





IRON WORKERS LOCAL 21

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER
October 1, 2023

Past projects topped out since last newsletter.

Mike Fahey Complex Builder's District

Local 21 members working for Davis Steel Erection top out office building located at 1501 Mike Fahey Street in Omaha's Builder's District. The building is 4 stories tall and will feature office and retail space.







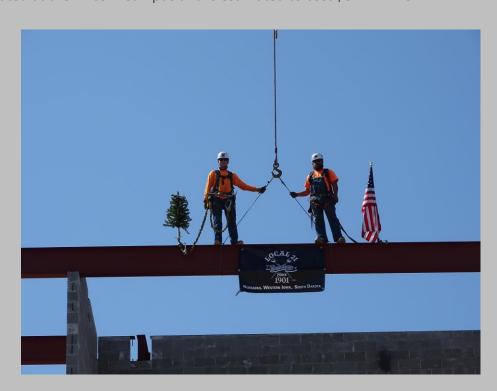




Tyler Seals and Layne
Pofahl connecting the
top out beam on Mike
Fahey Complex

Sandhills Global Technology Center

Local 21 members working for M&M Steel Erection top out Southeast Community College Sandhills Global Technology Center. This project is located at the Lincoln Campus and is estimated to cost \$32.4 million.



Jason Fox Jr. and Jonathan Retchless connecting the top out beam on SCC Technology Center



















Medary Elementary School Brookings, SD













CURRENT & AWARDED PROJECTS

- <u>Mutual of Omaha Tower</u> the first 18 floors will be rebar and poured concrete. Davis was awarded the steel erection and AWS has the glass.
- Northwest Omaha UNO Data Center
- Council Bluffs Iowa Data Center
- Omaha Central Library on 72nd & Dodge Davis was awarded the steel and AWS the glass.
- Jennie Edmundson Health Facility in Council Bluffs
- Center for Arts Engagement
- Prairie Flowers Casino expansion
- Westbrook Music Building
- Boiler at ADM Plant Lincoln, NE
- Blackstone Development

UPCOMING PROJECTS NOT AWARDED; SOME PROJECTS ARE JUST PROPOSED.

- <u>Crossroads Mall redevelopment</u>
- UNMC NEXT Project
- Millwork Commons Redevelopment
- <u>Lincoln Nebraska Data Center</u>
- Potential new skyscraper in downtown Lincoln, NE
- <u>UNMC Saddle Creek development</u>
- Grand Island Casino & Resort
- New recreation and wellness Campus
- Eppley Airfield Terminal Modernization
- <u>Timpte manufacturing facility Lincoln Airport</u>
- UNK-UNMC Rural Health Education Building
- Memorial Stadium Renovation
- Offutt Air Force Base
- NUCOR Fusion Power Plant
- <u>Silicon Heartland Project</u>
- Omaha Civic Auditorium site development
- Joint police and fire HQ downtown Omaha
- 3M expansion Brookings, SD







In September Local 21 had elections of officers. All officers are elected for a term of 3 years. Our next Election for union officers will be in September 2026. Any member wishing to run for office must be in continuous good standing on dues for at least 2 years prior to nominations.

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Congratulations to Local 21's officers.					
Business Team					
Robert Grothe II					
Business Manager/FST					
William Fuller					
President/Business Agent/Organizer					
Jose Montes					
Business Agent/Organizer-21A Jurisdiction					
Executive Team					
Delbert Bermel					
Vice President					
Jeff Dewitt Jr.					
Recording Secretary					
Executive Board					
Josh Titus Executive Board Member					
Mike Bailey Franctice Board Monday					
Executive Board Member					
Jason Willey Executive Board Member					
Adam Svendsen					
Executive Board Member					
Humberto Gutierrez					
Executive Board Member					
Trustee					
Lawrence Campbell					
Trustee					
Alex Warner					
Trustee					
Randy Tomsu					
Trustee					
Examining Committee					

Jeff Dewitt Jr.

Examining Committee

Adam Svendsen







Examining Committee

Dan Evans

Examining Committee

Apprenticeship Team

Jason Willey

Training Coordinator

Social Media Campaign

Being a member of Iron Workers Local 21 and a Union is a benefit that most Americans do not understand, we are our own best kept secret.

To help change that, Local 21 is working with a company called Red 5 Interactive Inc. to help with a social media campaign. This will also help to get more new applicants through the door at Iron Workers Local 21.

We wanted to involve the members because you are our best recruiters.

