

# **JOINT AGREEMENT**

**and**

**WORKING RULES FOR ASSOCIATION  
AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS**

**between**

**MASON CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION  
OF GREATER CHICAGO**

**BUILDERS ASSOCIATION**

**GREAT LAKES CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

**FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATED GENERAL  
CONTRACTORS**

**and**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OF ILLINOIS**

**of the**

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BRICKLAYERS  
AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS,  
CONSISTING OF BRICKLAYERS LOCAL UNION  
Nos. 21, 56 and 74**

**June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2020**

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## **JOINT AGREEMENT**

This Joint Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into between representatives of labor and management. The representative of labor is Administrative District Council 1 of Illinois of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, AFL-CIO (the "District Council"), consisting of Illinois Bricklayers Local Union Nos. 21, 56, and 74 (the District Council and these local unions being called collectively the "Unions" or each called singularly the "Union"). The management representatives are the Mason Contractors Association of Greater Chicago, the Builders Association, the Great Lakes Contractors Association, and the Fox Valley Associated General Contractors (the "Associations"), by the Northern Illinois Mason Employers Council, their bargaining representative, acting in their own behalf and on behalf of their members whose names are set forth in Exhibit A, prepared separately but forming a part of this Agreement, and any such employer who may hereafter join an Association and give that Association its bargaining rights, subject to any other such employer complying with the bonding requirements stated in this Agreement and receiving written confirmation from the Union as provided in this paragraph, including such employers who prior to joining an Association may have executed an individual Memorandum of Understanding with the Union, it being understood that upon becoming a member of any of the above Associations, such employers will be solely obligated to observe the terms of this Agreement and any such prior Memorandum of Understanding shall become null and void. The Association shall inform the Union of its acceptance of any employer not listed in Exhibit A as a member by providing written notice, accompanied by a copy of the employer's signed application for membership, and upon receipt by the Union of that employer's bond, the Union shall provide the employer and the Association with confirmation that the employer has satisfied the bond requirements and is subject to this Agreement. Each such employer accepted by the Associations and not listed in Exhibit A will become bound to this Agreement as of the time the Union provides such written confirmation. (All employers will be called collectively the "Employers" or each called singularly the "Employer.")

The Employers and the Unions have a common and sympathetic interest in the Masonry Industry. Therefore, a working system and harmonious relationship between the Employers, the Unions, and the public is essential. Progress in the industry demands a mutuality of confidence between the Employers and the Unions. All will benefit by close cooperation in adjusting any differences by rational, common-sense methods.

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows :

## **ARTICLE I**

### **AREA COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT**

#### **1.1**

Except as otherwise stated, this Agreement shall cover the geographical area of Cook County, Lake County, Will County, Grundy County (with the sole exception of the DuPont Plant located on the western edge of Grundy County), DuPage County, Kendall County, DeKalb County, Kane County, and McHenry County, State of Illinois, and such additional territory which the Unions or the District Council shall subsequently acquire by approval of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers.

#### **1.2**

Employers whose bargaining rights are held only by the Builders Association shall be bound by the Joint Agreement only with respect to work performed in Cook, Lake, and DuPage Counties, State of Illinois.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION**

#### **2.1**

This Agreement shall be effective from June 1, 2017, through and including May 31, 2020.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **UNION SECURITY AND CHECK-OFF**

#### **3.1**

It shall be a condition of employment that all employees of each Employer covered by this Agreement who are members of the Union in good standing on the effective date of this Agreement shall remain members in good standing and those who are not members on the effective date of this Agreement shall, on the eighth day following the effective date of this Agreement, become and remain members in good standing in the Union. It shall also be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this Agreement and hired on or after its effective date, shall, on the eighth day following the beginning of such employment become and remain members in good standing in the Union.

#### **3.2 Union Membership Status**

Employees who do not become members of the Union as required above, or whose membership is terminated by the Union by reason of the failure of the employee to tender or pay initiation fees and periodic dues uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership, shall not be continued in the employ of any Employer under this Agreement.

#### **3.3 Dues Check-Off**

The Employer shall deduct from the wages of each employee who has signed a dues check-off authorization conforming to federal law, and transmit monthly to the Union (or to any agencies designated by the Union for the collection of such money) the sum for each hour paid which the Union has specified, or specifies from time to time and so advises the Employer in writing, as the portion of each employee's dues subject to check off, made payable to the Union, its International Union, or any other affiliate of its International Union, as designated from time to time by the Union. The sums transmitted for this purpose shall be accompanied by a statement, in a form specified by the Union, reporting the name of each employee whose dues are being paid and the number of hours each such employee has been paid.

### **3.4 LPC and BACPAC Check-Off**

The Employer shall deduct from the wages of each employee who has signed a voluntary check-off authorization form for this purpose, and transmit monthly to the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council 1 of Illinois Local Political Committee (“LPC”), or to any agency designated by the Union for the collection of such money, the sum for each hour paid which the Union has specified, or specifies from time to time and so advises the Employer in writing, as each employee’s contribution to the LPC; and the Employer shall deduct from the wages of each employee who has signed a voluntary check-off authorization form for this purpose, and transmit monthly to the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Political Action Committee (“BACPAC”), or to any agency designated by the Union for the collection of such money, the sum for each hour paid which the Union has specified, or specifies from time to time and so advises the Employer in writing, as each employee’s contribution to the BACPAC. The sums transmitted for either or both of these purposes shall be accompanied by statements, in the form specified by the Union, reporting the name of each employee whose LPC contributions, BACPAC contributions, or both, are being paid, and the number of hours each such employee has been paid.

### **3.5 Dues Check-Off Indemnification**

The Union agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Employer against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of the deduction and transmittal of dues pursuant to this Article III, provided, however, that the Union’s total liability hereunder shall be limited to the amount of dues transmitted by the Employer to the Union pursuant to this Article during the time period covered by the claim.

### **3.6 LPC and BACPAC Indemnification**

The Union agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Employer against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of the deduction and transmittal of LPC contributions, BACPAC contributions, or both, pursuant to this Article III, provided,

however, that if the Employer does not allow the Union to determine the manner in which the Employer will respond to or defend any such claim, demand, suit, or other assertion of liability, including but not limited to designating the Employer's legal counsel for the purposes of such response and defense, the Union's total liability regarding LPC contributions shall be limited to the amount of LPC contributions, and the Union's total liability regarding BACPAC contributions shall be limited to the amount of BACPAC contributions, in each case as to such contributions transmitted by the Employer to the Union pursuant to this Article during the time period covered by the claim.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **BARGAINING UNIT AND RECOGNITION**

#### **4.1**

This Agreement shall apply to all work within the trade jurisdiction of the Union and performed by this craft. The bargaining unit shall consist of all bricklayers and allied craftworkers, stone masons, and apprentices engaged in such occupational and craft work and the Employers recognize the Union as the sole and exclusive representative for all bricklayers and allied craftworkers, stone masons, and apprentices employed by the Employers for the purposes of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment. Only the employees in the bargaining unit shall perform the work covered by this Agreement.

