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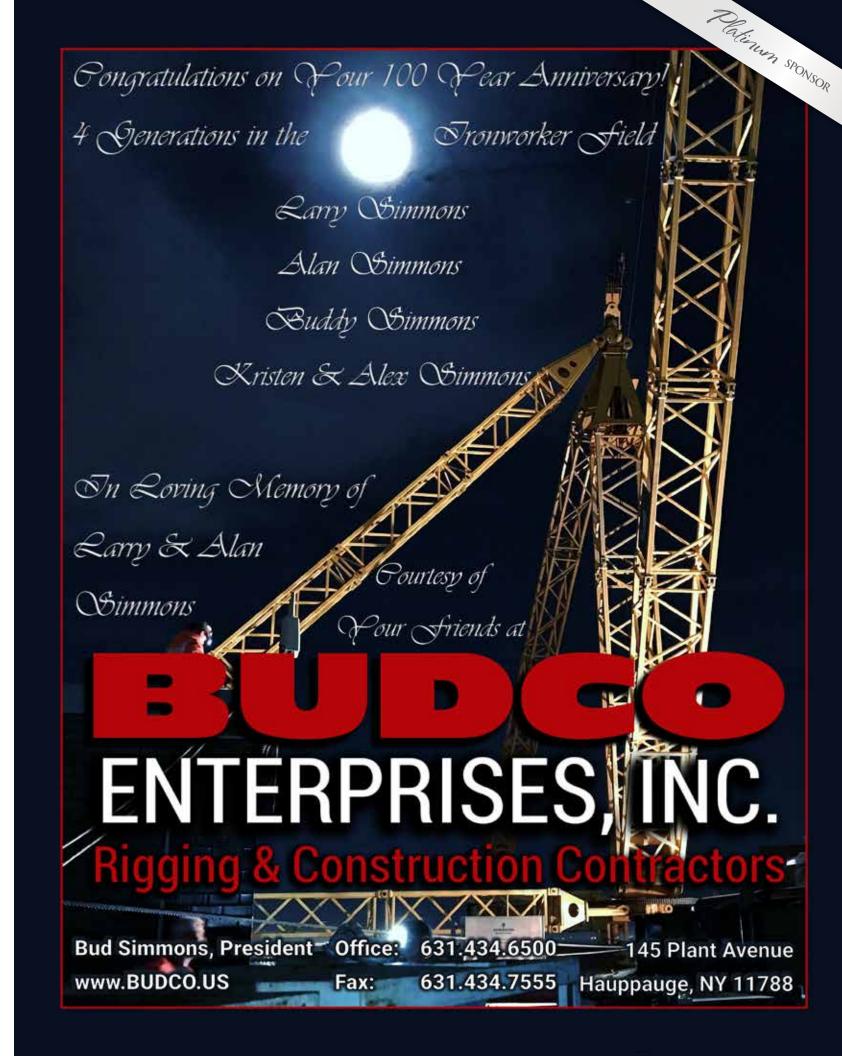
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We have a great ironworking history galvanized by Local 361.

It began with Earl Calvert, who started Local 361 on August 6 of 1920 with the blessing of then-International President P. J. Morrin.



Over the next 100 years, our forefathers made many sacrifices so that today we can enjoy a safer working environment and earn a better scale of wages and benefits. I think as we sit here tonight and enjoy the history of Local 361 and enjoy this event, we must all say a prayer of thanks to the ironworkers and their families that came before us.

Enjoy the night, thank you for your support, and here's to another 100 years with Local 361!

Matthew Chartrand

Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

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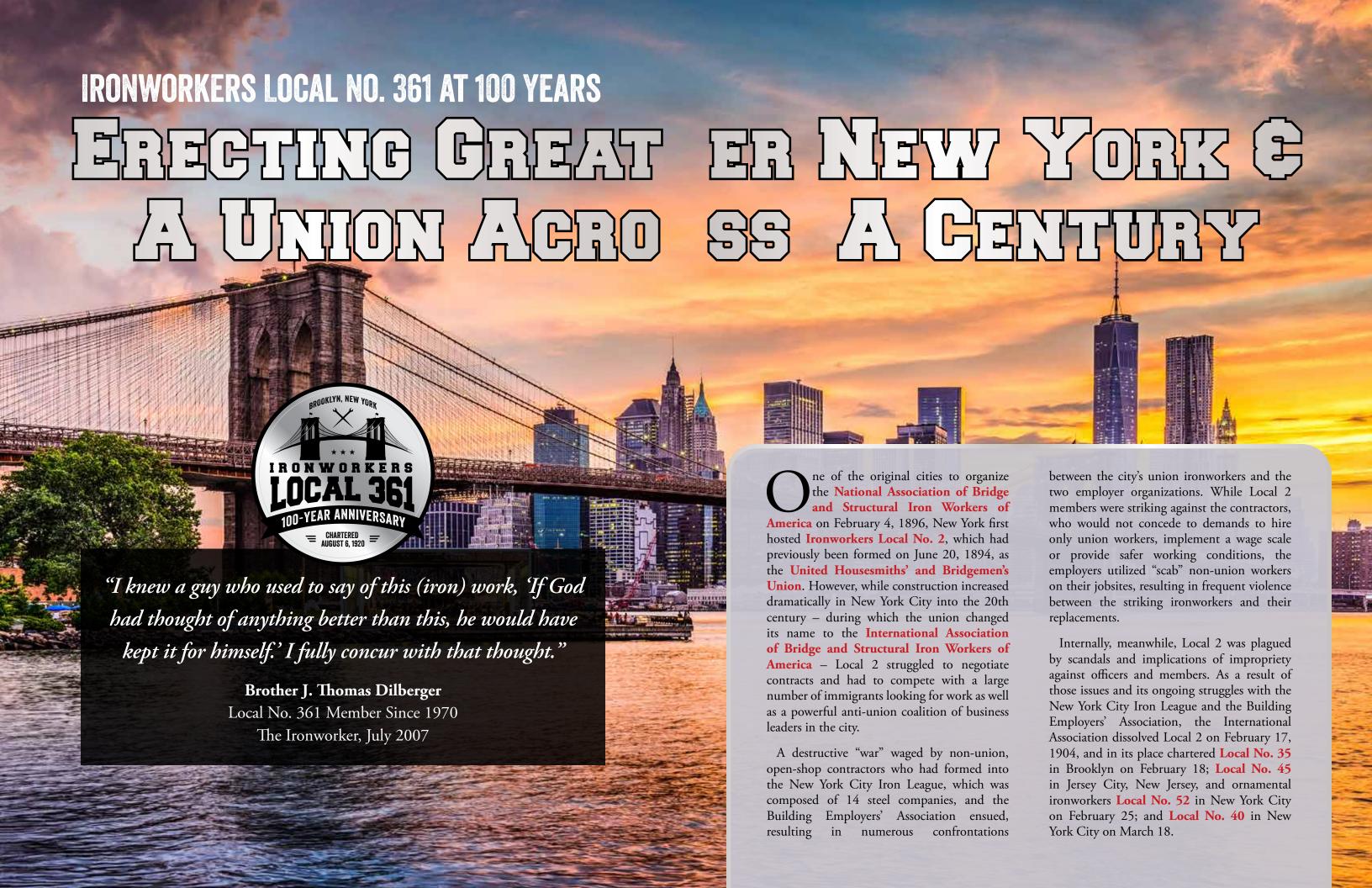
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Local 35 and New York's other new ironworkers locals initially enjoyed strong employment, including construction of the Manhattan Bridge connecting Brooklyn and Manhattan over the East River beginning in 1908 and the 56-floor Woolworth Building in Manhattan that was the tallest building in the world when completed in 1913. But violence involving Local 35 continued on many construction projects throughout New York City, including the Blackwell's Island Bridge over the East River between Queens and Manhattan that would open in 1908 as the world's fourth-longest bridge, and confrontations also soon developed between the union ironworkers and members of the boilermakers union.

Meanwhile, a brutal, nationwide "war" waged by non-union, open-shop contractors who in 1903 had formed themselves into the National Erectors' Association against the International Association and its membership beginning in 1906 took its toll on union ironworkers.

"A grim litany of strikes, threats, failed negotiations, espionage, and violence typified the open shop war," Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission literature explains, while also noting, "New York was a bastion of the open shop." (The conflict would not be



Vice President John Brady

## INTERNATIONAL IRONWORKERS UNION WAS FORMED OVER 125 YEARS AGO

As the use of steel in erecting buildings and other structures became more prevalent in the United States during the 1880s and into the 1890s, a new and dramatic increase in the demand for ironworkers arose. As those "sky cowboys" began to seek better pay and working conditions, they also started to unify.

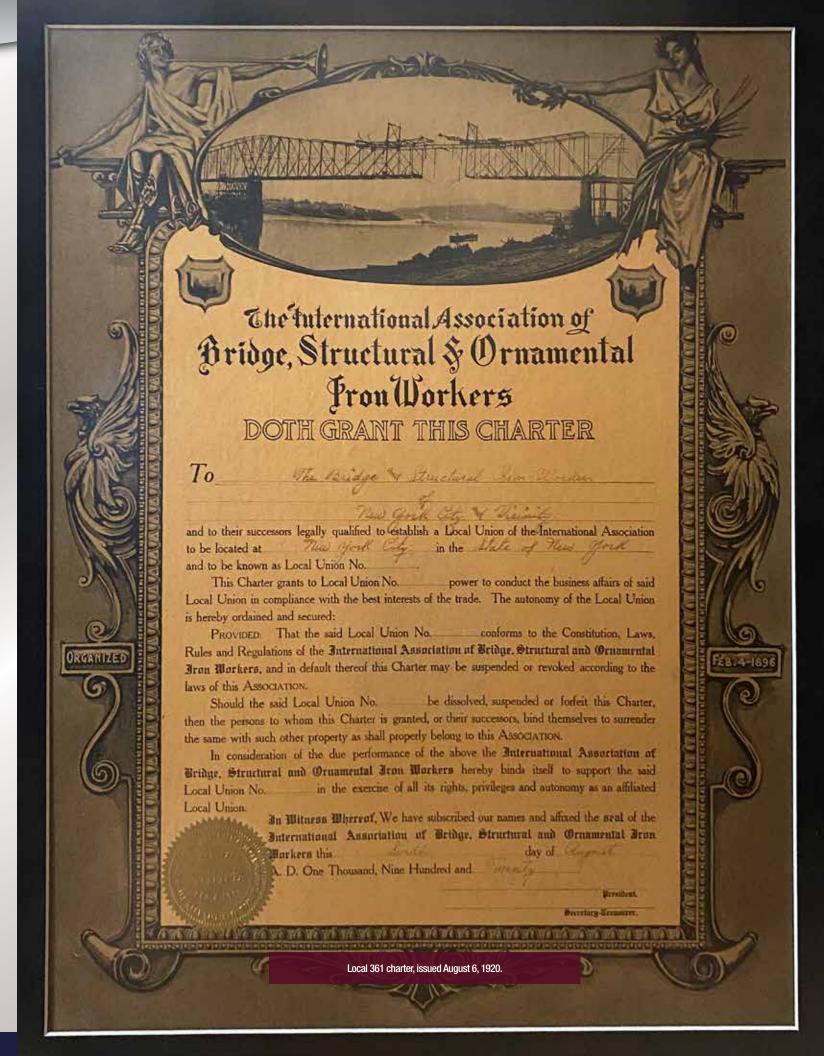
Eventually, 16 delegates from six locals held a convention in Pittsburgh from February 4th to 7th, 1896, and established the National Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers of America. During its convention, the new union adopted a constitution and bylaws; elected Brother Edward J. Ryan as its first president along with a full set of officers; and chose Chicago as the city in which it would establish its headquarters.

The union would vote to change its name to the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers of America during its convention from October 22 to 26, 1900, in anticipation of organizing locals in Canada.

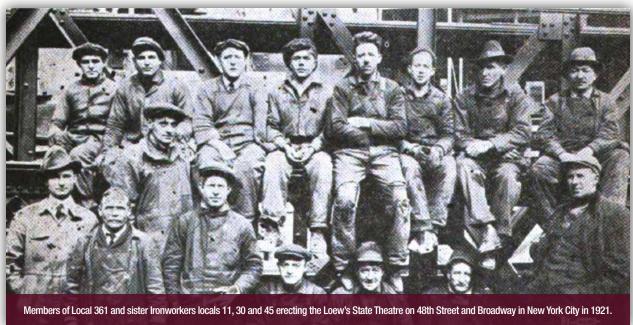
Soon after it was first formed, the National Association affiliated with the American Federation of Labor (A.F.L.). However, internal divisions led the International Association to disaffiliate in 1901, only to re-join two years later and become one of the charter members of the A.F.L.'s Building Trades Department, which was created in 1908.

In 1914 during its annual convention, the union changed its name to the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers and Pile Drivers. Over the next four years, however,

the ironworkers and carpenters union engaged in a contentious jurisdictional dispute over pile-driving, which resulted in the A.F.L. forcing the ironworkers union to drop "Pile Drivers" from its name and transfer members in the pile-driving jurisdiction into the carpenters union (which was completed by April 1, 1920) — although the ironworkers regained the reinforcing rod jurisdiction from the Lathers International Union.







effectively ended until labor-friendly reforms were implemented with U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" during the mid-1930s.)

What's more, Local 35 remained defiant in several jurisdictional disputes, most notably after the American Federation of Labor (A.F.L.) awarded jurisdiction of pile drivers to the carpenters union over the ironworkers (even though the drivers were working more with steel H-beams than wooden ones) in 1918. Then the following year, the International Association suspended Local 35's leaders after

The Ironworkers District Council of Greater New York City and Vicinity was officially formed in 1904 and at the time was composed of Local No. 40 and Local No. 52 of Manhattan; Local No. 45 of Jersey City, New Jersey; Local No. 11 of Newark, New Jersey; and Local No. 35 of Brooklyn — which was Local No. 361's predecessor. The new district council's jurisdiction spanned 35 miles, including all of Long Island, and its locals permitted a universal exchange of working cards and required no transfer between locals of the council for members to work in each other's jurisdiction. (Locals 361 and 40, the only locals still functioning, are now part of the New York State Ironworkers District Council, which was formed in 2003.)

Business Agent Thomas Slattery and Recording Secretary J. P. Gillen distributed a letter to locals throughout the country that criticized the union's international officers after their decision in a jurisdictional dispute between Local 35 and Local 40.

With the rift between the International Association, the Ironworkers District Council of Greater New York City and Vicinity and Local 35 over the direction of the union widening, many members of the local sought transfers to other locals in the New York City vicinity. Soon after, the International Association revoked the charter of Local 35 on October 31, 1919, after which 355 of its 358 members were transferred into various other locals.

## INSTITUTING A PERMANENT LOCAL

Recognizing the lack of union representation for ironworkers in the Brooklyn area, International Association Organizer Earl Calvert lobbied International General President Paul J. Morrin and International General Secretary-Treasurer



Harry Jones to charter a new local to replace the defunct Local 35. After persuading both leaders, Calvert and a group of ironworkers received a charter for **Local No. 361** of New York City and the neighboring vicinity on **August 6, 1920**.

Meeting weekly in New York's Tonawanda Hall, by March 1921 the new local boasted a membership of more than 1,000 ironworkers. At that time, many of its members were working on landmark structures in the burgeoning city that included construction of the new Loew's State Theatre at 1540 Broadway on Times Square, which when opened on August 29, 1921, as part of a 16-story office building for the Loew's Theatres company was the first theater on Broadway to cost \$1 million.

In his monthly report in the March 1921 *Bridgemen's Magazine* – the International Association's official journal that would become The Ironworker – General President Morrin also noted that Local 361 and Local 40 were successfully working together to improve their respective and combined situations.

"A splendid spirit of cooperation and harmony existed between the members of both local unions," Morrin wrote. "Through the combined efforts of both of these local unions, we have established a very favorable condition in the iron industry in New York, despite the efforts of the Steel Trust and the National Erectors' Association."

But for the most part, ironworkers in the New York metropolitan area during the early 1920s remained unorganized, while union ironworkers continued to be plagued by employers and contractors who refused to negotiate with them, creating a surplus of non-union construction throughout the city. Subsequently, an increasing number of union ironworkers worked on non-union jobs — although most continued to pay monthly union dues.

#### **LOCAL 361 UNION HALLS**

#### **Tonawanda Hall**

166 East 28th Street Manhattan, New York 1920 into 1922

#### 35 Fifth Avenue

Brooklyn (Meeting Location) 1922 into 1925

#### Columbus Hall

123 Court Street Brooklyn 1925 into 1935

#### Local 361 Union Hall

550 Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn 1935 into 1955

#### Local 361 Union Hall

99 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn 1955 into 1969

#### Local 361 Union Hall

229-24 Jamaica Avenue Queens Village 1969 into 1989

#### Local 361 Union Hall

89-19 97th Avenue Ozone Park 1989 to current



artist Matt Green to paint a mural on the 70-by-15-foot wall showing the

ironworking trade in action, with an ironworker setting a beam and the Marine Parkway Bridge in the background.



#### **LOCAL 361 LEADERSHIP**

When Local 361 was first chartered on August 6, 1920, no business agent was assigned and its primary officer was President Charles McDonnell.

#### Wade King

Business Agent/Financial Secretary 1921 into 1922

#### **Earl Calvert**

Business Agent 1922 into 1924

#### H. A. Moore

Financial Secretary/Treasurer 1922 into 1924

#### Business Agents/ Financial Secretary-Treasurers

Earl Calvert 1924 into 1929

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John M. Silva

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#### Business Managers/ Financial Secretary-Treasurers

William F. Cruff 1972 into 1978

Alan Simmons 1978 into 1988

Edward J. Cush 1988 into 1995

Raymond Zinser 1995 into 2000

Richard "Dick" O'Kane 2000 into 2013

Matthew Chartrand 2013 to current

In 1921, International President Morrin even initiated an extensive national organizing campaign, which focused on New York City, that attempted to offset a dramatic drop in International Association membership. Additionally, the campaign sought to persuade union men not to work on non-union jobsites.