We need Ironworker content for the social media posts, pictures, videos, images of Ironworkers doing Ironwork.

Please keep the material professional. And respect company and jobsite policies in regards to phones.

When sending content, you must include your name and Local number. Red 5 Interactive is also helping other Ironworker Locals with social media campaigns and they need to know what local the content is coming from so it will end up on the right social media platform.

If you have some pictures or videos you would like to share text message them to (515)490-2215

Examples of content:











Local 21 members, family and friends showed up to represent organized labor in the 2023 Labor Day Parade. Special thank you to:

Patriot Crane & Rigging for storing the float all year and donating a truck and trailer to pull the float.

Tom Moen and Willie Bleich for donating the grills to cook all the burgers.

LU 571 operator Victor Niedbalski for driving the truck.

Local 21 retiree Gary Dasher for helping set everything up.

Local 21 retiree Terry Gildon for taking all the photos.

All the apprentices, retirees, officers of the local that worked on the float, cooked hamburgers, handed out t-shirts and candy.

Everyone that showed up, walked, and participated.













1st year Apprentices painting and working on the 2023 Labor Day float at Patriot Riggings shop.

























Local 21 members, family, and friends that represented the Ironworkers by participating in events and fund raiser.



Tait Rowley, Talan Rowley, Mike Lade and friend Chris Cooley for representing the Ironworkers golfing in the Nebraska State AFL-CIO charity golf tournament.

Dollars Against Diabetes charity golf tournament.

Team 1 - James Hoskinson, Jerry Swenson, Jason Willey, Kevin Willey

Team 2 – Joel Torpy, Jason Fox Jr, Ryan Tate, Jimmy Traylor

Team 3 – George Macht and friends

Ron "ROHO" Oates - DAD's Day volunteer



















Members that have retired, received Honorary or Lifetime memberships

Bob Peck retired May 1, 2023

Bryan Tweedy Honorary Application was approved May 17, 2023

Keith Laue retired July 1, 2023

Danny Joe Conner retired July 1, 2023, his Honorary membership application was approved September 20, 2023

Leonard "Sam" Jones retired September 1, 2023

David Hohman lifetime membership application was approved September 20, 2023

THANK YOU, IRONWORKERS, FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO LOCAL 21

IRONWORKERS LOCAL 21 RETIREES CLUB

Local 21's Retiree Club holds a monthly meeting at the membership hall with a luncheon after. They are encouraging retired members to attend.

Meetings are held every third Wednesday, lunch at 11:00 am with meeting after.

If you have any questions please contact,

Bill Biede - President Ron Munstermann – Vice President Roy Bleich – Financial Secretary Treasurer







MEMBERS SICK AND INJURED

The listed members are currently unemployed due to their injuries.

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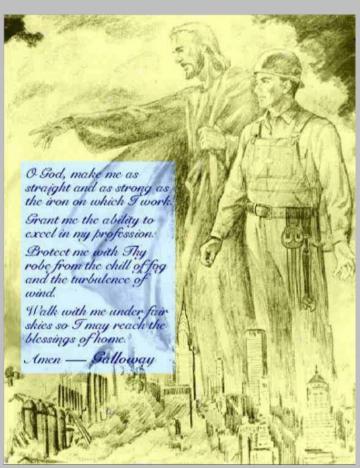
Local 21 has members that will always be on the sick and injured list due to the severity of their injury. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- Travis Hasenkamp
- Scott Petersen
- Russell Smith

IN REMEMBRANCE

Members who have passed since last newsletter,

Oval Bittner bk# 388446 at the age of 95 with 70 years of service.



*** PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY TO STAY ELIGIBLE***

<u>Local Union Death Benefit:</u> Upon the death of any eligible member, each remaining member of Local 21, excluding the immediate family of the deceased shall contribute the sum of \$16 dollars within thirty 30 days of written notice. Any member of Local 21 who is not over 60 days in the arears of payment of monthly dues and death benefits at the time of death the sum of \$8,000 will be payable to their beneficiary.

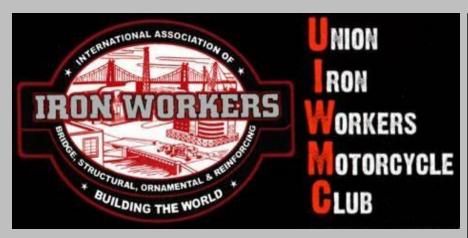
<u>IW International Death Benefit:</u> The International Association will pay a death benefit in the case of every deceased member who had been in continuous membership prior to death and was in good standing at the time of death. A member to be considered in good standing must have dues paid through the month proceeding death. The amount payable in the event of death shall be determined by the duration of the members continuous membership. Natural cause of death\$500 to \$2,200

Accidental cause of death \$2,000 to \$8,000









Iron Workers Local 21
Motorcycle Club supports
injured Ironworkers by helping
pay their dues while they are
unemployed. They also supply
toys for the local union
Christmas party. Please help
support them by participating at
their events.

