

# BAC ON THE WALL



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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Your choice as a career is steeped in time-honored construction techniques that combines artistry and engineering, creating resilient structures that stand the test of time. Achieving quality in the trowel trades is essential not only for aesthetic appeal but also for the safety and longevity of a building. These key principles and practices ensure high-quality masonry work.

**1.Skilled Labor:** The expertise of the craftsperson involved is paramount. Skilled Bricklayers, Finishers, PCC's, Stone Masons, Terrazzo Mechanics, and Tilers possess knowledge of proven techniques, tools, and best practices. Whether you completed a traditional apprenticeship or trained in the field before joining the Union, investing in training and continuous education not only improves craftsmanship but also reduces errors, resulting in superior quality. *Review the IMTEF schedule and contact Robert Denford Jr. for programs of interest.*

**2.Preparation:** Factors such as cleanliness, humidity, temperature, and weather conditions can significantly affect the installation, curing process and performance of masonry and finishes. It is important to consider these aspects in job planning to avoid complications that can compromise quality and contribute to failure. *It is also necessary to review the plans and/or installation guidelines before installation begins.*

**3.Proper Techniques:** Employing proper techniques is essential for ensuring that walls and floors are structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing. Techniques such as proper jointing, correct mixture of mortar and grout, and appropriate bonding contribute to both strength and visual appeal. Quality control during installation is necessary to adhere to structural and aesthetic standards. *Review your techniques and the work habits of others to hone your skillset.*

**4.Regular Inspection:** Continuous inspection during the process ensures adherence to quality standards, especially when multiple shifts are in play, tradespeople have cycled in and out, or there is significant time between the last day on site. It can be as simple as someone bumping a brick wall or the electrician stepping on a tile floor during break time. *Addressing issues as you start again and when they arise can prevent costly repairs and rework in the future.*

Our responsibility as a professional in achieving quality in masonry and finishes involves a combination of employing our skilled labor, thoughtful worksite preparation, using proper techniques, and conducting regular inspections. These practices not only enhance the overall integrity of the structures but also contribute to their lasting beauty and functionality. *We are "The best hands in the business," and every day, we must earn the right to make this claim.*

In Solidarity,

Scott Garvin  
President

Saludos Hermanos y Hermanas,

La elección de su carrera está profundamente arraigada en técnicas de construcción tradicionales que combinan arte e ingeniería, creando estructuras resistentes que resisten la prueba del tiempo. Lograr calidad en los oficios de albañilería es esencial no solo para el atractivo estético, sino también para la seguridad y longevidad de un edificio. Estos principios y prácticas clave aseguran un trabajo de albañilería de alta calidad.

**1.Trabajo Calificado:** La experiencia del artesano involucrado es primordial. Albañiles, terminadores, colocadores de concreto premezclado (PCC), canteros, mecánicos de terrazo y colocadores de azulejos poseen conocimientos sobre técnicas probadas, herramientas y mejores prácticas. Ya sea que haya completado un aprendizaje tradicional o se haya formado en el campo antes de unirse al sindicato, invertir en capacitación y educación continua no solo mejora la destreza, sino que también reduce los errores, lo que resulta en una calidad superior. *Revise el horario de IMTEF y comuníquese con Robert Denford Jr. para programas de interés.*

**2.Preparación del Lugar de Trabajo:** Factores como la limpieza, la humedad, la temperatura y las condiciones climáticas pueden afectar significativamente la instalación, el proceso de curado y el rendimiento de la albañilería y los acabados. Es importante considerar estos aspectos al planificar el trabajo para evitar complicaciones que puedan comprometer la calidad y contribuir al fracaso. *También es necesario revisar los planos y/o las pautas de instalación antes de que comience la instalación.*