#### **4.2**

For the purposes of the Health and Welfare, Administrative District Council 1 Pension, and Annuity Fund contributions only, the bargaining unit shall also include those persons in the employ of an Employer who are supervisors, as defined in the Labor-Management Relations Act, as amended, and who at one time were employee members of the bargaining unit herein on whose behalf contributions were required to be made to the Health and Welfare and Pension and Annuity Funds, unless written notice to the contrary signed by the supervisor is furnished to



each of the applicable trust funds within 30 days of the commencement of employment as supervisor.

## **ARTICLE V WORK JURISDICTION**

The following comprises the work jurisdiction of the Union:

### **5.1 Bricklaying Masonry**

**A.** Bricklaying Masonry shall consist of the laying of bricks made from any material in, under, or upon any structure or form of work where bricks are used, whether in the ground, or over its surface, or beneath water; in commercial building, rolling mills, iron works, blast or smelter furnaces, stoves, lime or brick kilns; in mines or fortifications; and all underground work, such as sewers, telegraph, electric, and telephone conduits. All fireproofing, blockarching, terra cotta cutting and setting, the laying of all tile, mineral-wool, cork blocks, glass masonry, aerated autoclave concrete or other lightweight masonry units or products, or any substitute for such material; post tensioning of masonry or other products or materials described in this Article, installation and repair of lintels, door and window frame setting, setting of shelf angles, grouting, and all uses of metal lath related to masonry or other products or materials described in this Article; the laying of all pipe sewers or water mains and the filling of all joints on the same when such sewers or conduits are of any vitreous material, burnt clay, or cement, or any substitute material used for the above purpose; the setting, pointing, and striking joints of cut stone and artificial stone, and setting, cutting, and trimming either with hand or power tools of fire brick, terra cotta, and hollow tile and the pointing up of all brick, stone, or terra cotta on new and old buildings. All brick paving and grouting.

**B.** Bricklaying Masonry shall also consist of installations of all brick work and other refractory materials with reference to the installation of boilers, furnaces, and stoves, and their brick work, or refractory material repairs and replacements, and all other construction where firebrick or other refractory materials are used, including with the use of a

hand dipper, and including all boiler baffles, made of tile or refractory materials; the installation and removal of scaffolding and bracing for repair and patchwork in coke battery ovens; all aspects of the operation of a gunite machine of any type or brand, including but not limited to the work of the operator and the work known as the nozzle end; the trimming of gunite material and the trimming of all other plastic and ram materials; the installation of all attachment devices through any method, whether welding, bolting, or otherwise, in all refractory applications. All plastic or poured refractory materials whenever used, including boiler baffles, shall be performed by and under the supervision of a bricklayer.

**C.** Bricklaying Masonry shall also consist of the installation of nail on brickwork and of all panels fabricated with such chemical compounds as thiokols, epoxy resins, polyesters, etc., adaptable for use in the masonry industry.

**D.** Bricklaying Masonry shall also consist of the laying of all rip rap, rubble work, flagstone, pavers, and all other paving materials and units, with or without mortar, setting all cut stone, marble, slate, or stone work (meaning as to stone, any work manufactured from such foreign or domestic products as are specified and used in the interior or on the exterior of buildings, and customarily called "stone" in the trade).

**E.** Bricklaying Masonry shall also consist of cutting all shoddies, broken ashlar or random ashlar that is roughly dressed upon the beds and joints, and range ashlar not over ten inches in height; the dressing of all jambs, corners, and ringstones that are roughly dressed upon the beds, joints, or reveals, and the cutting of a draft upon same for plumbing purposes only. This is to apply to all work on buildings, sewers, bridges, railroads, bulkheads, breakwater jetties, playgrounds, parks, landscaping and curbing, or other public works, and to all kinds of stone, particularly to the product of the locality where the work is being done, and the same shall be considered stone-masonry. Stone masons shall have the right to use all tools which they consider necessary in the performance of their work. The cutting, setting, and pointing of cement blocks and all artificial stone, or marble, either interior or exterior when set by the usual custom of the stone

mason and marble setter. All cement that is used for backing up external walls, the building of party walls, columns, girders, beams, floors, stairs, and arches, and all material substituted for the clay or natural stone products; the cutting, setting, and pointing of all concrete prefabricated slabs, regardless of dimension size; and the setting and anchoring, regardless of type or method, of any precast concrete panels, prefabricated brick panels, and prefabricated stone panels; the installation of caulking and backing thereof where at least one of the surfaces is masonry, the laying and setting of conduit of either clay or concrete which carries either steam or water piping and the joints are of any plastic material, the installation of cork or other material used for insulation purposes when laid in asphalt or similar plaster material including the cutting and fitting thereof, and preparation and installation of accoustone and material of similar character. Whenever any of the foregoing requires welding, it shall be done by bricklayers, stone masons, and concrete product specialists.

The use by bricklayers of mechanical mortar spreaders and caulking guns with high bond epoxy mortars shall be allowed at the sole discretion of the Employer, as shall all other devices when approved by the Employer and the Union.

#### **F. Leveling Off**

Bricklaying Masonry shall also consist of the leveling off of all footing stone when done on the building site.

**G. Cutting, Bedding, and Setting Bricklaying Masonry** shall also consist of cutting of all window and door openings, joist holes, and other openings of any sort in any wall, floor, ceiling, roof, structure, or part of structure comprised of brick, block, stone, tile, or any other masonry product; bedding and setting of all iron plates, lintels, and grillage beams; and the setting of filter plates whether they be bedded, grouted, clamped, or caulked.

**H. Bricklaying Masonry** shall also consist of all work assignments in the pre-assembly and complete installation of all exterior and interior artificial and natural masonry products of any size or dimension whether set individually or in pre-assembled panels which may have

metal or concrete backing, whether set with cement mortar, high strength adhesives, or secured by bolting or welding to plates set in all types of concrete or attached to steel frame structures, whether set by hand or with any type of mechanical systems, and whether part of a multipurpose, unistrut, or any other type of product or system. Pre-assembly work assignments shall include, but not be limited to, the preparations of steel frames or precast concrete back up panels, the drilling of holes, cutting, fitting, and fastening of artificial and natural masonry product units to steel frames or back up precast by bolts, clip anchors, pins, including any welding, as well as the complete application or installation of insulating, caulking, and/or waterproofing materials. Installation work assignments shall include, but not be limited to, unloading, selecting, or shaking out of artificial and natural masonry products for erection, hooking on, signaling, laying out, cutting, fitting, bedding, landing, setting, leveling, plumbing, aligning, anchoring, installation of any steel clips, relief or support angles, as well as the installation of metal grid or strut stone supports (including bolting and/or welding), grouting, patching, cleaning, and installation of gaskets or packing and caulking. For those Employers which have historically performed work as described in this paragraph and have done so with composite crews of bricklayers and other employees, such composite crews may continue to be used in the same manner as previously but all such work shall be under the supervision of a bricklayer.

