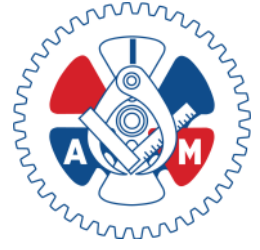


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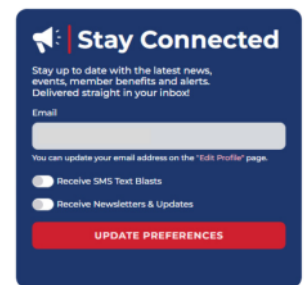
Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, May 14th at 4:00 p.m. at your Union Hall. We will be bringing the customary motions to pay the bills, voting on the newly initiated members coming into the membership, giving committee reports, and opening the floor for new business. We will also be bringing the following motion(s) up for membership approval:

- Motion to donate \$500 to IAM for strike assistance for Local 778
- Donate \$500 to Dayton/Miami Valley AFL-CIO for ‘Take Kids Fishing Day’

As always, food and drink will be provided after the meeting for social hour.

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This Month In Labor History

May 1st, 1883 - Cigar makers in Cincinnati warn there could be a strike in the fall if factory owners continue to insist that they pay 30 cents per month for gas heat provided at work during mornings and evenings.

May 1st, 1886 - Eight-hour day demonstration in Chicago and other cities begins tradition of May Day as international Labor holiday.

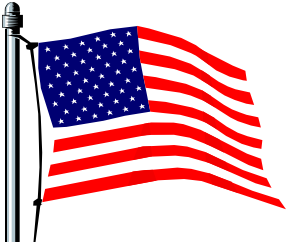
May 4th, 1886 - Haymarket massacre. A bomb is thrown as Chicago police start to break up a rally for strikers at the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. A riot erupts, 11 police and strikers die, mostly from gunfire, and scores more are injured.

May 5th, 1886 - Some 14,000 building trades workers and laborers, demanding an eight-hour workday, gather at the Milwaukee Iron Co. rolling mill in Bay View, Wisc. When they approach the mill, they are fired on by 250 National Guardsmen under orders from the governor to shoot to kill. Seven died, including a 13-year-old boy.

May 16th, 1938 - U.S. Supreme Court issues Mackay decision, which permits the permanent replacement of striking workers. The decision had little impact until Ronald Reagan’s replacement of striking air traffic controllers (PATCO) in 1981, a move that signaled anti-union private sector employers that it was OK to do likewise.

May 23rd, 1934 - The Battle of Toledo begins today: a five-day running battle between roughly 6,000 strikers at the Electric Auto-Lite company of Toledo, Ohio, and 1,300 members of the Ohio National Guard. Two strikers died and more than 200 were injured. The battle began in the sixth week of what ultimately became a successful two-month fight for union recognition and higher pay.

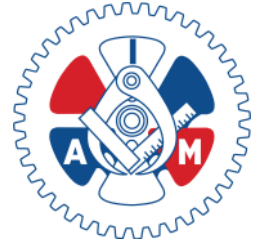
May 30th, 2002 - The Ground Zero cleanup at the site of the World Trade Center is completed three months ahead of schedule due to the heroic efforts of more than 3,000 building tradesmen and women who had worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week for the previous eight months.



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News Around the Union:

285 IAM Members Locked Out by Leonardo DRS in West Plains, MO

West Plains, MO – The IAM Union is calling on Leonardo DRS to immediately end its lockout of more than 285 IAM Local 2782 (District 9) members in West Plains, Mo., and return to the bargaining table with a commitment to reach a fair agreement that respects workers. IAM Local 2782 (District 9)-represented workers were locked out by the company after voting to reject a proposed contract that failed to provide fair wage increases and unsustainable (or unworkable) increases in healthcare costs. Workers were sent home with pay prior to the contract’s expiration, and the company officially began the lockout at 12:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, following the contract’s expiration. Members had also voted to authorize a strike if a fair contract reflecting their needs was not reached.

“These workers showed up in good faith, ready to negotiate a contract that reflects their value and contributions,” said IAM Midwest Territory General Vice President Sam Cicinelli. “Instead of working toward a fair contract, the company chose to lock them out. That is unacceptable. The IAM Union is calling on Leonardo DRS to end this lockout immediately and return to negotiations with a commitment to reaching a fair agreement that respects these workers and the critical work they perform.”

“IAM Local 2782 members are united and determined to secure a contract that reflects their worth,” said IAM District 9 Directing Business Representative Jason Tetidrick. “Locking out these workers only delays progress and puts unnecessary strain on working families in this community. The path forward is clear: end the lockout, respect these workers, and negotiate a fair agreement.”

Cleveland Cliffs:

Step III Bids

There are two Step III bids up this week:

Steelmaking Cranes (Est. Vacancies 4)

Hot Strip Mill Cranes (Est. Vacancies 2)

These bids were posted on Monday, May 11th, and will be removed at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 18th. You can sign these bids at the Pass and Visitor Center near the Main Gate adjacent to Cliffs Medical.

Pre-Bid Information

To ensure you do not miss out on a bid due to vacation, sick leave, or simply not noticing it, you can sign a pre-bid for a department that you would like to go. A Pre-Application for Transfer (pre-bid) is valid for one year and can be used for a Step II or a Step III bid. You can sign a pre-bid for up to 3 departments. By signing a pre-bid, you will ensure that your name will be added to the bid even if you are unable to get to the Pass and Visitor Center in time to sign the sheet. You can pick up pre-bid cards at Your Union Hall to fill out and the Union will send them to the Company. If you have any questions about the pre-bid process, please contact your Committeeman or Karen Back at Your Union Hall. **Bid phone number: (513) 393-7069**

Training Center - Cliffs:

Pipe Welding Class - 200 hour (5 weeks)

The Training Center will be offering a five-week, 6G Pipe Welding Class starting next Monday, May 18th through June 19th. Talk to your section manager to sign up for the class. The Pipe Welding course will cover multiple position welds (1G, 2G, 5G and 6G), the proper set-up of pipe being welded. The theory portion of the course will be taught from the Hobarts Shielded Metal Arc Welding 2” pipe uphill book (ew369 SMAWPU2) and video segments. In this class, the welders will be required to make two 6G (45degree) weld tests. The first test will be made using mild steel welding rods 6010 and 7018. The second test will be made using stainless steel welding rods 309L.

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