**3.Técnicas Adecuadas:** Emplear técnicas adecuadas es fundamental para asegurar que las paredes y los pisos sean estructuralmente sólidos y estéticamente agradables. Técnicas como la correcta unión de las juntas, la mezcla adecuada de mezcla y mortero, y el uso apropiado de los adhesivos contribuyen tanto a la resistencia como al atractivo visual. El control de calidad durante la instalación es necesario para cumplir con los estándares estructurales y estéticos. *Revise sus técnicas y los hábitos laborales de otros para perfeccionar su conjunto de habilidades.*

**4.Inspección Regular:** La inspección continua durante el proceso garantiza que se cumplan los estándares de calidad, especialmente cuando hay turnos múltiples, los trabajadores han rotado o ha pasado un tiempo significativo desde el último día en el sitio. Puede ser tan simple como que alguien chocando contra la pared de ladrillo o que un electricista pise un piso de azulejos durante el descanso. *Abordar los problemas al retomar el trabajo y cuando surjan puede prevenir reparaciones costosas y rehacer el trabajo en el futuro.*

Nuestra responsabilidad como profesionales para lograr calidad en la albañilería y los acabados involucra una combinación de empleo de nuestra mano de obra calificada, una preparación reflexiva del lugar de trabajo, el uso de técnicas adecuadas y la realización de inspecciones regulares. Estas prácticas no solo mejoran la integridad general de las estructuras, sino que también contribuyen a su belleza y funcionalidad duraderas. *Nosotros somos "Las mejores manos en el negocio" y, cada día, debemos ganarnos el derecho de hacer esta afirmación.*

En Solidaridad,

Scott Garvin  
Presidente

## IMTEF - TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSES (INSTRUCTORS)

**April 14th-18th (OSHA 500)**  
Trainer Course in OSA Standards for Construction.

**April 23rd**  
Grout & Flashing Train the Trainer.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

**April 7th - 15th (Refractory / MSHA)**  
Class size limited to 15

**April 7th - 9th (ABAA Air Barrier Certification)**  
Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) requires \$250 for ABAA Certified Installer License Fee (1st Year) and \$100 annual renewal fee payable to ABAA by the installer to receive and maintain their installer Certification Card.

**April 7th-11th**  
(Foreman Training/Mentorship Matters/FSL/Blueprint/First Aid/CPR)  
OSHA 30 Required to Attend.

**April 14th-18th (ACT Hands-on)**  
Class size is limited to 10.

**April 21st-22nd (Adhered Veneer)**

**April 24th-25th (Rainscreen Installation Certification)**

**April 21st - May 8th (Welding: 2 1/2 Weeks)**  
Class side limited to 8 | D1.1 3G and 4G  
Certifications offered.

**REGISTRATION IS FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE. FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ROBERT DENFORD, JR., APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING DIRECTOR AT LOCAL 1 JATC:**

**PHONE: 240-383-8643**

**EMAIL: RDENFORD@BACLOCAL1.ORG**



## TRAINING DAYS

Saturdays from 6:30am - 2:30pm  
17101 Science Dr Bowie, MD 20715

**BRICK, PCC  
& STONE MASONS**

**April 12th**  
**May 3rd, 17th, & 31st**  
**June 7th & 21st**

**FINISHERS & TMT**

**April 5th & 26th**  
**May 10th**  
**June 14th**





## SPORTING EVENTS

### SOCCER

DC United VS NY Red Bulls  
May 24th at 7:30pm

DC United VS Nashville SC  
June 28th at 6:30pm



### BASEBALL

Orioles vs Nationals  
May 18th at 1:35pm

Orioles vs Rays  
June 28th at 4:05pm

**Disclaimer:** Tickets this season will be in digital format. Please be sure to fill out the event sheet with your name, phone number, email address, and number of tickets at our meetings.

