

# THE IRONWORKER REPORT

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## William "Bill" Stuckey

With the work situation what it is, we all must utilize every resource available to us. This goes for this office as well as the membership of this local. Cesar and myself along with our organizers strive to stay on top of work that is up and coming as well as what is going on in our jurisdiction. We get weekly reports from many agencies including Dodge Reports, IMPACT Direct and Industrialinfo.com. These reports offer early detection of jobs and projects before they even go out to bid. This gives us the opportunity to let our contractors know of them in case they do not already. We make sure we are aware of any Workers Compensation changes. We have had a two year battle trying to get the Insurance Board for the State of California to understand that companies are cheating when they report carpenters' hours when in reality they are doing the work of the Ironworker. With the help of Steve Rank, who now sits on this Board, we are starting to get somewhere. Often these battles take a long time and this one is not over yet! Our membership needs to continually upgrade themselves as well. This local along with the Apprentice Office upstairs goes out of their way to offer and make available classes and training that will enhance your ability to achieve and retain more work. General contractors are requiring more and more individual training and certifications. We must, as a leader in the construction field, keep up with these demands. Please make sure you are not caught off guard by taking a work order and you are in need of one of these certifications. If you do

## Business Manager/ FST

sign up for a class please make every effort to attend all sessions. We will have **IMPACT Drug Testing** at the hall on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. They were here on October 11<sup>th</sup> last year so if you took your test at that time and have not received a random, this would be convenient time to get it done. Do not let this obligation go by without taking care of your responsibilities. If you don't get your annual drug clearance you go on the inactive list meaning your contractor can lay you off at any time and you are ineligible to take a job call until you comply with the IMPACT requirements. It may take 3-4 days after you test for the results to appear. If you move you must notify the hall. We then notify others so if you get a random it will get to the right address instead of them just thinking you chose to ignore the notice to take the test. The Trust along with many vendors will be at the hall on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**. This is the one time per year that you can ask different providers about their coverage. We will again have Vanguard here to educate members on the investing of their annuity. They were here in August but not many showed up. This is very important to our members and their families. Dental along with medical providers will be here to answer your questions. Your spouse is welcome also as they often have many questions. The Trust will be able to give you a print out on credits you have earned. Please make arrangements to be here on **Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 8am to 1pm.**

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Notice: All members are to report address and phone changes immediately

**REMEMBER:** To put your Book No. on payments made by check. Also, when paying by mail, please specify number of months for "Dues Only" or "Dues & Working Assessments"

## Cesar Cabrera Business Agent

Things are getting a little tough. Our contractors are hard at work. They are putting in a lot of time and a lot of bids with few results. It is tough for everyone, but keep your head up high brothers and sisters. We can help each other by attending upgrade classes. Lets prepare ourselves for the future. If you are at the hall, let us work with the next generation of Ironworkers with welding, rigging, reinforcing and miscellaneous. Whatever we need, we just need to ask ourselves where we can help to make it better.

**Fontana Steel** and **Regional Steel (RPS)** are no longer. **CMC** has bought them out and merged the two as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. They will be known as **CMC Rebar**.

**CMC Rebar ONGOING:** UCSD Graduate Housing 10 story, 52/67 Bridges, 805/905 Bridges, PMC West Power Plant, Rodger Rowe School and 78/111 Bridge Project in Brawley. **UPCOMING:** Valley Center Bridge 500 ton, National City School 100 ton both end of September, El Cajon Court House starting soon.

**Herrick** is at Palomar Pomerado Hospital in Escondido working on misc.

**McMahon Steel** upcoming work in November at Chula Vista High and Southwest High Schools.

**Diversified Metalworks** at Willow Elementary, Palomar Pomerado Hospital Central Plant.

**Metro Ironworks** Valley View Casino stair job, UCSD stair job and 76/15 bridge work.

**Sierra Steel** Francis Parker High School in Linda Vista structural and misc, UCSD Housing and Dining and Cal-State San Marcos a parking structure.

**Anning Johnson** is at Palomar Pomerado Hospital, BEQ Camp Pendleton, Cal-State University San Marcos, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Hoover High and Chula Vista High Schools in December.

**International Iron** a BEQ at Camp Pendleton, Thomas Jefferson School of Law and UCSD North Campus Housing starts in the end of September.