Local 21 MC members at one of their 2023 annual events.

Facebook - Ironworkers Local 21 MC (14) Facebook







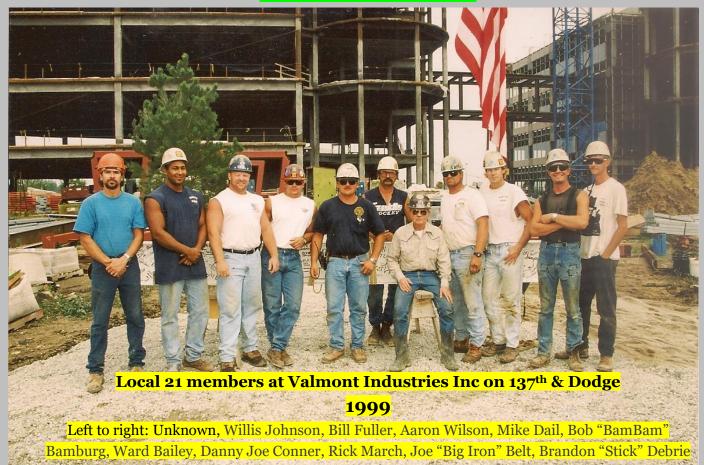


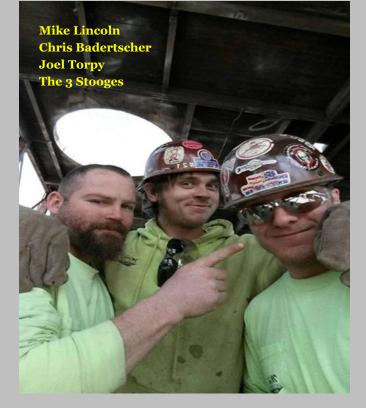


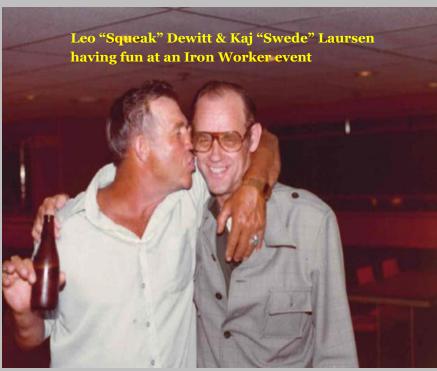




REMEMBERING OUR HISTORY













From Iron Workers Political Department

To all US Business Managers and Political Coordinators,

This Tuesday was one of our most significant days in politics this year, with two massive wins for the Iron Workers. The Biden administration released the new Davis Bacon prevailing wage rule we have fought four decades to get, and we beat a ballot measure in Ohio that would have left us helpless against anti-union attacks.

Davis Bacon

The administration announced the New Davis Bacon Rule at a union apprenticeship facility in Philadelphia. President Dean joined members of Locals 401 and 405 to represent our union with Vice President Harris and Acting Labor Secretary Julie Su. This is a win that five past presidents failed to deliver, and is a promise kept by Joe Biden.

Davis Bacon is a powerful tool to protect wages on federally funded projects and helps create local jobs. But low-road contractors have always hated Davis Bacon, and forty years ago they lobbied Ronald Reagan into gutting the rules that enforce the law. Since that time, Davis Bacon protections have worn away and no longer help in many parts of the country.

This new rule fixes that. It lowers the threshold for wages to prevail from 50% to 30%, undoing the damage done by Reagan. It stops companies from dodging prevailing wage by performing significant amounts of work offsite. These and many other changes will mean that good wages prevail on more projects across the country.

Ohio Win

On the same day that the Administration announced the Davis Bacon rule, Ohio voters rejected a power grab by their state legislature that would have made it much harder for voters to overturn bad laws.







Ohio law lets voters veto legislation by ballot initiative. This is very important for labor unions: a ballot initiative is how we overturned an anti-collective bargaining law in Ohio a decade ago. Our strength in the state rests on our ability to win at the ballot box if we must.