#### **I. Foundations and Walls**

All foundations and walls, whether of brick, block, stone, or any other masonry unit or product, shall be performed by and under the supervision of a bricklayer or mason.

#### **J. Flashing**

Any flashing that is installed in the wall, regardless of the type of material, is the work of the bricklayer.

**K.** The use by bricklayers of temporary frames, templates, falsework, corner poles, and plumb lines may be used on all types of construction at the sole discretion of the Employer, said production aids to be installed by bricklayers.

## **L. Welding**

Bricklaying Masonry shall also consist of all welding, cutting, and grinding of any material within the work jurisdiction of Bricklaying Masonry. This shall include, but not be limited to, lintels, shelf irons, door and window frames, columns, girders, beams, plates, anchors, bracing of walls, preassembled panels, clips, support angles, and flashing. All such work shall be done by Bricklayers, Stone Masons, and Concrete Product Specialists.

**M.** In addition, all assignments mutually agreed upon between the Employer and the Union as well as all other work assignments on any other building products or systems related to the scope and type of work covered by this Agreement which may be developed in the future that are determined by these parties to fall within the work jurisdiction of this Agreement.

## **5.2**

The following is the jurisdiction of work of the classification of specialists known as Concrete Block Layers, which is within the work jurisdiction of the Union. This classification shall in no way be construed as to deny the bricklayer the right to do any or all of the same work. This classification shall include the cutting, laying, pointing, caulking, grouting, reinforcing (whether with rebar or otherwise), and cleaning of all concrete block units, or similar units or substitutes, regardless of the size, and the handling and application of the loose aggregate, and shall include all sewer work eight inches or over, composed of cement, clay, or substitute material. It shall include fabrication at the plant and setting on the job of all masonry components.

## **5.3**

The following is the jurisdiction of work of the classification of specialists known as Sewer and Manhole bricklayers, which is within the work jurisdiction of the Union. This classification shall in no way be construed as to deny the bricklayer the right to do any or all of the same work. Sewer masonry shall consist of the building, including leveling, of manholes, catchbasins, cisterns, arches for sewers,

septic tanks, and vaults for sewer or drain systems, either of brick, stone, concrete blocks, and substitutes, and all sewer pipe or other pipe of eight inches or over in diameter, and the pointing, caulking, and pouring of pipe joints except of a metallic nature. Also the laying and setting of conduit of clay or concrete or any non-metallic pipe or conduit which carries steam, gas, water, or water pipes, cable, or wire.

#### **5.4**

The following is the jurisdiction of work of the classification of specialists known as Aerated Autoclave Concrete Installers, which is within the work jurisdiction of the Union. This classification shall in no way be construed as to deny the bricklayer the right to do any or all of the same work. This classification shall include the setting, laying, cutting, placement, rigging, and installation by any method of aerated autoclave concrete or similar units or substitutes, and the finishing of such.

#### **5.5 Pointing, Caulking and Cleaning**

The following is the jurisdiction of work of the classification of specialists known as Pointers, Caulkers, and Cleaners, which is within the work jurisdiction of the Union. This classification shall in no way be construed as to deny the bricklayer the right to do any or all of the same work. This classification shall include the pointing, caulking, and cleaning of all types of masonry, caulking of all window frames encased in masonry on brick, stone, or cement structures, including all grinding and cutting out on such work, and all sand blasting, steam cleaning, laser cleaning, and guniting work; the pointing, cleaning, and weatherproofing of all buildings, grain elevators, and chimneys built of stone, brick, or concrete; and all grinding and cutting out, sand blasting, steam cleaning, laser cleaning, and guniting work on same.

#### **5.6**

When an Employer working under the terms of this Joint Agreement performs interior marble or interior polished stone masonry work, the terms of the Union's Marble Agreement shall apply. However, it is understood that whenever such an Employer assigns employees to marble

masonry who normally work under the terms of this Joint Agreement, the Employer shall pay the marble mason's gross rate of pay to such employees less the fringe benefit contributions which shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this Joint Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **WORK WEEK AND PAYMENT OF WAGES**

#### **6.1**

The work week, for pay purposes, shall commence at 12:00 A.M., on Monday and end at 11:59 P.M. Sunday. Quitting time shall be eight and one-half hours after the starting time. No job shall start earlier than 6:00 A.M., and no Union nor Employer shall be responsible for obtaining or paying premium pay if an employee reports for work earlier than 6:00 A.M. The reference to 6:00 A.M. in the preceding sentence shall change to 7:00 A.M. as of June 1, 2020, unless the parties to this Agreement have agreed otherwise before June 1, 2020.

#### **6.2**

Any employee reporting for work upon order, expressed or implied, of the Employer, and not put to work for any reason except weather conditions, fire, accident, or other unavoidable cause, shall receive two (2) hours' pay for lost time.

#### **6.3**

Employees shall be paid on the job before scheduled quitting time on Wednesday of the week following the week in which the work was performed, except where a holiday is celebrated on a Monday of the week in which payment is made, in which case payment shall be made before scheduled quitting time Thursday of that week. All payroll checks issued must have the contractor's name, his office or home address, and telephone number printed thereon. A detachable stub recording social security taxes and other authorized deductions shall be attached to all pay checks.

#### **6.4**

Time checks payable at the office of the Employer shall be considered valid, provided the employee is allowed two

hours for traveling time. That traveling time shall be added to the time check by the person issuing it. If the employee is not paid promptly upon his arrival at the office and is obliged to wait during working hours, he shall be allowed regular wages for such waiting time. When an employee is directed during the work day to go from one job site to another, he shall be paid for all reasonable time spent in such travel.

### **6.5**

When an employee is discharged he shall be paid in full and also when he is laid off, if he demands it, except when the lay-off is caused by bad weather or joists high. When an employee quits of his own accord, he shall receive his pay on the next regular pay day.

### **6.6**

If there is no work on a pay day due to inclement weather or some other reason, the contractor will make arrangements for the checks to be on the job before 11:00 A.M.

### **6.7**

Should an employee fail to receive his wages on payday he shall immediately report that to the Union with all facts concerning the case. The Union is permitted to stop any job of an Employer for any non-payment by that Employer of wages or fringes and may publicize such stoppage or attempted stoppage of work (anything to the contrary in this Agreement notwithstanding), and no employee shall be requested or required to work on any job for the Employer until all wages and fringes have been paid in full. Thereafter, the employees shall be permitted to return to their jobs without discrimination or reprisal.

