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Thank You! Richard

General Secretary Treasurer
Richard A. Bailey has dedicated
his life to the OPCMIA. We wish
him all the best in his retirement.



Summer 2025

At the convention in 2009, the late General President Finley announced the formation of a scholarship fund to provide education assistance for members' dependents. It was the early days of the Great Recession. His vision is now in full swing. Since the first scholarship of \$5,000.00 was awarded in 2010, we have been able to award one hundred and six scholarships in total.

In 2017, then-General President Stepano began a golf tournament to raise funding for the scholarship fund. As we were preparing for the Golf tournament in 2022, Vice President Rob Mason passed away after nearly a two-year battle with cancer. Knowing his love of the game, just prior to his passing, we renamed the event to The Rob Mason Golf Classic to benefit the Patrick D. Finley Scholarship Fund. The tears welled up in Rob's eyes as we delivered the news shortly before his passing. These two men were giants in this organization and organized labor. The Scholarship fund will always be a testament to them. Through their actions, financial relief is being provided to the membership through tuition assistance.

As I have mentioned in the past, we will hold an apprentice competition in January 2026 at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas. The planning is underway, and Executive Vice President Lair along with the Director of Health, Safety and Training Longbrake are smoothing out the details. The cost is significant, but we still strive to make this an annual event. It is important to showcase our skills and the training the OPCMIA provides to the future workforce in the age-old art of Concrete Finishing and Plastering. So much technology has changed, and we are staying at the forefront of this industry.

This brings me to 3D printing of concrete. Local 528 is setting the bar for this emerging industry. They are working with the leaders in this fledgling industry and are printing housing in Alaska as we speak. This technology is here and will change the industry, just like drywall did in the 1950s. We must welcome it and move with it. Chief of Staff Santos and I are meeting with 3D printing contractors, with some success. I see a windfall of work, especially for Plasterers applying interior and exterior finishes. Stay Tuned!

In 1980, a young Richard Bailey (emphasis on young in past tense), joined local 109 in Akron, Ohio. In 2000, Richard was hired on staff as an Organizer for the OPCMIA by General President Dougherty. Richard has dedicated his life to expanding the membership of the OPCMIA. He has worked tirelessly at all tasks he has been assigned by the General Presidents he has served under. In 2022, when General President Stepano announced his retirement and the General Executive Board confirmed me to replace Dan, I appointed VP GEB member Bailey to the office of General Secretary Treasurer. Again, Richard rose to the challenge. I still fondly recall when I met Richard in 2005. He

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Verano de 2025

En la convención de 2009, el difunto Presidente General Finley anunció la creación de un fondo de becas para brindar asistencia educativa a los dependientes de los miembros. Eran los primeros días de la Gran Recesión. Su visión ahora está en pleno auge. Desde que se otorgó la primera beca de \$5,000.00 en 2010, hemos podido otorgar un total de ciento seis becas.

En 2017, el entonces Presidente General Stepano inició un torneo de golf para recaudar fondos para el fondo de becas. Mientras nos preparábamos para el torneo de golf en 2022, el Vice Presidente Rob Mason falleció tras casi dos años de lucha contra el cáncer. Sabiendo su amor por el juego, poco antes de su fallecimiento, renombramos el evento como The Rob Mason Golf Classic en beneficio del Fondo de Becas Patrick D. Finley. Las lágrimas llenaron los ojos de Rob cuando le dimos la noticia poco antes de su partida. Estos dos hombres fueron gigantes en esta organización y en el movimiento sindical. El fondo de becas siempre será un testimonio de ellos. Gracias a sus acciones, se está brindando alivio financiero a los miembros mediante asistencia para el pago de colegiaturas.

Como he mencionado anteriormente, llevaremos a cabo una competencia de aprendices en enero de 2026 en el World of Concrete en Las Vegas. La planeación ya está en marcha, y el Vice Presidente Ejecutivo Lair junto con el director de Salud, Seguridad y Capacitación Longbrake están afinando los detalles. El costo es significativo, pero aun así nos esforzamos por hacer de esto un evento anual. Es importante mostrar nuestras habilidades, y la capacitación que la OPCMIA brinda a la futura fuerza laboral en el antiguo arte del acabado de concreto y la yesería. Mucha tecnología ha cambiado, y nosotros nos mantenemos a la vanguardia de esta industria.

Esto me lleva a la impresión 3D de concreto. El Local 528 está marcando la pauta en esta industria emergente. Están trabajando con los líderes de esta incipiente industria y están imprimiendo viviendas en Alaska en este momento. Esta tecnología ya está aquí

y cambiará la industria, así como lo hizo el tablarroca en los años cincuenta. Debemos recibirla y avanzar con ella. El Jefe de Gabinete Santos y yo estamos reuniéndonos con contratistas de impresión 3D, con algo de éxito. Veo una gran cantidad de trabajo, especialmente para los yeseros que aplican acabados interiores y exteriores. ¡Estén atentos!

En 1980, un joven Richard Bailey (énfasis en joven en tiempo pasado) se unió al local 109 en Akron, Ohio. En el año 2000, Richard fue contratado como organizador para la OPCMIA por el Presidente General Dougherty. Richard ha dedicado su vida a expandir la membresía de la OPCMIA. Ha trabajado incansablemente en todas las tareas que le han sido asignadas por los Presidentes Generales bajo los que ha servido. En 2022, cuando el Presidente General Stepano anunció su retiro y la Junta Ejecutiva General me confirmó para reemplazar a Dan, nombré al miembro del GEB y vicepresidente Bailey como Secretario-Tesorero General. Una vez más, Richard estuvo a la altura del desafío. Todavía recuerdo con cariño cuando conocí a Richard en 2005. Vino a Kansas City para hacer un reconocimiento para los organizadores recién contratados. Siendo esta una iniciativa nueva para nuestra organización, Richard tuvo que asegurarse de que nuestros recursos se gastaran eficientemente. Esto era justo lo suyo. Su naturaleza frugal era el complemento perfecto, una de las mismas razones por las que sentí que sería un excelente Secretario-Tesorero General. Forjamos una amistad inmediata en 2005, la cual ha resistido la prueba del tiempo. Richard, en nombre de los miles de miembros en toda Norteamérica, ¡GRACIAS! Angela y yo les deseamos a ti y a Linda una larga y placentera jubilación.



Thank You For Allowing Me To Serve!

After proudly serving this great International Union for twenty-five years, I will be retiring on Oct 31, 2025. I was appointed by General President Emeritus John Dougherty on Oct. 30, 2000, exactly twenty-five years ago. I joined Local # 109 in Akron Ohio, on July 16, 1979. I served a 3-year apprenticeship, working in the field for 21 years, serving in many capacities, including foreman and job site steward. I began my service with the OPCMIA International in the newly created Organizing Dept. in 2000.

After working with some of the brightest – well versed International Officers for five years and being a sponge to their vast knowledge, I was appointed an International Representative in 2005, I was elected as a Vice President in 2014 and again in 2019, serving on the Executive Board. When General President Sexton became our President in February 2023, he tapped me to serve alongside him as your General Secretary -Treasurer. I was elected to this position at the 53rd International Convention.

It has been an honor to rise from an 18-year-old apprentice Cement Mason to the second highest Office in this great International Union! I would be remiss if I didn't thank the previous General Presidents that I have served under and assisted with my advancement within this International Union, President Emeritus John Dougherty, President Patrick Finley, President Emeritus Daniel Stepano and the current General President of the

International Union , Kevin Sexton, who I will be forever grateful for allowing me to serve alongside him. President Sexton has chosen a very capable Vice President to take over my duties as the General -Secretary Treasurer, who will continue being a good steward of the International Finances.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the International Officers, Local Union Representatives, Local Union Business Managers and Headquarters staff that have truly made my career enjoyable, a special thanks to my Executive Assistant April Cohen and Executive Assistant Sharon Gray.