With jurisdiction over structural iron work, Local 361 journeyman-level ironworkers were being paid \$1.12-1/2 per hour by late 1922, while they paid \$2 monthly dues for membership in the union. Their wage scale increased to \$1.25 per hour by August 1923 and \$1.31-1/4 per hour by early 1924.

But conditions remained challenging with the Iron League and the National Erectors' Association continuing their assaults on organized ironworkers and immigrants continuing to flood the employment market. What's more, Local 361 and its sister structural-ironworking locals in the New York area, with their roughly 4,000 total members, were asking the contractors for a new wage scale of \$1.50 per hour (or \$12 per day).

On May 1, 1924, Local 361 and the other structural-ironworking locals of the District Council of Greater New York City – locals No. 11 of Newark; and No. 40, No. 45 and No. 373 of Perth Amboy, New Jersey – began a strike against firms that refused to pay the new rate. Out of the total number of members of the locals involved in the strike, they removed 1,369 ironworkers from jobsites, as the balance of the firms had reached an agreement and complied with the demands made by the locals, fully stopping work on every job on which those members were employed as well as all jobs of the New York Iron League.

The strike would last for the next 13 years, during which time the union did not bend nor break.

"(Contractors) are making a few straggling efforts to proceed with strike-breakers and

non-union men, but they have met with but very little success," President Morrin reported in the June 1924 *Bridgemen's*. "We have sought to advise the non-union men who still remain unorganized through the channels of our local unions, organizers, advertisements, etc., to acquaint them with the real conditions existing in New York so that they would not be unduly influenced to come here in the role of a strike-breaker. In this we have been uniformly successful."

In an effort to combat the ongoing strike, each local organized a strike committee that was responsible for keeping watch on the various working conditions in their respective territories while developing an index-card system that monitored the ever-changing situation. Each local also implemented a policy of not receiving any transfers from other locals for work in their respective jurisdictions.

Joint contracting also became a popular means of gaining work for members of the striking locals in order to alleviate some of the burden individual unions were experiencing. In fact, Local 361 and Local 40 began joint-contracting assignments on numerous projects throughout the area, particularly on several school jobs.

Additionally, Local 361 members and their union brothers from the other locals were active on picket lines, working two shifts of pickets so they could meet all incoming trains, ferries and boats on which strike-breakers were being shipped into New York. Local 361 and Local 40 also kept their offices open 24 hours a day, while the Brooklyn local installed beds in its union hall, and the International Association likewise opened temporary headquarters in the McAlpin Hotel and strike headquarters in the Aberdeen Hotel from which international officers could help conduct the strike.

By August 28, 1924, the striking locals had about 90 percent of its members working for the \$1.50 per hour scale, and all but 14



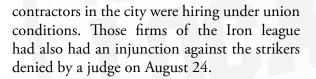


Local 361 members on various jobsites during the 1920s and 1930s.









After 13 long years, the remaining contractors conceded and on May 1, 1937, signed an agreement with the International Association and its New York-area locals that provided a wage scale of \$15.40 per day and union conditions. One year later, the contract was renewed for a scale of \$16 per day with similar provisions that included signatory contractors promising to only employ members of Local 361 and Local 40.

Reporting on the successes of the prolonged campaign, President Morrin told delegates to the International Association's 26th Convention in St. Louis on September 19, 1940:

"That is a most unusual occurrence, after 13 years, to come out successfully in this strike. It speaks to more than the conditions that we obtained. It brings very forcibly to the front the fact that the dominating influence

in this whole situation was the Ironworkers' determination that they were going to fight until hell froze over or until they won."

#### Pressing On in 1920s & '30s

ocal 361 continued to function outside of the ongoing strike throughout the balance of the 1920s, but the so-called "Roaring Twenties" was not always as prosperous for the local as it was for the nation, as the New York City Iron League and National Erectors' Association continued to limit union contracts. The local even reported in a June 24, 1925, letter that appeared in the following month's *Bridgemen's Magazine*, "Work in Brooklyn and on Long Island is not as plentiful as it might be just now. Nearly all the members of this local are working, but owing to a little depression in construction work some of them are not getting in full time."

Into 1929, the Local 361 wage scale for its journeyman ironworkers was up to \$15.40 per



hour (or \$1.92-1/2 per hour). But that year, the severe worldwide economic depression that came to be known as the Great Depression began with the devastating crash of the U.S. stock market on October 29, 1929 – history's "Black Tuesday."

Initially, the Depression had little impact on the employment of union ironworkers around the country. To the contrary, from July 1, 1929, to June 30, 1930, the International Association added 3,440 new members to its ranks, and while other international unions experienced wage reductions of up to 50 percent, the average wage reduction for ironworkers locals was 15.9 percent, according to the International Association.

But mass unemployment caused by the Great Depression "finally caught up with the

ironworkers within two years after the crash as building construction nearly came to a halt," according to the International. During that time, the union lost almost 50 percent of its paid membership nationwide – but despite that, nearly every ironworkers local remained intact as the International Association officers "were leaders in 'New Deal' (federal assistance) efforts to get labor back on its feet again."

As the economic turmoil continued, Local 361 members did work with brothers from Local 361 to erect some significant projects that included the new, 3,500-seat Earl Carroll Theater at 753 Seventh Avenue in the Theater District of Midtown Manhattan in March and April 1931. But later that year, the locals posted a notice in the November issue of *The* 

#### **IRONWORKERS OF NEW YORK REPRESENT AN ECLECTIC MIX**

Natives of the Canadian province of Newfoundland and the North American Mohawk Tribe both have a deep and revered history in the union ironworking industry in Greater New York City. Many served as members of Local 361 since its inception in 1920, helping to build many of the most iconic structures in the metropolitan area.

Many Newfoundlanders joined the ironworkers, including Local 361 and its sister structural ironworkers Local 40 of Manhattan, and easily took to the trade as they were used to going aloft in their tall ships and knew their knots and rigging. A derrick crane being very similar to a sailboat with a mast and a boom, and the Newfoundlanders all being mariners, they were well experienced with the workings of such a device.

In fact, Newfoundlanders who were in the ironworking trade were known as "Fish." Local 361 Brother Richard "Rick" Peddle III, whose grandfather, Brother Richard Peddle I, was born in Newfoundland in 1896 and joined Local 361 on March 13, 1929, even explained, "As I am a descendant of a Newfoundlander, I am still called that by some."

Similarly, in the early 1900s, the Kahnawake People (a branch of the Mohawk tribe) began migrating from Quebec to the New York City area, and while considered a token minority work force upon their arrival, the Kahnawake were hardworking and eventually became an integral part of the Local 361 membership. Tribe members continued to migrate

from Canada and generations continued to join the ranks of Local 361 for decades to come.

"Firm believers in trade unionism, they are members of ... Local 361," The Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported on June 25, 1939 – and their sons and grandsons also took to the trade. Indeed, those Mohawk ironworkers helped build the Empire State Building, the George Washington Bridge, the Triborough Bridge, the Waldorf-Astoria, the Henry Hudson Parkway, the RCA Building, the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, the World Trade Center and most any other major project in New York that involved heavy steel construction.

Into the 2000s, the Mohawk ironworkers practiced a ritual of returning home each weekend on a 400-mile trip to the Kahnawake Reservation, located eight miles from Montreal. The Mohawks of past generations had a bustling neighborhood in Brooklyn, as well, but the building bust from 1985 to 1995 left many to travel to other locations around the country for work, diminishing their community in the borough.

The Kahnawake and Newfoundlanders became part of a large melting pot within the trade in New York City, along with Scandinavians, Irish, Germans and migrators from the South who all joined the ironworkers. Within the New York union-ironworking industry, there was always a friendly rivalry between the "Fish" and the Mohawks who also have a deep and revered history in the business.



Bridgemen's Magazine advising members from other locals to "stay away from New York as there are too many idle there now."

Then in 1932, Local 361 and Local 40 were among more than a dozen locals across the country that the International Association placed under supervision of officers appointed by the union's General Executive Board "for the sole purpose of safeguarding the interests of such organizations." Also that year, Local 361 and its employers agreed to reduce the local's wage rate \$1.92-1/2 to \$1.75 per hour (or \$14 per day).

The labor-friendly reforms of U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" federal-government funded public-work projects, programs and regulations beginning in 1933 helped curb the Great Depression's damaging impact on employment. Many union members,

including the ironworkers of Local 361, found relief through its federally sponsored work programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Works Progress Administration and the Public Works Administration. Among jobs on which the later agency employed the local's members was construction of the \$62-million **Triborough Bridge** (now the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge) beginning in 1933 that connected the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx through a complex of bridges and elevated expressway viaducts when it was completed in 1936.

Adding to the relief for ironworkers across the country, during the early 1930s the International Association secured two working agreements, one of which was the Bridge Erectors' Agreement that covered the nationwide jobs of "fair" union contractors in the **Structural Steel and Bridge Erectors' Association**. As part of

that contract, ironworkers took a wage reduction and worked six days a week so that those employers "could compete with unfair contractors." The International renewed the agreement on July 10, 1933, and revised it to cover building and other forms of iron and steel erection to further assist the union's membership.

The "second phase" of the New Deal, which President Roosevelt launched in 1935, included legislation that guaranteed workers the right to unionize and bargain for better working conditions and higher wages, such as the National Labor Relations Act that created a National Labor Relations Board to oversee union elections and supervise businesses' treatment of their

workers. With this, the program also effectively brought the nationwide ironworkers employers' anti-union, open-shop campaign that had been ongoing since 1906 to an end.

Two years later, after 13 years the strike of Local 361 and its sister New York area locals against the Iron League and National Erectors' Association came to an end with the new working agreement between the two sides that went into effect on May 1, 1937. With the settlement, union members were no longer allowed to work on non-union job sites without jeopardizing their membership.

New York City Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia had assisted in ending the strike when he announced that non-union labor would not be permitted to work on the 1939-1940 World's Fair that would be held in Flushing Meadows, Queens. Subsequently, the large amount of construction to be involved on the fairgrounds

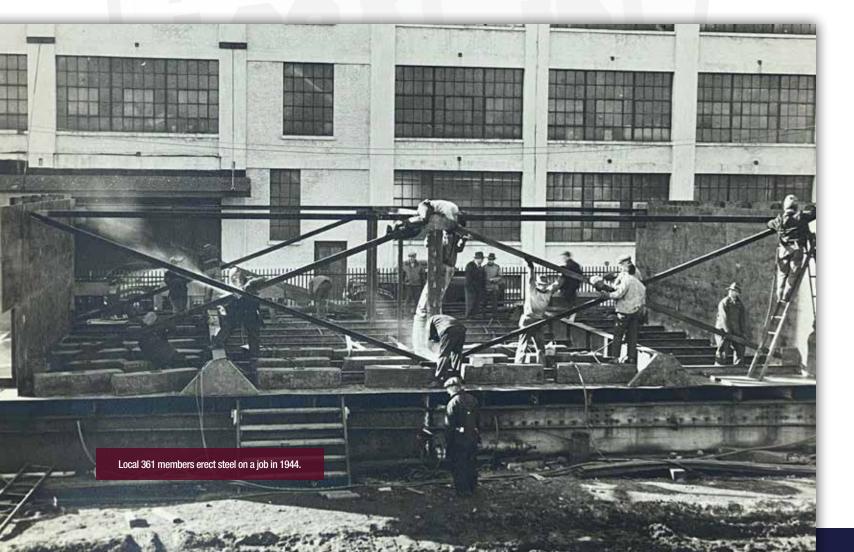
Local 361 members and officers, including Joe Eder Jr., Jimmy
Collins and Jose Eder Jr., at the base of the War Tower in Brooklyn in

compelled both labor and management to settle their differences.

Meanwhile, as construction picked up around New York and the nation as the decade – and the Great Depression – neared the end, Local 361 members were working on new, major projects that included the **Bronx-Whitestone Bridge** beginning in 1937. The four-lane suspension bridge (which has since been expanded to six lanes) over the East River connected Throggs Neck and Ferry Point Park in the Bronx with the Whitestone neighborhood of Queens when it was completed in April 1939.

That year, the local's journeyman wage scale was raised back to \$1.92-1/2 per with a contract with employers that also provided another increase to \$2 per hour beginning July 1, 1940.

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## Training and Education

# DEVELOPING NEW YORK'S BEST-SK ILLED AND SAFEST IRONWORKERS

Preparing new ironworkers for the trade in New York City has centered around apprenticeships since Local 361 was first organized in August of 1920. On-the-job training, through which apprentices are educated and paid while working alongside journeyman ironworkers on jobsites, has always been the focal point of that education.

Seeking to augment their joint training program, which has been registered with the New York State Department of Labor since 1944, Local 361 and its sister Local 40 of Manhattan established a formal apprenticeship curriculum in 1955 that consisted of standardized classroom and laboratory work at the highly regarded Brooklyn Technical High School, in addition to paid, on-the-job training. The first, formal class of apprentices from the Ironworkers Local 40 and 361 Apprentice Training Program graduated in October 1958.

At that time, Local 361 and Local 40 were already upgrading and revising their apprenticeship program, incorporating new regulations requiring a three-year training period with on-the-job training, testing and appearances before an examining board for potential ironworkers. Then in 1996, at which time classes were being held in Aviation High School in Long Island City, the locals and their contractors acquired a facility in Astoria, Queens, in which they established the Iron Workers

Locals 40 and 361 Training Facility.

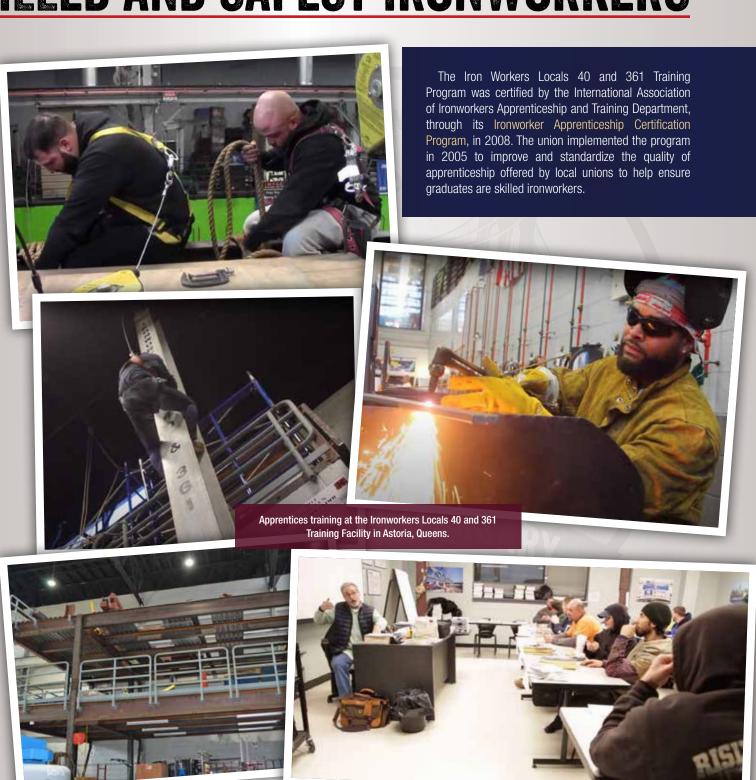
The state-of-the-art educational center features classrooms and a 12,000-square-foot workshop that boasts 35 welding stations equipped with stick and wire feeders in every booth. It also offers a 5-ton overhead crane for hands-on training when erecting structural steel mockups.

The locals' training has developed into a three-year program consisting of 204 hours of classroom instruction per year, with apprentices attending classes twice each week. They must also complete at least 4,000 hours of jobsite training before they graduate, and they are evaluated monthly by their instructors.

The local's training leads to licenses and certificates in OSHA safety, first aid/CPR, welding, rigging, signaling, scaffolding and more to meet New York City and New York State industry requirements. Also, while in the program, apprentices earn a full union apprentice salary and benefits.

The Iron Workers Locals 40 and 361 Training Facility is also available to the journeyman ironworkers of each local to upgrade their skills in the latest industry techniques and equipment. They can also gain Continuing Education Units to renew industry certifications.







## A GROUNDBREAKING PENSION FOR LOCAL 361 MEMBERS

Local 361 and its sister International Association of Ironworkers Local No. 40 of New York City inaugurated one of the first industry-wide pension plans for structural ironworkers on May 5, 1955, during a luncheon held at Cavanagh's Restaurant in the city. During the ceremony, by which time 47 applications for pensions had already been approved, the first pensioners of the Ironworkers Locals 40 and 361 Pension Fund received award certificates and their initial benefit payments.

The locals' employing contractors began making contributions of 3-percent of wages to the fund in January 1954 after the union signed a collective-bargaining agreement with the more than 200 employers in the metropolitan city area. A board of trustees representing both the employers and the 1,800 members of Locals 40 and 361 was appointed soon after the agreement was completed, with four trustees each from the locals and the contractors.

The trustees retained the firm of Martin E. Segal and Company to assist in establishing the Pension Fund.

During the luncheon, Mr. Segal told attendees, "This pension fund is already a model showing what can be accomplished by devotion to the needs and security of the men who are spending their lives in the service of the building trades industry."