### **6.8**

The normal work week shall consist of forty hours to be paid at the minimum wage rate. Time and one-half shall be paid for work performed in excess of forty hours in one week or in excess of eight hours in one day or on Saturday, except as provided in this section. No disciplinary action will be taken against any employee who refuses to work more than eight hours in one day or forty hours in one week or on a Saturday. Saturday may be used as a make-up day at the straight time



rate of pay when work is lost during the regular work week due to inclement weather. First preference for Saturday make-up work will be given to the crews on the job. A contractor who is proven to have worked a Saturday make-up day for any reason other than inclement weather shall not be eligible to work Saturday make-up for the remaining term of the contract. If a Saturday is used as a holiday make-up day, it shall be paid at double-time. Hours worked more than eight on any Saturday shall be paid at the double-time rate of pay.

## **6.9**

The Employer shall notify the Union not later than 4:00 P.M. on the preceding Friday if his employees are to perform any work on Saturday. In so notifying the Union, he shall furnish the Union with his name and location where the job is to be performed. If the Employer fails to notify the Union of intended Saturday work, the Union shall have the right to call for an immediate audit of the Employer's records at the Employer's expense.

## **6.10**

No work shall be performed on Sunday or on any of the following six holidays or the day observed as such holiday: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas, without the permission of the Union. When such permission is granted, double-time shall be paid for the work performed on these days. No work shall be performed on Labor Day except in cases of dire emergency and with the consent of the President of the Union.

When a day other than the holiday is missed during a holiday week because of inclement weather, then Saturday may be scheduled and worked as a make-up day at straight time rates. In all other circumstances when work is scheduled and performed on a Saturday during a holiday week other than the holiday weeks including Labor Day and Memorial Day, double-time shall be paid. In any event, any work performed on the Saturdays before Labor Day or Memorial Day will be paid at the double-time rate. Work performed on the Saturday following Labor Day or Memorial Day shall be paid at time and a half except that if work is missed during the holiday weeks including Labor Day and Memorial Day

because of inclement weather, such work on the Saturdays of those weeks will be paid at the straight time rate of pay to a total of 32 hours of work during the week and will be paid at time and one half for all additional hours.

### **6.11**

Where one of the foregoing holidays falls on Sunday, it shall be observed on the following Monday. If federal legislation establishes national observance of any of the foregoing holidays on a day other than the calendar day regularly observed in the past or on a day which is substituted for such existing holiday, the nationally observed day shall be the holiday. In weeks that have designated holidays that fall during the regular work week, but not more often than six (6) times per year, the Employer may schedule four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour work days at straight time. The Union and the employees must be informed and the Union must give permission to the Employer in writing.

### **6.12**

Employees are to leave the tool house at starting time and be back in the tool house at the start of lunch time; leave the tool house at end of lunch time and be in the tool house at quitting time when the building is six stories or under. In buildings thirteen (13) stories in height or over, where elevator service is not maintained to carry bricklayers and masons to and from their work, consideration shall be given to bricklayers and masons working on higher stories and a reasonable time should be allowed them to and from the work. Where the tool house is located in the building, it shall not be above the third floor.

### **6.13**

A ten minute break shall be given in the morning, commencing not earlier than two hours, nor later than three hours, after the start of the work day. For any job on which there is a ten (10) hour workday, there shall be an additional 10 minute break given after the eighth hour.

### **6.14**

There shall be a 30 minute lunch period that will start at a time set by the Employer, which time will be no later than

five hours after starting time. Employees shall be paid double-time if they work through lunch, providing the Union is notified of the employees having worked through lunch within two regular work days of that having occurred. Before filing a grievance, the Union shall notify the Employer of its claim.

## **6.15**

- A.** Multiple-Shifts: A contractor may work more than one shift in a day, without Union permission. All hours worked on the shift during regular hours (meaning a shift that starts between 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.) are paid at the regular rate of pay, and all hours on the other shift or shifts are paid at the regular rate plus a 5% premium.
- B.** Special Hours/Permission: If a contractor requests permission from the Union to work a shift that involves “special hours” (meaning a starting time before 6:00 A.M. or after 10:00 A.M.), and the Union grants permission, all the work is paid at the regular rate.
- C.** Special Hours/No Permission: If a contractor either does not request Union permission for “special hours” work, or asks permission and the Union does not grant the request, all hours worked between 6:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. are paid at the regular rate and all other hours are paid at the regular rate plus a 5% premium. (As examples for this subsection, if the shift starts at 12:00 noon and continues for eight hours of work, four hours are paid at the regular rate and four hours are paid at the regular rate plus the 5% premium; and if the shift starts at 5:00 P.M. and continues for eight hours of work, all hours are paid at the regular rate plus the 5% premium.)
- D.** The provisions of Article VI, Section 6.8 for time and one-half and double-time pay apply to any work under this Section 6.15.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFIT FUND**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**7.1**

- A.** The payment for work performed effective as of June 1, 2017, is as follows:

Wage Rate	\$45.38
Administrative District Council 1 Welfare Fund	\$10.45
Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund	\$9.60
Bricklayers and Stone Masons of Illinois District Council No. 1, B.A.C. Annuity Trust Fund	\$5.65
International Pension Fund, including PPA	\$1.43
District Council Training Center Fund	\$ .40
International Masonry Institute	\$ .74
Labor-Management Cooperation Committee	\$ .15
Market Recovery Labor-Management Cooperation Committee	\$ .18
Illinois Masonry Institute Promotion Trust	\$ .19
Masonry Industry Advancement Fund	\$ .10
Chicagoland Construction Safety Council	\$ .01
International Council of Employers of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers	\$ .01
Construction Industry Service Corporation	\$ .01

- B.** Raises of \$2.23 and \$2.30 per hour will become effective as of June 1, 2018 and June 1, 2019 respectively. The Union shall allocate the increase among wages and existing fringe benefit funds. Any increase for Health and Welfare shall be in such amount as found necessary by actuarial study and as recommended by majority action of the Fund trustees. There shall be no increase in the contribution to the International Pension Fund

without the consent of the Northern Illinois Mason Employers Council; nor shall the amount of the voluntary check-off contribution for the BACPAC increase from \$0.02 per hour without the consent of the Northern Illinois Mason Employers Council.

## **7.2**

Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 7.1 or any other provisions of this Agreement, for those employees who were members of Local 14 prior to its merger into Locals 21 and 74 on September 1, 2001, who have elected to continue to have contributions and allocations to the various retirement benefit funds treated in a manner similar to the treatment of such contributions and allocations before the merger, and who are identified on the Side Letter that is Exhibit B to this Agreement as "Local 14 Members," there shall be no contribution to the Administrative District Council I Pension Fund, \$1.50 per hour shall be the required contribution to the Bricklayers and Trowel Trades International Pension Fund, and the required contribution to the Annuity Fund will be the amount by which the total of the payments for other employees to the Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund, the Annuity Fund, and the International Pension Fund exceeds \$1.50. The portion of that required contribution to the Annuity Fund that will be subject to the premium rate as described in Section 8.4 shall be limited to the amount provided in Section 7.1 per hour to the Annuity Fund for other employees, with the remaining amount of the per hour contribution to the Annuity Fund being based solely on each hour worked.