**JK/Artimex Iron** Palomar Community College.

**United Steel Placers** I-15 widening north/south lanes.

**Pacific Coast Steel ONGOING:** bridges at I-52 & I-67 and I-15, Harbor Drive a pedestrian bridge, Vocational Tech Ctr & Parking Structure, 1050 B Street Apartments, Valley View Casino Hotel, Thomas Jefferson School of Law a 10 story, Palomar College MDI Building, Miramar College Bldg. A&B, South Bay WTP, Chula Vista HS Science Bldg & Library, Broadway Pier at Cruise Terminal. **FUTURE WORK:** Milcon

fuel storage, Milcon P-401 Pump House and Control Tower, Alvarado WTP, Pacific Ridge Elm, Stem Cell Research in La Jolla, SD Airport taxi way replacement and Las Playas Storm Drain Repair. Starting the 1st of the year: Federal Courthouse, Santa Margarita Bridge and H Street widening on I-805.

**ARB** Otay Mesa Energy Center.

**Quality Reinforcing, Inc.** China Lake engineering bldg, 29 Palms BEQ, 8 ongoing jobs on Camp Pendleton, County Operations 2 buildings, Palm Desert HS, Chula Vista Middle School, Cal-State San Marcos, P-211 NAF EL Centro, Community School #10, Army Reserve, Crafton Hills College, Southwest Animal, UCR Science and Orange Grove Power Plant.

**G&G Rebar** Civic Center in Temecula.

**Corkys Welding** Enagua, Wilco and J&D Labs all 2 story tilt ups in Vista, McGrath YMCA 2 story tilt up in Rancho San Diego, 29 Palms Ops Center, Miramar Dog Facilities Miramar Base and B-1 Gym Addition Coronado Sub Base.

**Asbury Steel** at Palomar Pomerado Hospital misc. ongoing two 4 story County Operations.

**J-D2 Inc** South Bay WWTP, large deck job Palomar College, Lincoln Middle School, Pacific Ridge High School, Point Loma High School, Roger Rowe Elementary and Middle Schools, Liberty Charter High upcoming.

**RCI** Cal State San Marcos Parking Structure, Palomar Pomerado Hospital Ancillary Expansion, Caltrans Hwy 52, UCSD Student Housing 4 bldg and 8 sty on University, San Vicente second phase in January, Hilltop High School in November.

**Schuff Steel** working on Thomas Jefferson School of Law in downtown an 8 story.

**Arrowhead Steel** is working on the Naval Special Warfare Group 4 storage facility in Coronado.

**Adams & Smith** doing a bridge retrofit on 1<sup>st</sup> street in downtown San Diego.

**Cowelco** miscellaneous on a parking structure at North Torrey Pines.

**Bechtel** doing a steam generator replacement going thru December.

**Stone and Webster** took over maintenance and construction at San Onofre as of Sep 1st.

**Clark Pacific** is at County Operations off Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

**Clark Steel** has a one job agreement with us at Palomar Pomerado Hospital. They have been awarded Phase 1 and 2 misc package. Union Ironworkers and Clark Steel are partners on this project and share the same goals for a better future for all. We will work together and give them quality training, safety and productivity we all have been trained to do. It's a new way of doing business with our non signatory contractors.

**Jose Naranjo**

**President**

Brothers and Sisters: we had a very tough and challenging summer. Work has not been very good unlike other summers. We all know that our economy has been on the brink and the recession has really taken it's toll on us. Our economic system seldom generates enough employment to go around. Our labor pool has been increasing in size and so has the non-union. When I'm making house calls in the evenings, in 2 out of 5 homes the men are working out of town. In the non-union sector when the labor pool increases, we see the price of labor drop. This is very unfortunate for those who are not represented by a union or any type of collective bargaining agreement with a company. Those workers not represented with a union of their choice will do whatever it takes to keep or get a job. That means lowering their rates, or reducing benefits (if any) in order to keep their families fed.

Our working-class woes still exist in our union. Our men and women have to boom out, there is less overtime to go around and the continuity of work has been sporadic. Although it has been challenging for us, we are blessed to have a strong union behind us. We had a great wage increase in July and more monies into our Vacation fund. Negotiations are coming up again next year and we are already preparing for this very tough event. We as a union need to address the issues mentioned above. We need to maintain on track and not lose focus on why we all work together. Unions improve the lives of working families, we maintain higher wages, better benefits and most importantly have a democratic voice in the workplace.