The pension plan initially provided five types of retirement benefits to members of Locals 361 and 40 that were payable for life:

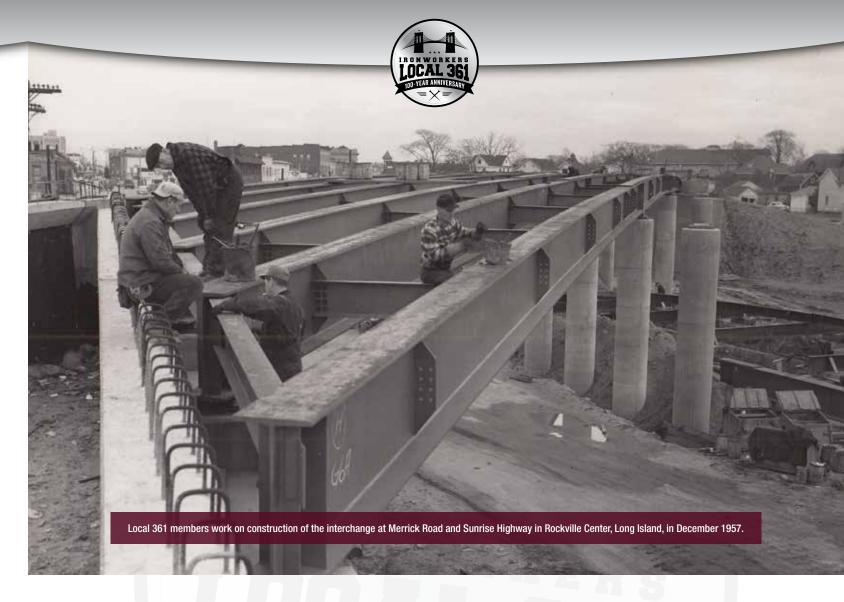
- 1) A "Normal Pension" of \$50 per month for members who were at least 65 years of age and had credit for at least 25 years of employment in the industry;
- 2) A "Reduced Pension" of \$2 per month for each year of credit that a member upon retiring for members who were at least 65 years of age and had credit for at least 15 but less than 25 years of service;
- 3) A "Disability Pension" for members who become permanently disabled when they were at least 55 but less than 65 years of age if they have credit for at least 15 years of service, with the amount of the disability benefit dependent upon the age and years of service of the member upon retiring;
- 4) A "Minimum Pension" of at least \$15 per month for members who had retired on an International Association of Ironworkers pension or who were honorary members by January 1, 1954; and
- 5) A "Special Pension" of \$15 per month for members who worked part time for contributing employers over a period of at least 25 years.

#### RECOVERING, GROWING STRONG

hroughout the second half of the tumultuous 1930s and into the 1940s, discussions often arose at the international and local levels about amalgamating Local 361 and Local 40. At one point, in fact, the Manhattan-based local had voted unanimously for the merger, and a majority of members of the Brooklyn-based local also favored it.

As such, during the International Association's 26th Convention in September 1940, the union even went so far as to pass a resolution to "respectfully request our International Association to give this question on the amalgamation of Locals No. 40 and No. 361 their earnest consideration and study." The measure declared that "members of both locals have been looking for a solution to their many problems and controversies;" and it further asserted that "amalgamation would eliminate jurisdictional disputes, do away with the expense of maintaining one local ..., create a spirit of harmony and a better feeling among the members, and greatly strengthen the position of the structural ironworker in New York City."

But as the Great Depression passed into history and the major strikes became more of a distant memory, steady employment began to rise and Local 361 at long last began to stabilize. What's more, with Europe and Asia already engaged in a growing global war, U.S. defense and military-production spending increased into the 1940s, creating additional work for Local 361 members. Bolstering that source of employment, the Building and Construction Trades Department of the A.F.L., of which the International Association of Ironworkers was an affiliate, entered into an agreement with various government agencies engaged in defense construction work in order to help stabilize the building industry during



the "national emergency" declared by President Roosevelt as the country's allies were fighting the already overwhelmingly destructive and spreading conflict.

After the United States officially entered World War II following the Japanese attack on U.S. Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, the local's members were active both on the homefront and on various battlefields. Wartime projects throughout the local's jurisdiction on which members of Local 361 worked included the Camp Hero military base and its large artillery installations on Montauk Point, Long Island; construction of Rome Air Depot (later renamed Griffiss Air Force Base) in Rome, New York; and expansion of the Naval Submarine Base New London in Connecticut (which is now the primary U.S. Navy East Coast submarine base).

While the local and all other construction trade unions were beholden to Federal policies on wage control during and immediately after World War II, the Local 361 wage scale in 1944 and into 1945 was set at \$2 per hour.

Following the war's end in September 1945, Local 361 ironworkers were employed on the largest job in which the local was involved at that time, construction of the **Brookhaven** National Laboratory, a nuclear-research facility established in 1947 that was originally owned by the Atomic Energy Commission. To complete the project, which included a nuclear reactor, union workers rotated on 12-hour shifts while living on the job site, the former U.S. Army Camp Upton in Brookhaven, Long Island.

Other jobs manned by the local's members during the second half of the 1940s included construction of the **Brooklyn Battery Tunnel** 



connecting Red Hook in Brooklyn with the Battery in Manhattan after work had been delayed by World War II. When completed in May 1950, the twin-tube tunnel under the mouth of the East River was the longest continuous underwater vehicular tunnel in North America.

Meanwhile, Local 361 wages jumped to \$3 per hour by 1948 and remained at that level into 1949.

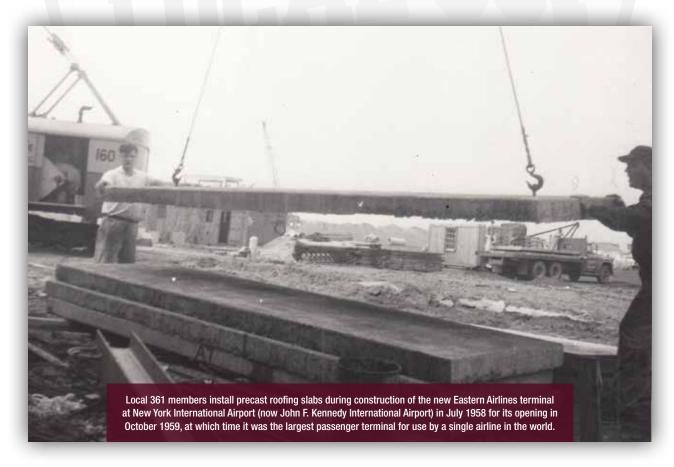
That year, as part of a new working agreement collectively bargained by Local 361 and Local 40 with their employing contractors of the Allied Metal Industries, the locals' wage scales increased to \$3.25 per hour and they both gained a new health-and-welfare insurance program as a fringe benefit for their members. Contractors initially contributed 3 percent of their payrolls into a Welfare Fund to subsidize the first-time benefit, which provided life insurance; accidental death and

dismemberment insurance; weekly accident and sickness benefits; and surgical benefits for 1.800 workers and their families.

#### HAILING POST-WAR SUCCESSES

he 1950s were extremely lucrative years for Local 361 and ironworkers throughout the New York City region as the ironworking industry implemented new techniques, including welding over riveting, that increased productivity, efficiency, and reliability at construction sites. Under the leadership of Business Agent Paul "Whitey" Rockhold and President Jerry Feltham, Local 361 prospered as its wages increased considerably and its members gained vacation and pension funds in contracts, in addition to their health and welfare benefits.

Enhancing its improving conditions, during that time Local 361 initiated one of the best







apprentice-training programs in the country, its leaders' appreciation for its membership strengthened, and – perhaps for the first time in the local's history – contractors came to respect the local's officers. What's more, New York City's ironworkers locals and the International Association developed a better relationship between each other during those years, as each pledged to work together to improve job security, wages, safety conditions and benefits.

Wages for Local 361 members subsequently climbed to \$3.65 per hour for the 12-month period from July 1, 1953, to July 1, 1954. The local's journeyman rate then increased 10 cents each of the following two years to raise it to \$3.85 per hour beginning July 1, 1955.

By that time, the local had achieved perhaps the most notable accomplishment of the decade when it and Local 40 jointly signed a collectivebargaining agreement in 1953 that provided for more than 200 employing contractors to make contributions beginning January 1954 into a new Ironworkers Locals 40 and 361 Pension Fund. One of the first industry-wide retirement pensions, the program offered five types of pensions depending on each ironworker's individual needs and was initially funded by 3-percent-of-payroll contributions from the employers. The very first pensioners of the new retirement benefit received award certificates and their initial payments during a ceremony on May 5, 1955.

That same year, Local 361 also moved its headquarters and union hall into a building at **99 Flatbush Avenue** in Brooklyn.

Out in the field, Local 361 helped expand and modernize Brookhaven National Laboratory throughout 1955 and 1956 as nuclear research dramatically increased while the United States and the Soviet Union became more deeply engaged in the Cold War. Elsewhere, among the abundant jobs employing union ironworkers in the metropolitan New York area, members

## MORTGAGE PROGRAM DISPLAYS SOLIDARITY

In an effort believed to be the first of its kind in the Northeast at the time, in early 1987 International Association of Ironworkers Local 361 and Locals No. 40 and No. 417 of New York City initiated a program through which their pension funds were used to make below-market, no-points home mortgages available to their members. The locals, with a combined total of about 3,400 pension-plan members, put up \$18 million for the program.

The locals initially offered loans of up to \$150,000 for first mortgages and individual co-op financing at interest rates ranging from 8 percent for a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage to 7 percent for a three-year, adjustable-rate mortgage.

"They're putting their money to work for their own people, which is one function of a union," Edward M. Katz, president of The Amalgamated Bank of New York, which was administering the mortgage program, said at the time. "But it's good from an investment viewpoint, too."

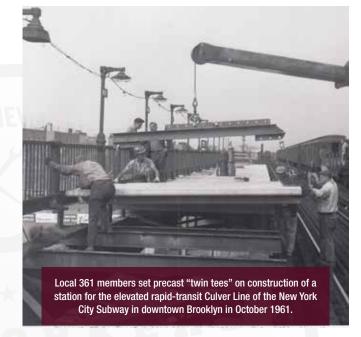


of Local 361 participated in scrapping 260,000 tons of metal in about four months with the demolition of the last of the elevated transit structures in the city in 1955.

Members also worked on construction of the Pan American World Airways terminal, one of seven new passenger terminals, for the New York International Airport (now John F. Kennedy International Airport) beginning in 1959. Composed of 32 steel girders weighing over 2,000 tons each and stretching approximately 124 feet beyond the wall of the terminal and fanning out from the core to form an oval roof when completed in 1960, each girder was pre-stressed with heavy wire cables, making it necessary to lift the girders three stories high in order to ensure they were positioned at an exact level.

Also that year, Bethlehem Steel Company was developing an examination for union ironworkers in order to evaluate their job performance. Led by Business





Agent Rockhold, ironworkers under contract with Bethlehem walked off their jobs in protest of the proposed test, after which the steel company conceded to the union 10 days later.

Wages for the local's members continued to climb throughout the second half of the decade, culminating in a raise to \$4.55 per hour in January 1959. At that time, they were also receiving contributions of 5 percent and 3 percent of each contractors' payroll into the local's welfare fund and pension fund, respectively.

#### ICONIC JOBS KEEP LOCAL BUSY

The good fortunes of the previous decade enjoyed by Local 361 resumed through the early 1960s as construction in and around New York City continued to flourish. Pay for the local's journeymen likewise kept escalating, with their scale increasing to \$4.70 per hour plus health and pension benefits into 1960.

One of the landmark structures on which the local's ironworkers were employed throughout much of the decade was construction of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to connect the





boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island over the Narrows that links Upper New York Bay with Lower New York Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Started in 1959, work on the bridge consisted of erecting 690-foot-high towers and a total of 120,000 tons of structural steel in the main structure; and spinning a total of 143,000 miles of wire cable to carry the roadway steel.

During construction, 300 members of Local 361 and Local 40 walked off the job on December 3, 1963, in a dispute over whether safety nets should be provided under a section of the span after the American Bridge Company refused to provide nets as they raised a 400-ton roadway section into place. Nets were a part of the safety provisions included in all contracts negotiated by the union for work on the bridge, and as a result, only two men lost their lives during the project that involved thousands of construction workers.

Also while their members were building the bridge, Business Agent Rockhold and Local 40 Business Agent Ray Corbett also negotiated a contract with American Bridge that secured their ironworkers a guaranteed \$8 "start-up fee" for showing up to the jobsite work on time each day.

After five years, the bridge opened on November 21, 1964, as the longest suspension bridge in the world with a central span of 4,260 feet and a total length of 13,700 feet. Work continued on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge over the second half of the decade to add a lower deck that was completed in 1969; now, the double-deck bridge carries 13 lanes of Interstate 278, with seven lanes on the upper level and six on the lower level.

Among the other notable projects in which Local 361 ironworkers were involved during



Shea Stadium in Flushing Meadows, Queens, that began in October 1961 before the baseball and multi-purpose venue opened in 1964 as the home of the New York Mets. (Shea was eventually closed in September 2008 and demolished the following months.) Elsewhere, members helped erect the 1,335-megawatt Astoria Generating Station power plant in Queens, the 2,480-megawatt Ravenswood Generating Station power plant in Long Island City, and the St. Charles Cancer Research Center on Long Island.

The second **New York World's Fair** in 1964 and 1965 also employed Local 361 members for installation of many of its features, including

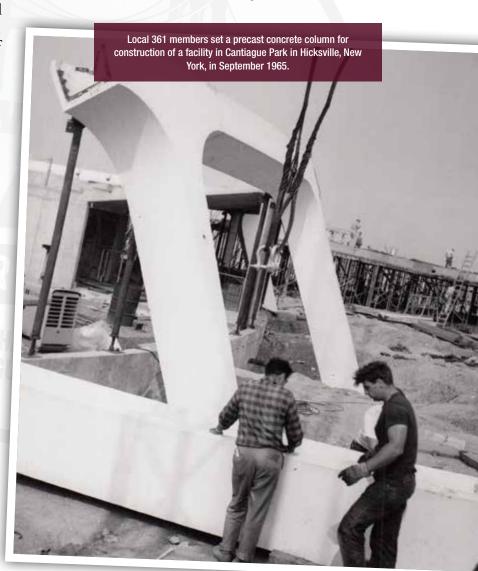
the now-famous, 140-foot-tall Unisphere stainless-steel representation of Earth that was the theme symbol of the fair. Other work performed by the union ironworkers included erecting the world's largest Tinker Toy ever fabricated, which consisted of more than 400 tons of structural steel in 80,000 individual pieces, including 2,200 columns and 200,000 bolts.

As strong employment sustained throughout the second half of the 1960s, Local 361 wages continued to rise. In September 1964, the local's pay scale for journeyman ironworkers was increased to \$5.80 per hour, and fringe benefits provided additional employer contributions of 5 percent of their payrolls to the welfare fund, 4 percent to the pension fund and 6 percent to a new Vacation Fund. The decade ended with member ironworkers earning a scale of \$7.23 per hour beginning in 1969, plus contributions of 7 percent, 9 percent and 9 percent into the welfare, pension and vacation funds, respectively.

Local 361 members began

work during the second half of the 1960s on building some of its most iconic projects, such as the **Northport Power Station** on the North Shore of Long Island in Fort Salonga. Built in stages by the Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO) beginning in 1967, the naturalgas and conventional-oil fueled powerhouse was the largest electric-generation facility on Long Island after its fourth generator unit was completed in 1977.

The local's ironworkers also joined their union brothers of Local 40 to erect the 210,000 tons of steel for the **World Trade Center** in the Financial District of Lower Manhattan, for which construction began on its 110-storyeach North Tower in August 1968 and South





Tower by January 1969. When completed in December 1970 as part of the \$400-million, seven-building complex, the North Tower was the tallest building in the world, and the South Tower was second tallest when it was completed in July 1971.

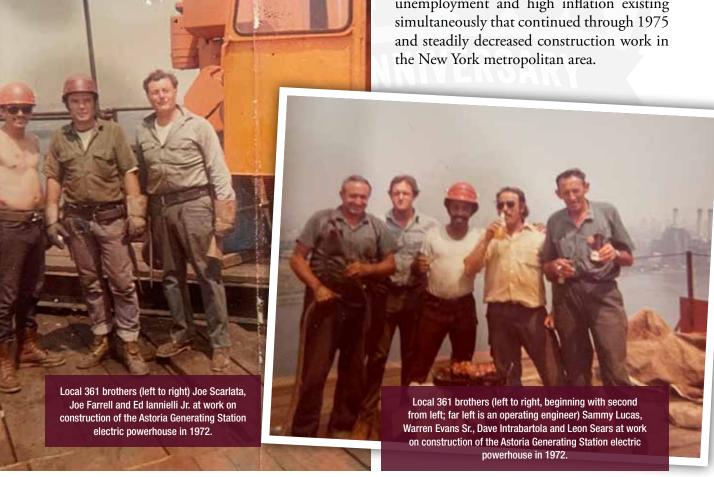
Meanwhile, members were also constructing the Kings Plaza Shopping Center, which would be the largest indoor shopping center within Brooklyn when it opened in September 1970, and the steel for the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum beginning in January 1969. The multi-purpose indoor arena in the Town of Hempstead on Long Island would be completed in February 1972.

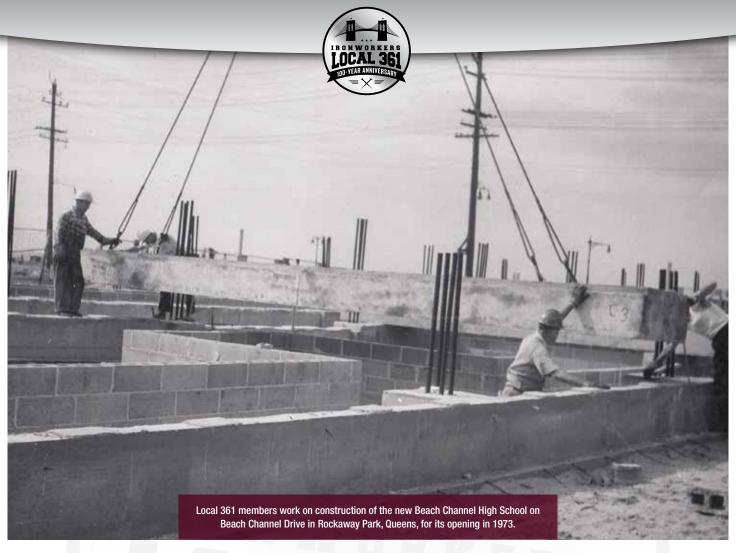
With those projects and others going strong, Local 361 gained its first **Annuity Fund** for members in 1969 through a new working agreement with contractors, who initially

contributed 10-cents-per-hour worked by each member toward the supplement retirement benefit. That year, the local also moved its offices into a new union hall at **220-24 Jamaica Avenue** in Queens and began holding its general membership meetings at the VFW Post No. 6478 hall in the Village of Bellerose on Long Island.