Our International Union is in a great place, we have superior leadership, a State-of-the-art Training Department and a General President and Executive Board with the vision and determination to make things happen. When I look back over my career, I can't help but think that LeBron James is not the only lucky kid from Akron, Ohio. Let's continue to Recruit, Train, and Retain!

Fraternally yours,
Richard Bailey

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*Richard A. Bailey is retiring after 46 years
serving in the OPCMIA*

The Front Line

Since taking office, President Trump and his administration have attacked federal employees and their unions. The principal attack came in the form of Executive Order No. 14,251, Exclusions from Labor-Management Programs.

President Trump issued this Executive Order on March 27, 2025; and, with a stroke of a pen, he took away the rights to organize and bargain collectively from nearly two-thirds of all federal employees. President Trump carried out this attack because he believes that federal employee unions “have declared war” on his agenda.

Through the Executive Order, President Trump invoked the provisions of two statutes – the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute and the Foreign Service Labor-Management Relations Statute – that enable a President to exclude subdivisions of agencies or agencies where (1) they have as their primary function intelligence, counterintelligence, investigative or national security work and (2) the provisions of the Statute cannot be applied in a manner that is consistent with national security considerations. In the past, Presidents have utilized these provisions to exclude subdivisions like the Naval Special Warfare Development Group or the National Drug Intelligence Center. By contrast, President Trump invoked these provisions to exclude entire departments, like the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. In so doing, the President explained that he would not allow unions to obstruct his agenda, but that he would work with him. In fact, employees who were unaffected by the Executive Order include the border and customs employees and police employees, whose unions endorsed Trump during the 2024 election cycle.

Federal employee unions have defended themselves against the Executive Order by bringing lawsuits in federal courts. There are four such lawsuits pending in



the court system (which are only a small fraction of the more than 270 lawsuits currently pending against the Trump administration). Generally, the federal employee unions have been successful in obtaining injunctions from district courts. Such injunctions would prevent the implementation or enforcement of Executive Order No. 14,251. However, the Trump administration has filed motions

for stays of those injunctions. These motions basically seek to prevent the injunctions from going into effect. To date, the administration has been successful in obtaining two such injunctions in one court: the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where judges appointed by President Trump during his last administration have gone out of their way to grant stays of the injunctions, even to the point of ignoring the court’s own case law, giving the Trump administration a pass at proving its case, or doing the work for the administration. In so doing, the court has green-lighted the Trump administration’s attack upon federal employee unions and, by extension, the federal employees themselves.

The federal employee unions are still fighting to defend the right to organize and bargain collectively in the federal sector. However, the odds against their victory are increasing because, as any employee knows, the system is stacked against them. While the OPCMIA may have few members in the federal workforce, every member of the International Association should be supporting their brothers and sisters in the federal sector. Because, once the federal union sector falls, then the administration will come after unions in the private sector.



MEMBER-2-MEMBER FUNDS

Organizing Incentive Program

Every OPCMIA member understands the importance of our union. The OPCMIA and its affiliates have negotiated collective bargaining agreements that include the best wages, fringe benefits and other working conditions in the plastering, cement masonry and shop hand trades. These terms and conditions of employment enable every member to provide better for themselves and their families. Our ability to negotiate these agreements depends, in large part, upon the strength of our organization. That strength comes from our members; and, the more members we have, the stronger our organization will become.



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Job Corps Update

In late May, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced plans to suspend operations at all contractor-run Job Corps centers by **June 30, 2025**, citing **low graduation rates** and an **increasing financial burden** on taxpayers. According to the department, the publicly funded program has delivered underwhelming results while costs and budget deficits continue to rise.

However, serious concerns have been raised about the data underpinning the DOL's decision. The **Transparency Report**, submitted by the Department of Government Oversight and Evaluation (DOGE) to DOL and Congress, included numerous inaccuracies. For example, the report claimed an overall graduation rate of **37%** and an average wage barely above minimum wage. In contrast, DOL's **own data** shows a graduation rate of **60%** and an average wage of **\$17.00/hour** for Job Corps graduates. Additionally, programs like NPIJATF report graduation rates near **60%** and average wages of **\$21.00/hour** for pre-apprentices.

However, on June 24th, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking the move, ensuring that the Job Corps program will continue to operate while legal proceedings play out.

The injunction reinforces an earlier temporary restraining order issued by U.S. District Judge Andrew Carter in June, who instructed the Department of Labor to cease all actions related to student removals, staff layoffs, and center closures until Congress explicitly authorizes such changes.

"Once Congress has passed legislation stating that a program like the Job Corps must exist, and set aside funding for that program, the DOL is not free to do as it pleases; it is required to enforce the law as intended by Congress," Judge Carter wrote in his decision.



Background on Job Corps

Established in 1964 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, Job Corps is a federal program designed to support young people ages 16 to 24 who are unemployed and out of school. The program provides tuition-free education, vocational training, housing, meals, and healthcare at residential centers across the country.

There are currently 123 Job Corps centers in the U.S., most of which are operated by private contractors under the oversight of the Department of Labor. These centers collectively serve more than 25,000 students, many of whom come from vulnerable or underserved backgrounds. The job corps has provided services to over 3,000,000 students since its inception.

Fallout from Closure Plans

As the Department of Labor moved forward with preparations to shutter the centers, confusion and distress followed. Many students were forced to leave their campuses without a clear plan for housing or continued education, many reportedly ended up in homeless shelters. Staff at the centers faced sudden job insecurity, and training programs including NPIJATF were abruptly terminated.

The National Job Corps Association (NJCA), a nonprofit composed of business, labor, volunteer, and academic stakeholders, filed a lawsuit to block the suspension, arguing that the closure would displace tens of thousands of youth and lead to widespread layoffs. The NJCA and all stakeholders in the job corps community including the NPIJATF and the OPCMIA will continue to fight to keep the program open.

Next Steps

The court's preliminary injunction keeps Job Corps operating for now, but the legal battle is ongoing.

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In a Very Short Time, A Very Bumpy Ride

Where does one start regarding working people, let alone organized labor, in discussing only his first few months in office? And we have over 3 years left for him to make more attacks against workers and union rights in particular.

They have all but dismantled the Department of labor of sympathetic staff, along with pro-labor regulations. They have defunded the Job Corps program. A program that helps low income, disadvantaged young people become pre-apprentices for many different construction trades including our own union. Not only does it keep these young people off the streets but gives them a job with a decent wage to keep them off programs like Medicaid, that the President has slashed funding for in the future.

They have made an all-out assault on Project Labor Agreements, as well as overtures to eliminate prevailing wage standards. Two vehicles that our union has fought for to ensure our members receive the best wage and benefit packages possible.

They have been on a rampage to get rid of Federal employee unions. Many people coming just short of a



pension, some, the only provider in the home. Each one has a different story that has affected their lives and their families in one way or another. To what end?

Do not be surprised If/when legislation to nationalize a “right to work law” comes to the floor of Congress. The President will surely sign it if it comes before him.

So, it looks like we have gone from the most pro-union

administration we have ever had, to the most anti-union administration back-to-back. Unfortunately, most, if not all, the gains we made in the past four years could soon be erased. We will just push back as hard as we can until we make the changes we need in the Congress in two years and then with the presidency in 2028.

Hold on. It is going to be a bumpy ride.

ITP 2025: Strengthening the Future of Apprenticeship

Education with Over 50 Coordinators and Instructors Trained Nationwide

The 2025 Instructor Training Program (ITP) wrapped up another successful year, bringing together over 50 apprenticeship coordinators and instructors from across the country for an intensive and transformative learning experience. Focused on advancing computer literacy, instructional effectiveness, mentorship and leadership capacity, the program continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of our apprenticeships.

