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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

August 14, 2018

7:00 PM

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*ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.*

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.**
- The deadline for articles for the September 2018 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is August 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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My name is Wendy. I am Very proud to say I am a proud Union employee. Being a Union employee gives me security in my job. I am not an at will employee. Having a contract that an employer has to abide by reassures me many things. I know when I walk in the door at Ocean Spray Cranberries as an employee I will be treated fairly. If something arises that I feel goes against our members contract. I have the right and a voice with being able to file a grievance that will stand as an legal document.



I am assured that I have health insurance, paid holidays, vacation days, minimum of a 40 hour work week, paid time and a half, and double time after so many hours, and triple time if called to work on a holiday, paid breaks and lunches, uniforms, work boots, Seniority rights, time off for Union business, good wages and most importantly a Union paid pension. The list goes on. These are all things that we collectively bargain for and have a right to bargain for. If I was not a Union employee I would just have to settle for what the company feels like doing or giving to us.

I was also giving the opportunity to obtain a 5year apprenticeship that couldn't have been done without our Union. I was able to advance my skills and went from a machine operator to a mechanic and will have acquired a journeyman's card issued from the state of Wisconsin with in the next year.

I have been a Union employee for 10 years and because of my good Bennifits and wages My family and I are able to do and live a comfortable lifestyle.

I have the means to do what I enjoy the most. Camping and riding motorcycles with my family fluently.

Because of this organization IAMAW I am proud to display this sign in my front of my newly remodeled house. That I used my Union made wages to pay for. New windows, doors, gutters, soffits, and siding.

This was the last larger update I needed to get done before my much looking forward retirement begins.

Thanks to IAMAW for all you have done for me.



My home away from home and thanks to my Union



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"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union."

2018 Badge Night



50 years: Duwayne Hoitink, James Lajsic, Sylvester Plier, Serapio Seuceda, Richard Strzyzewski, Minnie Tompkins



45 years: Steven Cohn, James Dugas Jr, Jack Ellison, David Spangler, Robert Sutherland, Roger Zarse, August Zehner,



40 years: Gerald Hinze, Deanise Kersting, Raylene Krzeminski, Susan Schaff



*30 years: Paul Brock, Thomas Mabie,
Kerry Mangan*



20 years: Elizabeth Falkowski, Kenneth Wilhelm



*15 years: Donald Aiello, Donald Burmester,
Daniel Kosterman*

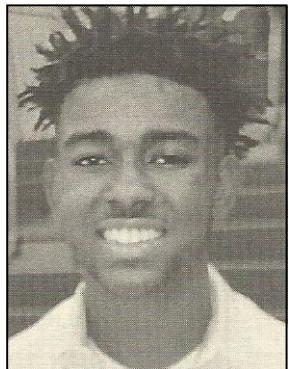
“We’re going to have insurance for everybody. We’re going to have a healthcare that is far less expensive and far better.”

Donald Trump, 1/11/17

STILL WAITING

2017-18 Labor History Essay Winner

Third Place (Tie)
Payton G. Malone
12th Grade
Menomonee Falls
High School
Father -
Steelworkers
Local 2-209



www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org

Fifty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. joined the striking sanitation workers in Memphis as they fought for the freedom to join together in a strong Union and be treated with dignity and respect at work. They carried signs that boldly proclaimed: “**I AM A Man.**” Because the idea of labor Unions is based on solidarity among workers, you might have expected the labor movement to be at the forefront in America’s long struggle toward racial harmony, but this is not true. Unions have been on both sides of the racial question, sometimes enforcing discrimination and at other times welcoming minorities into their ranks. African Americans often had to fight to join Unions. They found that the labor movement could help them win in areas of positions and fair treatment.

I am well aware of the importance of Unions and fighting for the rights for their “brothers and sisters.” My dad is a Union Steward at Harley Davidson. He makes sure that the company is following what is in the agreed contract regarding policy and procedures for ALL employees to be treated fair and equal. He helps his Union brothers and sisters with grievances, investigates and arbitrations regarding unfair, unequal and discriminatory practices by management and the company. He attends the local Union meetings and is involved in sub committees like the Rapid Response Team. The local chapter uses member’s dues to also do many things for the community like helping veterans, giving to charities, and giving donations to those in need. I am very proud of my dad and his position as a steward and helping others.