## **7.3**

When bricklayers work in areas of atomic radiation, which radiation is monitored by the Atomic Energy Commission, or in areas where radioactive materials are present, the bricklayer shall receive one dollar (\$1.00) per hour over the minimum wage stipulated in this Agreement.

## **7.4**

Double-time is to be paid for all "Hot Work," which is work done during the operation of, or during the presence of

temperatures which are higher than those temperatures which would be present if units had cooled in and/or on boilers, tanks, feeders or spouts, burner blocks, checkers, repair crowns, arches, ports, bridge walls, or dog houses, and when heat is such that a man has to leave work or be relieved at intervals.

### **7.5 Composite Crews**

For in-plant and precast installation work involving composite crews of Bricklayers and Boilermakers or Iron Workers, Bricklayer employees will be entitled to the most favorable show-up and premium pay provisions for such work.

### **7.6**

For work performed within the jurisdiction of BRICKLAYERS LOCAL NO. 56, wages on smoke stack and tall chimney work shall be fifty cents (50¢) per hour above the prevailing rate, wages on underground work shall be twenty-five cents (25¢) per hour above the prevailing rate, wages on work under compressed air shall be not less than \$2.00 per hour above the prevailing rate, and "hazard" pay not provided for elsewhere in this Section shall be negotiated on the job site prior to the commencement of work.

### **7.7 Travel Allowance**

When an employee is assigned by the Employer to work at a location more than 100 miles outside the outer border of the area covered by this Agreement as described in Article I, Section 1.1, the Employer shall provide reimbursement for one round trip airfare from Chicago or, at the option of the individual employee, shall pay the employee the equivalent of the then current government mileage allowance per mile, round trip, between the outer edge of the area described in Article I, Section 1.1 and the location of the project. The Employer shall also provide the employee with living accommodations at American Automobile Association approved lodging, not to exceed double occupancy, and shall also pay the employee, one week in advance, \$35.00 living expenses per day, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. At the employee's option, he may forego the living expenses and lodging and receive round trip mileage

reimbursement each day at the then current government allowance per mile. For employees who receive the accommodations and living expenses, the Employer shall also pay for the cost of one round trip airfare per month between the job and Chicago, in lieu of payment for accommodations and living expenses for one Saturday and one Sunday for each month of employment.

## **ARTICLE VIII BENEFIT FUNDS**

### **8.1 Additional Employer Obligation**

The Employer agrees to be bound by the Agreements and Declarations of Trust establishing the Trusts described in this Article, as well as any amendments thereto, and agrees to be bound by all actions taken by the Trustees of those Trusts, pursuant to those Agreements and Declarations of Trust, except that in the event of any conflict between the terms of an Agreement and Declaration of Trust and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in this Agreement or in such Agreements and Declarations of Trust, contributions shall be due and payable as provided in this Article.

### **8.2 Health and Welfare Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Administrative District Council 1 Welfare Fund the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees and supervisors covered by this Agreement.

### **8.3 Pension Fund Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees and supervisors covered by this Agreement.

### **8.4 Bricklayers and Stone Masons of Illinois District Council No.1, B.A.C. Annuity Trust Fund Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Bricklayers and Stone Masons of Illinois District Council No.1, B.A.C. Annuity Trust Fund ("Annuity Fund"), the amount specified in this

Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees and supervisors covered by this Agreement, except to the extent this obligation is modified as to Apprentices and Improvers. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 8.4 or elsewhere in this Agreement, contributions to the Annuity Fund shall include the premium rates included in the wages paid to employees. By way of example, if an employee works forty hours at straight time and four hours at time-and-a-half during a given week, that employee will receive the equivalent of forty-six hours' pay and the Annuity Fund contribution on behalf of that employee for the week will also be the equivalent of forty-six hours. Nothing in this provision concerning contributions to the Annuity Fund will affect the manner in which contributions are determined or paid to any fringe benefit fund other than the Annuity Fund.

### **8.5 International Pension Fund Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Bricklayers and Trowel Trades International Pension Fund ("IPF") the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

### **8.6 District Council Training Center Fund Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the District Council Training Center Fund ("DCTC") the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

### **8.7 International Training and Promotion Fund Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the International Masonry Institute ("IMI") the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

### **8.8 Labor-Management Cooperation Committee Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Illinois District Council No. I and Mason Contractors Association of Greater Chicago LMCC Trust ("LMCC") the amount specified in this



Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

**8.9 Illinois Masonry Institute Promotion Trust Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Illinois Masonry Institute Promotion Trust (the “Local Promotion Trust”) the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement. The Local Promotion Trust shall be administered by five (5) Trustees, appointed by the Mason Contractors Association of Greater Chicago. The Trustees shall be advised by five (5) persons appointed by the Union.

**8.10 Masonry Industry Advancement Fund Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Masonry Industry Advancement Fund (“MIAF”) the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

**8.11 Safety Council Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council (“Safety Council”) the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

**8.12 International Council of Employers of Bricklayer and Allied Craftworkers Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the International Council of Employers of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (“ICE”) the amount specified in the Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement.

**8.13 Market Recovery Labor-Management Cooperation Committee Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Market Recovery Labor-Management Cooperation Committee the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by this Agreement, except that the Union may, at its sole discretion, at any time (including

retroactively), and from time to time, provide, through written notice to the affected Employer or Employers, the Fund Office, or both, that the specified contribution amount for work performed by some or all employees of some or all Employers shall be paid instead to the Administrative District Council 1 Welfare Fund. This provision will cease to be effective as of May 31, 2020, unless the parties agree otherwise.

#### **8.14 Construction Industry Service Corporation Contributions**

The Employer shall contribute to the Construction Industry Service Corporation the amount specified in this Agreement per hour for work performed by all employees covered by the Agreement.

#### **8.15 Reallocations**

Notwithstanding anything in this Memorandum of Agreement, or any previous agreement or amendment to the contrary, the Union may, at any time and at its sole discretion, end or reduce the contributions to the (1) Labor-Management Cooperation Committee, (2) the Construction Industry Service Corporation, and (3) the Market Recovery Labor-Management Cooperation Committee, or any of them, and add the appropriate amount to the wage rate, the contribution amount to any other fund or funds, or any combination, doing so by providing one month's written notice to the Employer and to the Bricklayer Benefit Funds Office.

#### **8.16 Possible Future Contributions**

If the parties to the Agreement provide, through amendment to the Agreement or otherwise, for contributions to other funds, contributions to such other funds shall be made as provided in such amendment or other instruments.

#### **8.17 Depository Account for Employer Contributions**

**A.** The amounts contributed pursuant to this Article shall be remitted by the Employer to a depository account for employer contributions ("Depository Account") maintained at such banking institution as the parties may agree upon in writing from time to time ("Bank") as agent of the Employer for the sole purpose of receiving and distributing contributions to the appropriate funds. The

Employers shall make all payments on a single fringe benefit contribution report form prepared and provided by the Bricklayer Benefit Funds Office with one check. The Bank shall distribute the contributions in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and instructions given by the Masonry Institute, and it shall have no obligation or responsibility for distributing funds other than based on this Agreement and such instructions.

