



# The LOCAL 229 Ironworker REPORT

## Local 229 focuses on opportunities to keep members working, developing skills



Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who came out and voted for me. As I embark on my second term, I will continue to move Local

229 forward with hard work and dedication.

I am committed to finding new and innovated ways of meeting these goals. The job outlook at this point is extremely good. Our out-of-work list is the smallest it has been in years, so this creates the perfect opportunity to organize and bring in new people into our industry.

This coming year, we also are looking forward to finally opening our new state-of-the-art training center, which is a stand-

alone building with a massive amount of property to fulfill our training needs.

### Save the date

On Dec. 5, we will be having our annual Open Enrollment that will showcase our providers, including the California Field Ironworkers Trust plus medical, dental and vision care providers. Free flu shots, courtesy of Kaiser Permanente, will be given.

Additionally, once again we will have Santa Claus arriving to take pictures with our members and their families. Food, drinks and desserts will be provided, so come by for some holiday cheer.

### Welcoming our new agent

I would like to welcome James Alvernaz to our team. James, as many of you know, has been an Ironworker for more than 30

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years. He is not only very knowledgeable out in the field, but also is deeply committed to representing the Ironworkers of this local.

He is passionate about what he does and is quickly acclimating to his position. I am certain he will go out and fight for what we have always stood for.

### Keeping health costs down

Biometric screenings are back! The Trustees have decided that this program has been beneficial to the members and is cost effective to our Trust, so they have again implemented this.

The Trust mailed out letters a few weeks ago and have asked that each member and their spouse complete the screening no later than Oct. 31, 2015; otherwise, your co-payments will increase.

I realize this might seem inconvenient, but the rising costs of healthcare have left us no option but to make this a requirement.

In Solidarity,  
Johnny Galvan, Business Manager/FST



## SAVE THE DATE

### IRONWORKERS LOCAL 229 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND OPEN ENROLLMENT

When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5  
Where: 229 Hall, 5155 Mercury Pt., San Diego

- Get answers about insurance, retirement, pension credits, etc.
- Meet with Trust representatives and providers
- Take a photo with Santa • Enjoy lunch and refreshments

Please RSVP: 858-571-5238 or [info@local229.org](mailto:info@local229.org)

**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."

## Members make a difference By Johnny Swanson

### Political Report: Elections 2015

There has been much news about the candidates running in city, state and presidential races. Here at home, as well as in the Imperial Valley, there are strong candidates that represent labor well in all seats including school boards, city council, etc. We need to be active and vote for candidates who support labor.

As you may have seen on the national news, we have seen many efforts by right-wing lawmakers to take away workers' rights and put an end to state prevailing wage laws.

Across our great nation and here at home, right-wing lawmakers are trying to shut us down. With more right-to-work laws and union membership dropping, we are seeing these laws take away our bargaining agreements. They are taking away the collective voice of the American worker and letting these big corporations walk away with huge profits on the backs of our workers.

Another issue is the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership), a free-trade agreement involving many countries along the Pacific Rim; it is bigger than NAFTA. These

agreements can take away more American jobs and send them to other countries where workers do not have the voice or the working conditions we have. It is another race to the bottom.

This is why we need all of our candidates to win. We will put out a list of the best candidates who support labor in the upcoming elections.

Please register to vote. Our jobs depend on having the right elected officials in those seats.

### Organizing Report: Championing workers

I just received the Organizer of the Year Award from the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council AFL-CIO. Even though I was not able to be there to accept this award due to a scheduling conflict, I want to thank the members of Local 229. I'm honored because of you. I will continue to fight hard for us and continue to bring results in all of our organizing campaigns.

I have been monitoring several job sites and talking to many workers about issues they have with their employers. Many workers on job sites continue to feed me information so I can help them by being



their voice for changes in their working conditions. Hopefully this also sheds light on what the union is all about.

The non-signatory contractors are aware of our presence. With your commitment and dedication to organizing, we can see our numbers grow and regain market share. Please continue to reach out those men and women in our industry so we can talk to them as a team.

For more information on how to use COMET, please call me. I can give you the information that you can use out in the field.

## IRONWORKERS LOCAL 229 CHARTERED JUNE 1918



We're looking for Members who would like to step up and be on the Centennial Charter Committee.

### All are welcome.

Our initial goal is to set up a committee structure and meeting schedule, as well as put together a Centennial Book and organize events.

Please contact us to participate, and submit your favorite photos to:

**Centennial Committee Chairman**  
Thane St. Clair  
229IRONPHOTOS@gmail.com

## Training Center Grand Opening



Join us at our new state-of-the art training center.

- **When:** 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27
- **Where:** 3888 Beech St., San Diego
- **RSVP:** 858-571-5238 or [info@local229.org](mailto:info@local229.org)

## Job Outlook by James Alvernaz - Business Agent

### Brothers and Sisters:



Currently, the out-of-work list is the lowest I have seen it in years. Some structural and lots of miscellaneous work is picking up. Reinforcing is busy, with several larger projects started and a few more about to begin. Imperial Valley has some small projects and a combined 130 members working on two solar sites.

Our current three-year contract, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), for our wage and benefit package is in effect until June 30, 2017. We have 21 months remaining. Business Manager Johnny Galvan sent me to Los Angeles to represent Local 229 in a very preliminary negotiation strategy meeting with Locals 155, 416 and 433. Please come to the next union meeting to hear my report on this regional conference.

Each member can participate and do their part with the upcoming negotiations by coming to our union meetings, remaining steadfast on eight for eight and being prepared by building your personal savings. If it ever came to it, how many members have the backup savings to withstand a prolonged strike? It can benefit all Ironworkers if each one of us renewed our efforts toward building a personal reserve now while work is reasonably good. Consider opening up a separate savings account with funds set up to automatically transfer and deposit monthly.