**Young workers are
the future of Unions**

- Payton G. Malone

On the other side, my mother works for the State of Wisconsin-Department of Corrections and was one of the thousands of people who marched in protest and gathered inside the Capitol in Madison, WI fighting against Governor Walker’s bill to take away the Unions from public employees in 2011. The commitment of those members was amazing. Even though Unions were dissolved in the public sector, my mother continues to pay her dues to her local chapter. Being a Union member gets her access to discounts and benefits that can help make life a little easier. It also helps out other Unions like the Take Back America organizers, who are a key part of the international commitment to improving power in key states like Wisconsin. She tells me that even though there is no longer a Union, she is still able to be protected by her local chapter with legal representation and other issues at work as long as she is in good standing. By paying her dues she is helping the Union remain strong and let government know that they are still operating in full force for their members.

Young workers are the future of Unions. That’s why Unions are giving young leaders the support and resources they need to stay on the front lines of the labor movement. Without strong Unions and members, there will be no future leaders to continue to work for the people and their rights. If millennia's join Unions in higher numbers and continue to do so, it could be a reflection of their desire to have well-paying jobs, safer working conditions and a secure retirement. All of which Unionized workers have at a higher rates than their non-Union counterparts. I have seen and experienced that many changes in the work force through my parents and what the Union has done for them to see how important and powerful they are.

Now more than fifty years after the march in Memphis, corporate elites and corrupt politicians continue to rig the economy against Unions. Working people nationwide of all races are rising and standing up for the freedom of working people to join together in strong Unions and fight for decent and equitable pay for their work, affordable health care, quality of schools, better communities and a secure future for us all.

Kitchen Table Economics:

None: The real wage growth of private sector workers over the past year.

Machinists Union Young Workers Class ... It Is All Up to YOU

<https://www.goiam.org/news/still-time-to-enroll-in-september-young-workers-program/>

Psalm of Mark Janus

(The Freeloader)

The dues paying member is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He provideth me with rest days and vacations.
So that I may lie down in green pastures
Beside the still waters.

He restoreth my back pay.
He guideth my welfare without cost to me.
I stray in the paths of the non-righteous
For my money's sake.

Yea, though I alibi and pay no dues
From generation to generation
I fear no evil, for he protects me.
The working conditions which he provides
They comfort me.

He annointeth my head with the oil
of worker's compensation.
Sick pay, holidays, and a pension.
He represents me in grievances.

And my cup runneth over with ingratitude.
Surely his goodness and loving kindness
Shall follow me all the days of my life
Without cost to me.

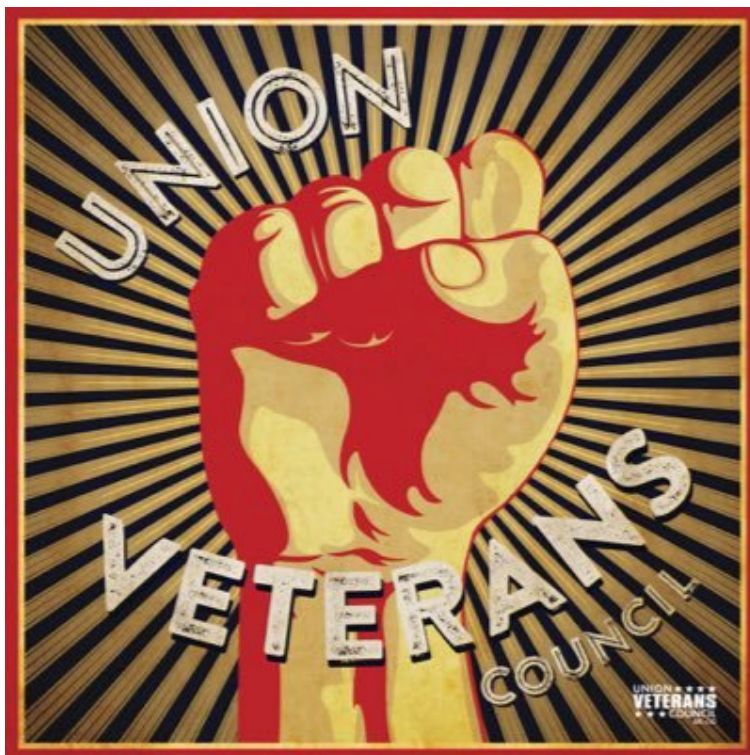
And I shall dwell in his house forever.
And allow him to foot the bill.

Just in case you missed the Union Veterans Council has a new website for you and another resource of information.