**B.** Upon receipt, the Bank shall immediately forward a copy of the Employer's remittance form to the Masonry Institute for processing. A fee not to exceed two percent (2%) of the contributions received shall be deducted by the Bank and forwarded to the Masonry Institute to cover the cost of its administrative and computer services, provided however, that the entire contribution required pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to have been paid by the Employer notwithstanding such deduction.

### **8.18 Union Cooperation**

Inasmuch as it is anticipated that the existence and utilization of the trust funds described in this Article will result in increased masonry work and, therefore, in increased job opportunities for bricklayers, the Union agrees to cooperate in assuring that contributions required by this Article are in fact made by Employers bound by this Agreement.

### **8.19 Payment of Contributions and Delinquencies**

**A.** Contributions must be received by the Bank on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month, covering all employment performed during the preceding month for which contributions are to be paid by the Employer.

**B.** Any Employer failing to make prompt and timely payment of the contribution to the funds and entities identified in this Article VIII (together or individually, the "Funds") in accordance with this Agreement shall, in addition to the required hourly contributions, pay an additional amount equal to ten (10) percent on all amounts remaining unpaid as and for liquidated damages for failure to pay in accordance with this Agreement, it being understood and agreed that damages resulting from such late payments are

substantial but are difficult if not impossible to ascertain and, in addition, pay an amount equal to one and one-half (1.5) percent per month interest on all amounts remaining unpaid, including amounts due as liquidated damages and as interest.

**C.** If a delinquency continues uncured for forty-eight (48) hours after written notice of such delinquency is mailed or delivered to the delinquent Employer, the Employer shall be liable for any damages incurred by employees or their beneficiaries because of the loss of benefits to which the employee would have been entitled if the Employer had made the required contributions, and for all contributions, liquidated damages, and interest due, plus all reasonable legal fees incurred by or on behalf of the Funds in enforcing the payment obligation.

**D.** It shall be considered a violation of this Agreement for an Employer to fail to pay or comply with any provisions of this Article or any rule or regulation made by the Trustees administering the Funds. If the Unions receive notice from a representative of the Trustees of any of the Funds, designated by the Trustees for that purpose, that the Employer has failed to pay in full any sum due the Funds under this Article and that such failure has continued for forty-eight (48) hours after an Employer has received written notice thereof, the Union is permitted to stop any job of that Employer, and may publicize such stoppage or attempted stoppage of work, until all sums due from the Employer under this Article have been paid in full. This remedy shall be in addition to all other remedies available to the Unions and the Trustees, and may be exercised by the Unions, anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding. Such stoppage or attempted stoppage of work and the publicizing of such to collect contributions to the Funds shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement on the part of the Union.

**E.** If employees are withdrawn from any job in order to collect contributions to the Funds, the Employer shall pay the employees affected by such stoppage of work for lost time up to 16 hours, provided the Union gives the Employer two (2) days' written notice of the intention to remove employees by certified mail, hand delivery with a sworn statement of delivery, or facsimile or e-mail with a receipt of transmittal.

**F.** The Employer shall furnish to the Trustees, upon request, such information and reports as they may require in the performance of their duties. The Trustees, or any authorized agent of the Trustees, shall have the right at all reasonable times during business hours to enter upon the premises of the Employer and to examine and copy such books, records, papers, and reports of the Employer as may be necessary to permit the Trustees to determine whether the Employer is fully complying with the provisions regarding Employer contributions. Any Employer found delinquent through regular or special audit ordered by the Trustees shall be charged the full cost of such audit.

**G.** The Trustees are hereby given the power and the authority to institute whatever legal proceedings may be necessary to enforce compliance with the provisions of this Article. Legal fees incurred by the Trustees in enforcing compliance with this Article shall be charged to the delinquent Employer.

**H.** The specified contributions shall accrue with respect to all hours worked within or outside the Union's geographical jurisdiction, except that when work is performed outside the Union's jurisdiction, but in a location where another welfare plan or pension plan is effective and the Employer makes contributions to that fund, the Employer shall not be required to make a double contribution; provided, however, that the primary duty to make payments for work performed within the jurisdiction of the Union shall be for all Employers to pay to the Funds the contributions provided for in this Agreement.

**I.** The attorneys employed by each of the Funds shall provide quarterly reports to the Trustees of those Funds of collection efforts being made on behalf of those Funds.

## **8.20 Reports to Union and Trustees**

**A.** To assist in the collection of the contributions required pursuant to this Agreement, all Employers shall furnish the following reports to the Trustees of the Funds, or to the Union as indicated:

- (1) All Employers shall annually furnish to the Trustees of the Funds, on dates determined by the respective Trustees, a statement showing whether

- (1) the Employer is a corporation and the names of all officers and directors of said Employer; (2) if not a corporation, a certificate stating who are the constituent persons composing the Employer and their respective interests in the Employer.
- (2) Each Employer shall furnish to the Depository Account, on a monthly basis, a remittance report listing the names of all employees covered by this Agreement employed by the Employer during the month for which the remittance report is made. For months in which no such employees were employed, the remittance report of the Employer for that month shall so state. The reports required to be furnished pursuant to this section shall be received by the Bank on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month.
- (3) Each Employer shall furnish to the Union on a weekly basis a report listing the name and address of each job site where work covered by this Agreement was performed during the week for which the report is made and the name of the foreman employed on each job.

**B.** If any Employer fails to file the required reports provided for above, and such failure continues for seventy-two (72) hours after the Employer has received written notice thereof, the Union may stop any job of that Employer and/or withdraw the employees from such Employer's employment, and may publicize such stoppage or attempted stoppage of work, until all required reports have been provided, anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

**C.** Within 48 hours of starting any job or project that alone or in the aggregate has a contracted value of \$50,000.00 or more, the Employer must notify the District Council by email or facsimile of the starting date and specific address and city of the job or project. The Union shall notify any Employer of an alleged violation of this provision in writing. The Employer will be liable for a penalty of \$250.00 for each job or project if the matter is settled before it is presented to the Joint Arbitration Board, and for a penalty of

\$1,000.00 for each job or project if the case is presented to the Joint Arbitration Board and the Joint Arbitration Board finds a violation to have occurred, with the Joint Arbitration Board to determine the recipient of all fines.