Held annually, ITP is designed to equip participants with the tools and knowledge they need to lead successful apprenticeship programs in an ever evolving educational and technological landscape. Instructors and coordinators engaged in comprehensive computer training, learning essential digital skills to improve productivity, instruction, and program administration. The training ensured participants left with greater confidence and capability with computers.

In addition to technical and instructional training, the program placed a strong emphasis on Mentorship



and Leadership Development. Courses focused on developing soft skills such as communication, team leadership, strategic planning, and conflict resolution—preparing participants to not only instruct, but to lead and influence the next generation of apprentices and peers.

One of the program's standout features, according to participants, was its supportive and intimate learning environment. As Lou

DiDonna shared:

“One of the most valuable aspects of the program is the small class size, which creates an environment that encourages real discussion and personal engagement. The setting allows for more in-depth learning and makes it easy to ask questions, share experiences, and explore ideas that might not come up in larger group settings.”

This unique setting fostered open dialogue, peer collaboration, and professional connections that will continue long after the program concludes.

Participants hailed from diverse industries and programs, bringing unique perspectives and experiences to the training. The resulting exchange of ideas and best practices strengthened not only individual knowledge, but also the broader community of apprenticeship educators nationwide.

With newly acquired skills, and a renewed sense of purpose, this year's coordinators and instructors are returning to their programs ready to lead and instruct with confidence and support the development of our apprentices our organization depends on.

This year, six participants proudly completed the instructor development course sequence (ID 101-104) which over the last four years have guided participants through the fundamentals of



Apprentice Coordinators and Instructors

adult education, curriculum development, classroom management, and learner assessment.

Congratulations to the ITP 2025 participants and to the six graduates Jeremy Creech LU 143, Josh Arnold LU 18, Freddy Medina LU 797, Miguel Quiroz LU 797, Michael Raymond LU 528, Angel Ricon LU 797 your leadership is paving the way for a stronger future.

I would like to announce the retirement of Tim Nelson, OPCMIA ITF Plastering Coordinator who will retire on July 31, 2025, after 40 years in the plastering trade—39 of them with Local 66/300. Throughout his career, Tim served as Trustee, Recording Secretary, Executive Board member, and Instructor. He also led as a Job Corps instructor and



Tim Nelson, OPCMIA ITF Plastering Coordinator



Anthony Kerstens of Local 780

Director of the Northern California Plastering Industry LMCC.

Since joining the ITF in 2019, Tim has developed training materials and Train-the-Trainer programs for Foreman training, Fireproofing, and EIFS, and contributed to AWCI's EIFS Doing It Right – Second Edition, to name a few of his accomplishments.

Tim's dedication to training and mentorship has left a lasting impact on the trade. We thank Tim for his outstanding service and wish him the very best in retirement!

Tim Nelson will be succeeded by Anthony Kerstens of Local 780, a skilled instructor and committed ITF contributor since 2018.

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came into Kansas City to do reconnaissance for the newly hired organizers. This endeavor, being new to our organization, Richard had to ensure our dollars were being spent efficiently. This was right up his alley. His frugal nature was a perfect fit, one of the same reasons I felt he would be a great GST. We sparked an immediate friendship in 2005, which

has stood the test of time. Richard, on behalf of the thousands of members across North America, THANK YOU! Angela and I wish you and Linda a long and enjoyable retirement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin D. Sexton'.

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The case centers on whether the Department of Labor overstepped its authority by attempting to shut down a program that Congress created and continues to fund.

While the Labor Department maintains that changes are necessary to improve outcomes and manage costs, opponents argue that shutting down the program would leave thousands of at-risk youth without critical support.

The Job Corps and NPIJATF are a vital program to help aid in building membership for the OPCMIA and helping troubled youth gain meaningful education and careers. Please spread the word to SAVE JOB CORPS. Reach out to your local congress people.

In Solidarity,
Jerry Kriskovich

¡Gracias Por Permitirme Servir!

Después de servir con orgullo a esta gran Unión Internacional durante veinticinco años, me jubilaré el 31 de octubre de 2025. Fui nombrado por el Presidente General Emérito John Dougherty el 30 de octubre de 2000, hace exactamente veinticinco años. Me uní al Local # 109 en Akron, Ohio, el 16 de julio de 1979. Serví un aprendizaje de 3 años, trabajando en el campo durante 21 años, sirviendo en muchas capacidades, incluyendo capataz y mayordomo de obra. Comencé mi servicio con OPCMIA International en el recién creado Departamento de Organización en el año 2000.

Después de trabajar con algunos de los funcionarios internacionales más brillantes y versados durante cinco años y ser una esponja para su vasto conocimiento, fui nombrado Representante Internacional en 2005, fui elegido Vicepresidente en 2014 y nuevamente en 2019, sirviendo en la Junta Ejecutiva. Cuando el Presidente General Sexton se convirtió en nuestro Presidente en febrero de 2023, me eligió para servir junto a él como su Secretario General-Tesorero. Fui elegido para este cargo en la 53ª Convención Internacional.

¡Ha sido un honor pasar de ser un aprendiz de albañil de cemento a los 18 años de edad a ocupar el segundo cargo más alto en este gran Sindicato Internacional! Sería lamentable si no agradeciera a los anteriores Presidentes Generales a los que he servido y ayudado con mi avance dentro



de esta Unión Internacional, el Presidente Emérito John Dougherty, el Presidente Patrick Finley, el Presidente Emérito Daniel Stepano y el actual Presidente General de la Unión Internacional, Kevin Sexton, a quien estaré eternamente agradecido por permitirme servir junto a él. El Presidente Sexton ha elegido a un Vicepresidente muy capaz para que asuma mis funciones como Secretario General Tesorero, quien continuará

siendo un buen administrador de las Finanzas Internacionales.

Sería negligente si no agradeciera a todos los Funcionarios Internacionales, Representantes de Sindicatos Locales, Gerentes de Negocios de Sindicatos Locales y personal de la Sede Central que realmente han hecho que mi carrera sea agradable, un agradecimiento especial a mi Asistente Ejecutiva April Cohen y a la Asistente Ejecutiva Sharon Gray.

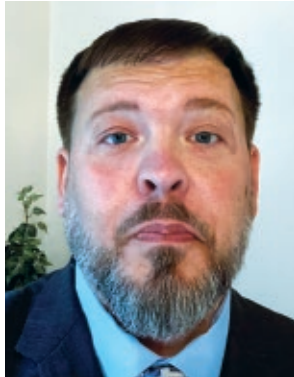
Nuestra Unión Internacional se encuentra en un gran lugar, contamos con un liderazgo superior, un Departamento de Capacitación de última generación y un Presidente General y una Junta Ejecutiva con la visión y la determinación de hacer que las cosas sucedan. Cuando miro hacia atrás en mi carrera, no puedo evitar pensar que LeBron James no es el único chico afortunado de Akron, Ohio. ¡Sigamos reclutando, entrenando y reteniendo!

Fraternalmente vuestro,
Richard A. Bailey

JOSEPH M. HILL

Appointed Assistant to General President

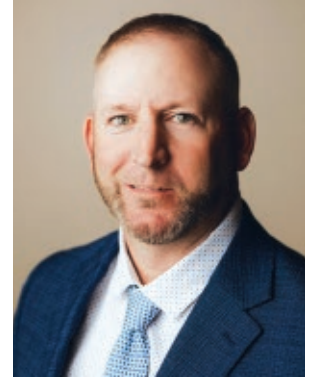
Effective June 1, 2025, General President Kevin D. Sexton announced the appointment of Joseph Hill to the position of Assistant to the General President. Brother Hill currently serves as International Representative. The OPCMIA General Executive Board unanimously approved the appointment of Brother Hill as the Assistant to the General President.