From the website: “ The Union Veterans Council brings working-class veterans together to speak out on the issues that impact us most, especially the need for good jobs and a strong, fully funded and staffed VA.

Additionally, we hold private enterprise and elected officials accountable for their words and actions. We believe wholeheartedly that the ability for someone to self-identify as “pro-veteran” isn’t determined by what lapel pin they don or what catchphrase they employ; veterans face real issues that require real actions—constructive actions that lead to positive solutions.

At the Union Veterans Council, we fight every day for those who have fought for us.”



The new website is:

<https://unionveterans.org/>



Honoring
Martin
Irons
(1827-1900)

*Immigrated from Dundee, Scotland at age 14.

*After an apprenticeship in New York City he became a machinist.

*In 1884 he was employed in a railway shop in Sedalia, Missouri.

*Joined the Knights of Labor and organized District Assembly 101 where he was elected as assembly chairman.

*In 1886 Irons led a strike against the Union Pacific and Missouri railroads involving more than 200,000 workers. These railroads were owned by Jay Gould, one of the most ruthless industrialists of the day.

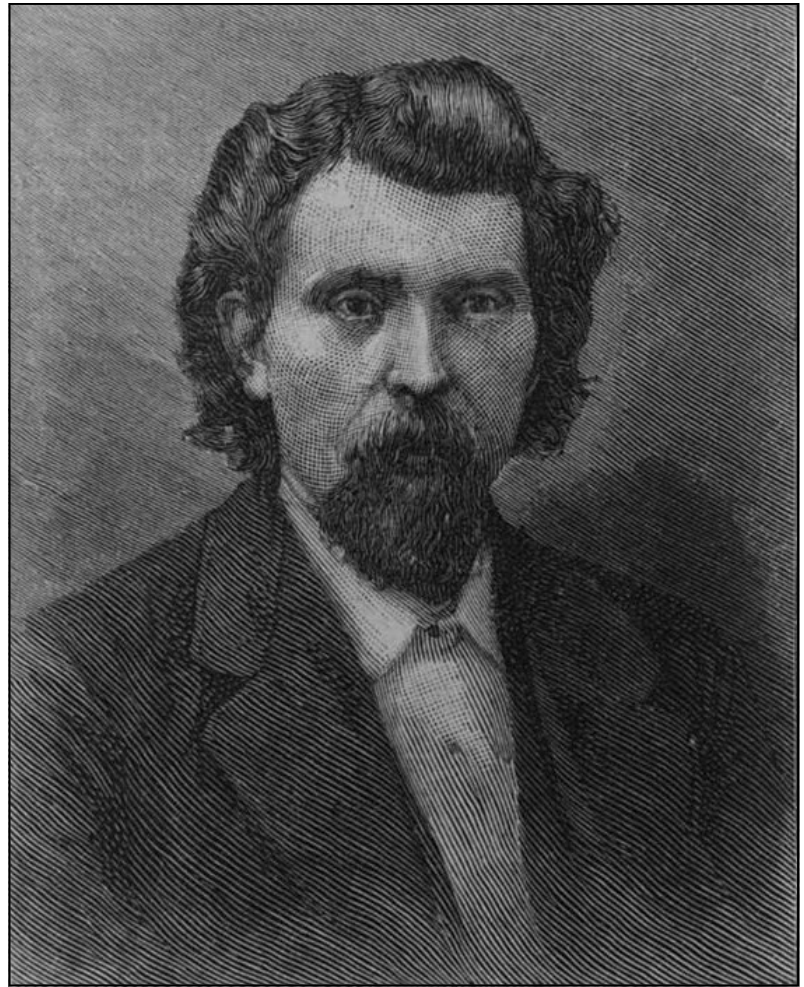
*The strikers could not hold out and when the strike was crushed the demise of the Knights of Labor was hastened. From out of the ashes rose the American Federation of Labor.

*Strike leader Irons was blacklisted and was unable to hold a regular job. He wandered around the Southwest, sometimes under an assumed name, residing in St. Louis, Little Rock and Ft. Worth.

*In 1894 Dr. G. B. Harris, an officer of the Social Democratic Party of Texas gave Irons - then age 67 - a home in the small town of Bruceville near Waco, Texas.

*Martin Irons died there in 1900, broken-down and penniless, "a true and faithful Knight."

