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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **March 2nd**
John Boos Committee Meeting
4:00pm Effingham Event Center
- ▶ **March 16th**
Member Meeting
6:00pm Champaign
- ▶ **March 25th**
Southern Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Muddy Saloon
- ▶ **March 27th**
Retiree Breakfast
7:00 AM Champaign

RECENT NEWS

Members Gather for Important Vote

On Monday, February 16, a Special Called Meeting took place to address the disbursement of 2026 Commercial wages under the Master Commercial Agreement.

A vote was held to determine how negotiated funds will be disbursed between hourly wages, Health & Welfare, Pension, and other collectively bargained benefits.

Thank you to all members in attendance. When it comes to your pay and benefits, your involvement matters. Keep an eye out for future meeting notices and communications so you can stay informed and involved.

IMPORTANT INFO

WEX Card Information

The ending balance on your card at the end of the year will not roll over until April 2026. You can still submit expenses for 2025 until March 31.

For additional information please contact Health & Welfare at (217) 732-1919.



Regional Council mobile app

Members can download the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council app to pay their union dues. Below are the QR codes to download the app.



Apple App Store



Google Play Store



LynchCo Construction Scholarship

Brian Lynch, Local 243 Member and President of LynchCo is offering a scholarship to graduating seniors at Bement High school to help them pay for tools to get started in a career in the trades. Applications open mid-March and will be open for one month. Interested students can contact their guidance counselor for more information on how to apply.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

3/7: Aerial Lift
3/7: Stretch-In Carpet
3/7: Silica Awareness & Ergonomics
3/7: Welding – Basic
3/14: Safety & Health
3/14: Grid
3/21: Welding – Basic
3/21: Door Hardware
3/28: Transit – Total Station

All classes are held at:
 MACTC-Pekin Campus
 904 Brenkman Drive
 Pekin, IL 61554

Visit mactc.org to enroll.

212 Leadership: Next Level UBC Leaders is an advanced leadership development program offered by the UBC Department of Education and Training at the UBC International Training Center in Las Vegas, NV. Designed for journey-level UBC members, this immersive training helps participants strengthen their leadership skills, positively influence jobsite culture, and take the next step in their career path.

Upcoming Training Dates:

- April 9–11, 2026
- June 4–6, 2026
- October 8–10, 2026



For more information on this training program and to submit an interest form, please visit: www.carpenters243.com/212-leadership-next-level-ubc-leaders/

IN THE COMMUNITY



Carpenters Local 243 table set up at the Career Fair at Central High School in Champaign, IL.

Career Fairs – Representatives from Local 243 attended career fairs last month in Champaign, St. Joseph and Newton – educating high school students on the benefits of becoming a union member and the process of getting started in a career in carpentry. Local 243 will also be attending the career fair in Altamont March 5th.

Supporting Youth Athletics

Local 243 is proud to sponsor the Philo Ballpark Association and Tolono Parks District again for their 2026 youth baseball, softball and T-ball seasons.

Have a youth or community organization that could benefit from Local 243's support? We encourage you to reach out!

Send an email to:

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