## TAKING HITS DURING RECESSION

hile work on the World Trade Center buildings continued into the 1970s, during which 525 structural ironworkers were working on the two towers at peak employment in September 1970, it ultimately came to an end when the complex was fully opened in April 1973. At that time, the nation entered a period of deep recession marked by economic stagnation that was termed "stagflation," which involved high unemployment and high inflation existing simultaneously that continued through 1975 and steadily decreased construction work in the New York metropolitan area.





Subsequently, membership in Local 361, which represents all of Long Island, Brooklyn and Queens, dropped to an all-time low while at one point roughly 400 members were unemployed, and as many as 2,000 New York City ironworkers left the trade as a result of the deteriorating economy. The local's wages likewise languished, increasing only from \$9.18 per hour entering 1972 to \$9.58 per hour in 1973, \$9.78 per hour in 1974 and \$10 per hour in 1975 – at which time fringe benefits added 95 cents per hour to the Welfare Fund, \$1 per hour to the Pension Fund, \$1.20 per hour to the Vacation Fund and \$1.20 per hour to the local's Annuity Fund.

As New York City fell into near bankruptcy, almost all construction work in the metropolitan area and Long Island came to a standstill and most work Local 361 members were able to secure was temporary or parttime and often required members to travel to other

locals around the country for employment (or "boom out" as it is called). With the southwest portion of the United States becoming more industrialized at that time, especially in states such as Texas and Louisiana, a great number of New York City ironworkers "boomed out" to those areas for jobs.

Some members did remain in their home jurisdiction, however, to work jobs that included the Northport Power Station and one of the more-significant projects in which Local 361 was involved during the decade, construction of the **Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant** for LILCO, which began in November 1972 and included the hull of the reactor, numerous administrative buildings and other facilities. Located adjacent to Long Island Sound in East Shoreham, New York, the facility would be completed in 1984 but was never put into service because of community concerns over safety; it was eventually fully decommissioned in 1994.



As the economic miseries of the 1970s wore on, many American steel plants closed while foreign countries modernized and improved technology in their factories, allowing American construction companies to purchase imported steel at cheaper costs. As a direct result, ironworkers saw their wages continue to suffer; by 1979, the Local 361 wage scale was only up to \$11.75 per hour, with fringebenefit contributions totaling an additional \$5.90 per hour.

Projects on which members were able to work in their jurisdiction in the late 1970s despite ongoing struggles of the national economy included expansion of the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, whose floor beams weighed 20 tons. The local's ironworkers were also employed on the Long Island City subway and the Williamsburg Bridge rehabilitation.

The severe work shortages of the previous decade gave way to sporadic employment for Local 361 during the 1980s as another

severe recession gripped the nation from 1980 into early 1983, and anti-union sentiment nationwide grew throughout the period. As such, non-union ironworkers began to get a foothold in the Local 361 jurisdiction through numerous smaller jobs.

Regardless, the local's ironworkers gained a relatively steady and abundant amount of manhours working on numerous bridge restoration projects during the decade and into the 1990s. Perhaps most notably, they helped replace the webbing of strays and suspenders on the **Brooklyn Bridge** during a \$52-million rehabilitation project in 1984 to replace its aging support system.

For the project, 80 ironworkers from Local 361 and Locals 40 combined their efforts to replace the Brooklyn Bridge's 1,096 wire-rope suspenders, 400 overfloor stays (the diagonal steel cables connecting selected truss panel points to the top of each tower), 280 2-1/2-inch-diameter solid rod suspenders and 240 cable





posts. To facilitate this work, the ironworkers fashioned 16 separate catwalks using 10,000 wood planks under the main cables.

Throughout the decade, the Local 361 wage scale continued to escalate, from \$12.25 per hour in 1980 to \$16.90 per hour in 1985 and to \$21 per hour in 1989. That year, contractor per-hour-worked contributions into the local's benefit funds had risen to \$2.15 for health and welfare, \$3.25 for pensions, \$4.80 for vacations and \$5 for the annuity, while they were also paying 18 cents per hour into a new **Training Fund** that subsidized the local's apprenticeship and training program.

The local also realized one of its more-significant accomplishments when in 1989 it moved its union hall and offices into the first building it has ever owned. Its new home at **89-19 97th Avenue** in Ozone Park is where the local continues to be headquartered 31 years later as it celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2020.

#### Going Strong Toward Year 100

s members of Local 361 continued to perform maintenance work on the Brooklyn Bridge, the ironworkers took part in a new **Rehabilitation Completion Program** on that and all other East River bridge crossings that would last for a number of years and help sustain the local throughout the 1990s. During the decade, Local 361 participated in projects that spent a total of \$197 million on the Brooklyn Bridge, \$701 million on the Manhattan Bridge, \$333 million on the **Queensborough Bridge** and \$704 million on the **Williamsburg Bridge** to rehabilitate each structure – all of which had been opened between 1883 and 1909.

The local also benefited from the "J for Jobs" program operated since 1977 by Union Labor Life Insurance Company (Ullico), with which unions invest pension funds into construction



projects that create jobs for their members. In 1991 and 1992 for instance, Local 361 members helped build the J for Jobs-funded Frey Family Foundation Medical Arts Building at the John T. Mather Memorial Hospital (now Mather Hospital) in Port Jefferson, New York, which a \$4.25-million mortgage commitment from the union financed.

With the New York metropolitan area slowly but surely recovering from the economic slump of the previous 10 years, major projects began to emerge again within the Local 361 jurisdiction in the early 1990s. Among the more-notable of those developments was a major rehabilitation program at the New York/ New Jersey Port Authority and construction of the MetroTech Center (now Brooklyn Commons) business and educational campus in downtown Brooklyn. At the center of a period of major, large-scale development activity and renewal in Brooklyn, the MetroTech Center featured new buildings, the first of which was





and the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn that opened in 1903.



erected by Local 361 members on Bridge Street and Myrtle Avenue, that hosted data centers, offices for several major companies and a modern campus for Polytechnic University (now the New York University Tandon School of Engineering).

The swelling construction work in and around its jurisdiction helped escalate the local's wages during the decade, which began in 1990 with its journeyman scale at \$22 per hour and total fringe benefits at \$21.68 per hour. New collective-bargaining agreements with its contractors, made in conjunction with Local 40, brought the Brooklyn local's base wage scale to \$25.50 per hour in 1995 and to \$31.70 per hour in 1999, by which time employers were also contributing \$6.46 per hour to the local's welfare fund, \$5.40 per hour to its pension fund, \$6.50 per hour to its annuity fund and 58 cents per hour to its training fund (during the 1990s, the local briefly withdrew from its vacation benefit).



Following a ground-breaking ceremony on Veterans Day 1990, which was attended by hundreds of Vietnam War veterans, members of Ironworkers Local 361 and Ornamental Ironworkers Local 580, Reinforcing Ironworkers Local 46 and Shop Ironworkers Local 455 set to work on constructing the new Suffolk County Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Volunteering their time along with other building trades craftspeople to work on weekday nights and weekends, the memorial construction became the quintessential example of a true community project.

With Local 361 members erecting the 100-foot-tall tower, the ironworkers came together in a team effort, volunteering their time and experience to build the \$1.5 million project, all of which was donated by the community, labor and businesses, on the scenic Bald Hill Overlook, one of the highest points on Long Island. The completed monument was dedicated, with thousands of guests in attendance, on Veterans Day, November 11,1991.







The new century and "Y2K" millennium brought with it a major surge in construction in the New York City metropolitan area that saw its five boroughs reach 25-year highs in construction spending throughout the 2000s, according to the New York Building Congress, which proved to be a boon for Local 361 ironworkers. Underscored by an unprecedented surge in residential high-rise construction throughout western Long Island and Manhattan and a \$4-billion, 10-year development program at LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark airports, the local's members as well as those with Local 40 - enjoyed full employment for much of the decade.

Subsequently, wages kept pace with the historic activity, increasing to \$37.65 per hour plus total fringe benefits of \$37.13 per hour in 2005, including \$12.75 per hour for vacations. By 2010, the local's base journeyman wage scale had been increased in a new working agreement to \$42.30 per hour and its total benefits package had been raised to \$45.46 per hour.

Out in the field, around the "Great Recession" economic downturn from 2007 to 2009 after the U.S. housing bubble burst, Local 361 members remained busy on jobs that included erecting the new JetBlue terminal at J.F.K.

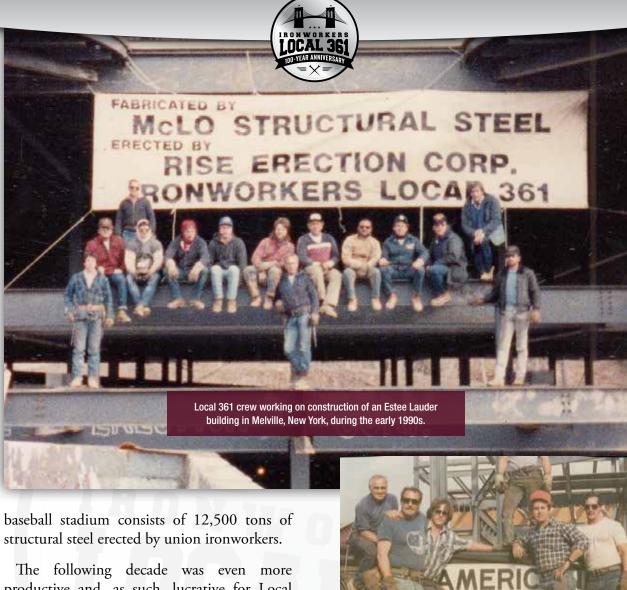
> Airport beginning in 2006 and 2007. The labor-intensive project incorporated 4,500 tons of steel, and when completed in 2009, the new terminal encompassed a total of 1.2 million square feet of space.

Around 150 of the local's ironworkers also built the 45,000-seat Citi Field in Flushing Meadows from late 2006 to March 2009. The new \$900-million home of the New York Mets, the

baseball stadium consists of 12,500 tons of

productive and, as such, lucrative for Local 361, as construction spending in and around New York City nearly doubled over the previous decade. "The development boom of the last decade has given birth to a form of construction that New York City helped pioneer - supertall residential buildings," as the Commercial Observer reported on December 17, 2019 – which further bolstered the continued resurgence of Local 361.

But as much as anything, bridge work and maintenance sustained Local 361 throughout the new millennium, and perhaps the watershed project on which Local 361 played a significant role during that time was construction of the new Tappan Zee Bridge to replace the former bridge of the same name that had spanned the Hudson River since December 1955. Erected from October 2013



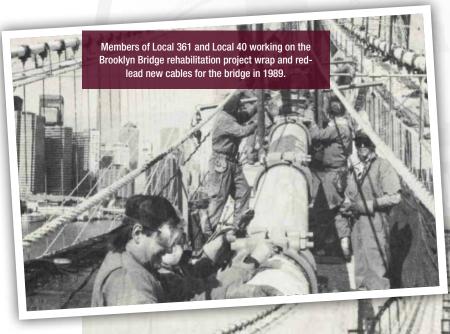
Members of Local 361 and Local 40 working on repairing the Grand Street Bridge at the topping out of the project in late 1997 are (left to right, front row) Shop Steward Steven Baran, Foreman Steve Haveman, (Engineer Jim O'Niel), Danny Martin and Pete Sciandra; and (second row) Gonzales Montana, Philip Rudloff, Greg Conners, Billy Dolen and Mike Santo.

Local 40 member Tim Gerrad (far left) and Local 361 members (left to right, beginning with second from left) Walt Berry, Chriss

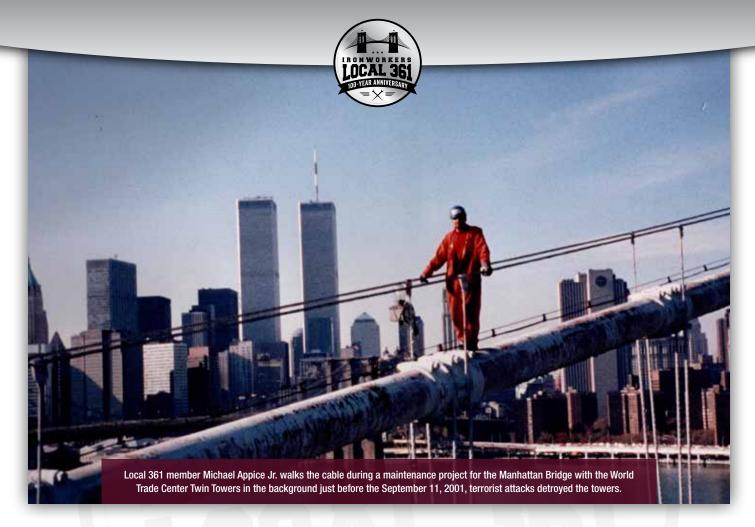
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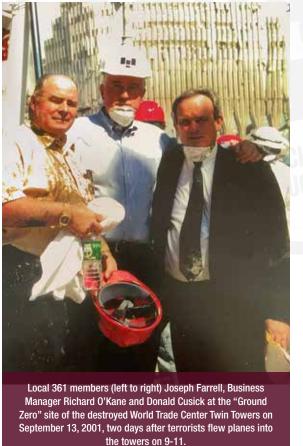
the Port Distributors facility in Long Island City in April 1986





Ironworker foremen of Local 361 and Local 40 conduct a safety meeting in 1989 on the walkway of the Brooklyn Bridge during its rehabilitation project.





to September 2018 by member ironworkers of Local 361 and New York locals 40, 46, 197 and 580 working for a consortium of construction firms branded as Tappan Zee Constructors, the bridge would be the first cable-stay crossing on the Hudson River.

The new, twin bridge consists of a 2,230-foot main span supported by four sets of 409-foot pylons and 192 cables to carry Interstate 87 and Interstate 287 between Rockland and Westchester counties. The Tappan Zee's north span officially opened to westbound traffic on August 26, 2017, and eastbound traffic began using its south span on September 11, 2018, after which the old bridge was demolished.

Over the decade, Local 361 was active and successful away from jobsites, as well. For example, in 2017 the local received and utilized an **Ironworker Management Progressive Action Cooperative Trust (IMPACT)** grant of \$29,620 for community organizing expenses to counter a growing non-union presence in the local's jurisdiction.



Then in August 2019 in a case initiated by Local 361, the U.S. Department of Labor (D.O.L.) recovered the largest single sum of stolen wages in its 115-year history when a contractor pleaded guilty to third-degree grand larceny and was ordered to restore \$6.25 million to nearly 500 ironworkers who were "cheated out of their rightful earnings," the D.O.L. declared in a press release. The investigation, which began following a referral by the Manhattan District Attorney and Local 361 in February 2018, revealed that from November 2013 until December 2017, the structural steel-fabrication company cheated workers out of overtime pay and wages owed, and it reported fraudulent financial information to the state, according to the D.O.L.

"It is our job as labor leaders to assist all workers when they are being wronged," Local 361 Business Manager Matthew Chartrand said after the decision. "Through the efforts of the Construction Fraud Task Force, as well as the great team at the Department of Labor, one of the bad players in the construction field is being brought to justice. Thanks to all, this is a great job for the benefit of workers."

Into the local's 100th anniversary year, its wage scale also rose from \$48.75 per hour in 2015 to \$52.70 in 2020. As part of that year's contract with its contractors, members are also receiving employer contributions of \$13.82 per hour for their welfare benefit, \$14.11 per hour for their pensions, \$21.01 per hour for their vacations, \$15.55 per hour for their annuities



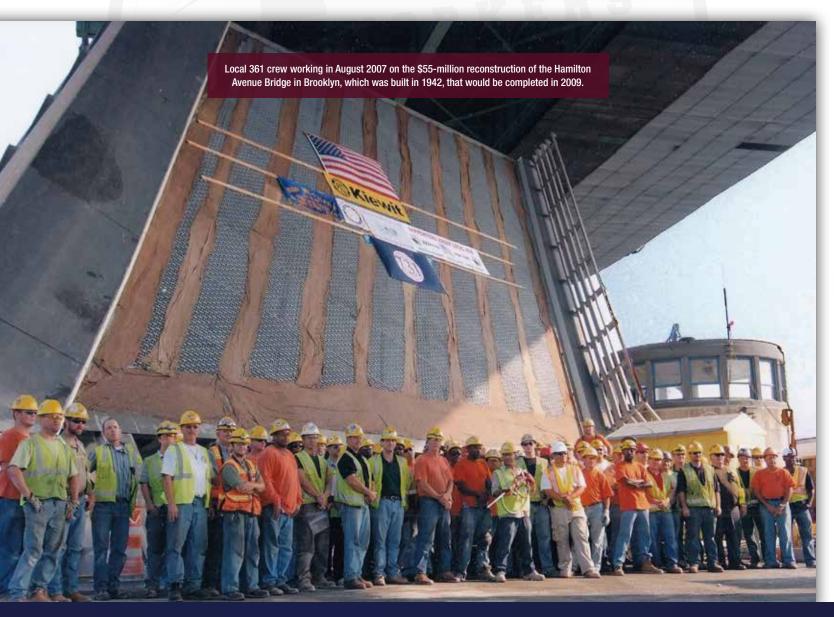


and 58 cents per hour for the local's apprentice and journeyman training program.