GEOFF MIRLY

Appointed Deputy International Representative

Effective March 13, 2025, General President Kevin D. Sexton announced the appointment of Geoff Mirly to the position of Deputy International Representative of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association. The OPCMIA General Executive Board unanimously approved the appointment. Brother Mirly graduated with an Associate's Degree in Construction Management from Cape CTC in 2006. He joined local 908 in Cape Girardeau as a cement mason apprentice. Upon completion of his apprenticeship, he continued to work for Fronabarger Concrete where he became a foreman. In 2014 became President of Local 908 and in 2019 was elected Business Manager. Geoff has been married to his wife Bridget for eight years. They have two children Kynlee and Krue.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICK D. FINLEY S

**On behalf of the Officers and members of the OPCMIA, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes in pursuing your dreams. DREAM BIG!
Each of the eight recipients were awarded \$5,000.00 to further their educational goals.**

OPCMIA Scholarship Winner CITLALLI LOPEZ-BARRAGAN

**Pictured with her father, Filiberto Lopez-Mendoza
of local 300, Pleasanton, CA**

Citlalli will be attending Sacramento State University

Hi! My name is Citlalli Lopez-Barragan, and I graduated from Laguna Creek High School in Elk Grove, CA. Next fall, I will be studying health science at Sacramento State University, with the goal of becoming a nurse. During my senior year, I had the opportunity to take a medical assistant class, which introduced me to the healthcare field. Although the course provided only a small glimpse into the healthcare industry, I enjoyed every aspect of it. I began researching various healthcare careers, and that is when I discovered my passion for nursing.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking and hiking. I am also bilingual, fluent in both English and Spanish.

I am truly honored to be selected as a recipient and appreciate the support of OPCMIA in helping me pursue my academic and career goals!



OPCMIA Scholarship Winner EMMA COMER

**Pictured with her father, Shaun Comer of Local 555, Portland, OR
Emma will be attending Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR**

My name is Emma Comer. I am 17 years old and from Oregon City, Oregon, recently graduating as part of the 2025 class at Oregon City High School. My Dad, Shaun Comer, has been a proud member of OPCIMA for 21 years and my grandfather for 28 years!

While attending Oregon City High School, I was a four-year varsity volleyball player, helping lead our team to back-to-back 6A State Championship second-place finishes.

I was the Event Coordinator for the AVID Leadership Club where we focus on volunteer opportunities and promoting college education. I also worked part-time while balancing academics and extracurriculars. I have been playing volleyball for ten years and am excited to continue my athletic journey at Eastern Oregon University this fall playing for their volleyball program.

While at Eastern Oregon University, I will also be pursuing a degree in Nursing with a focus on psychiatric healthcare. My goal is to become a psychiatric nurse and help support individuals facing mental health challenges with compassion and care.

I am incredibly thankful for the OPCMIA Patrick D Finley Scholarship and will be putting it directly toward my education. OPICMA has positively impacted my family, and I am truly grateful for this opportunity and your investment in my future.

2025 WINNERS OF THE CHOLARSHIP AWARD



OPCMIA Scholarship Winner ELLIA DOMARACKI

**Pictured with her father, Frank Domaracki of Local 29, Jersey City, NJ
Ellia will be attending Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont**

My name is Ellia Domaracki, and I am deeply honored and grateful to be a recipient of the OPCMIA Patrick D. Finley Scholarship. This generous support is more than financial assistance it is an investment in my future, and I thank you sincerely for it.

I will graduate this June from Kittatinny Regional High School in Newton, New Jersey, with a 4.2 GPA and several academic and merit-based accolades. During high school, I participated in meaningful extracurriculars, including four years in the Kittatinny Players theater program, where I played two lead roles, and the youth empowerment initiative Incorruptible, US, where I developed leadership and communication skills that have shaped who I am today.

This fall, I will attend Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Game Art. As a young woman entering a male-dominated field, I am motivated to bring new creative energy and vision to the gaming industry. I am passionate about digital storytelling and hope to help create meaningful, immersive experiences for others.

My father, Frank Domaracki, has been a member of Local Union 29 Jersey City, NJ for over 18 years. I have seen firsthand the strength and support a union provides to working families like mine. Thanks to this scholarship, I can approach college with greater confidence and reduced financial burden, allowing me to focus fully on my education and goals.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. I look forward to making the most of it and representing the values of the OPCMIA with pride.



OPCMIA Scholarship winner ANTHONY "AJ" FRESCURA III

**Pictured with his father, Anthony Frescura, Jr., of Local 11,
Woodstock, IL**

AJ will be attending North Central College

My name is AJ Frescura. I am from Will County, Illinois. My dad, Tony Frescura, Jr., has been a proud member of OPCMIA Local 11 for 35 years.

I am a summa cum laude graduate of Minooka Community High School Class of 2025. During my time at MCHS, I played football and wrestled. I was a Scholar Athlete all four years. As a junior, I received the "Most Improved Wrestler" Award, and as a senior, I received the "Wrestling Leadership" Award. I was also a student advocate on the Superintendent's Advisory Board that worked to break ground on a new fieldhouse for the high school this year.

I will be continuing my education and wrestling career at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. While there, I will major in Biology.

The OPCMIA has had a major impact on my life. Local 11 has supported our family in many ways over the years. I appreciate the "Patrick D. Finley Scholarship Fund" grant very much. I am excited about college and new experiences! Thank you again.





CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICK D. FINLEY S

On behalf of the Officers and members of the OPCMIA, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes in pursuing your dreams. DREAM BIG! Each of the eight recipients were awarded \$5,000.00 to further their educational goals.

OPCMIA Scholarship Winner BRIANNA GIUSTINO
Pictured with her father, Marco Giustino, of Local 502
Bellwood, IL
Brianna will be attending the University of Wisconsin-
Madison

Hi, my name is Brianna Giustino and my dad, Marco Giustino has been a proud member of cement masons 502 for thirty years. My nonno is also a cement mason. I would like to thank the OPCMIA for giving me this scholarship, that will help further my education and set a strong foundation for my future.

I have decided to continue my education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I will be majoring in political science and minoring in economics, on the pre-law track.

In high school I was on my school's constitution team, Co-president of Student council, on the varsity dance team, secretary of Italian National honor society, and an editor for my school's newspaper. I was also a member of the NHS, English NHS, and science NHS. Through each of these programs I was able to form connections and learn so much. I plan to continue my involvement in similar extracurricular activities at UW Madison! I would like to thank OPCMIA again for helping me and my family!!



OPCMIA Scholarship Winner
JAZMIN DUEÑAS-IBARRA
Pictured with her father, Rogelio Duenas-Lopez of
local 400, Sacramento, CA
Jazmin is a student at California State University East
Bay

My name is Jazmin I. Dueñas-Ibarra, and I am currently on track for a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences with a Forensic Concentration at CSU East Bay. I am the daughter of Rogelio Dueñas, a proud Cement Mason at Local 400 union worker of 6 years.

I would love to thank the OPCMIA Patrick D. Finley Scholarship committee for electing me as a recipient for this year's scholarship. When I graduated high school in 2020, I had no clue as to what the future held for me, but I am proud to say that I have found my path in the world at CSU East Bay. I am forever grateful for this scholarship as it will immensely alleviate a huge financial stress for the upcoming school year. Once again, thank you so much! Best wishes to all!

2025 WINNERS OF THE CHOLARSHIP AWARD



OPCMIA Scholarship Winner LUKE WAHLUND

Pictured with his father, Matthew T. Wahlund of Local 502, Bellwood, IL

Luke is attending the University of Kansas

Luke Wahlund is an aspiring architect from Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He is currently pursuing a degree in Architecture at the University of Kansas, where he is developing his skills in design, creativity, and structural innovation. Passionate about creating spaces that are both functional and inspiring, Luke looks forward to shaping the built environment and making a lasting impact through thoughtful design.