## **8.21 Joint Trusteeship of Local Industry Promotion Fund**

**A.** The Union desires that the Illinois Masonry Institute Promotion Trust Fund (the “Local Promotion Trust”) be jointly trusteeed, with an equal number of Trustees representing Employers and employees, and they contend that such joint trusteeship is lawful under Section 302(c) of the Taft-Hartley Act. The Employers are agreeable to such joint trusteeship, subject to certain limitations, but they contend that Section 302(c) prohibits employee representatives serving as Trustees on the Local Promotion Trust. Therefore, the parties agree that a jointly administered successor trust to the Local Promotion Trust shall be created, subject to the following limitations, and contributions required to be paid under this contract to the Local Promotion Trust shall be payable to the successor fund:

- (1) The joint trusteeship of industry promotion or advancement funds shall be determined to be lawful by a final judgment issued by any federal court.
- (2) The joint Boards of Trustees shall consist of five employer and five employee representatives, each of whom shall have an equal vote.
- (3) In the event that less than five Trustees on a side shall be in attendance at a meeting, the votes of each Trustee present on that side shall be increased proportionately, so that all of the Trustees on a side who are present at a meeting shall be entitled to collectively cast a total of five votes.
- (4) Seven affirmative votes shall be required to adopt a resolution of the Board of Trustees. The successor trust funds shall not be used for the purpose of providing apprenticeship training.

**B.** If such a jointly administered successor local industry promotion fund is not implemented within 30 days

after the issuance of a final federal court judgment as described above, then contributions pursuant to this contract to the Local Promotion Trust shall cease 30 days after notice of such termination is given by the Union to the Associations.

## **ARTICLE IX JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES**

### **9.1**

All questions of jurisdiction over work to be performed within Cook County under this Agreement shall be resolved through the procedures of the Chicago Joint Conference Board as provided in the Standard Agreement between the Construction Employers' Association and the Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. All questions of jurisdiction over work to be performed outside of Cook County under this Agreement shall be resolved by a Joint Arbitration Board as described in Section 10.3 of this Agreement or, if the Joint Arbitration Board does not render a decision, the dispute may be referred to arbitration as described in Sections 10.4 through 10.7 of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE X SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

### **10.1**

Any dispute between an Employer and the Union that they cannot resolve shall be referred to the Joint Arbitration Board (the "JAB"). All grievances must be filed within ninety (90) days of the date of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance or of when the party reasonably should have known of the existence of the grievance. In deciding any questions of timeliness of a grievance, the JAB should give special consideration to claims of concealment or fraud, along with any other factors it considers appropriate. Grievances not raised within the ninety (90) days period shall be deemed waived and not subject to being processed under this procedure.

### **10.2**

Any of the Benefit Funds identified in Article VIII, or any group of those Benefit Funds, acting through appropriate representatives, may inform an Employer of a dispute over



that Employer's compliance with obligations to the Benefit Fund or Funds pursuant to this Agreement and may refer such matter to the JAB for resolution. Any such matter referred to the JAB shall be subject to all provisions of this Article X, and in such cases the words "Benefit Fund or Funds" shall replace the word "Union" in Article X, Section 10.7 as applicable. No Benefit Fund or Funds are required to utilize this procedure for resolving such disputes; and each Benefit Fund shall retain all rights it would otherwise have to use other means to resolve disputes with, or pursue claims against, Employers instead of or in addition to the procedures provided here. This provision will cease to be effective as of May 31, 2020, unless the parties agree otherwise.

### **10.3**

There shall be a JAB consisting of four (4) appointees from the District Council and four (4) appointees from the Associations. Any contractor that sits on the JAB as a management appointee must be a mason contractor that is a contributor to the various funds and must be signatory to a collective bargaining agreement with the District Council. Any Union appointee must also be a member of one of the District Council's locals. An attorney, who may be appointed by management or labor, may also sit on the JAB as an appointee of management or the Union. The Association appointees shall be designated by the Northern Illinois Mason Employers Council. A quorum of the JAB shall be two (2) appointees from the District Council and two (2) appointees from the Associations, but neither side shall cast more total ballots than the other. A decision shall require a majority vote and any such decision shall be binding on both parties.

### **10.4**

If a dispute has been referred to the JAB and is either refused by the JAB or results in a tie vote by the JAB, either party may submit the dispute to binding arbitration by:

**A.** Informing the other party of such submission and requesting the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA") to submit a panel of nine (9) arbitrators, who are members of the National Academy of Arbitrators and who maintain an office in the greater Chicagoland area, available

to hear and decide the issue. The party requesting such panel shall upon receipt of the nine (9) names, strike one (1) name from the list and submit the remaining eight (8) names to the other party, who shall strike one (1) additional name. The parties shall alternately strike names thereafter until one remains, who shall be the arbitrator.

**B.** The party requesting arbitration shall then assume the responsibility of procuring the services of the arbitrator in accordance with the procedures of the AAA. The arbitrator shall hear and decide the issue as soon as possible, and shall submit his Award in the case.

## **10.5**

If no agreement on the selection of an arbitrator is reached within one (1) week after a panel is tendered by the AAA, the AAA shall designate an arbitrator.

## **10.6**

Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties to the dispute, the arbitrator shall issue a ruling without written opinion within 48 hours after the dispute is submitted, and the arbitrator's decision and award in the case shall be final and binding upon the parties.

## **10.7**

Except as modified by the foregoing time limitations, the arbitration shall be conducted pursuant to the AAA's Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules, as amended. All expenses of the arbitration, except expenses of legal counsel, shall be borne equally by the contractor and Union which are parties to the dispute.

## **10.8**

When any matter is in dispute and has been referred for resolution under the provisions of this Article, the provisions and conditions prevailing prior to the time such matter arose shall not be changed or abrogated. The JAB, or any arbitrator selected in accord with this Article, shall have full power to enforce this Agreement and may impose such awards, orders, damages, lost wage damages, fines, sanctions, and other remedies as the JAB or arbitrator deem appropriate. If an

Employer fails to comply with an award by the JAB or by an arbitrator within two weeks of receipt of such award, the Union may, at its sole discretion, stop any job of that Employer, and may publicize such stoppage or attempted stoppage of work, anything to the contrary in this Agreement notwithstanding.

## **ARTICLE XI NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT**

### **11.1**

During the life of this Agreement, no party will order, maintain, sanction, or engage in any strike, lockout, stoppage of work, or boycott affecting any other party, except as is specifically provided for in this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XII SUBLETTING**

### **12.1**

It shall be the duty of all persons letting or subletting bricklaying or masonry contracts to ascertain that the contractor or subcontractor is reliable, financially responsible, and will comply with the provisions of this Agreement. All persons letting or subletting masonry shall assume the responsibility for all wages owed to employees for work covered by the Agreement and for all payments or contributions to the Funds if its contractor or subcontractor fails to pay all such wages or make all such payments or contributions; provided, however, that the Union notifies the person letting or subletting masonry work, in writing, of any such delinquency within 90 days of the delinquency and provided also that to help assist the Union, the person letting or subletting masonry shall notify the Union of the contractor or subcontractor to whom the work was sublet and the name and location of the project.

