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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **May 4th**
John Boos
Committee Meeting
4:00pm Effingham
Event Center
- ▶ **May 16th**
Summer Cookout
2:00 PM Champaign
- ▶ **May 18th**
Member Meeting
6:00pm Champaign
- ▶ **May 27th**
Southern Committee
Meeting 6:30pm
Muddy Saloon

RECENT NEWS

Join us as we kick off the summer at our “Burgers, Brews, and Brotherhood” cookout on May 16th at 2:00 PM. This event is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members and strengthen our union brotherhood. Members are encouraged to bring their families and join us for a relaxed afternoon at the hall as we kick off the summer together.



The MACRC Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Friday, June 19th at Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin, IL. This annual event supports scholarship funding and features two flights starting at 7:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Registration is open now through June 1st, spots are limited. Signup forms are available on our website or at the hall.



MEMBER RESOURCES

Financial Tip: Plan for the Future

Having a financial plan is important at every stage of your career. Through our partnership with U of I Community Credit Union, members have access to free online tools for budgeting, saving, and long-term planning. Visit carpenters243.banzai.org.



NCL Benefits

Members also have access to benefits through the National Coalition of Labor (NCL), including life insurance, legal services, and discount programs. Learn more at coalitionoflabor.org.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

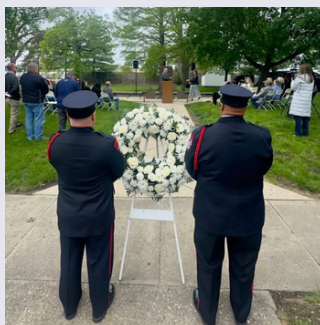
5/2 Welding - Basic
 5/9 Construction Fall Protection
 5/9 Residential Carpet
 5/16 Door Hardware
 5/16-17 Confined Space
 5/16 Welding - Basic
 5/17 ICRA - Best Practices in Health Care Refresher
 5/23 Transit - Total Station
 5/23 Stairs
 5/23-24 Alignment Refresher

MACTC-Pekin Campus
 904 Brenkman Drive
 Pekin, IL 61554

Visit mactc.org to enroll.

IN THE COMMUNITY

On April 28th, members of our community gathered in Danville and Champaign to observe Workers Memorial Day, honoring those who have lost their lives due to unsafe working conditions and reaffirming our commitment to safety. Ceremonies were held at 12:00 PM in Danville and 5:00 PM at Dodds Park in Champaign, where labor leaders, elected officials, and community members came together for remarks and wreath presentations.



Thank you to all who attended and helped honor those we've lost. Together, we continue working toward a safer future for all.

CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT

English Brothers Company has a long-standing partnership with union carpenters, working alongside skilled tradesmen for generations. As a fifth-generation, family-owned general contractor, the company brings experience and personal service to every project.



They specialize in commercial and industrial construction, along with education, healthcare, institutional, and multi-family projects, managing complex builds with a hands-on approach. Their partnership with Local 243 plays a key role in their success, relying on the union's commitment to training skilled carpenters.



"Local 243 ensures members are properly trained and clearly understand what's expected of them on the job," says President RJ Hynds.

That preparation helps English Brothers meet deadlines while maintaining high standards of quality, as seen in projects like the Urbana Middle School Sixth Grade Center.

Interested in being our next Member or Contractor Spotlight, or want to nominate a fellow member? Visit our website to fill out the form. Carpenters243.com/spotlight