Our opponents put an initiative on the ballot that would have made it vastly harder to introduce future initiatives and require 60% of voters to say yes, instead of 50%. In other states where changes like this have passed, it has been bad news for labor. But the plan blew up in their faces: Ohio labor organized a massive ground game to turn out the vote and we beat the measure in a landslide.

The Takeaway

We have won another core goal with the new Davis Bacon rule by working with the Biden administration. And hats off to our brothers and sisters in Ohio for beating an anti-union ballot initiative!

WHAT HAS OUR CURRENT ADMINISTRATION DONE FOR UNIONS?

<u>The American Jobs Plan</u> known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a \$1 trillion dollar bill that allocates \$550 billion in funding to improve America's infrastructure.

<u>Expand the Davis Bacon Act</u> and require the use of prevailing wage on all projects funded by the Infrastructure Bill. And require all construction material used in federal infrastructure projects be made in America "Buy American!"

<u>Bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act</u>, this act will create tens of thousands of good paying union construction jobs.

Click LINK to read <u>FACT SHEET: CHIPS and Science Act Will Lower Costs</u>, <u>Create Jobs</u>, <u>Strengthen Supply Chains</u>, <u>and Counter China | The White House</u>

<u>IRA - Inflation Reduction Act</u>, offers enhance tax benefits for a range of clean energy projects to taxpayers that ensure Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wages are paid to workers on such projects, and that registered apprentices are utilized, in accordance with the Inflation Reduction Act. Click LINK to read <u>Prevailing Wage and the Inflation Reduction Act | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)</u>

<u>Butch Lewis Act</u>, will ensure historic relief to protect hard earned pensions of hundreds of thousands of union workers and retirees. Click LINK to read <u>FACT SHEET</u>: <u>President Biden Announces Historic Relief to Protect Hard-Earned Pensions of Hundreds of Thousands of Union Workers and Retirees | The White House</u>







<u>American Rescue Plan</u> will bolster registered apprenticeships and put millions of Americans to work in good paying union jobs. Click LINK to read <u>Fact Sheet: Biden Administration to Take Steps to Bolster Registered Apprenticeships | The White House</u>

The Nebraska Paid Sick Leave Initiative is a proposed ballot initiative that may appear on the ballot in Nebraska as an initiated state statue on November 5, 2024 Petition for paid sick leave introduced in Nebraska

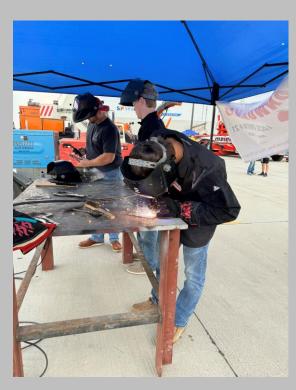
JOINT APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING



On October 3, 2023 at the Siouxland Expo Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Local 21 teamed up with DM Steel to participate in the Build My Future event. This event gives students grades 9 – 12 the opportunity to work hands on in different construction industries. There were approximately 1,600 hundred students from area high schools participating in the event.

Special thanks to DM Steel for sponsoring a spot at the event and supplying the welders.











At the regular union meeting on June 21, 2023 Local 21 swore in a new class of 1^{st} year apprentices. Congratulations Union Ironworkers.









Congratulations to the 2023 Graduating Apprenticeship Class



Apprenticeship Interviews

In November 2023 Local 21's Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee "JATC" will be hosting apprenticeship interviews for Omaha and Sioux City. To be invited to the interviews applicants must have an application submitted to the Training Program.







Applicants can fill out an application on the Local Unions website at iw21.org

We need to grow our membership!

In the 2018 Iron Workers Local 21 had 334 JIW's, in 2022 we have 346 JIW's. In 5 years, we have only grown our membership by 12 JIW's.

All Local 21 members are organizers!

Organizing message from General President Eric Dean

Why Organize?

If there is still a demand for new ironworker probationary members, we will continue to put applicants out to work.

FILL OUT YOUR WELDING CONTINUITY LOG BOOK!

Page 21 of the Local Union Collective Bargaining Agreement states, Journeyman Ironworkers who have not completed the negotiated certification requirement shall receive a reduction of \$1.25 off the base wage. To meet the negotiated certification requirement, a Union member must possess a current SMAW 3G and 4G or a current FCAW 3G or 4G, through the Ironworkers Welding Certification Program.