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OPCMIA Scholarship Winner ALINA ZAVALA

Pictured with her father, Hugo Zavala Herrejon, of Local 300 Pleasanton, CA

Alina will be attending the University of California San Diego

My name is Alina Zavala, and I am honored to be a recipient of the Patrick D. Finley scholarship! My father has been a proud member of the OPCMIA union for 18 years and works as a cement mason. I have had the privilege of learning key life lessons through his union-instilled values and passionate pursuit of his craft. Among them, OPCMIA has helped instill in me the importance of a strong work ethic, dedication, and prominence of one's community.

As a student, I graduated from Liberty High School in June 2025 as our class Valedictorian. During my time at Liberty I held various extracurricular involvements, such as a 4-year ASB membership and senior ASB president, Ballet Folklorico Performance Team member, 'Ori Ma'Ohi Polynesian Dance Team member, as well as multiple stints in CSF/Key Club/Newspaper. In terms of academics, I took a rigorous combination of honors and AP classes and maintained an above 4.0 GPA all 4 years.

As I look towards my future, I am excited to attend the University of California San Diego as a Cell and Molecular Biology major! I will be a PATHS scholar at UCSD and seek to pursue a pre-med route. Eventually, my goal is to enter the medical field and provide quality health care to diverse communities. I am immensely grateful to OPCMIA for providing this opportunity to pursue my dreams, and to my family members for working so tirelessly to nurture my successes.



8TH ANNUAL ROB MASON C

BENEFITING THE PATRICK D.

The OPCMIA Rob Mason Classic golf tournament continues to be a great success due to the generosity of donations from our locals, international affiliates and industry partners. As the sole source of funding, we are grateful for the support. This year we were able to support eight students with a scholarship of 5k each to continue their educational goals. As we continue to support our membership through this tuition assistance we forever remember the legacy of the name sakes of this event Rob Mason and Patrick D. Finley.

On June 24, 2025, the golf tournament was held at Turf Valley golf resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. Participants enjoyed a great day of golfing, trivia, and prizes. Special thank you to General President Kevin D. Sexton, EVP Todd Lair and his Executive Assistant Lilly Sexton.



CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

FINLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



LOCAL 400 APPRENTICES – NORTHERN, CALIFORNIA

We, the Cement Masons Local 400, are proud to showcase the hard work and dedication of our skilled apprentices as they train to become masters of the craft. These individuals work side by side, learning the trade and building a strong foundation for the future of our industry.

In these photos, you'll see our apprentices setting up and finishing sidewalk improvements at our main office in Sacramento, California. This hands-on training is a vital part of their journey, and we're excited to share their progress.

A heartfelt thank you to the Northern California Cement Masons Joint Apprenticeship Program for their continued support and commitment to excellence in training the next generation of Cement Masons.



LOCAL 528 APPRENTICES – SEATTLE, WA

A Time of Celebration!

The 2025 Local 528 Cement Masons and Plasterers' Apprenticeship Graduation and Awards Banquet was a resounding success! With 275 in attendance, their presence celebrated the hard work, commitment, and craftsmanship of our Union's newest graduates and award recipients. This event highlights the strength and pride of the OPCMIA as we continue to cultivate a skilled and dedicated workforce for the future.



LOCAL 599 APPRENTICES – STATE OF WISCONSIN - AREAS 204 MADISON AND 845 RACINE/ KENOSHA

The apprentice program of LU 599 takes pride in the preparation of skilled students. The program continues to provide training that connects education with career opportunities. The goal is to graduate students with the key components of knowledge in the trade and top skills.



(L to R) Leadership in the apprentice program Jerred Simonson, Madison Apprenticeship Training coordinator and Instructor, Doug Hanson Madison Instructor and Local 599 Sargeant-at-Arms, Ryan Hanson new Madison Instructor, and Tim Thingvold new Madison Instructor.



(L to R) Congratulations to graduating Cement Masons Apprentices from Area 204 (Madison) Kody Tillema and Kaden Grieser.



Preparation & Recovery of the Madison Apprenticeship recruitment presentation.



Apprentices of Area 204 and 845 practice lifelong skills



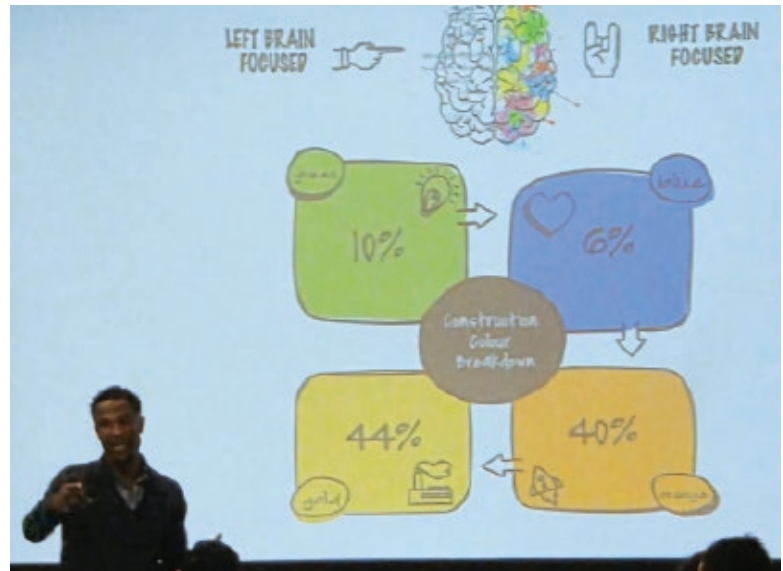
Organizers Classes & Business Managers Meeting

Fort Lauderdale, FL – April 2025

The 2025 Organizer Training classes and Business Manager meetings held this year in Fort Lauderdale delivered interactive, informative sessions to promote training tools to continue to give organizers and

business managers the necessary tools to continue to focus on the vision of the OPCMIA to RECRUIT, TRAIN and RETAIN!

Thank you to all of the presenters!



Local 538 – Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota

General Contractor JE Dunn Construction \$600 million Mutual of Omaha Headquarters Site. The 44 Story 800,000 sq ft will open in 2026. It is 677 feet tall and will be the tallest building in a multi-state region including Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.





LOCAL 11 – NORTHERN, ILLNOIS & DUBUQUE IOWA

The dedicated service of Local 11 members is recognized with the presentation of gold cards and certificates. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication!



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Business Manager Art Sturms, 25-year recipient Sister Dawn Starmann-Carothers, and Business Agent Anthony Frescura.



50 YEARS OF SERVICE! (Ctr L to R) Sister Carla Serena-Muzzarelli being presented with her 30-year gold card from her father Brother Monty Serena a 50-year member.



50 YEARS OF SERVICE! (Ctr) Brother William Walden 50-year gold card and certificate recipient.

LOCAL 29 - JERSEY CITY, NJ

Local 29 members Brothers Mike Mummiani, Steve Hein, Dan Hatto, and Omar Pena worked on an Ornamental Plastering restoration project with Evergreene Architectural Arts Contractor on The Loew's Jersey Theatre located in Jersey City, NJ.



LOCAL 29 - JERSEY CITY, NJ



LOCAL 29 - JERSEY CITY, NJ – *Continued*



LOCAL 254 – ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Recognition 50+ Dedicated Years of Service – Congratulations to all the recipients!



54 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Business Manager Ronald Hubbard and Brother Nieves Orona, a dedicated member since September 1970 and is recognized for 54 years of service. Brother Orona was a former Apprentice Coordinator and LU 254 President of the E-Board.



52 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L) Brother Fernando Montoya has been a dedicated member of local 254 since February 1973. He has served as LU 254 Cement Mason Instructor of Job Corps, Apprentice Coordinator, Officer of the E-Board, and Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.



51 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L) Brother Richard Cedillo has been a dedicated member since February 1974. He has given 51 years of service and has served as a former Cement Mason Instructor at Job Corps, a Trustee of local 394's pension, and E-Board President of local 394.

