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The official newsletter of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local #15 MO/KS/NE

Representing Bricklayers, Stone Masons, Pointer/Caulker/Cleaners, Tile Layers, Refractory Workers, Marble Masons and Terrazzo Workers

SUMMER 2024

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Local 15 is turning 25! July 12, 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the inception of Local 15 MO/KS. On July 12, 1999, Local 15 was created by the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers as a mega-Local by merging the Locals in Missouri and Kansas.

Kansas City, Kansas -18/MO	Jefferson City, Missouri - 11/MO
Topeka, Kansas - 03/KS	Springfield, Missouri - 10/MO
Wichita Kansas - 02/KS	Joplin, Missouri - 08/MO
Manhattan, Kansas - 14/KS	St. Joseph, Missouri - 05/MO
Salina, Kansas - 11/KS	Kansas City, Missouri -04MO

In 2014, Local 01/NE, based out of Omaha, Nebraska was added to Local 15's jurisdiction to create the Omaha and Outer Nebraska Chapters.



Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers is rich in history with generations of tradesman as the oldest continuous Local established in 1865. Many 3rd and 4th generation members are in Local 15's active rolls today that were originally part of their respective Locals merging to create Local 15 MO/KS/NE.

Under the direction of past presidents Jim Scott, Steve Mullen, Craig Hydeman, Don Hunt and our current President Dustin Himes, great strides have been made in the last 25 years to better the lives of literally thousands of people, including members and their families, widows, widowers, pension beneficiaries, and dependents. In addition, Local 15's signatory contractors base has grown significantly over the past 25 years and many have seen great successes by forming a partnership with the Local and its hard working members.

At the time of inception, Kerry Young was hired as Local 15's Office Administrator and is still in that capacity today. We congratulate Kerry on 25 years of managing all happenings of Local 15. She is truly a critical piece to the success of the last 25 years.

Local 15 is proud to present an opportunity for all members and their families to come together in solidarity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Local 15 MO/KS/NE.

Save the date for July 27, 2024. Each current member will be allowed up to 4 tickets and a parking pass to Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun. Further information will be arriving in a separate mailing in the coming weeks so be on the lookout for important information on how to acquire tickets.



THANK YOU VICE-PRESIDENTS

Past and present Vice-Presidents have and will continue to better the lives of Local 15 members and their loved ones.

PAST VICE-PRESIDENTS

John Creller	Bob Rickel
Don Graves	Ed Holt
Tom Murillo	John English
James Woolery	Keith Sanders
Kelly Wideman	Sam Mahan
Rick Riley	Ron Honeycutt
Lou Billups	

PRESENT VICE-PRESIDENTS

Steve Morrow	Ed Wehrle
Josh Franklin	Ed Black
Don Hunt	Alex Martinez

President's Message



DUSTIN HIMES
President/Secretary-Treasurer

I hope this finds everyone well as schools are letting out, pools are opening up, and we all prepare for the upcoming summer season. Summer temps are rapidly approaching, and I hope everyone will take precautions in the heat. We need everyone to be their brother/sister's

keeper and watch out for each other on jobs.

I am glad that negotiations are behind us for this year, and we can focus on organizing and growing the Local. Five CBA's were negotiated and settled this winter and spring. I would like to thank the Negotiating Committees for their time and effort.

Work appears to be plentiful in all areas for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025.

The stock market did well for the plan year end of March 31, 2024, and posted great returns to our Welfare, Pension, and Supplemental Pension Funds. We will know more when the annual audits are completed but appears to be a very positive year.

I'm excited for some of the events we have planned for the remainder of the year. We have the annual awards parties coming up this fall. I encourage everyone to attend this great event in their respective chapter. Although most chapters/locals have existed for many years, 2024 also marks the 25th anniversary of the inception of those mergers into what is now BAC Local 15. We have an exciting opportunity for all members to attend a day of celebration at Worlds of Fun next month. I encourage all members to participate in this family friendly event to commemorate the milestone.