*In 1911 the Missouri Federation of Labor erected a monument at Irons' grave in the Bruceville Texas Cemetery near Waco.



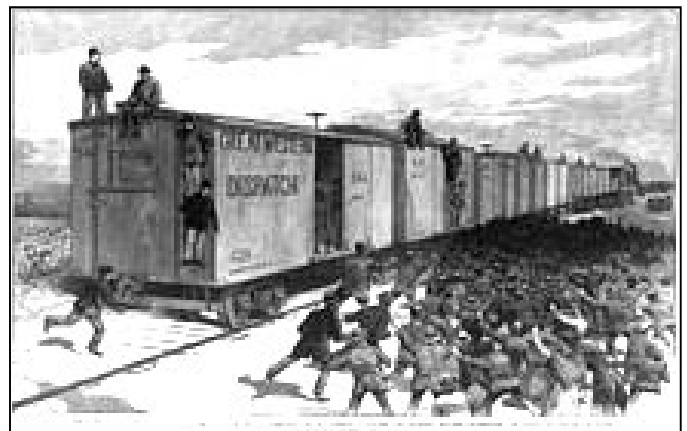
Martin Irons

In him was reflected the spirit of revolt then manifest among the workers.
(Texas Federation of Labor, 1906)



Knights of Labor

An injury to one is the concern of all.



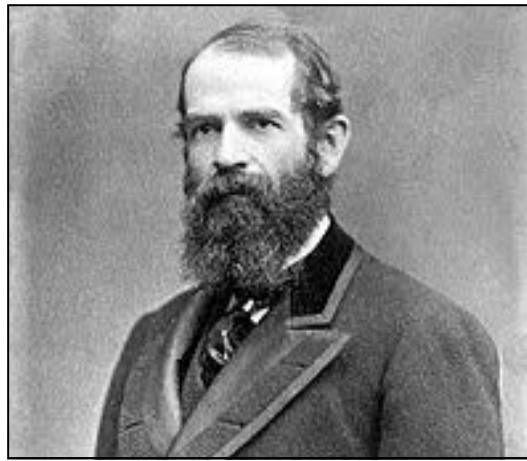
*Great Southwest Railroad Strike, 1886
Sketch by G. J. Nebinger,
East St. Louis, Ill.*

Mother Jones

"Martin Irons had the heart of a child and the soul of a hero. The capitalist class hounded him as if he had been a wild beast. They deprived him of employment, they drove him from place to place until he was literally starved into a pauper's grave."

Gene Debs

"All the powers of capitalism combined to crush him, and when at last he succumbed to overwhelming odds, he was hounded until he was ragged and foot-sore and the pangs of hunger gnawed at his vitals."



*Jay Gould (1836-1892)
Robber Baron*

I can hire one-half of the working class to kill the other half.

Hey America, sounds like trump being able to shoot anyone on 5th Avenue in New York City and get elected President!



It was difficult to find markers of important union struggles in the South. An exception was the grave of Martin Irons in Waco, Texas.

Martin Irons
(Oct. 7, 1827 - Nov. 17, 1900)
Leader Gould Southwest
Railroad Strike 1886
Fearless Champion of
Industrial Freedom
Erected by the Missouri
Federation
of Labor and Affiliated
Unions
Labor Day
Sept. 5, 1910

-- *Inscription on Martin Irons Monument*

Union Fight Song,

By Elaine Purkey

Copy and paste to listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WczCJySAD2E>

Message of the Day—That Which Is Justly Ours

More than 80 years after our leaders proudly advanced the rights of working people, corporate interests are still ruthlessly fighting to deny us that which is justly ours. Just as the labor movement helped secure passage of the National Labor Relations Act, today we are demanding an even better deal that fully guarantees our fundamental economic rights and freedoms.

To that end, Democrats in the House and Senate recently introduced the Workers' Freedom to Negotiate Act, which would enact several key provisions expanding collective bargaining rights, such as:

- Strengthening penalties against abusive and predatory corporations that violate workers' rights.
- Combating misclassification of workers as supervisors and independent contractors.
- Strengthening our right to strike for the wages, benefits and working conditions we deserve.
- Creating a mandatory mediation and arbitration process to ensure that corporations and newly organized unions reach a first contract.
- Banning state laws that undermine our freedom to join together and negotiate.
- Protecting the integrity and fairness of union elections from employer propaganda.

Marco Rubio said today that changes to Social Security and Medicare would have to be made to pay for tax reform.