Iron Workers/AWS Welder Certification Program

1750 New York Avenue NW Washington, DC 20006 Tel: 202-383-4814

<u>Ironworkers WCP (welderscertification.org)</u> – access your weld certifications here <u>wcp@ironworkers.org</u> - email or text a picture of your welding continuity papers to this address

If you have an interest in re-certifying your weld certifications or need help with your welding continuity log book, please contact the apprenticeship office at 402-333-0276











Please make sure you keep Local 21's membership office always updated with your personal information!

If you move, change your phone number or email address contact the office ASAP.

Remember to keep your beneficiaries up to date for the local union death benefit, pension, annuity, and health insurance.

Always keep an emergency contact on file at the membership office.

This will allow Local 21 to give you timely updates as needed and to contact you or your loved ones if there is an emergency.

ATTENTION VETERANS

Every year our International recognizes all our veterans that are members by publishing their names in one of our Ironworker magazines. If you are a veteran and want to be recognized in that magazine please, follow this LINK <u>Union Veterans Council (ironworkers.org)</u> to our internationals website and complete the form. The Local union is unable to complete the form for you.

And thank you for your dedication, courage, sacrifice, and service to our country.

THE IRON WORKERS RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO ADDRESS ADDICTION AND SUICIDE

Intermountain Iron Workers insurance plan provides benefits for mental health and substance abuse treatment, if the treatment is received at a PPO facility. Admission should be pre certified by the Plan's medical reviewer to avoid a failure to pre certify penalty. Please make the phone call if you need help!

For questions call Intermountain Iron Workers Trust Fund 1-888-867-9510

<u>Home (compusysut.com)</u>

To find Cigna in-network provider 1-800-768-4695
Find a doctor (compusysut.com)

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in the Omaha area. Inroads to Recovery, Inc 2808 N 75th St, Omaha, NE 68134 402-932-2248 Services – Inroads to Recovery







*** CALL THE LIFELINE ANYTIME 24/7 ***

1-800-273-8255





WHAT IF IT IS YOU? Should I Call The Lifeline?

No matter what problems you're dealing with, whether or not you're thinking about suicide, if you need someone to lean on for emotional support, call the Lifeline.

People call to talk about lots of things: substance abuse, economic worries, relationships, sexual identity, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and loneliness, to name a few.

Talking with someone about your thoughts and feelings can save your life.









SCAN QR TO CHAT

FROM THE GENERAL PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 12, 2023

<u>Ironworker</u> Magazine TO: All International Staff, District Councils and Local Unions

FROM: General President Eric Dean

I want to bring you up to date on the changes that have been made to The Ironworker magazine.

At the beginning of 2023, we transitioned our publication, The Ironworker, to a bi-monthly print schedule — meaning subscribers receive a new edition every other month, totaling six issues yearly instead of 12. The change in print schedule was planned with the debut of the monthly digital Ironworker Newsletter. As a member or subscriber of ironworker content, you have the opportunity to receive the magazine and newsletter, providing consistent, up-to-date, member-centric content, allowing us to delve deeper into the issues that matter most to our members and produce more comprehensive and thought-provoking articles. Our goal is to provide a magazine that not only keeps you informed but also inspires and engages you.

Another change is the annual directory issue of The Ironworker. Traditionally, this has been published in the September issue. However, starting this year, we are moving the directory issue to December, giving us more time to ensure the directory is as up-to-date and comprehensive as possible. In addition to the printed directory, you can access it on our website at https://www.ironworkers.org/s/directory.

We understand that these changes may take some getting used to, but we are confident they will ultimately enhance your reading experience and the value you get from The Ironworker.

To subscribe to the digital edition of the Ironworker or the monthly newsletter, please use the following link: https://www.ironworker.org/s/ironworker-digital-sign-up.

Ein Lean







MERCHANDISE

All purchases must be made at the membership office with debit or credit card. **NO cash and we do not ship items.**

Long Sleeves \$20



Hoodies \$45



























IMPORTANT NOTICE

Local 21 membership Union Meetings every third Wednesday at 7 pm



Membership union meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Union Hall. Only members of the Union in good standing (not more than one month in arrears with payment of dues) shall be permitted to attend the meetings.

It is the members responsibility to stay current with their monthly union dues.

DUES RATE per month = Apprentice & Probationary \$42 – Journeyman \$43 – Honorary \$15 – Lifetime \$0

More than six (6) months behind on dues will be suspended the reinstatement fee is \$800.