United we stand, divided we fall...I hope to see you all at the next chapter meeting!


In Solidarity,


Local 15 has come a long way in 25 years! Here are a few of our many accomplishments since 1999

52% Wage increase over the last 25 years


45% Contractor contributions increase in the last 25 years


 Premium healthcare plans are in place for members with low deductibles, excellent coverage, retiree health benefits and prescription benefits.


 A top-notch Apprenticeship & Training Program has grown to produce a highly skilled and motivated workforce, with numerous apprentices attending and placing in national Apprenticeship Con-


 Pension contributions have grown by 31%, to allow more to retire with dignity; a pension that maintained a green zone through the Recession and COVID.

 Defeated RTW in Missouri in 2017 which was critical to maintaining Union density and higher wages in Missouri.

 Fair Contracting language has been implemented in Jackson County Missouri, one of the highest man hour counties in Local 15's jurisdiction. This language evens the playing field for our contractors that pay liveable wages, and holding contractors with unfair and deceptive labor practices accountable, making it difficult for unfair entities to prosper in Jackson County with questionable practices.

 Local 15 Headquarters building in Kansas City was purchased and is owned by Local 15 as well as Local 15's Springfield Chapter Hall.

 More signatory contractors have joined Local 15's contractor base, increasing market share for our trades. Some of our recently signed contractors have been trained through Local 15's Apprenticeship Program and are loyal Local 15 members providing work opportunities for their Brothers & Sisters.

 Market recovery program was implemented in 2011 to secure more man hours for members, resulting in 1,185,272 man hours, \$9,841,668 return to pensions and \$8,547,643 return to Health & Welfare, putting benefits and wages back into our member's pockets. The cost of investment has been \$9,976,557, with the total return on wages and benefits has totalled \$55,983,327.



pictured above: Tyler Simpson, Skyler Nölker, Cameron Johnson, Eric Thomas-Cook and James Jones with C&M Restoration

SAY YES TO THE TEXTS !

OPT IN TO LOCAL 15'S TEXT NOTIFICATIONS TO BE WELL-INFORMED AND CONNECTED



FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1 TEXT 15MOKSNE TO THE NUMBER 50607

2 RESPOND WITH YOUR I.U. # OR YOUR FULL NAME

ALLOCATIONS WAGE

Thank you to members who attended allocation meetings & voted upon the dispersal of wage increases.

PITTSBURG KS COMMERCIAL
Effective May 1, 2024
\$1.21 increase
\$.89 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.04 to Local Pension
\$.02 to International Masonry Institute
\$.01 to Apprenticeship & Training

OMAHA COMMERCIAL
Effective June 1, 2024
\$1.80 increase
\$1.30 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.12 to OCI Pension
\$.10 to Apprenticeship & Training
\$.03 to International Masonry Institute

CENTRAL MO COMMERCIAL
Effective April 1, 2024
\$2.29 increase
\$2.00 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.03 to International Masonry Institute
\$.02 to Apprenticeship & Training
\$.01 to Industry Advancement

SPRINGFIELD COMMERCIAL
Effective April 1, 2024
\$1.55 increase
\$1.27 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.02 to International Masonry Institute
\$.02 to Apprenticeship & Training

St. JOSEPH COMMERCIAL
Effective May 1, 2024
\$2.45 increase
\$2.13 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.05 to International Masonry Institute
\$.02 to Apprenticeship & Training

KC TILE, MARBLE & TERRAZZO COMMERCIAL FINISHER
Effective June 1, 2024
\$1.37 increase
\$.98 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.05 to Local Pension
\$.05 to Supplemental Pension
\$.02 to Apprenticeship & Training
\$.02 to International Masonry Institute

TOPEKA COMMERCIAL
Effective April 1, 2024
\$1.32 increase
\$1.20 to wages
\$.10 to KBT Health & Welfare
\$.02 to International Masonry Institute