LOCAL 262 – NYC FIVE BOROUGH

Brother Paolo Pulcini is presented with his gold card and certificate for 40 years of service. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

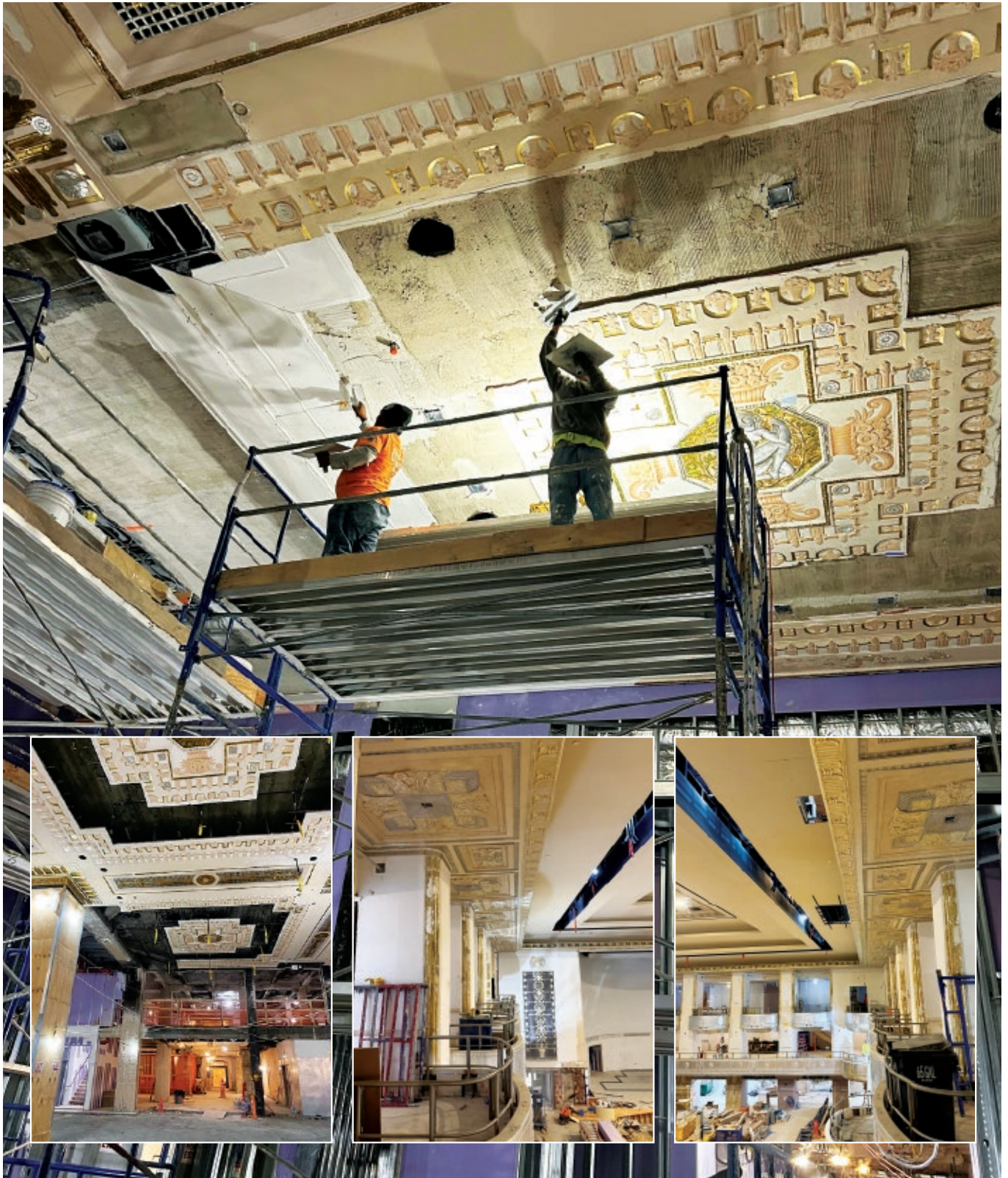


40 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Brother Paolo Pulcini and Business Manager Dale Alleyne



The Plasterers of local 262 worked on a Plastering project performed by Cooper Plastering at the Waldorf Astoria in Manhattan, NY. Incredible workmanship!

LOCAL 262 - NYC FIVE BOROUGHS – *Continued*



LOCAL 300 – NORTHERN, CA

Recipients of gold cards and pins accept their recognition for their dedicated years of service surrounded by their brothers in the trade.



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Business Manager Emilio Aldana, Brother Greg Levy, Sr. Business Agent and Local President recipient of 25-year gold card and certificate



40 YEARS OF SERVICE! (C) Brother David Johnson recipient of 40-year gold card and certificate

LOCAL 400 – NORTHERN CA

Cement Masons Local 400 recently celebrated and honored three dedicated members with prestigious awards at a Union Meeting held in San Jose on March 13th, 2025.



25 YEARS OF SERVICE!
(Ctr) Apprenticeship Director, Veronica Godinez received her 25-year award.

LOCAL 400 – NORTHERN CA – Continued



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (Ctr) Brother David M Lopez received his 25-year award.

“Taking it to the Streets” Career Fair, Elk Cove, CA

I'm excited to share highlights from Cement Masons Local 400's recent participation in a career fair held in Elk Grove, CA, at 9701 Big Horn Blvd. We were proud to showcase our newly acquired event trailer, featuring the OPCMIA International VR machine to engage and educate attendees about the industry.

We were also honored to have Retiree Daniel Valdez (Pic 4), a dedicated current E-Board member, representing Cement Masons Local 400. Joining him



40 YEARS OF SERVICE! (Ctr) Retiree Gustavo Ortiz received his 40-year Award.

at the booth were Business Agent Jorge Romero from Vallejo, CA, Organizer Juan Orozco from San Jose, CA, and Organizer DJ Barnes from the Chico/Redding area, who worked the VR machine, offering an interactive experience to attendees.

The career fair drew over 1,000 students from various local schools, all eager to explore career opportunities in the construction industry. We are excited to continue our mission to recruit, train, and retain the next generation of skilled workers.



LOCAL 400 – NORTHERN CA – Continued

LU 400 Union Meeting Highlights – Vallejo, CA

On Thursday, April 10th, 2025, we gathered in Vallejo, California, for our Union meeting to celebrate and honor the dedication and service of our active members and retirees.

The evening was marked by heartfelt recognition of the incredible contributions made by our brothers and sisters over the years. We are proud of our members who

stood alongside Business Manager Cody Bik, President Jose Jimenez, and Vallejo Business Agent Brother Jorge Romero as they joined us in paying tribute to the strength, solidarity, and hard work that define our Union.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening truly special. Here's to continuing the legacy of unity and service that keeps our Union strong Cement Masons Local 400.



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! Jose J. Bernal



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! Edgar Esquivel



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! Ramon Fonseca



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! Jorge Jimenez



40 YEARS OF SERVICE! Ruben Vera



50 YEARS OF SERVICE! Robert C. Deering

LOCAL 528 – SEATTLE, WA

Local Union 528 Business Agent Raymond Dumas is recognized for working diligently on the HB 1788 Bill to improve the lives of working families.



(C to R) Governor Bob Ferguson, and LU 528 Business Agent Raymond Dumas. Raymond Dumas joined the Plasterers in February of 2011. Well-rounded in the craft, Raymond came out of the field as a respected Foreman. His commitment to the union is evident, serving multiple terms on the Local Executive Board currently as Vice President, where he plays a key role in shaping union policy and supporting member needs. Raymond is the Plasterers' Business Agent and serves as the Legislative Affairs Director, a role in which he has become a key voice in advocating for labor-friendly legislation at the local and state level.