**AGA** Kaiser Permanente and San Diego Court House downtown.

**ANNING & JOHNSON** Ongoing jobs: San Diego Court House, Donovan Prison, Illumina, Eastgate Summit, new Marriott, Alpine Library, O'Farrell School and Gaslamp Hotel. Upcoming: Church of Scientology, Sorrento Valley Pointe and Dynamics in Rancho Bernardo.

**ARB** Donovan Prison.

**ASBURY STEEL** Jamul Casino structure and stairs, Marriott and smaller projects.

**BAPKO** Illumina.

**BASSETT** Cedar & Kettner and San Diego Court House.

**BENSON GLASS** La Jolla Center 111 Tower.

**BRAGG CRANE** Hangar on Camp Pendleton.

**BREWER CRANE AND RIGGING** Downtown Courthouse.

**CLARK PACIFIC** Sharp La Jolla, San Diego Court House and San Diego Airport parking structure.

**CLARK STEEL** Lane Field Stairs, Sempra Energy Stairs, SDSU Zura Hall remodel, Scripps La Jolla MOB stairs, Airport Rental Car Parking Structure, UCSD Campus Housing.

**CMC REBAR** UCSD East Campus Parking Structure II, Center for Life Science, Kaiser San Diego Hospital support building, Hollywood Jamul Casino and parking structure, Dogwood Road bridge overcrossing replacement (El Centro), New Marriott Hall & Ballroom, Del Mar Highlands Town Center a parking structure. Actively bidding multiple projects.

**CORKYS WELDING** Shadow Mountain Church three-story tilt up El Cajon, Fireside by The Patio TI San Diego and few misc. projects around town.

**DIVERSIFIED** Viejas Casino and Eastgate Mall.

**D AND R** Solar Project Calexico.

**EW** Brawley High School and Genesis One Solar.

**FINNCO** several man lifts in downtown and La Jolla.

**GERDAU** DAR I-805 South of East Palomar Street OC to north of Naples Street UC, UCSD Altman Clinical, Kaiser Permanente San Diego Central Hospital, Kaiser Permanente San Diego Energy Center, Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center, San Diego New Central Courthouse, South Line Freight improvements, P-151 Replace Fuel Pier, UTC Westfield Parking Structure, The Gaslamp Hotel-Pendry, SDSU South Campus Plaza and parking structure, RT 8 Cal-Trans approach slabs, Block C Apartments, Genesee to Sorrento Valley, Pio Pico Energy Center, Fleet Facility and P/S Phase 3. **STARTING SOON:** Sharp MOB and P/S Rancho Bernardo, SR-15 Mid City Transit, UCSD East Campus P/S2, UCSD East Mesa Campus

housing, Carlsbad Agua Hedionda Sewer lift station and Ballpark Village.

**GRANITE** Seville Solar Power Project.

**GTE** Desalination plant in Carlsbad.

**HERRICK** San Diego Court House.

**IDEAL ROLLING DOOR** Desalination plant.

**INTERNATIONAL IRON** Las Colinas, VA retro, Altman CTRI-UCSD and Bernardo Summit.

**INTEGRITY REBAR PLACERS** Taxi way at San Diego Airport, retaining walls at San Vicente, Bridge at 76/15 Bonsall, bridge and retaining wall at I-5 Avenida Vista Hermosa and reinforced roadway at Calexico 120 Ironworkers.

**KAYLAKE** Airborn San Diego, Pacific Gate, Pac 2 Broadway and Blue Sky Condo Project.

**KIEWIT SHEA** Desalinization plant in Carlsbad misc. and Pio Pico.

**PACIFIC STEEL GROUP** (PSG) Atmosphere Affordable Housing, I-805 barrier rail Chula Vista, UCSD Spanos Training Facility, IFLY Mission Valley, Devonshire ST Widening, Center ST headwalls, Main Street Building 1.

**QUALITY REINFORCING** O'Farrell School, South Mission Beach Lifeguard, Badger Water Plant, Donovan Prison.

**SAN DIEGO STEEL SOLUTIONS** several schools within the San Diego Unified School District.

**SCHUFF STEEL** structural building Lumina. Upcoming: UTC expansion.

**SIERRA STEEL** SDSU, City College, private residence in La Jolla and several small jobs.

**SME** Altman Clinic and Translation Research Institute and several structural buildings in San Clemente.

**SURF CITY** downtown San Diego Court House stair job.

**THIESEN STEEL** Kaiser Hospital.

**UNLIMITED DECKING** Encanto Elementary, Perry Ford steel and decking, Pizza Place and O'Farrell ES.

**WASHINGTON IRON** Kaiser Permanente misc. and San Diego Court House.

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## Ironworkers 229 softball team wants you.

Interested members should contact Christian  
Cortez at [DonChristianCortez@gmail.com](mailto:DonChristianCortez@gmail.com)

### 2015 CALENDAR

Oct. 6 . . . . . E-Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 9 . . . . . Membership meeting, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 14 . . . . . JATC meeting, noon  
 Oct. 27 . . . . . Training Center Open House  
 Nov. 10 . . . . . E-Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 11 . . . . . Veterans Day, Hall closed  
 Nov. 13 . . . . . Membership meeting, 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 . . . . . Hall closes at noon  
 Nov. 26 . . . . . Thanksgiving, Hall closed  
 Nov. 27 . . . . . Hall closed  
 Dec. 5 . . . . . Christmas Open House  
 Dec. 8 . . . . . E-Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 9 . . . . . JATC meeting, noon  
 Dec. 11 . . . . . Membership meeting, 7 p.m.