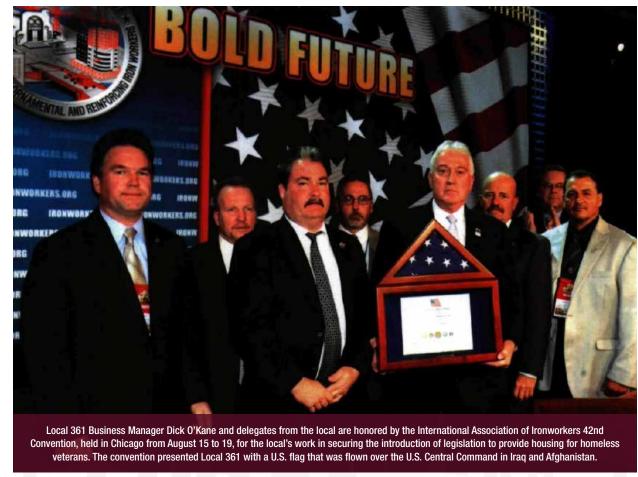
The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which first appeared in the United States in early 2020 and would claim the lives of nearly 1-million Americans over the next two years and into 2022, stalled Local 361 as social distancing became the norm to help stop the spread of the disease. With the health and safety of its members its main priority, the local practiced social distancing, canceled meetings and postponed its 100th anniversary celebration from 2020 to 2022. It also made certain jobsites were safe, as well, while also keeping members employed and manning

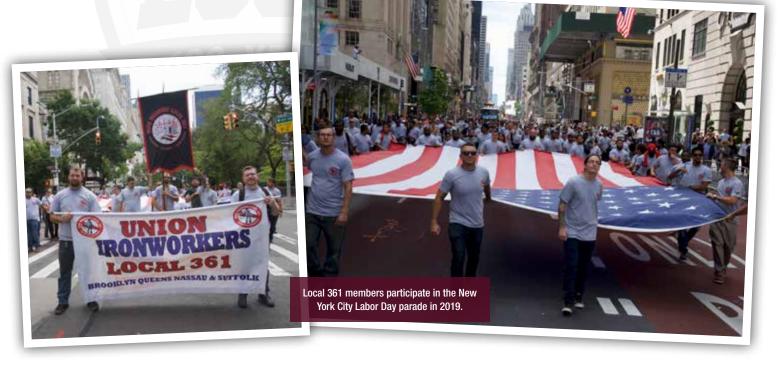
jobsites with "essential workers" to keep key construction and maintenance projects moving forward.

As those and other recent experiences and accomplishments have shown, throughout its 100-year history Ironworkers Local No. 361 has not only endured but has strengthened its condition by promoting a spirit of camaraderie and improving the ironworking trade for current and future members. What's more, the local continues to foster a commitment to reliability and professionalism by its leadership and members – and therefore remains on a path, forged by its past challenges and successes, toward even greater prosperity in its next century.







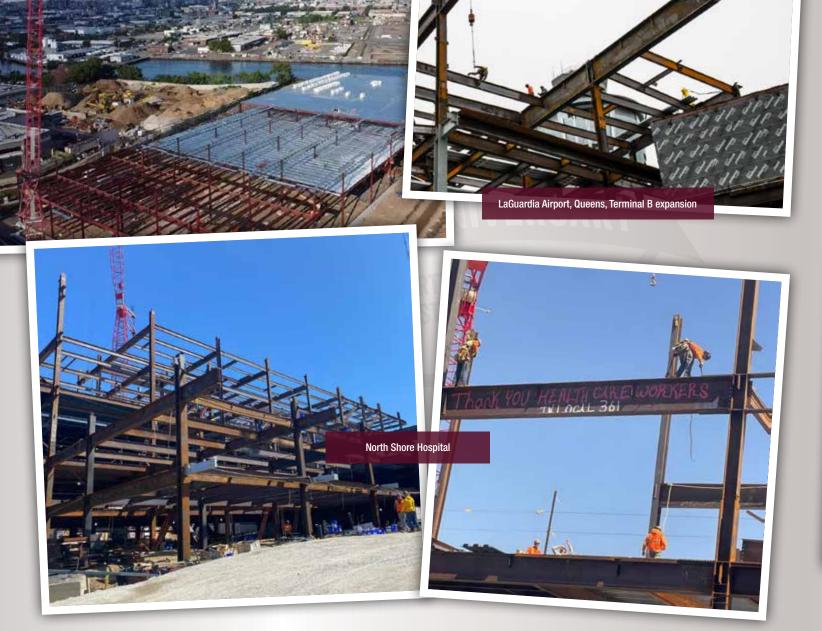




#### **IRONWORKERS LOCAL 361 ROLLING AGAIN INTO ITS SECOND CENTURY**

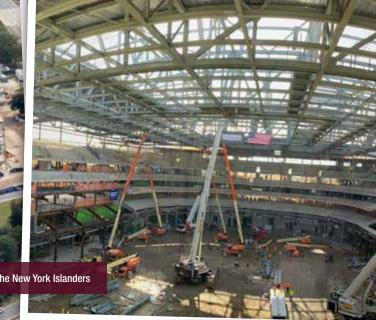
FedEx facility in Maspeth

While COVID-19 impacted Local 361 within its union hall and at its jobsites and forced the local to postpone its 100th anniversary celebration from 2020 to 2022, it continued to function as best it could – and since then, the local's members have again been erecting structures throughout its jurisdiction and participating in a wide array of events in 2022.











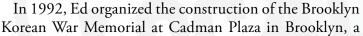


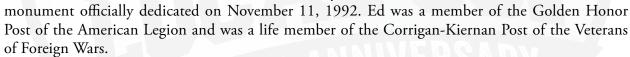


#### **EDWARD J. CUSH**

Edward J. Cush was a former business agent and business manager/financial secretary-treasurer of Ironworkers Local 361. He joined the union on May 1, 1956, and was an ironworker for 44 years, retiring in January of 1995. He left behind a legacy of union and community service few in the labor movement could equal.

Brother Cush served the local union as a member of the Examining Board, the Executive Board and as our local president. He also served as the vice president of the Ironworkers District Council of Greater New York. Additionally, he served as a member of the Brooklyn Board of Business Agents, president of the Queens Board of Business Agents, and was a member of the Nassau-Suffolk County Board of Business Agents. Brother Cush was also a trustee and co-chairman of the Ironworkers Locals 40, 361, and 417 Union Security Funds and the Ironworkers Local 361 Credit Union.



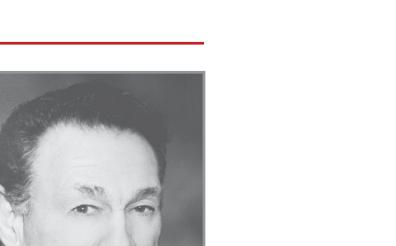


Much of Brother Cush's community work was done through the Holy Name Father's Guild, which he helped found more than 30 years ago to assist the children of the Park Slope Windsor Terrace Community. His work with the Father's Guild centered mostly around various sports programs for youngsters. He was instrumental in helping thousands of kids learn the value of clean living and sportsmanship. For his tireless efforts, he was awarded the Doc Devoy Award in the Park Slope Windsor Terrace Community.

In 1991, Brother Cush received the 1991 Legion Community Service Award from the American Legion for his outstanding leadership and civic dedication, which significantly helped improve the quality of life in the boroughs.

Business Manager Cush led the charge for the purchase of Local 361's hall in Ozone Park, and he wrote and published the "History of Local 361." In 1993, he established the Ironworkers 361 Scholarship Fund.

Brother Ed Cush passed away on May 19, 2006, and was survived by Kay, his wife of 47 years, his four children and four grandchildren. Whether it was bargaining for better working conditions for ironworkers, lobbying for political candidates or working with the young people in the neighborhood, Ed Cush's career was marked by service to others.





#### **RAY ZINSER**

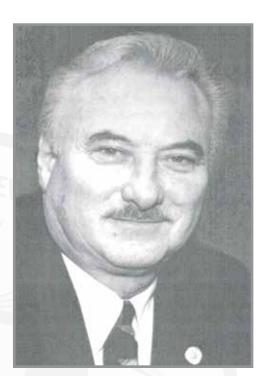
Ray Zinser is the Business Manager Emeritus of Local 361 since retiring in September of 2000.

Ray became an ironworker when he started apprentice school in 1956. He became a journeyman in 1958. Ray comes from a long line of ironworkers that includes his grandfather, father and brother. Ray's son and nephew are also ironworkers.

Ray's union career began in 1969 when he was elected to the Local 361 Executive Board. He served on the local's negotiating committee from 1969 until 1999. In 1979, he served on the Local 361 By-Laws Committee.

In 1986, he became the field representative with the Ironworkers Locals 40, 361 and 417 Union Security Funds, dealing with issues with the contractors. That same year, he served as business agent with Ed Cush as business manager.

In 1995, Ray became business manager of the local following the retirement of Ed Cush. He also served as



trustee and co-chairman of the Ironworkers Local 40, 361 & 417 Union Security Funds.

In 1990, he was instrumental in helping to construct the Vietnam Memorial in Suffolk County. He arranged for donations of materials and labor for the project.

In 1998, Ray was honored by The Greater New York Safety Council for his outstanding contributions in promoting safety on the job in the Greater New York area. His focus was on prevention of job-related injuries and occupational disease.

In his personal life, Ray was the founder and financial secretary for Lambs Chapel Christian Outreach, Center Moriches, Long Island, serving the poor and needy of the community. The church, now called The Harbor LI, has over 300 members including Ray's children.

Ray and his wife, Geri, have been married for 64 years. They currently live in Manorville, Long Island. They have four children, 11 grandchildren and six grandchildren-in-law.

Ray's life has been dedicated to serving the ironworkers, his community, his church and his family.



#### RICHARD "DICK" O'KANE

Dick O'Kane began his ironworker career on February 18, 1970, as an apprentice and became a journeyman in 1974.

Brother O'Kane worked his way from journeyman to shop steward. Later, he became a foreman and general foreman in the field.

Locally, Dick spent the next 35 years as an elected official to several different positions, which included sergeant-at-arms, executive board member, recording secretary, vice-president, president and eventually business manager/financial secretary-treasurer, a position he held for 13 years.

Outside of the local, he was a co-chair/trustee to Iron Workers Local 40, 361 & 417 Union Security Funds. He was also financial secretary to the New York State District Council of Ironworkers.

Brother O'Kane retired from the Ironworkers in June of 2013 after 43 years of dedicated service to his brother and sister iron workers. Dick finished out his working career by leading the NSBT as president for the next few years.



Now retired, Dick and his lovely wife, Karen, enjoy their family life in Brightwater with son, Chris, and daughter, Jamie, her husband, Brian, and their two children, Emily and Matthew.









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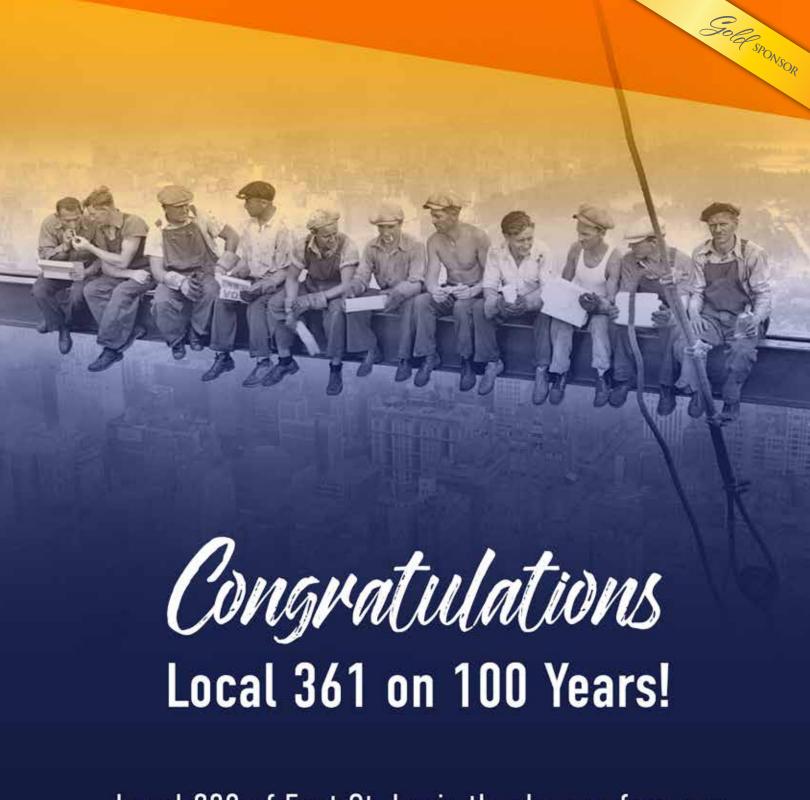
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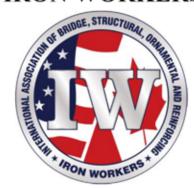
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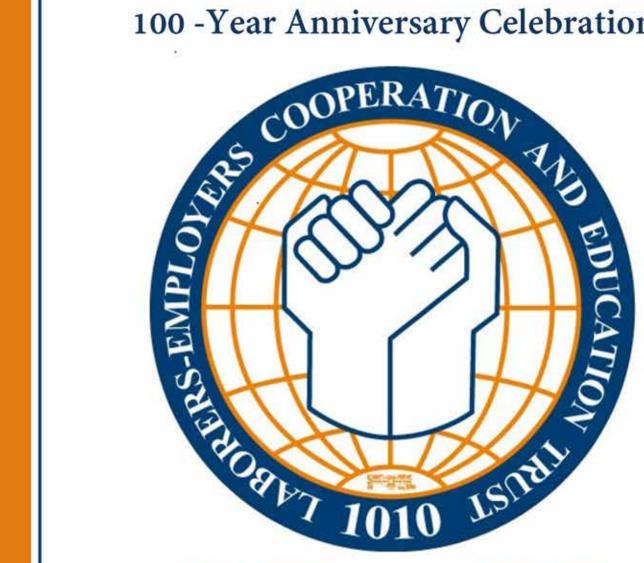


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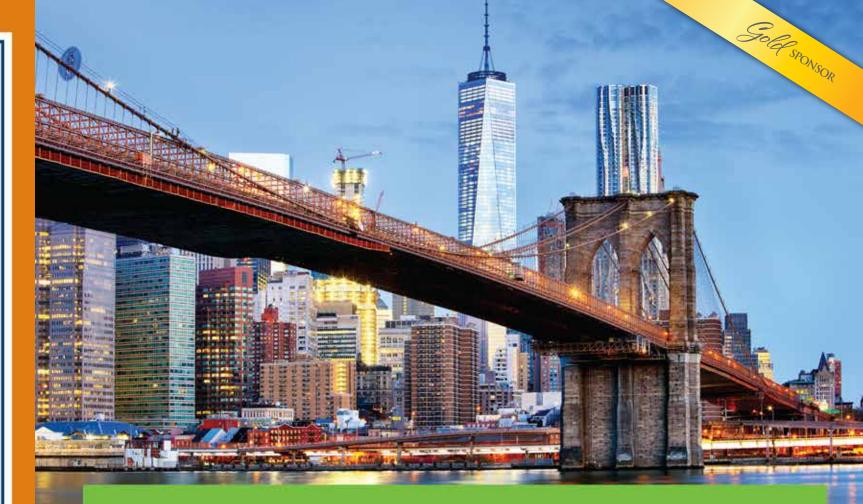
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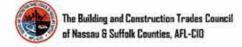
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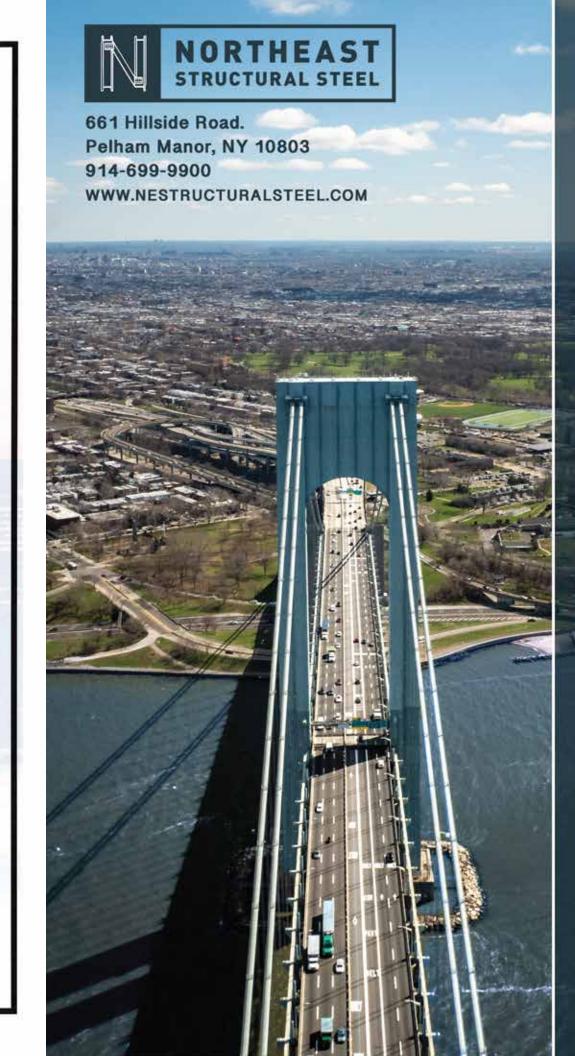