Ray Dumas stands next to Washington State Governor in recognition of his hard work in getting HB 1788 signed. This bill closes an equity gap in the workers' compensation system, ensuring that a single parent now receives the same time-loss benefit percentage as a married individual when injured on the job. Local 528 is working diligently to improve the lives of working families across Washington State.



Local 528 Highlight: Ray Dumas Coordinates Mayor's Visit. Local 528 Plasterer Business Agent Ray Dumas organized a visit from Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell to our Cement Masons & Plasterers Training Facility. The event showcased our apprenticeship program and promoted the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise levy, which supports free tuition at Seattle Colleges for skilled trades training. Dumas highlighted Local 528's efforts in workforce development, including outreach to prison and justice center communities, fostering inclusive career pathways. This visit strengthened community ties and underscored our commitment to building Seattle's future through skilled trades.

LOCAL 528 – SEATTLE, WA – Continued



In Memory of Mario Silva. With heavy hearts, Local 528 Cement Masons and Plasterers mourns the loss of Mario Silva, our Prevailing Wage Compliance Investigator, who passed away after bravely battling cancer. Mario's unwavering commitment to upholding NW OPCMIA Unions' standards in wages and benefits leveled the playing field for our contractors in the non-union market. His dedication, expertise, and passion for the union cause inspired all who knew him. Mario leaves behind his wife and two daughters. His legacy will endure in our hearts and our work. Rest in peace, Mario

LOCAL 577 – DENVER, CO

Recognizing recipient of 30-year gold card and certificate!

30 YEARS OF SERVICE!
(L to R) Business Manager
David Arguelles presents a
gold card to Brother Mustacchio



LU 592 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

Celebrating 592 local members, recognizing dedicated years of service and retirements!

60 YEARS OF SERVICE!

(L to R) Joe Moskauski local Fund Administrative, Mark Wildsmith Business Manager and President, Brother Philip Mandato 60-year recipient, Mike Sabatini Financial Secretary/Treasurer, and Dennis Fife Business Agent



(L to R) Mike Sabatini and Mark Wildsmith. Mike Sabatini and Mark Wildsmith, both of whom retired this year. Mike retired on June 1, 2025, after 12 years of dedicated service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer. Mark retired on July 1, 2025, having served as Vice President from 2014 until his appointment as Business Manager and President in 2020. In addition to their local leadership, both were elected in 2016 to serve in the same respective roles for the Mid-Atlantic District Council of Plasterers & Cement Masons, where they continued their commitment to the trade and its members until retirement.



60-YEAR RECIPIENT (Ctr) 60-year recipient Brother Anthony Loro

LOCAL 599 – STATE OF WISCONSIN

Local 599 shares a Christmas holiday memory where fun was had by all!!!

Local 599 Area 558 Milwaukee members Christy Babcock, Viki Hirschfield, Theresa Egly, Michelle Hacka, Ashley Barforth and Business Manager, Kilah Engelke.



LOCAL 599 – STATE OF WISCONSIN

Local 599 recognizes and celebrates the dedicated members of 25 years with gold cards and certificates.



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Business Agent Todd Gray and Brother Lance Torre of Area 204 celebrate his 25 years of service



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Area 558 Milwaukee Business Agent Bart Swearingen, Brother Trae James Plasterer, celebrates 25 years, and Business Manager Kilah Engelke



25 YEARS OF SERVICE!
Celebrated by fellow Sister and Brothers! (Front Row L to R) Kilah Engelke Business Manager, 25-year recipient Brother Jeff Demos Area 558 Milwaukee, Apprenticeship Coordinator Jon Mattsen, and apprenticeship instructor Pete Zimmermann (Back Row L to R) Alex Harmon, Steven Fischer, Evan Fischer, and Dean Moat



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R mid) 25-year recipients from Area 558 Milwaukee, Brother Shawn Stanek, and Brother Kelly Stanek



60 YEARS OF SERVICE!
Brother Richard Rotar celebrates 60 years of dedicated service! An accomplishment to be proud of!

LOCAL 600 – SOUTHERN, CA

The Support of Solidarity Continues..

Local's 600, 200, and the Southern, CA District Council donated to members who lost so much in the Eaton Fires in Altadena, CA. Donations were given to help support their needs.

(L to R) Brother Kevin Martin, and Business Representative Jose Vega, not picture David Holguin



LOCAL 797 – LAS VEGAS, NV

Celebrating dedicated years of service!



25 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) Business Agent Jose Marquez, and 25-year gold card and pin recipient Aaron Allen



30 YEARS OF SERVICE! (L to R) JATC Instructor Miguel Quiroz on the left, presenting Jesse Barajas with his 30-year Gold Card and certificate

LOCAL 886 – TOLEDO, OH

Congratulations on 70 Years!!

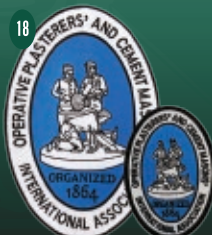
70 YEARS OF SERVICE!
(L to R) Gerald "Jiggs" Gillespie 88 years young, turning 89 on July 23rd is pictured with Kenneth Vierling, Sr., Business Manager while receiving his plaque and 70-year jacket which he loved. Jiggs began his career with LU 886 April 25, 1955. A proud moment!! Thank you for your dedication!!





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MEMBER MERCHANDISE



1. Wind Jacket
Chambray four-way stretch fabric. Water repellent, wind resistant. 4.2oz, 92/8 poly/spandex.
Full Zip S-4X
1/4 Zip L-2X

2. Tiger Stripe Polos
20oz, 100% dry-wicking poly. High perceived value, great subtle heathered texture, and self-fabric collar.
Black S-4XL
Tall L-2XL
Royal Blue S-4XL
Tall L-2XL
Ladies S-3XL
Charcoal S-4XL

3. Aqua Dry Polos
Moisture wicking, wrinkle resistant aqua-dry pique. 5.4oz, 96/4 poly/spandex.
Outdoor Logo S-4X
Logo L-2X

4. HI-VIS Cotton Long-Sleeve T-Shirt
Zin silver 3M front and back laminate striping. Shoulder-to-shoulder taping, double-needle stitched sleeves and hem. 6.1oz, 100% cotton.
Orange S-4XL
Lime S-4XL

5. Pullover
High-quality heavy weight pre-shrunk fabric. 9.5oz, 80/20 cotton/poly.
Black S-3X
Lime Green S-3X

6-11. T-Shirts
High-quality heavy weight pre-shrunk fabric. Shoulder-to-shoulder taping, double-needle stitched sleeves and hem. 6.1oz, 100% cotton.
6. Safety Green S-4X
7. Steel Edge Women S-3X
8. Crossed Floats OPCMIA Style S-4X
9. OPCMIA Style S-4X
10. Bend Don't Break OPCMIA Style S-4X
11. Distressed Text OPCMIA Style S-4X

12. Watch
Swiss quartz movement with USA made battery. Water resistant to 100ft. Men's 41.00mm

13. Black Tumbler
Food grade 304 - 18/8 stainless steel travel mug covered with water-proof, neoprene/poly wetsuit material. Spill-resistant lid is BPA and phthalate free. Non-skid bottom. 16oz

14. Big Daddy Mug
Clean, cylindrical design glass mug with intricate design moulded into heavy base. Comfortable handle. 16oz

15. Playing Cards
Premium casino-grade linen playing cards. Poker Size

16. Buck® Bantam™ BHW Lockback Knife
Lightweight, heavy-duty pocket knife. 5 1/8" thermoplastic handle with finger grooves and clip. 3 5/8" stainless steel blade.

17. Black & White Cap
Unstructured, relaxed, perfect profile cap. Plastic snapback tab closure. 7.5oz poly cotton twill front. Contrasting nylon mesh back.