WICHITA COMMERCIAL
Effective April 1, 2024
\$1.00 increase
\$.85 to wages
\$.10 to KBT Health & Welfare
\$.01 to International Masonry Institute
\$.02 to Apprenticeship & Training

KANSAS CITY COMMERCIAL
Effective April 1, 2024
\$2.61 increase
\$2.30 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.04 to International Masonry Institute
\$.01 to Apprenticeship & Training
\$.01 to Industry Advancement

KC TILE, MARBLE & TERRAZZO COMMERCIAL SETTER
Effective June 1, 2024
\$2.00 increase
\$1.50 to wages
\$.25 to Health & Welfare
\$.10 to Local Pension
\$.10 to Supplemental Pension
\$.02 to Apprenticeship & Training
\$.03 to International Masonry Institute



pictured above: Dave Coughlon & Jeremy Neff with Desco Coatings at Lenexa Justice Center

Aaron Forck joins BAC Local 15 Staff



Brother Aaron Forck recently joined Local 15's staff serving as the Central Missouri Chapter Field Representative. Aaron joined Local 15 in 2001, having grown up in the industry. His father and uncle owned small bricklaying companies and he worked for them during the summers as a kid.

Brother Forck has worked for several companies while in Local 15, but has spent the last 18 years running work for John Smith Masonry. Like many of our members, Aaron feels it is hard to name the project he is most proud of over the years because he feels he leaves some of himself in every project he has done..

Aaron spends time hunting and fishing and actually just came back from Ontario with some walleye. He and his brother make beer and enter a few contests per year, and have won several of them. He recently started dabbling in BBQ competitions, and likes to play golf. He has a 20 year-old

daughter and a 19-year old son, who are both in college.

Brother Forck will strive to grow Local 15's membership and increase out market share. We look forward to working with him in these endeavors and welcome him to the Local 15 team.

THANK YOU TO LOCAL 15'S NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES WHO HELPED SETTLE 5 NEW CONTRACTS THIS YEAR

Contracts for Central Missouri, Kansas City, Wichita, St Joseph and Omaha Chapters were settled this year. The Negotiating Committee members, who were voted into office at Local 15's Chapter Nomination Meetings successfully negotiated the terms of the contracts on behalf of their Brothers & Sisters.



SPRINGFIELD

JANSEN RUDY
BILL MCCONKEY

KANSAS CITY

KEVIN MALLECK
RICHARD FAIRCHILD

OMAHA

ANDREW PEINE
DARYL FLEENOR

CENTRAL MISSOURI

AARON FORCK
CRAIG WOLF



pictured above: JE DUNN'S brick crew @ Shamrock center in Overland Park, KS

Are you tired of receiving delinquent letters and getting phone calls from your Field Representative?

Nobody likes receiving delinquent letters or being placed on the drop list. If you have experienced this you received a phone call from a Field Representative telling you that you are on the drop list and have a week or so to make a payment or you will be dropped because you are 4 months delinquent in your dues payments.

Make it easier on the staff AND yourself by enrolling in Local 15's Auto Pay Program. Once a month, on the first business day of the month, your one-month payment (which is between \$6 and \$16 depending on your membership status) will be AUTOMATICALLY PAID!

Not only will you be benefitting yourself by taking the stress off of your shoulders trying

to remember to make a payment, but you are saving the time and stress of Local 15 staff as well. With less time spent chasing dues, we can put more effort into things that are beneficial to all members of Local 15 and their families.

Simply call your Rep, Headquarters, or stop by to request the form needed. To enroll, complete the form, and never worry about being on the drop list again!