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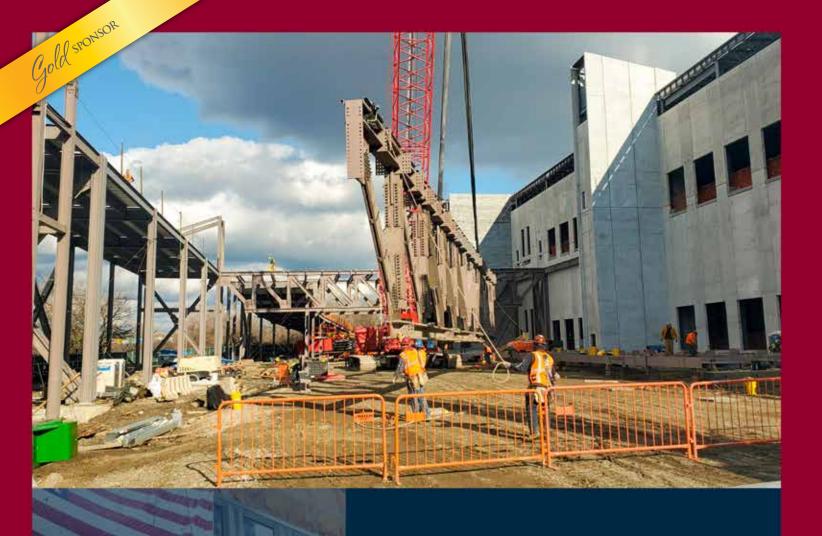
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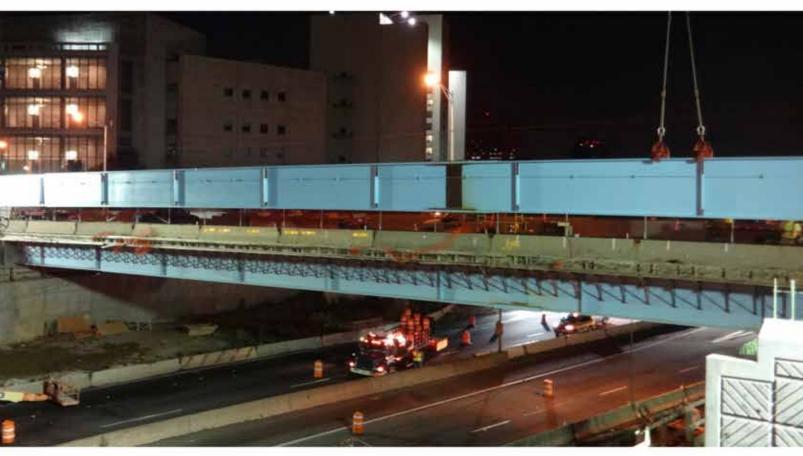


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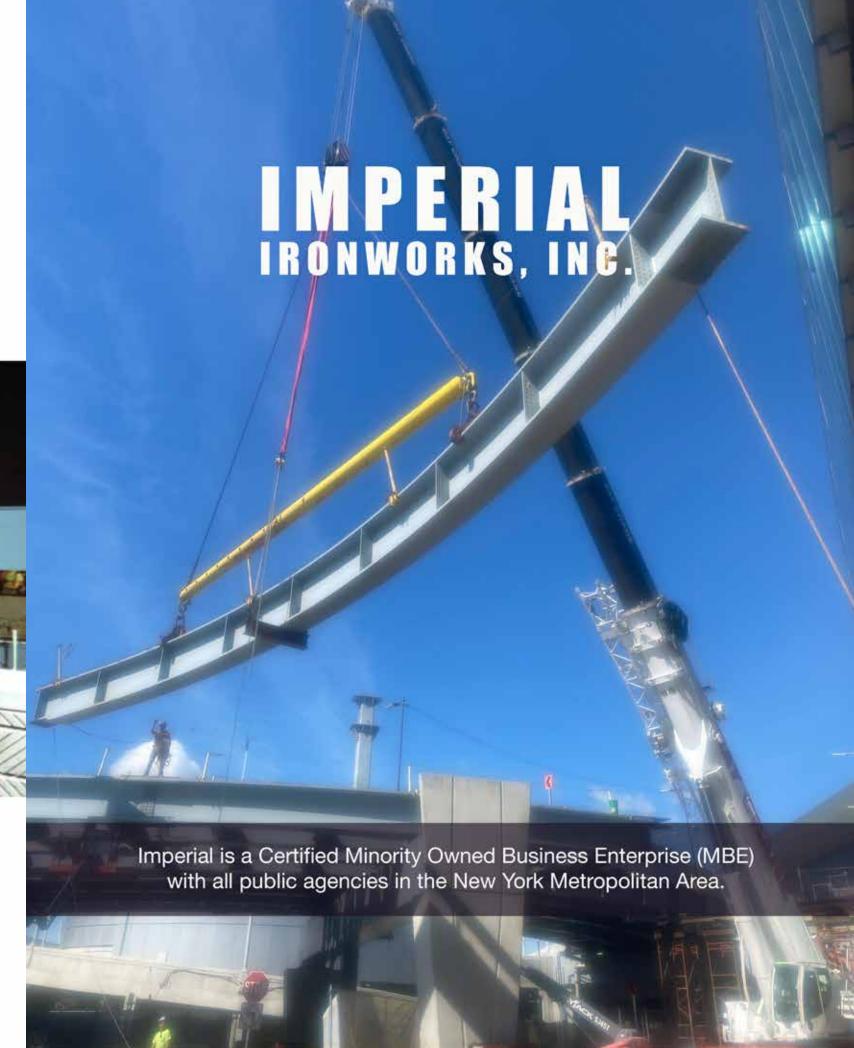
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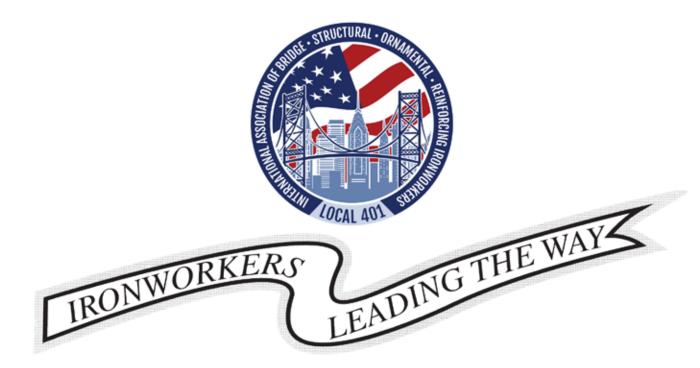
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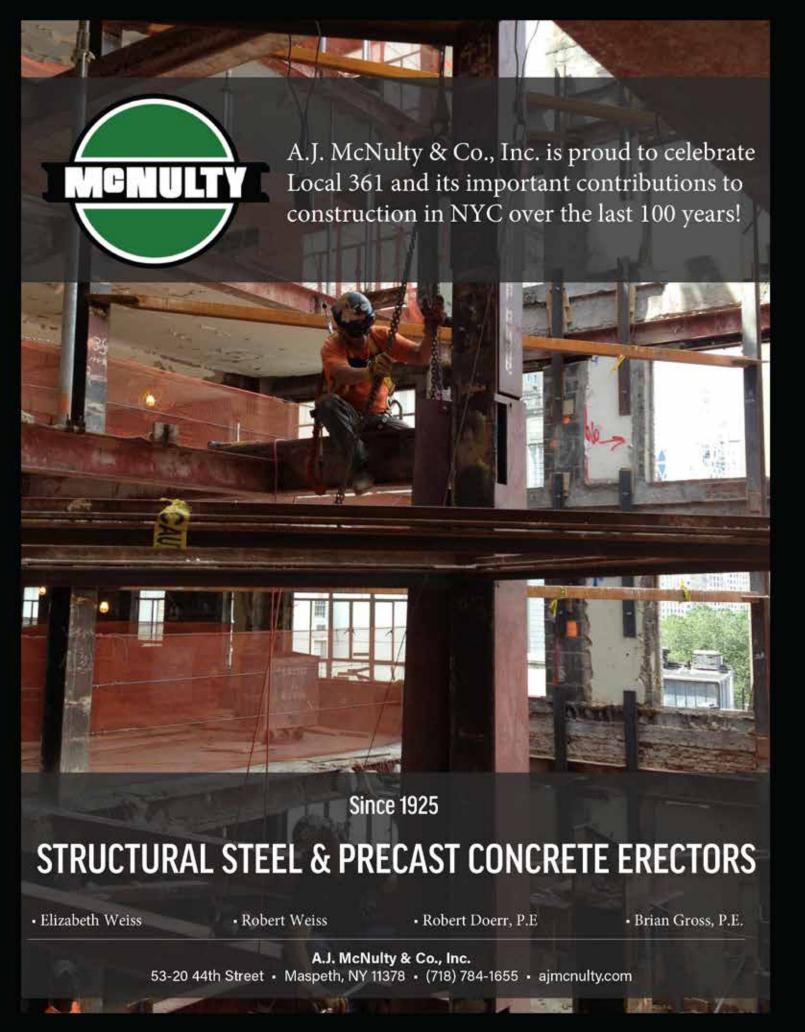
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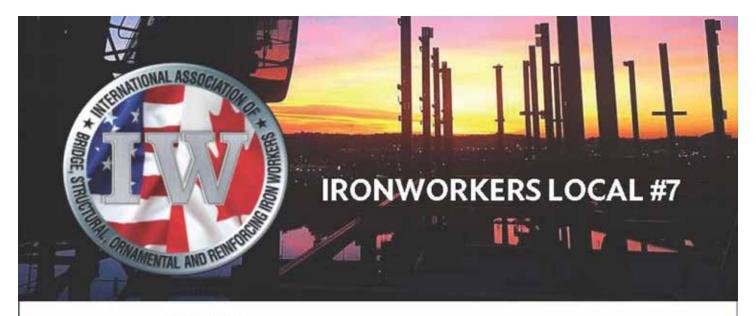
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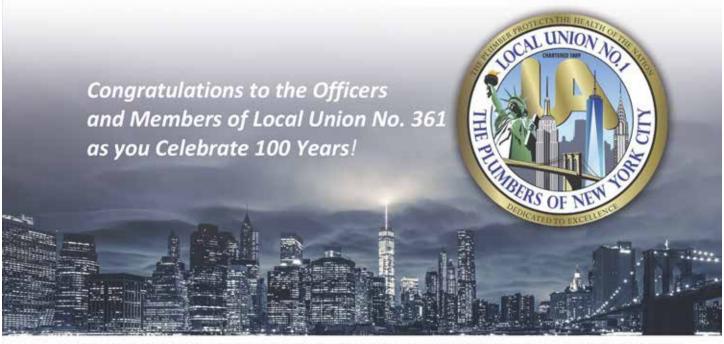
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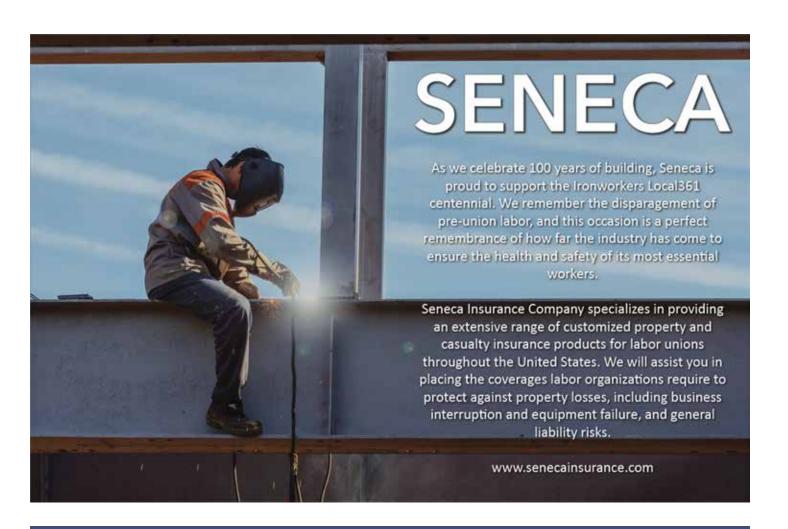
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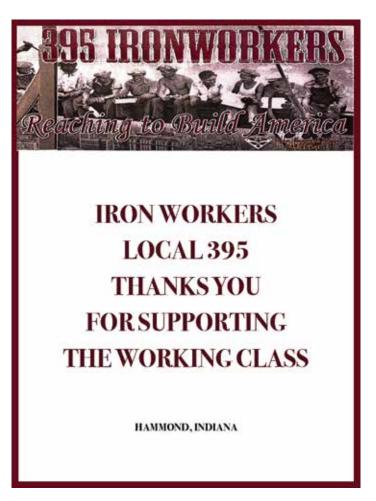
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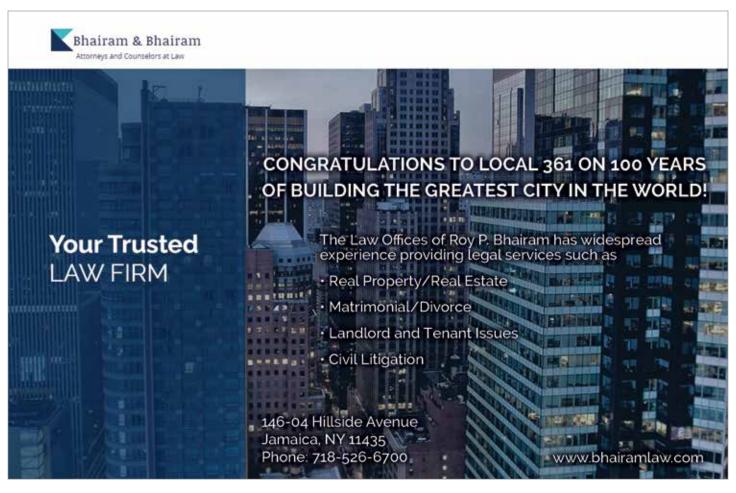
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Congressional Gold Medal Awarded 2022 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLedXt1tqs4)

LEMBER Gold

## Congratulations

to Local 361 on celebrating 100 Years of Union Strength and Tradition and Good Luck to All the Scholarship Winners from the Men working at 489 State St. with Gabriel Steel

#### Foremen:

Mark Piefley Dave Garber Craig Paluzzi John Anarumo

#### Steward:

Rick Peddle

#### Journeymen:

Nick Dimuzio Keith O'Brien Brian Fisher Andre Stone Evelio Delao

Bill Hill Fritzroy Hutton Jairo Martinez Osman Avila-Castro Billy McArdle

Ryan Mcsweeney

Shawn Murphy

James Olivet

Tyler Sherman

Nick Trinidad

Darren Madoo Julio Fernandez

Frank Grekoski

#### **Apprentices:**

Miguel Cabrales
John Monaco
Bryan Ranker
Jorge Vasco II
Joseph Andriano

#### Jan Golge

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 ON LIVIN' THE DREAM FOR 100 YEARS AND BEST WISHES TO THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FROM THE MEN WORKING AT JFK

FOREMAN Peder Foss

STEWARD FOREMAN David Broderick

FOREMEN

Mike Badum Donald LaBrutto Robert Anderson Jason Cerar

JOURNEYMEN

Julio Barea

Julio Fernandez

Stephen Esposito

Ronwanori Stacey

Tony Conigliaro Efoe Touver

George Klub

Wilkin Cabrera

Dave Mercado Darwin Fiss

Glenn Manansala

**Rick Hanley** 

Tyler Sherman

Jose Gregory Kevin Patrick

APPRENTICES Ricky Peddle

OPERATING ENGINEERS

Ian Pallmeyer - Local 15 Bob Rochelle - Local 14



IRON WORKERS LOCAL 361
ON YOUR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

From the Men Working at Wildflower Studio

GOD BLESS AMERICA

AND

BLESS LOCAL 361 & ITS MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

**GENERAL FOREMAN** SUPERINTENDENT Mike O'Reilly Corey Dreyfus SHOP STEWARD SAFETY SUPERVISOR Frank DeBlasie Chris Ciranko CRANE #1 CRANE #2 **FOREMAN FOREMAN** Peter Jacobs Mark Best **JOURNEYMEN JOURNEYMEN** Anthony DeBlasie Ivan Alonso Paul Jacobs Ryan Zaremba Chad Snow James Ferra Ramanand Ramnauth John White Lorenzo Edwards **Gary Best APPRENTICE APPRENTICE** Matthew Clarke Anatanon Horn **BOLTING GANG DECKING GANG FOREMAN** FOREMAN Timmy Passanisi Artie Chase **JOURNEYMEN JOURNEYMEN Andrew Cross** John Nicora Lynley Brathwaite Jay McComber Stanley Luong **Bobby Price** Christopher Fiocco Alvaro Garcia Jeffrey Boone Frank Green Stephen Cohen Nicholas Rhodes **David Reves** Tavis Pettit Andy Denninger **Christopher Cazes** Lawrence Angert **APPRENTICES APPRENTICES** Christopher Cush Nick Terdick Starlen Torres Rick Peddle TIN KNOCKER SAFETY GANG Wendell Millett **FOREMAN** PLUMB UP GANG Timmy Gerula FOREMAN **JOURNEYMEN** Danny Schumacher Noah Levenstein **JOURNEYMEN Eddie Pierre** Pete (Wire) Herman APPRENTICE

Mark Gordon Casey Raub Christian Mejia APPRENTICE Dylan Jolly

DETAIL GANG - 1 DETAIL GANG - 2 DETAIL GANG - 3 FOREMAN FOREMAN **FOREMAN Garrett Chase** Desmond Skeete Dennis Alicea **JOURNEYMEN JOURNEYMEN JOURNEYMEN** Joseph Sisto Jean Massillon Joachim Godfrey Matthew Bacolo Jared Picariello William Heuman Pinto Boanerges **Nestor Cespedes APPRENTICES APPRENTICES APPRENTICE** Josue Ramos Diego Heredia Luis Velasquez Jacob Klee

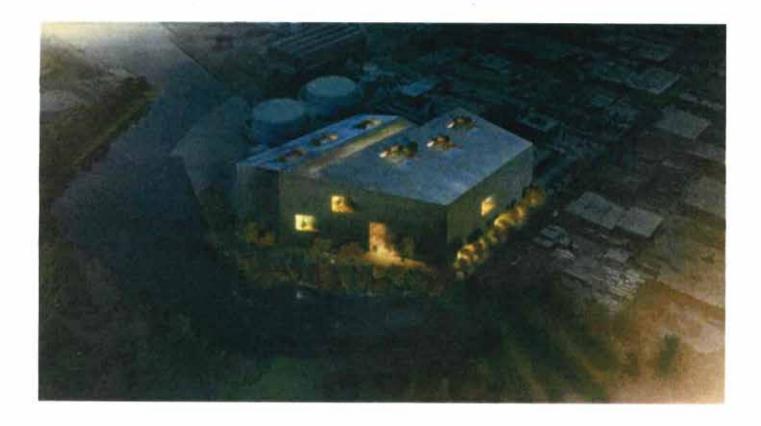
John Tarsitano

Sergey Kudrevich

MEMBER Gold

21-550 WILDFLOWER STUDIOS

#### STEEL ERECTION PLAN



BANKER STEEL



#### CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE TO LOCAL 361 AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### FROM THE MEN WORKING ON THE THROGS NECK BRIDGE