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LOCAL 891 – DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Local 891 presented opportunities for the union trades at The Career Construction Expo in Baltimore, MD job fair. In attendance OPCMIA, Vice President Michael Hubler, Business Manager Jamie Buck, International Field Representatives Michael Campos and Tim Sturdivant, Tim Nelson, and Hector Ochoa of the ITF Training Department



“A Local 891 Legend”

Rosella Scott Jr. was born in Bedford, VA, the only son of six who moved to Washington, DC in 1964. In 1964 he joined local 891 as a Cement Mason Apprentice under his brother-in-law, the late Hubert Logan who was a Foreman for Knollman Construction Company in Rockville Pike, Maryland. Under the apprenticeship rules at that time if a company or foreman hired you, you worked on the job completing your training. Brother Scott completed his apprenticeship in 1967.

Upon completing his apprenticeship, Brother Scott, along with the late David Robinson became instructors of the first Washington, DC Pre-Apprenticeship Program, Project Build at 11 First Street in Northeast, DC. Project Build was a successful program for the union and community. In 1977 Brother Scott became a Business Agent for Local 89, although he soon realized his true passion was training. He resigned as Business Agent of the local and became the Potomac Job Corps Instructor from 1978 to 2006.



(L to R) Rosella Scott IV (Grandson), Dion Lee (Nephew), Recipient 60 years of dedicated service Mr. Rosella Scott Jr., and Rosella Scott III (Son).

In 2006 Brother Scott began instructing students for a District of Columbia based Pre-Apprentice Program, “Building Futures” while also serving as the Local 891 Cement Masons’ instructor for the apprenticeship program. He has graduated numerous students under these programs, some to this day are still in contact with him. Brother Scott retired as the Cement Masons’ Apprenticeship Instructor in 2022.

At Local 891, Union Meeting on March 4, 2025, Brother Rosella G Scott, Jr., was presented with his 60-year Distinctive Card and Certificate by his sons. Brother

Scott has set a precedent as the first Local 891 member to receive his honorary card of 60 years in person and speak within the walls of the union meeting hall that holds his namesake to many of those students he taught.

A man of Integrity, loved by so many, appreciated for being himself.. Brother Scott on July 2, 2025, turned 88 years young. We wish him and his family continued blessing.

IN MEMORIAM

The Officers and members of the OPCMIA extend their sincere condolences to the families of the dearly departed brothers and/or sisters.

Remembering

DAVID L. ROBINSON

Vice President/General Executive Board Member

JANUARY 24, 1940 – APRIL 11, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and regret that the international officers and members of Local Union 891 (Brother Robinson's home local) report the death of Brother David L. Robinson who passed away April 11, 2025. Brother Robinson was 85 years old and a member of the union since July 3, 1962 – 62 years.

He advanced his studies of the labor movement by enrolling in the then George meany Center (now National Labor College) for Labor Studies in Silver Spring, Maryland. His numerous career accomplishments included Local 891 Business Agent, Business Manager. Brother Robinson was elected President of the Washington Building Trades Council (receiving a citation for his contributions to the Building Trades in the Nation's Capital from Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton). He was elected as Vice President and Executive Board Member of the OPCMIA Executive Board until his retirement in 2005.

The officers and members of Local Union 891 extend their sincere sympathies to his family members and friends. Resolved that the Charter be draped for thirty days in memory of our deceased brother.



April 01, 2025, THROUGH April 30, 2025

WILFRED C. LAPOINTE

Local #400, Sacramento, CA

It is with deep sorrow and regret that the officers and members of Local Union 400 report the death of Brother Wilfred C. Lapointe who passed away December 03, 2024. Brother Lapointe was 86 years old and a member of the International since November 08, 1965 – 59 years.

The officers and members of Local Union 400 extend their sincere sympathies to his family members and friends.

Resolved that the Charter be draped for thirty days in memory of our deceased brother.

ELISEO MUNOZ LEDO

Local #400, Sacramento, CA

It is with deep sorrow and regret that the officers and members of Local Union 400 report the death of Brother Eliseo Munoz Ledo who passed away March 10, 2025. Brother Ledo

was 73 years old and a member of the International since March 05, 1981 – 44 years.

The officers and members of Local Union 400 extend their sincere sympathies to his family members and friends.

Resolved that the Charter be draped for thirty days in memory of our deceased brother.

May 01, 2025, THROUGH May 31, 2025

EDWARD H MOMMSEN, SR.

Local #538, Des Moines, IA

It is with deep sorrow and regret that the officers and members of Local Union 538 report the death of Brother Edward J. Mommsen, Sr. who passed away April 26, 2025. Brother Mommsen was 88 years old and a member of the International since August 09, 1962 – 62 years.

The officers and members of Local Union 538 extend their sincere sympathies to his family members and friends.

Resolved that the Charter be draped for thirty days in memory of our deceased brother.

LOC CITY, STATE NAME

DEATH BENEFITS PAID IN FEBRUARY 2025

692	Indianapolis, IN	Abplanalp, Ronald
592	Philadelphia PA	Affatato, Angelo
502	Chicago IL	Dent, William W.
755	Los Angeles, CA	Engelbrechtsen, Brian
011	Northern, IL	Enger, Larry
502	Chicago IL	Gonzalez, Manuel C.
143	Southern, IL	Hayn, Eldon L.
400	Sacramento, CA	Jackson, Ronnie M.
919	Vancouver, CN	Lazzano, Giuseppe
797	Las Vegas, NV	Milligan, Joseph
143	Southern, IL	Miranda, Manuel A.
502	Chicago IL	Mortensen, Richard T.
090	East St. Louis, IL	Neutzling, Lester
400	Sacramento, CA	Reynoso, Louie D.
692	Indianapolis, IN	Robinson, James E.
592	Philadelphia PA	Sabatini, John W.
600	Los Angeles CA	Sandoval, Lorenzo E.
891	Washington, DC	Sapleton, Waldie
502	Chicago IL	Skoglund, Robert
502	Chicago IL	Sterbenz, John W.
143	Southern, IL	Williams, Matthew R.

DEATH BENEFITS PAID IN MARCH 2025

502	Chicago IL	Bakker, Gerald M.
692	Indianapolis, IN	Colby, Patrick
592	Philadelphia PA	Dougherty, William J.
502	Chicago IL	Duhownik, William
780	New York, NY	Guanzini, David J.
600	Los Angeles CA	Guerrero, Robert
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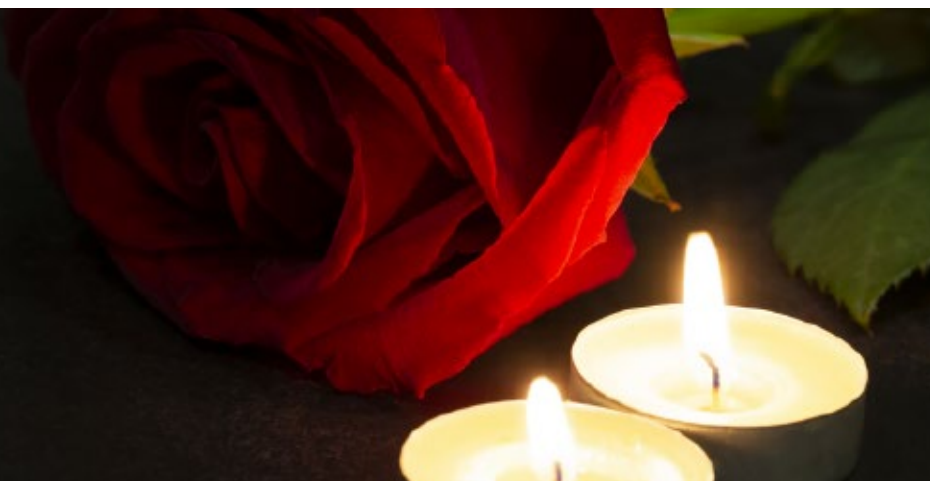
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