Local 15 members who sign up for Local 15's AUTO-PAYMENT program before August 1st will be entered into a drawing for a sweet prize!! Do yourself a favor this summer and add your window dues payments to your AUTO-PAID bills.



pictured above: Chris Handke, Shannon Deering & Landon Herbert with L. Herbert Masonry at Rosecrans Memorial Airfield in St. Joseph, MO



pictured above: Caleb Blackburn Trent Westmoreland, & Billy Bond Jr. with Mid-American Concrete at Piper Elementary.



pictured above: Randy Parks, Owen Staver, Brian Bermudez, Corey Michael & Francisco Franco with Metro Tile @ Shamrock Place in Overland Park, KS

SAVE THE DATE FOR LOCAL 15'S 2024

SERVICE AWARD & GRADUATION PARTIES

WICHITA CHAPTER

AUG 17

TOPEKA CHAPTER

AUG 18

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER

SEP 21

OMAHA CHAPTER

SEP 22

CENTRAL MO CHAPTER

SEP 28

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

SEP 29

JOIN US AS WE APPLAUD OUR HONOREES
& APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATES FOR A
JOB WELL DONE

Local 15's 2024 Service Award parties have been scheduled.
Save the date and join us as we present awards to this year's
Honorees and Apprenticeship Graduates.

40 YEAR HONOREES

TOPEKA

Lowell Breault

SPRINGFIELD

William Applegate

Franklin Thornton

Thomas Thornton

OMAHA

Kevin Kubie

Michael Osborn

Thomas Williams

CENTRAL MISSOURI

Jeffrey Kullman

Kenneth Roberts

KANSAS CITY

Joseph Brockman

Ralph Buck

Jeffrey Harless

60 YEAR HONOREES

SPRINGFIELD

Jerry Bennett

Dwaine Essary

Francis Thornton

OMAHA:

Rodney Roberts

KANSAS CITY:

Joseph Angell

Forrest Stark

70 YEAR HONOREES

WICHITA

Arthur Gould

Leon Kerschen

TOPEKA

Jack York

CMO

Terrence Sloan

KANSAS CITY

Floyd Rodgers

50 YEAR HONOREES

SPRINGFIELD

John Stockstill

OMAHA

Melvin Bye

Robert Couillard

KANSAS CITY

Jerry Boan

Edward Frank

Michael Kierl

Jerry Stark

Nathan O'Roark

Stanley Thresher

65 YEAR HONOREES

TOPEKA

Delbert Fairbanks

Quentin Mitchell

James Reed

SPRINGFIELD

Ralph Booth

OMAHA

Wilbert Roemmich

CMO

Charles Leake

Lawrence Wekamp

KANSAS CITY:

Adiel Devolder

Claude Oehme Jr.

Richard Larkin

Lucien Steffe

75 YEAR HONOREES

KANSAS CITY

Marion Schlicht Jr.

Eugene Bernard

(posthumously)



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25 YEAR HONOREES

KANSAS CITY

Dale Arnold

Otto Atherton

Barton Braa

Mike Burgess

Brian Cox

Jose Diaz

Michael Craig

Michael Dreiling

Robert Elliott

Clifford Hadl

Darian Hueffmeier

Erik Jacobs

Kevin Malleck

Stuart Miles

Eric Miller

Bruce Moore

Derrick Nelsen

Nicholas Noll

Aurelio Parrino

Donald Peel

David Rauch

Brian Reliford

Robert Roe

Steven Saale

Steven Tavernaro

Terry Weber

Wiley Wyrick

OMAHA

Moises Agüero

Jeremy Brayton

Ronald Cermak

Charles Cusano

Shaun Peacock

Ronald Taylor

TOPEKA

Stacy Millard

Ronald Morgan

CENTRAL MO

Douglas Brenneke

George Cowan

SPRINGFIELD

Michael Kinyon

Arvil McNew

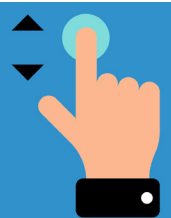


pictured above: Chet Adkins, Brad Ivie, Mike Kinyon, Dustin Brill and Rob Thompson with Thornton Masonry @ Southern Missouri Community Health Center in Springfield.



pictured above: Sal Panis, Alan Schaefer, Aurelio Parrino, Robert Easter, Irineo Barragan and Pete Guhl at Lenexa Justice Center.

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