#### STEWARD FOREMAN

MIKE ISAAC

#### **FOREMEN**

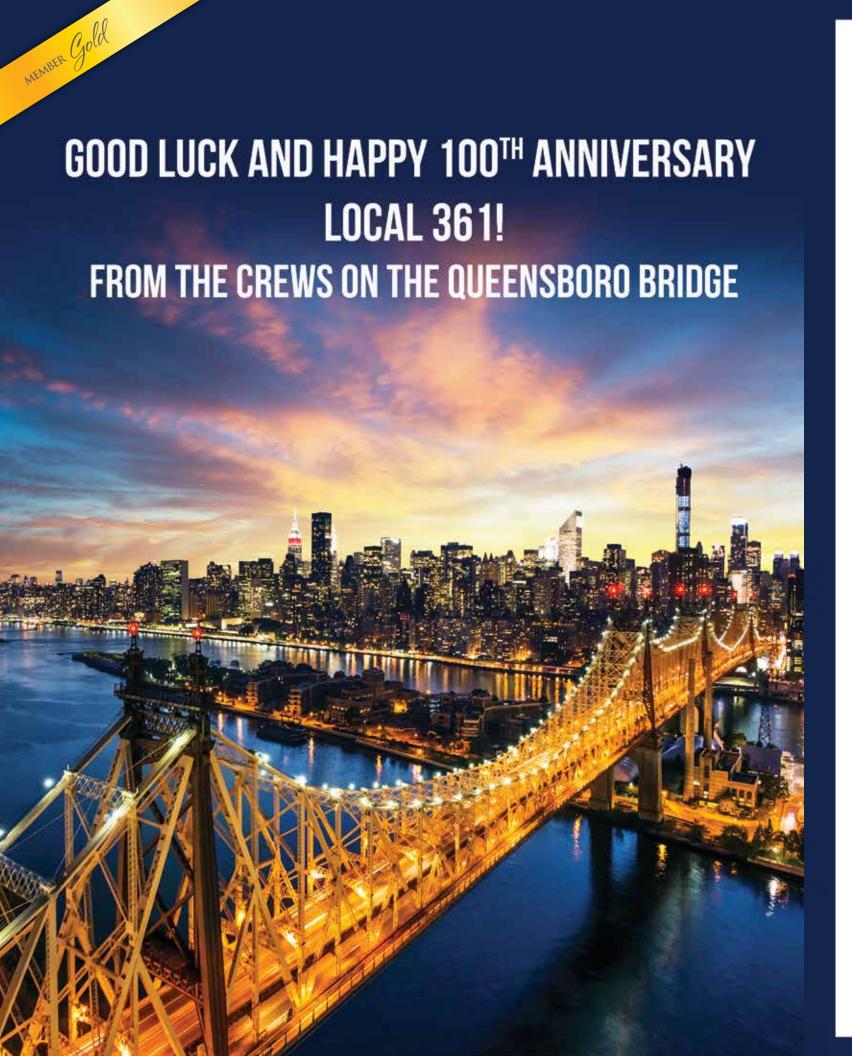
ROBERT DALLAGLIO JUSTIN SCHUMACHER GIOVANNI MACCHIA

#### **JOURNEYMEN**

ALFREDO MANNO NATHAN WEBB DYLAN PALMINTERI ALAN SINNER ANTHONY RESTA CARLOS MARLESS STEVEWRIGHT DANNETT MARK RICHARD JAMAL WOODLEY LOUIS MUNOZ ANSON POLLARD ROBERT SINNOT BEAU SMITH CHESTER INGRAM MIKE THOMAS ERIC GIALLORENZI BILLY MILLER RUSSELL HENRY ALBERT GILES CARLO HUSTON THOMAS ROUMBAKOS DAVID MOREHOUSE STEVEN ARENS MARLON PASCAL MARTIN COLE ALEXANDER MORGAN NEWTON JACK JOE CATANIA FRANK BATTAGLIA STEVE DELACRUZ SHELDON BROWN ROBERT LOBACZEWSKI

#### **APPRENTICES**

ALPER CIHAN
ANTHONY PIZZO
ACHILLEAS POLIVIOU
DAVID WALLACE
KYLE WAHL
DOMINICK MARINELLI
BENJAMIN RESNICK
MARCO TORRES GONZALEZ
DARNELL SMALLS
GEORGE MCDOWELL
JOSUE RAMOS
KEITH PEARSALL
PAUL TIETJEN



#### THEODORE GABBE

#### MARTIN WELSH

PAUL ADAMS BRIAN FLYNN RANDOLPH JACOBS JASON SHEA WILLIAM FEHLING JOSEPH MCDERMOTT

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#### RICH SCHULER

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Manual Escorce

Richard Lucas John Cullinane Daniel McCarthy Mark Sheats Jr. Henry Walter Berisford Lewis Lawrence Melfi Christopher Nickolson **Emil Rice** Ryan Sullivan Lucas Falk Thomas Nolan Melanie Knier

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McDowell Family

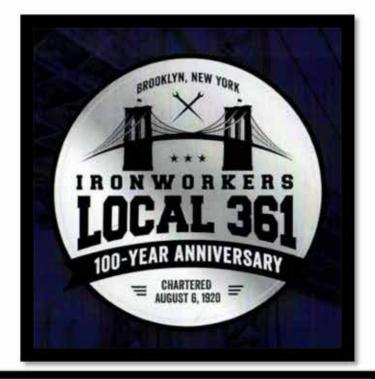
FOUR Generations

William Kenneth McDowell 1926-1967

**George McDowell** 1963-2005

George McDowell Jr. 1988-present

**George McDowell III** 2022-present



**Family Members:** 

**Scott Bugdin 1995-present** 

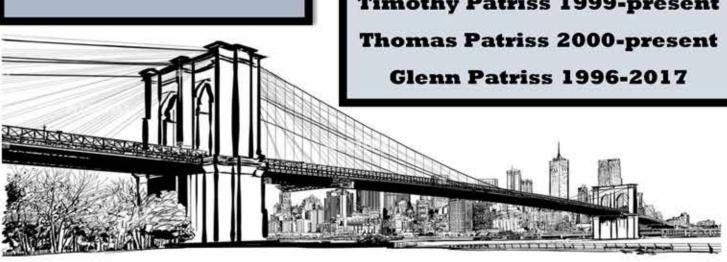
Peter Kademoff 1967-2003

William Patriss 1962-1993

William Patriss 1991-present

**Brett Patriss 2021-present** 

**Timothy Patriss 1999-present** 



BEST WISHES TO LOCAL 361 MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Congratulations to All Our Scholarship Recipients

> Matthew Chartrand Anthony DeBlasie John Cush John Delaney Omar Lopez





# Thank You Local 361 and Congratulations on your 100th Cinniversary!

Bob & Millie Holland



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# CONGRATULATIONS LOCAL 361 ON YOUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# From the instructors and staff of the Iron Workers Training Facility

MIKE APPICE
GEORGE BERRY
BRYAN BRADY II
CHRIS BRUCKNER
EDWARD BURBES
JASON CHADEE
ERIC CHAN
JIM DUFFICY
ANTHONY DEBLASIE
BRAD KRAUSS
ALLISTER LAWRENCE

CONRAD LAZARE
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JERRY MCCLOSKEY
CARLOS ORTIZ
JOSEPH PERDICHIZZI
RICHIE PIGNATARO
MICHAEL PIGNATELLI
LESLIE PRYCE
NORMAN PRYCE
MARK SABBAGH
PAUL SCHWAN
LUDVIG WAAGE





# MANHATTAN AND WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGES...

FROM THE MEN AND WOMEN WORKING ON THE

# HERE'S TO 100 MORE!!

# **GENERAL FOREMAN**

Tom Emerson

**FOREMAN** 

Kenny Brown

SHOP STEWARD

Joe Smith

**JOURNEYMEN** 

Michael Magioncalda

Clyde Kunjal

Ammar Sherwani

Zach Lang

James Femia

Phil Grello

**Bob Sinnott** 

**FOREMEN** 

Cody Schlange

Chris Pinto

**JOURNEYMEN** 

Chris Hald Joe Nickolson Adam Billings





# **FOREMEN**

James Evensen Raymond Zinser

# **SHOP STEWARD**

Dave Motl

# **JOURNEYMEN**

Stephen Torres

Michael Appice Jr. Robert Bustrin

Robert busin

Michael Wilde

Michael Duffy Anna Timova

Patrick Lynch

John Presta

Rafael Rodriguez

Joseph Cosma Jr.

William Reinle Jr.

MEMBER Gold

# CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO LOCAL 361

ON 100 YEARS AND BEST WISHES TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FROM THE GUYS WORKING AT THE THROGSNECK BRIDGE

# **FOREMAN**

Halvor Foss

# STEWARD FOREMAN

Mike Isaac

# **JOURNEYMEN**

Ariel Isenberg

Steve Rosario

Joel Cobham

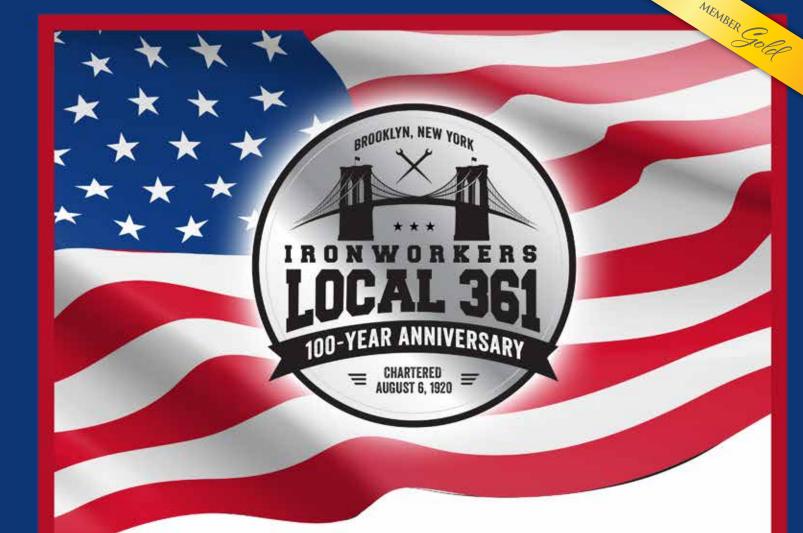
**Eudy Garcia** 

Tim Mullally

Ed McCloskey

# **APPRENTICES**

Josh Lorenzo Kieran Murchie



# CONGRATULATIONS ALL YOU BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE

From Brother George Goodleaf

# WISHING ALL THE BEST ON YOUR NEXT 100!

Thank you for all the benefits we enjoy!

Dick & Karen O'Kane



# BEST WISHES & CONTINUED SUCCESS

TO
THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS
OF
LOCAL 361

RAY & GERI ZINSER JEMBER Gold

# CONGRATULATIONS Local 361 And Thank You!



From
FRANK DESENSI

# KAZMIERCZUK & MCGRATH

3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION IRON WORKER 3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION LAWYER

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361
ON 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

# BEST WISHES TO ALL THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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MEMBER Silver

# J.C. STEEL – Borden Ave.

# Superintendent – Chris Vomvos General Foremen – Lee Rossa, Billy Jacobs Shop Steward – Nick Appice

# Crane 1

Foreman - Joe Vetrano

Joe Dermody

Dave Shukri

Gerry Dolce

Doug Rice

Matt Gelormino

Apprentice - Darnell Smalls

# Crane 2

Foreman - James Turney

Jimmy Kirk

Manny Pizzaro

Dave Yezierski

Dave Mercado

Julio Barea

Apprentice - Cam Jacobs

## **Bolt Up Gang**

Foreman - Tom Patriss

Frank Furino

**Rick Demers** 

Paul Zis

Jim Canty

Blake Kirby

Steve Dannett

Pat Colgan

Kyle Wahl

Steve Esposito

Apprentices - Matt Wilson,

George McDowell, Malcolm Richards

## **Decking & Safety Gang**

Foreman – Jeff Coolidge

Thomas South

Brenden Green

Anthony Alvarez

Curran Digney

Frank Filannino

Joe Taliercio

Enrique Velasquez

Apprentice - Dominick Marinelli

# Welding & Studs Gang

Foremen - Dave Nugent, Bismar Herrera

Leonardo Niell

Mark Simon

George Gallo

Owen McIntee

Apprentice - Tom Bosch

## Plumb Up Gang

Foreman - Rob Vooris

Trevis Fernandes

Damian Duran

# **Detail Gang**

Foreman - Russell Martin

Donald Mackenzie

Nick Lograsso

Audie Campbell

John Heyder

Apprentice – Ryan Denni



ENBER Silver

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361**

# ON 100 YEARS AND AND GOOD LUCK TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FROM THE MEN WORKING AT MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL IN OCEANSIDE

## SUPERINTENDENT

Chris Vomvos

# **GENERAL FOREMAN**

Matt Bispo

# STEWARD FOREMAN

David Broderick

## **FOREMEN**

James Alese Bismar Herrera James Kirk Dave Nugent Jon Klein

## **JOURNEYMEN**

Robert Alese
Damian Duran
Maynor Mata
Yogeshwar Kanhai
Audie Campbell
Thor Wright
Mike Georgeou
Ross Flanagan
Terrence Love
Paul Zis
Curran Digney

## **APPRENTICES**

Sal Guastella Massimiliano Pirri Ryan Causeway Laron Johnson MEMBER Silve

# Best Wishes to Ironworkers Local 361

# 100th Offear Universary

The Burbes Family
Ed, Sherry
Casey, Eddie, Ryan and Patrick

TEMBER Silve

# FROM THE SHOP OF BQ&R



## BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR BROTHER AND SISTER IRONWORKERS HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A
HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR

CLAUDIO FONTANA

PAUL CUSH

DANIEL JEDERLINIC

JAMES STRETTON

SAL DIMARIA

AL BENECKE

MARIO RUSSO

DOMINICK SANTO

**NEIL DALTON** 

**HUGH MCQUILLAN** 

JOHN LEDSON

SAL DIMURO

JOHN MCALLISTER

JOHN NOSEWORTHY

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 ON 100 YEARS!



From, Kieran Kelly & Family NUBER Silver

My Brothers & Sisters

The time has come for me to pass the torch given to me by those who came before me. I carry this torch with love and respect and in doing so, you will always succeed.

I empower you to push boundaries and break barriers. Be better than our predecessors. Only then can you say a job is well done. Work hard and build the unions. The returns will be greater than you think.

Thank you for the years of friendship and support.
Union Forever

Love, Norman Pryce & Family



EMBER Silve

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 ON CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

AND ALL OUR BEST TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FROM THE MEN WORKING ON THE ROOSEVELT AVENUE BRIDGE WITH TULLY CONSTRUCTION

# **FOREMAN**

Joe Casino Jr.

# STEWARD FOREMAN

Rashiem Smith

# **JOURNEYMEN**

Keith Yoder

Jose Yanez

Johnson Deverteuil

Theodore Drinkwater

Delva Eliassant

Jeff Boone

Ron Gordon

Martin Bissessar

**Eddie Pierre** 

**Enrique Velasquez** 

Steve McAdams

Melvin Corallo

# **APPRENTICES**

Edward Jensen

Charlie Kehoe

Wer Silver

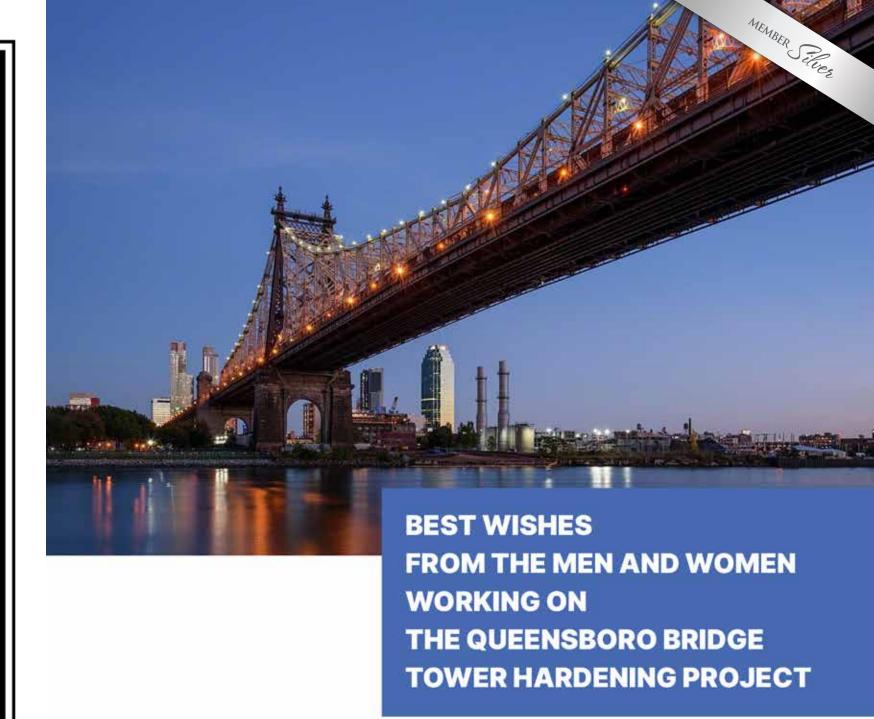
# In Loving Memory

Harold J. Lynch
"Harry"

A Proud Ironworker and Former Officer of Local 361

"Forever In Our Hearts"

Barbara, Karin Patty-Ann, Michael & Kayleen



# **FOREMEN**

John Hawkins Brett Fahnestock Dave Fleschner

## SHOP STEWARDS

Larry Apel Steve Kennedy

## **JOURNEYMEN**

Kurt Aaman Ryan Hayes Anthony Randazzo Steve McDermott Chris Walker Greg DeCandio Ryan McDermott John Farkas Mike Thornton Steve Crowley

## APPRENTICES

Travis Hawkins Justin Dolny Tetony Bailey Jake Palma Andrew Dinces ENBER Silver

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361
ON SETTING THE STANDARD FOR 100 YEARS AND
ALL THE BEST TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
FROM THE IRON WORKERS AT
LAGUARDIA & JFK AIRPORTS
WORKING WITH AEROBRIDGE/CRESCENT

# **SUPERVISOR**

Craig Kamphefner

# **FOREMEN**

Kieran Kelly Neil Peli

# **JOURNEYMEN**

Derek Arnold
Steve McAdams
Kenny Chase
Johnson Deverteuil
Robert Rose
Nicholas Crayton
Nicholas Rienzi

ich<sub>BER</sub> Silves

# Best Wishes to All Local 361 Members & Their Families

From THE CONLEY FAMILY

John Conley
Son, Michael Conley
Eq
Granddaughter, Amanda Conley
Eq
Husband, Joe Graziano
Eq
Son, Joseph (Jo Jo)

In Loving Memory of my late Wife, Mary and Son, Kevin & Brother Bob Pendleton Brother, Al Pendleton, Jr.