Local union death benefits are \$16 per death with a payout to the beneficiary of \$8,000

Dues can be paid:

- Over the phone with credit or debit card Monday Friday 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- In person at the Iron Workers union hall Monday Friday 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Recurring payment through Local 21's website.
- By mailing in payment with check.



There is a \$2 convenience fee for payments made by phone or website.

The International Association will grant Honorary Membership to members in good standing who have been members for five (5) consecutive years and who have become permanently disabled or incapacitated from working at the trade.

A member who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years, and who has been in continuous membership for a period of twenty-five (25) years and who is in good standing at the time of application, and against whom no charges of any kind whatsoever are pending in any Local Union of the International Association, may apply for Lifetime Membership.

Contact the Union Hall at 402-333-0276 for an Honorary or Lifetime application.

KEEP YOUR DUES CURRENT THEY ARE THE FUEL FOR THE UNION ENGINE







Need to know contact information

Iron Workers Local 21

14515 Industrial Rd Omaha, NE 68144 402-333-0276

Ironworkers Local 21 website (iw21.org)

Facebook: Ironworkers Local Union 21 | Facebook

Suboffice Iron Workers Local 21A

418 Pavonia Street Sioux City, IA 51101 712-252-1761

Omaha Construction Industry Pension Plan

11414 W. Center Rd., Ste 124 Omaha, NE 68144 Tel: 402-513-5136

Email: ocip@compusyut.com

Omaha Construction Industry Pension Fund (ocipension.com)

Health & Welfare and Tax Deferral/Annuity

Ironworkers Intermountain Benefit Funds P.O. Box 30124 Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0261 Tel: 888-867-9510 Home (compusysut.com)

Find a doctor or Provider in Network

International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers

1750 New York Avenue NW Washington, DC 20006 (202) 383-4800 iwmagazine@iwintl.org www.ironworkers.org

CONTRACT UPDATE

Sioux City is currently in the last year of their contract. There will be contract negotiations in 2024.

Omaha will have a \$2.10 increase in June 2024. This will be the last year of our contract.













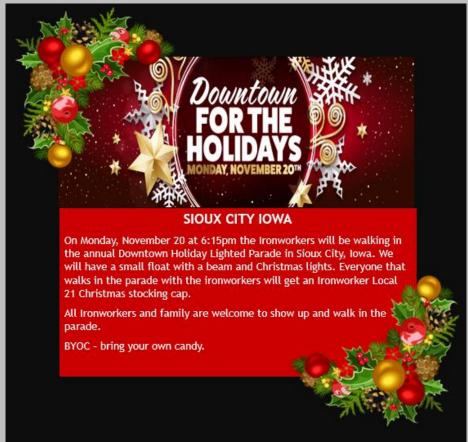
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 7AM SHARP! ANNUAL ERECTION OF



TREE OF LIGHTS

@ AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK ON 90TH AND DODGE (NORTH EAST CORNER)
"BRING TOOL BELT WITH SPUDS, 9/16" SOCKET & WRENCH"
"MANDATORY FOR 3™ & 4™ YEAR APPRENTICES**













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DATE	ENTITY	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	CITY
10/18	Local 21	Membership Meeting	7:00 P.M.	144th & L St.	Omaha
10/25	Local 21A	Membership Meeting	6:00 P.M.	418 Pavonia St.	Sioux City
10/28	American National Bank	Salvation Army Tree of Lights	7:00 AM	90th & Dodge	Omaha
11/15	Local 21	Membership Meeting	7:00 P.M.	144th & L St.	Omaha
11/7		Election Day			
11/22	Local 21A	Membership Meeting	6:00 P.M.	418 Pavonia St.	Sioux City
11/22	Omaha Federation of Labor	Blue Collar Boxing	7:00 P.M.	Liberty First Credit Union Arena	Omaha
11/23		***Thanksgiving***			
12/9		Retirees Christmas Party			
12/16	Local 21	Annual Kids Christmas Party	4:00 P.M.	144th & L St.	Omaha
12/20	Local 21	Membership Meeting	7:00 P.M.	144th & L St.	Omaha
12/25		*** Christmas ***			
1/1		*** New Year's Day ***			
1/6	American National Bank	Salvation Army Tree of Lights	7:00 AM	90th & Dodge	Omaha
1/17	Local 21	Membership Meeting	7:00 P.M.	144th & L St.	Omaha
1/24	Local 21A	Membership Meeting	6:00 P.M.	418 Pavonia St.	Sioux City
1/27	Maplewood Lanes	DAD's Day Bowling	TBD	3030 N. 101st Street	Omaha
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