UNION TO LOWER YOUR DUES AT THE PROPER TIME.

AS STATED IN THE LOCAL 9 CONSTITUTION, IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY AS AN **INACTIVE MEMBER** (NOT WORKING IN THE TRADE BECAUSE YOU HAVE CHANGED OCCUPATIONS DUE TO **PERMANENT** CAREER MOVE), YOU CAN WRITE TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR LETTER WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE MONTHLY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE OR MAIL AS TO YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INACTIVE STATUS.

IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY FOR **DISABLED** DUES, PLEASE CONTACT ME TO REQUEST THE FORM NEEDED TO APPLY FOR DISABILITY DUES.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY **ADDRESS** OR **PHONE NUMBER CHANGES**.

IF YOU REQUIRE A BENEFICIARY CHANGE PLEASE CONTACT ME TO HAVE ALL NECESSARY FORMS SENT TO YOU.

Thank you,
Lynsie Hogle
Membership Services

In Memoriam

Latest Deaths in Local 9 PA

PITTSBURGH BRICK CHAPTER

Jeffrey Rolley
Louis Pitacchiato Sr.
William McKrell Jr.
John Reeder
John Bosko
Fred Rippole
Mario Tollis
Thomas Geubtner
Dennis Gribshaw
Ryan Breletic
William Schaff
Carmen Barbieri
Leonard Julian
Joseph Juricich
Dominic Melocchi
Paul Dongilli
Julius Smalls
Ralf Brack
Frank Scabilloni
Thomas King
Paul Songer Sr.

NEW CASTLE CHAPTER

Cecil Crouch Jr.
Elmer Mackin
Charles Steingrabe

JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER

William Butts
James Foy
Daniel Devan
Jack Suder
Anthony Alessandro
Charles Seigh
Gino Leonardis

GREENSBURG CHAPTER

Danny Bowser
Glenn Smyers Sr.
Dean McIntire
Silvio Tea
Bernard Greene
Arthur Aston
Ronald Filburn
Richard Leipertz

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PITTSBURGH ALLIED CRAFTS CHAPTER

Michael Sweetie Sr.
Eugene Scalzo
James Meyers
Ronald Lira
Gregg Pastura
Roy Holiday
Martin Uhernik
Daniel Remele

ERIE CHAPTER

Donald Faivre
Donald Schneidmiller
Dennis Young
Robert Fickle

CLARION CHAPTER

Edward Baker
William Miller
John Stiller
Lawrence Wells
Kenneth Heffner

BEAVER CHAPTER

Gilio Lazzaretti

Scholarship Information

There are several scholarships available throughout the year for members and their families. Please contact the union hall office (412-825-0923) to be added to the mailing list. We will mail out all applications to everyone on the list, as they are received. The applications generally show up in our office early in the year. Please call and take yourself off the list when you are no longer looking for scholarship information.

Please don't forget to take advantage of the Bates Scholarship. Many people miss it because they don't start looking for scholarships until their children are Seniors. Please visit <https://bacweb.org/bac-journal/us-bates-scholarship> for full details. The 2022 U.S. Bates Scholarship will open for applications in February 2022.

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**CHAPTER MEETINGS TIME & PLACE EVERY OTHER MONTH
(February, April, June, August, October & December)**

WARREN CHAPTER (Former Local 24)
Joe Cheuka, Chapter Chair
1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
V.F.W. Hall
95 Wetmore Avenue • Kane, PA 16735



PITTSBURGH BRICK CHAPTER (Former Local 2)
Anthony Greco, Chapter Chair
1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
B. A. C. Local 9 Office
100 Kingston Drive • Pittsburgh, PA 15235



WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Former Local 11)
Rick Ringer, Chapter Chair
2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Labor Temple
1 South College Street • Washington, PA 15301



ERIE CHAPTER (Former Local 28)
Dennis Learn, Chapter Chair
2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
IBEW 56 Union Hall
185 Pennbriar Dr. • Erie, PA 16509



CLARION CHAPTER (Former Local 10)
2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Homewood Suites by Hilton
15 Industrial Drive • Dubois, PA 15801

GREENSBURG CHAPTER (Former Local 75)
Steve Viazanko III, Chapter Chair
2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Westmoreland County Community College
(Latrobe Center)
130 Depot Street, Room 6121, Latrobe, PA 15650



NEW CASTLE/BEAVER CHAPTER (Former Locals 7 & 17)
Raymond Halstead, Chapter Chair
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
The Elk's Club
410 S. Cascade Street • New Castle, PA 16101



JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER (Former Local 4)
Tony Ivock, Chapter Chair
3rd Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Homestead Inn
1939 Forest Hills Drive • Elton, PA 15934



PGH ALLIED CRAFTS CHAPTER (Former Locals 33 & 20)
Lewis Radomile, Chapter Chair
4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
B. A. C. Local 9 Office
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