To be clear, Republicans plan to cut the safety net programs we paid for through payroll deductions to finance an unnecessary tax break for the 1% and corporations.

Let that sink in.

Seniors Corner

ALERT – ACTION NEEDED TO SAVE

HEALTH CARE NOW

Health Care Access Hangs in the Balance as Affordable Care Act Legal Challenges Loom

After failed legislative attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, twenty Republican state attorneys general and governors took another approach and filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act earlier this year. These officials argue that because the individual mandate is now considered unconstitutional, the whole health law should be scrapped - including protections for patients with pre-existing conditions. Last month, Attorney General Jeff Sessions declined to defend the law against this attack.

Millions of Americans are at risk of losing affordable health insurance if the lawsuit succeeds. States with officials participating in the lawsuit will have the most to lose, as pre-existing conditions afflict at least 24% of their residents.

In all, roughly 75% of Americans between the ages of 50 and 64 had at least one pre-existing condition in 2014, and that number increased to 84% for those between the ages of 55 to 64. Numerous polls conducted in the last year have shown that over 70% of Americans support protections for those with pre-existing conditions.

President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court has placed the Affordable Care Act in even more danger. Kavanaugh has routinely ruled against working families and their access to healthcare. He indicated that the court was wrong to uphold the individual mandate and suggested that presidents should be able to decline to enforce components of a law that they deem unconstitutional.

"We must take action to safeguard healthcare for all Americans," said Executive Director Richard Fiesta.

"Stopping Judge Kavanaugh's nomination is an important step in doing that."

Drug Corporations Continue to Raise Prices

In May, President Trump stated that drug companies would soon announce massive price cuts, but consumers have continued to see prices for their medications rise.

Both Pfizer and Bayer have raised prices well above the national inflation rate of 3%. A recent report found that prices for over 100 drugs rose in the month of June alone, with an average increase of 31.5%. For Pfizer, this is the second time prices have jumped this year. The company also imposed 9% jumps in January, resulting in a 20% increase on some of their drugs in just six months. Numerous cancer treatment drugs produced by Bayer and Novartis have seen prices increase by \$500 to \$1,000 for patients in just a few months.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar recently testified before Congress and expressed his hope that companies would "exercise restraint" in mid-year price hikes, a much different message than what the president delivered in May. Some health policy experts say that the administration's lack of follow-through and clear rules will allow the drug companies to continue hiking prices despite high profits.

"Older Americans are seeing the prices for life saving medications rise despite the administration's promises," said Joseph Peters Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "Actions such as using the power of Medicare to negotiate prices, and stopping outrageous price gouging practices of drug corporations, will hold these companies accountable and lower costs for everyone."

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

President trump

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Seniors Corner

House Budget Would Cut Billions from Earned Benefit Programs

House Republicans released their budget proposal for fiscal year 2019 this week, calling for nearly \$6 trillion in cuts over ten years in an attempt to address the nation's growing deficit and balance the budget. House Budget Committee chairman Steve Womack's (R-AR) proposal calls for slashing committee budgets across the board, but allows for increases in defense spending.

Numerous programs affecting seniors take the biggest hits in the proposal, which includes another call for full repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). \$5.4 trillion of cuts would come from mandatory or automatic spending programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. The plan calls for raising the Medicare eligibility age to 67, as well as combining Medicare Parts A and B, and allowing for privatization. The projected cuts for Medicare alone add up to \$537 billion.

For Medicaid, changes include introducing stricter work requirements for beneficiaries and shifting to a capped system linked to medical inflation rates, cutting about \$1 trillion. Additionally, Womack's budget would no longer allow people on Social Security disability to receive unemployment insurance at the same time, slashing \$4 billion.

Outside of mandatory spending programs, the budget would cut trillions from "welfare," federal retirement programs and veterans programs, while overhauling rules for medical liability lawsuits.

"This budget proposal is a direct attack on the quality of life of America's seniors," said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. "We must hold our elected officials accountable for their actions. We predicted cuts to our hard earned benefits after the GOP passed their unfunded tax cuts for billionaires and corporations. Unfortunately, that reality is now staring us in the face."

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Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **August 1, 2018**, is at 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee. www.milwaukeeelabor.org
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule is available (<http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist>) or at your Union office. Or come to any Union meeting and just ask. This center is open to all members, you just need to be active and want to be the future leader at your worksite or at United Lodge 66.

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