

# Badger Lodge News

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United Lodge 66  
Business Meeting  
May 9th at 7:00 PM  
1650 S 38th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
414-671-3800  
All lodge members are  
encouraged to attend

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## Office Hours:

Suspended until notice due to  
Covid-19 guidelines. See pg. 2

All Contract issues must be  
settled by your Business Rep

## IAM Holds Inaugural Educators Confer- ence

From March 26<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> the International Association of Machinists held its first Annual Educators conference at the William W. Winpisinger Center in Hollywood Maryland. The weeklong event drew over 75 educators across the United States and Canada and gave each educator in attendance a wealth of knowledge to bring back to their locals.



*Delegates from the IAM's Inaugural Educators Conference gather for a picture at the William W. Winpisinger Center*

Local Lodge 66 Vice President and Educator Mike Stark told us "We had session every day from 8am to 5pm, sometimes later" at the Winpisinger center, which was dedicated solely to the Educators Conference. "After session each day they held 'Swap Meets' where we could get together and talk about certain things going on in the shops and other things going on with the IAM," Stark said, adding "One of them I attended was on Veterans Services." Brother Stark went on about the Veterans Services offered by the IAM "The IAM has one person currently certified to help Veteran Members with the VA, Richard Evans. It is important to get that out to the shops as it doesn't get talked about enough."

*See 'Educators' on pg. 3*



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### **Lodge 66 Operations during Covid-19 Situation**

The Executive Board of United Lodge 66 has made some decisions to protect the Membership and Office Staff of Lodge 66.

First of all we would like to encourage our members and their families to stay safe during this health crisis. Following the recommendations from the Federal, State and Local Governments is advised.

To protect our members and staff the office will be closed for drop-in traffic.

The office telephone will forward to Secretary-Treasurer Ivan Collins phone. The phone number for Lodge 66 is (414) 671-3800. The Lodge email is [lodge66@gmail.com](mailto:lodge66@gmail.com). The lodge address is 1650 S 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee WI 53215. Mail can be put in the mail slot at the office. Members are encouraged to do as much as possible through the mail. Emails and communications will be monitored. If an appointment needs to be made we will try to accommodate on an Individual basis. Several of the offices within the Machinists Organization will be staffed with reduced workforce. During these critical times we want to express to the membership that we will serve to the best of our ability and you are our main concern. The Brothers and Sisters of the Machinists Union will get through this challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this major event.

In Solidarity,

*Frank Riedijk*

United Lodge 66 President

### *'Educators' from pg. 1*

International President Robert Martinez addressed the conference and shared the importance of education within our organization. He said "This is a place where we build power between us, where we learn from each other, where we see we have a shared challenges and we learn how to solve them together. I think that's what makes the IAM unique in so many ways, we place a priority on educating our members, unlike any other union in the labor movement. That's something to be proud of, brothers and sisters."

Each Educator in attendance was sent home with a binder full of education materials, a google drive full of digital copies and more educational materials to share with their Locals. Each Educator has the ability to upload and share anything they develop after the conference with the rest of the group. There are also plans to hold virtual meetings with the Educators delegation to share more experiences.




*Vice President and Educator Mike Stark with International President Robert Martinez at the IAM's Inaugural Educators Conference*

## **Did You Know?**

Did you know that the IAM offers services exclusively for Veterans? Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.goiam.org/departments/headquarters/veteran-services/> to fill out a contact sheet to be kept up to date on all services offered.

A poster for IAM Veterans Services. At the top, it says 'IAMAW' in large letters, with 'ARMY • NAVY • MARINES • COAST GUARD • AIR FORCE' underneath. Below that is a shield emblem with a gear and 'A' and 'M' on its sides, with 'INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS' above it and 'VETERANS' below it. To the left of the shield is the word 'VETERANS' and to the right is 'SERVICES'. Below the shield, it says 'ATTENTION ALL VETERANS' in large letters, followed by 'LET'S CONNECT!' in red. Below that, it says 'To receive the latest information on benefits and issues that affect Veterans:'. Then it says 'Fill out a **contact information sheet**' followed by the URL 'http://iam4.me/vet-svcs'. Below the URL, it says 'or scan the QR CODE'. There is a QR code to the left of this text. At the bottom left, there is a Facebook icon followed by '@IAM VETERANS SERVICES PROGRAM'. The background of the poster features an American flag and silhouettes of two veterans standing and saluting.



GET TO KNOW YOUR UNION

# UNITED LODGE 66 GROWTH AND UNITY COOKOUT

JUNE 10TH, 2023, 11AM  
LODGE 66 HALL, 1650 S. 38TH ST.  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53215

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SOLIDARITY,  
FELLOWSHIP AND TO SEE WHAT YOUR  
UNION IS ALL ABOUT

## **Seniors Corner: If a Budget Reflects a Party's Values, Then the GOP Must Not Value Seniors**

*By Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans*

"Today the House Republicans voted on their so-called debt ceiling plan. A political party's budget reflects its values, and clearly the GOP does not value older Americans.

"In exchange for not setting off a national and global financial crisis, House Republicans passed a budget that slashes important programs and services that older Americans rely on.

"This dangerous bill will cut 22% of the Social Security Administration's budget, forcing local Social Security offices to close and lay off their staff. That means seniors will have to wait even longer to get answers to questions about their earned benefits.

"The bill also slashes food assistance for more than 1 million low-income seniors — many of whom rely on

government food programs to get their only meal of the day.

"It will cut oversight of nursing homes, putting thousands of the most vulnerable seniors at risk of living in alarming and unsanitary conditions. This is reckless and irresponsible.

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"In addition, this bill jeopardizes millions of Americans' multi-employer pensions that are guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"Finally, it would lead to the eviction of at least 430,000 low-income families from Section 8 housing, 80% of which are headed by seniors.

"Retirees are watching these developments closely. They will re-

member who values them — and who doesn't."

### **Upcoming Events and Important Dates:**

<b>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting</b>  Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM  Milwaukee Labor Temple  633 S. Hawley Rd.  Milwaukee, WI	<b>District 10 Business Meeting</b>  Monday, May 8th  At 7 PM  Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66  1650 S. 38th Street  Milwaukee, WI	<b>Lodge 66 Business Meeting</b>  Tuesday, May 9th  at 7 PM  Local Lodge 66  1650 S. 38th Street  Milwaukee, WI	<b>Deadline to submit articles for the next</b>  Badger Lodge News is  May 22nd  Submit articles by email:  lodge66@gmail.com
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