## 161ST BULL ROAST ANNIVERSARY



## CHAPTER MEETINGS

### BALTIMORE, MD

7135 Harford Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
5pm-6:30pm

April 17th  
June 19th

### BAC 1 MVD LOCAL MEETING

17101 Science Drive  
Bowie MD, 20715  
8am-10am

May 10th

### WASHINGTON, DC

17101 Science Drive  
Bowie MD, 20715  
5pm-6:30pm

April 2nd  
June 04th





**April**  
Greg P. Ryan  
Arturo Valles  
Jose E. Amaya

**June**  
Mark J. Howard  
Mauricio Portillo  
Juan J. Rodriguez



**April**  
Richard L. Swinburn

**May**  
David S. Barrett

**June**  
James S. Boatman  
Francisco M. Mayo  
Robert A. Redden Jr  
Willie Taylor

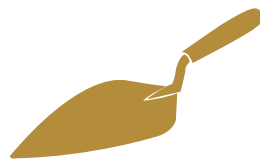


**May**  
Francisco T. Lorenzo

**June**  
Edward C. Dolch Sr

We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our brothers of BAC Local 1 of MVD mentioned above. Your craftsmanship, strength, and resilience are the foundation of our union, and every day, we celebrate your dedication and the pride you take in your work. Your contributions elevate our trade and community, and we honor the excellence you bring to everything you do. Thank you for your loyalty, hard work, and for being the backbone of Local 1.

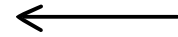
***Together, we continue to build a legacy we can all be proud of.***



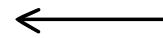


# YOUR BENEFITS

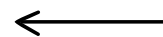
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Scan for information regarding **Health Care** benefits.



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Scan for information regarding **Brick & TMT** benefits.

Are *you* thinking about **buying or refinancing a home**?  
**Wells Fargo** is here to help our Union members every step of the way.

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Scan to schedule a consultation with Ben Alvandi to discuss questions regarding **home ownership** and **refinancing**.

As a **Union member** it's important for **you** to take advantage of all of the provided benefits and resources available to you to ensure you are up to date on the latest news and insights. Any questions you may have can be answered by clicking or scanning the QR code to their respective websites.

## WE HAVE YOUR BAC

Support Our Apprentices at the 2025 IUBAC Northeast Regional Apprentice Contest! Join us on Thursday, May 22, 2025, as our apprentices compete in the Stone, Marble, & Bricklaying categories. Show your support and cheer them on as they showcase their skills.

### Stone Mason

- Adolfo Martinez - 02DC
- Mardong Guevara - 02DC

### Marble Mason

- Jorge Guzman Cruz - 02DC
- Antoni Morillo - 02DC

### Bricklayer

- Jamaar Evans - 01MD
- Andrew Pussler -01MD



## MONTHLY PHOTO CONTEST

Show off your skills for a chance to **win a \$50 gift card** by submitting information and a photo of a project you've worked on!

The **winner** will be **selected at the end of the month** and will be **announced** at the **following meeting** where your prize will be waiting for **pick up**.

Are **you** going to be the contest winner? 🏆

### How to enter:

1. Submit a photo of the project with the name of who took the image.
2. Submit the name of project along with the start and end date.
3. Submit the location.
4. Submit a list of members who participated in the project's completion.
5. Wait to see if you're our lucky winner!

Submit entry information to [communications@baclocal1.org](mailto:communications@baclocal1.org) along with your name, trade, & contractor with the subject line "Photo Contest".







***William Alton Petitt***  
***10/27/1932 - 01/12/25***

***Ricardo Reyes***  
***05/10/1969 - 01/14/25***

***Alvon Lewis***  
***11/14/1934 - 02/09/2025***

To our dear Brothers,

Though you're no longer with us, your legacy lives on in every step we take. The hard work, wisdom, and knowledge you shared continue to guide us. Your spirit remains in the foundation of this union, and we honor you by carrying forward the lessons you've passed down. Your memory will never fade, and your influence will forever inspire us.

Rest in peace, dear brothers. You are never forgotten.

In solidarity,  
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 of MD, VA & DC

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