Union Ironworkers maintain a strong stance, and protect our industry. Our members benefit from Political Action, Training and Safety in the workplace. Sometimes even the non-union benefit in a "spillover effect". When we raise our wages the non-union wages go up. In order to keep this going we need your help. Let's keep on taking these upgrade training classes. We have proven to our industry that we work safer, more productive and drug free than the non-union sector. Keep up the good work. Local and State elections are coming up again. We need your help with phone banks and precinct walks. Lastly and most important, we need volunteers to help us organize. We need to increase union density in order to combat the anti-union organizations. Please contact Cesar Cabrera or myself on how you can help. Work Safe.



## Organizers

Labor compliance is critical in creating a level playing field for all honest contractors. Compliance is very time consuming and expensive, but very much needed. Paying what is lawfully right benefits everyone and using Apprentices on projects keeps a skilled workforce continually trained. Paying a worker an honest and fair wage with benefits helps keep them motivated and productive. Training is the key to establishing a skilled workforce for the future. Getting the job done right, safe and on time is what contractors strive for. Why not build with employees that have been trained by trade union apprenticeships that truly know their work. As proud union members we should educate all workers that do not have fair representation. One that truly is there for the betterment of the worker along with the responsible contractor, that they have the right to representation and the right to a fair wage with benefits and excellent training that is beneficial to all. ORGANIZE!!

We want to thank the members that showed an interest in the Organizer position. It was a hard decision but the choice was made and Sergio Vargas is our new Organizer.

### IN MEMORIAM

Mark D. Comer      Book # 866357

James W. Rucker      Book # 775438

## PCS Rodmen at the South Bay Water Treatment Plant

### CALENDAR

- Oct 6 E-Board 6PM  
**9 Membership Meeting 7PM**  
10 Annual IMPACT Drug Testing  
at the hall 8am-1pm
- Nov 7 Open Enrollment at the hall  
from 8am to 1pm.  
10 E-Board 6PM  
11 Veteran's Day HALL CLOSED  
**13 Membership Meeting 7PM**  
25 Hall closes at 12 noon  
26&27 Thanksgiving Holiday HALL  
CLOSED
- Dec 8 E-Board 6PM  
**11 Membership Meeting 7PM**  
24 Christmas Eve HALL CLOSES  
AT 12 NOON  
25 Christmas Day HALL CLOSED  
31 New Year's Eve HALL CLOSES  
AT 12 NOON



**Jack Gavett**

**Apprenticeship**

We now have contractors that are requiring the **Sub-Part 'R'** and **Qualified Rigger** cards! **Don't go to work without it!!**

Upcoming Classes: Sub-Part 'R', Qualified Rigger, Fork Lift, First Aid/CPR/AED, Post Tensioning, OSHA 10 & 30 Hour. Call the Apprenticeship Office for dates and information about these classes.

The welding shop will be open on Monday mornings from 7:00 to 11:00am and **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** evenings 4:00 to 7:00 pm (during football season).

**Congratulations to the following new Journeymen who completed their Apprenticeship!!**

RICHARD BALCARAZ  
JOSE BAQUERA  
KRIS BRAGG  
JOHNNY DELACRUZ  
MAURO FIGUEROA-GARCIA  
GABRIEL FLORES  
GREGORY JOHN  
ANTHONY KAELEN  
PEDRO LIMON  
GILBERTO LUPIAN

CARLOS MURILLO  
SYLVESTER OLIVER  
ANTHONY PABARCUS  
EARNEST PECK  
NICHOLAS PODERICK  
ALFREDO PRECIADO  
MARIKO PRESTON  
JUAN MENDEZ RAMIREZ  
NICOLAS RAMOS  
GRACIEL RIVAS

DAVID SALAS  
JOSE SAMANIEGO  
BLAINE SCHUTZA  
ALFONSO SERVIN  
GABRIEL TERRIQUEZ  
PABLO VARGAS-MARES  
PAUL VILLINES  
DANIEL YOUSEF  
RICHARD ZEPEDA