# Congratulations to All Scholarship Recipients

# GOD BLESS You All!

The Kemp Family

Cecil

Norma

**Ashley** 

Christopher

**Allyson** 

**Kristy** 

# CONGRATULATIONS Local 361 on your 100-Year Anniversary!

Keep up the good work.

THE SILVA FAMILY
DAVID, DAVID JR., CHRISTINE, JAMES

# Congratulations

to

The Men & Women of Iron Workers Local 361
On Your
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Thank you to all past & present members for your hard work
I'll always be proud to say I worked for Iron Workers Local 361

May God Bless You!

**Dolores & Peter Hounsell** 

# Cheers to Local 361 on a century of quality craftsmanship, timeless style and camaraderie! All the best!

In solidarity,

The Family of Jonathan Sullivan &

The Family of Keith Gidaly and Son

# UNION STRONG 100 YEARS & STAYING STRONG!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361

And to all our scholarship recipients

GOD BLESS US ALL,
CHASE FAMILY
GARRETT ROSE MICHAEL BENJAMIN



# **CHASE BROTHERS OF LOCAL 361**

GARRETT, KENNETH, EDDIE ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT

R.I.P.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 ON 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

BEST WISHES AND CONTINUED
SUCCESS TO THE
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

From The LaPort Family

Congratulations Local 361 on 100 Years!
Thanks for the memories.

David Levy

# Congratulations Tronworkers Local 361 On your 100th Year Anniversary

# From an Ironworker Family

In memory of Al Pulgiano Brooklyn Navy Yard welder, Ironworker and Iongtime Local 40 & 361 Ironworkers Joint Apprenticeship Welding Instructor and Frank Pistillo Ironworker and Superintendent for Bethlehem Steel.

# From the Appice Family

Michael & Debra
Michael Jr, Jeanine, Michael III, Brooke
Nicholas, Carissa, Anthony, Dominic
Paul, Rosanna, Lianna, Vincent, Ava
Gina & Jason Barr

Thank you Local 361 for having the opportunity to work and earn a good living for me and my family and to retire with dignity. Good luck on the next 100 years.

# Best Wishes To The Scholarship Recipients & The Officers & Members

or Local 361

Nolan & Lina Herrera

# GOD BLESS AMERICA AND LOCAL 361!

# HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

# FROM THE GABBE FAMILY

THEO GABBE

JOHANNA GABBE

LIDA GABBE

THEOVANNI GABBE

GENARO GABBE SR.

MARIA GABBE

GENARO GABBE JR.

**ALEXANDRA GABBE** 

ISABELLA GABBE

# Best of luck and continued success in 2023!

The Galganos

Tom Thomas

Kristine Taylor

Luke

# THE ETERNAL PROJECT

FINDING THE WAY AND MAKING THE MOVE, THAT SETS THE IRON TO EASE, THE CHARACTER, POISE, AND STRENGTH OF THE HEART, MAKES OTHERS WEAK IN THE KNEES. IT'S MUCH MORE THAN PRIDE, BUT IT'S TAKEN IN STRIDE, AS THE WORKERS TAKE TO THE AIR, TO FILL IN THE SKY AND AWAKEN THE EYE, TO THAT WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN THERE. IN ALL OF MANKIND IT'S SO HARD TO FIND, A JOB SO TRUE TO THE SOUL, WHERE ALL OF THE STRAIN, IS EVERYONE'S GAIN, AND COMPLETENESS IS EVERYONE'S GOAL. MAYBE A SCHOOL, MAYBE A HOSPITAL, PERHAPS IT'S A CHURCH WE MUST BUILD. IT'S NOT JUST THE JOBS, BUT THE GRACE THAT IS GOD'S THAT CONTINUES AS THE BUILDINGS ARE FILLED.

## TO SERVE THOSE WHO SERVE

DAY AFTER DAY AS THE WEEKS TURN TO YEARS, SOME OF US HAVE DUTIES WHERE THERE'S NO PLACE FOR FEARS.

MAKING OUR WORLD A SAFE PLACE TO BE,
FOR ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, FOR EACH FAMILY.

THIS DUTY TAKES COURAGE, IT TAKES TEAM WORK AS WELL,
EVERY RESPONDER HAS THEIR OWN STORY TO TELL.
SO DIFFICULT A TASK, MOST DON'T HAVE THE NERVE,
THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO SERVE THOSE WHO SERVE.
SO NOW IN SOME WAY WE ARE TRYING TO EXPRESS,
OUR LOVE FOR THOSE WHO GIVE MORE, AND TAKE LESS.
SINCE WORDS DON'T SAY ENOUGH, I WILL NOW CONCLUDE,
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR RESPECT AND OUR TRUE GRATITUDE.



DEDICATED TO FAMILIES OF ALL SERVICEMEN, FIRST RESPONDERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

WAHLSTEEN/LaPORT/APEL/DAWES FAMILIES

# Congratulations to Local 361 on 100 Years and Best Wishes to all the Scholarship Winners!

The Reinle Family

# Congratulations on The 100th Anniversary of Local 361!

The Zis Family
Bill, Jacquelyn
Paul, Denise, Luke, Sophia, John, Elizabeth,
Joseph and Nicholas

And from above, Sonny, Mary and Matthew

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

IRON WORKERS LOCAL 361 ON 100 YEARS!

FROM THE MEN WORKING ON THE

VAN WYCK VIADUCT REHABILITATION

WITH EL-SOL CONTRACTING & J. ANTHONY WELD

# **FOREMEN**

John Passanisi Joe Cieszkowski Rich Green

# SHOP STEWARD

Anthony Newman

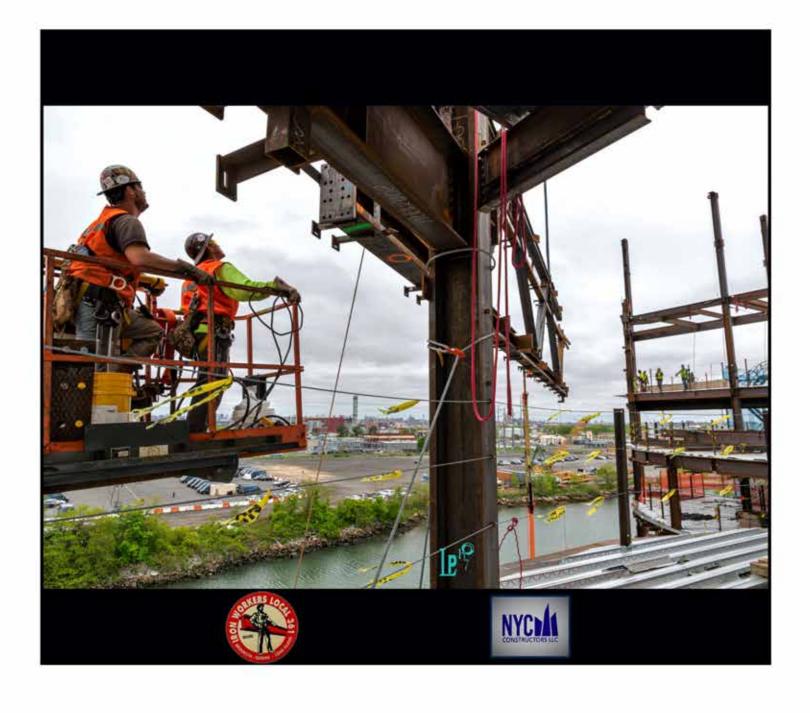
# **JOURNEYMEN**

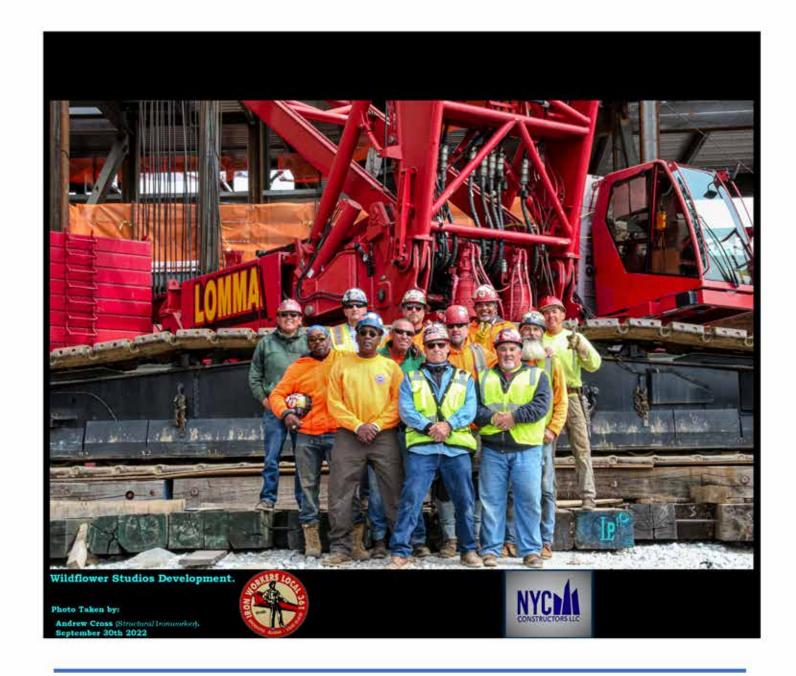
Pete Pipelias
Dolphy Dunstan
Derek Richardson
Chris Newman
John Konstalid

# **APPRENTICE**

Jake Bowrosen

# CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 YEARS TO LOCAL 361 AND BEST WISHES TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FROM THE MEN WORKING AT WILDFLOWER STUDIOS DEVELOPMENT





Back Row: Peter Jacobs, Frankie DeBlasie, Chad Snow, Arthur Chase, Paul Jacobs Middle Row: Lynley Brathwaite, John Nicora, Bobby Price, Peter Herman Front Row: Desmond Skeete, Garrett Chase, John Sisto

# A COMBINED MEASURE OF 360+ YEARS OF SERVICE FROM THE BROTHERS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN!



# Congratulations to Local 361 on your 100th Anniversary.

Proud to be a Member for 35 years!

Good Luck and here's to the next 100!

Tim Cahalan

# CONGRATULATIONS TO IRON WORKERS LOCAL 361

# 100 YEARS OF BUILDING HISTORY



From
THE O'CONNOR FAMILY
TIM
BETTY
KYLE & ALYSSA
COLIN & NADIA

In memory of William O'Connor (Bubbles)

Congratulations to all
The Officers & Members of
Iron Workers Local 361
Here's to Another 100 Years!

In Loving Memory of Our Daughter, Laura Ann Farrell 1977 – 2001



Missed Tremendously
Loved Deeply
Remembered Always
In Our Hearts Forever

Dad & Mom Joseph, Katharine, Liam, Kieran & Meghan Ron, Kim & Kaelyn

# CONGRATULATIONS LOCAL 361 ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

FROM THE LAYTON FAMILY

John, LuAnn John, Michael and Matthew

# ON A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE!



# ALL THE BEST AND CONTINUED SUCCESS TO ALL OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



FROM THE LOCAL 361 OFFICE STAFF... GINA & KATHY

ALWAYS HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT

OUR IRON WORKERS!

# The Taylor's

# 3 Generations of Ironworkers

In Loving Memory

Robert E Taylor 1st

Robert E Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>

Raymond J Taylor



Keeping Our Brothers and Fathers in our prayers everyday

With Love From:

Richard J Taylor

**Ronald Taylor** 

Richard R Taylor

Shane Taylor

Ryan Taylor

Raymond Taylor

To Our Brothers of 361 Good Luck in the Future (Another 100 Years)

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 ON 100 YEARS & GOOD LUCK AND CONTINUED SUCCESS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

# FROM THE MEN WORKING ON THE LIRR MINEOLA STATION WITH 3RD TRACK CONSTRUCTORS



# **FOREMEN**

MIGUEL LORENZO STEVE BUENTEN

## STEWARD FOREMAN

MICHAEL BOUCHER

# **JOURNEYMEN**

DARRIN LANG
JOE EVERS
BLAKE ROUX
FRANK MORMANDO

## **APPRENTICE**

MARCO TORRES JOE VESPIER

# IRONWORKERS PRAYER

# DEAR LORD,

GRANT ME THE ABILITY TO EXCEL IN MY PROFESSION, MAKE ME AS STRAIGHT AND AS STRONG AS THE IRON ON WHICH I WORK. WATCH OVER ME WHEN I AM HIGH IN THE SKY WALKING ON THE BEAMS, TYING A ROD OR SETTING THE STEEL. GIVE ME THE TOOLS TO DO THE JOB RIGHT, WITH HARD HAT, HARNESS AND SPUD WRENCHES TOO.

WE WORK FOR YOU, LORD, BUILDING THE MONUMENTS, BRIDGES AND TOWERS WITH STRONG CALLUSED HANDS. MOST PEOPLE THINK WE ARE CRAZY BECAUSE WE WORK SO HIGH BUT OUR LOCAL, OUR UNION OUR BROTHERS, WE'RE ONE. WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO THE IRON ON WHICH WE WORK. RIGGING AND CONNECTING, THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

I AM THANKFUL TO YOU LORD FOR THIS JOB. MY WORK
IS A GIFT, FROM NEW YEARS TO DECEMBER, FROM SUN
UP TO SUNDOWN. I HAVE NO NEED TO FEAR OR FROWN.
WHEN THE JOB BECOMES TOO MUCH TO BEAR, I
REMAIN HUMBLED BECAUSE YOU ARE WITH ME. IN
YOUR HANDS TODAY I PLACE MY LIFE AND THE LIVES
OF ALL MY FELLOW IRONWORKERS EVERYWHERE.
PLEASE GUIDE OUR STEPS AND KEEP US SAFE AS WE GO
ABOUT THE WORK YOU HAVE GIVEN US TODAY.

# HAPPY 100TH-YEAR ANNIVERSARY TO IRONWORKERS LOCAL 361!

"Set your expectations high; find men and women whose integrity and values you respect; get their agreement on a course of action; and give them your ultimate trust." – John F. Akers

God bless the union and the people it serves.

The Prevete Family

# BEST WISHES TO IRON WORKERS LOCAL 361 – THANK YOU!

MAY GOD BLESS THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
AND ORGANIZED LABOR



GOD BLESS AMERICA & IRON WORKERS LOCAL 361

JIMMY (SR.) AND JUDI CUNNINGHAM

# A C Associates

Congratulates

**Iron Workers Local 361** 

On their

100th Anniversary

# CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO LOCAL 361 ON 100 YEARS...

FROM THE GUYS WORKING ON THE GOWANUS EXPRESSWAY

FOREMAN

William Spadafora

**JOURNEYMEN** 

Ryan Hellman Derek Gonnelly

STEWARD FOREMAN

Matthew Faas

APPRENTICE

Tom Bosch

# Congratulations to Local 361 on 100 Years of Excellence!

Three generations of our family are proud to be a part of such a great Local.

Mario Mastromarino, John A. Anarumo, and John W. Anarumo.

Here's to another 100 years!!

- The Anarumo Family

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 AND ITS MEMBERS

On 100 years of Service to Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island

**God Bless Local 361!** 

# CONGRATULATIONS OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF LOCAL 361!

PROTECT AND DEFEND: WAGNER ACT (NLRB)
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (HEALTH)
PENSION REFORM ACT (PBGC)

FROM JOHN GEE & FAMILY

# CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO LOCAL 361 ON 100 YEARS...

FROM THE GUYS WORKING AT 824 LINWOOD ST., BROOKLYN WITH FALCON BUILDERS

## **FOREMAN**

Steve Hines

## STEWARD FOREMAN

Jose Gregory

## **JOURNEYMEN**

Edwin Tome Cruz Carlos Zapata Daniel Moore Ryan Dawson

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL 361 ON CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

Raymond Zinser Jr.

# BEST WISHES TO THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF LOCAL 361 AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

JAMIE CUNNINGHAM JR.

KRISTINA CUNNINGHAM

JOSEPH JAMES CUNNINGHAM

MICHAEL BRAWLEY CUNNINGHAM

# CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL LOCAL 361 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GOOD LUCK TO THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF UNCLE ALFONSO PULGIANO

RICHARD, PAULA AND RICHIE JR. PIGNATARO

KENNY LOKKEBERG BK# 483686 70 YEAR MEMBER GOD BLESS & PROTECT
OUR UNION IRON WORKERS
AND OUR LEADERS...

From, The Quilliam Family

TO THE APPRENTICES OF LOCAL 361...CONGRATULATIONS

Lori and Peter Appice, Jodie and Chris Appice

**GOD BLESS AMERICA** 



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