### **12.2**

Subcontractors shall not sublet any part of the bricklaying, masonry work, or work of the allied crafts, except the stone work, the hollow tile floor arches, the caulking and cleaning and pointing; provided, however, the caulking shall be sublet before the exterior walls are completed and to subcontractors who employ bricklayers for such work.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS, ASSOCIATIONS,**  
**AND UNIONS**

**13.1 Local Employment**

For all work performed within the geographic jurisdiction of the District Council, at least 50% of the employees shall reside within the geographic jurisdiction of the District Council.

**13.2 Bricklayer Qualifications**

Bargaining unit employees covered by this Agreement can be required to work on the job only with qualified employees. All apprentices successfully completing the apprenticeship program shall be considered qualified. All other persons seeking employment under this Agreement shall be required to pass an examination to determine their qualifications. When hiring employees, the Employer shall give first consideration to qualified workers who have had prior experience with Employers covered by this Agreement and performing work within the area covered by this Agreement.

**13.3 Pre-Hire Examinations**

Any pre-hire examinations will be done in accordance with Illinois and Federal Law.

**13.4 Retiree Employment**

Employers may offer employment to bricklayers who are currently receiving retirement benefits from any Bricklayer Pension Fund. Such bricklayers who return to active employment shall be paid at the regular journeyman rate applicable to the work. Contributions to the applicable fringe benefit plans shall be made for all hours worked by each such bricklayer. To the extent permitted by the applicable Pension Plan, retirees returning to work under this program shall continue to receive their monthly retirement benefits.

**13.5 Employees as Contractors**

A. No employee covered by this Agreement shall contract masonry work until he has registered as a mason contractor with the office of the Union.

B. No employee who has registered as a mason contractor shall work for others until he has notified the office of the Union and relinquished his registration as a mason contractor.

C. No employee, after relinquishing his registration as a mason contractor, shall contract for masonry work for a period of twelve (12) months.

### **13.6 Work by Contractors**

No individual who is a sole owner of, or a partner in, an Employer business shall be permitted to work with the tools of the trade or otherwise to perform bargaining unit work. An individual who is an employee of an Employer corporation and is also an officer of that corporation, a shareholder in that corporation, or both (a "Corporate Official"), may perform bargaining unit work subject to all provisions of this Agreement provided that (i) the Employer corporation must report and pay on a minimum of 150 hours of work per month, 12 months a year, by each such Corporate Official, and provided further that (ii) each Employer corporation may designate one, but only one, such Corporate Official who will be permitted not to participate in, and not to have contributions made on his behalf to, the Health & Welfare Fund, Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund, International Pension Fund, and Annuity Fund, or to participate in and have contributions made on his behalf to the Health & Welfare Fund but not the Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund, International Pension Fund, and Annuity Fund. The Corporate Official so designated by the Employer corporation must inform the District Council and the Bricklayer Benefit Funds Office of the election in writing. The Corporate Official waives the right to future participation in those funds as long as he is employed by that Employer corporation; and the Employer corporation must confirm to the District Council, on a form to be provided by the District Council, that it has designated that individual as the only Corporate Official who will be permitted to exercise that option. A Corporate Official so designated who has elected not to participate in and have contributions made on his behalf to the Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund, International Pension Fund, and Annuity Fund will be allowed

one opportunity to reverse that election and to participate in and have contributions made on his behalf to the Administrative District Council 1 Pension Fund, International Pension Fund, and Annuity Fund by notifying the District Council and the Bricklayer Benefit Funds Office in writing. The decision to opt into such participation shall be irrevocable. For purposes of this provision, references to corporations shall be deemed to include LLCs; and if an individual's spouse is the sole owner of or a partner in an Employer business or is a shareholder and/or an officer in an Employer corporation, the individual shall be treated as though he were the sole owner, partner, shareholder, or officer himself.

The requirement that each Employer corporation employing one or more Corporate Officials must report and pay on a minimum of 150 hours of work per month for each such Corporate Official will be deemed to have been voluntary before July 1, 2007 and to have become mandatory on July 1, 2007, subject to the provisions of Article XIII, Section 13.7. To the extent any individual who is a Corporate Official performs bargaining unit work for another Employer, and that other Employer reports and pays on that work, the 150 hour minimum that the Employer corporation of which the individual is a Corporate Official must report and pay on that individual shall be reduced by the number of hours on which the other Employer reports and pays on that individual in a given month.

Without limiting the general authority of the Joint Arbitration Board, the Joint Arbitration Board is specifically authorized and directed to consider individual situations involving this Article XIII, Section 13.6, and to allow exceptions or modifications to this provision's requirements as the Joint Arbitration Board considers necessary and appropriate to avoid an unreasonable, unexpected or unfair result.

### **13.7 Special Economic Condition**

The JAB, as defined in Article X, Section 10.1, may, on the request of the Union, the Associations, or any individual Employer, declare that a "Special Economic Condition" exists. That determination will apply until the JAB rules that the Special Economic Condition no longer exists. The JAB may

also determine that a Special Economic Condition will be deemed to have begun on some previous date; and a Special Economic Condition is deemed to have been declared to have begun as of September 1, 2008. Anytime that a Special Economic Condition exists, the following terms shall apply, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Article XIII, Sections 13.5 or 13.6.

- (a) An individual who is registered as a mason contractor pursuant to Section 13.5 will be permitted to accept work for others, under the same terms and conditions as apply to any other employee, without being required to relinquish his registration as a mason contractor.
- (b) A Corporate Official as defined in Section 13.6 may perform bargaining unit work for an Employer other than the Employer Corporation of which he is a Corporate Official, subject to the same terms and conditions as any other employee with no effect on his status as a Corporate Official of the Employer corporation and without effect on his participation or non-participation in the designated benefit funds pursuant to Subsection (ii) of Section 13.6.
- (c) An employer Corporation that employs one or more Corporate Officials will be relieved of the obligation in Subsection (i) of Section 13.6 to report and pay on a minimum of 150 hours or work per month, twelve months a year, on the Corporate Official or Corporate Officials and, instead, will only be required to report and pay on hours of bargaining unit work actually performed for the Employer Corporation by each such Corporate Official.
- (d) Any Employer Corporation that fails to report and pay accurately and fully on the work of Corporate Officials when Subsection (c) of this Section 13.7 is applicable because a Special Economic Condition is in effect will be barred from receiving the benefits of the Special Economic Condition and will be required to report and pay on 150 hours of

work per month, 12 months a year for each Corporate Official retroactive to the beginning of the Special Economic Condition during which the failure to report and pay accurately and fully was found to have occurred.

### **13.8 Association Employers**

Each Association shall furnish to the District Council written notice of the name, address, telephone number, date of membership, and location or locations at which it is employing bricklayers, if any, and the name of each member which assigns its bargaining rights to the Association, within 14 days of the date of said membership or assignment.

### **13.9 Liability of Employers and Union**

The liability of the Employers, as members of the Associations or as subscribers to this Agreement for any breach of this Agreement shall be several and not joint, with each Employer being responsible only for the acts or actions of such individual Employer. The liability of the District Council and of the Local Unions which are members of the District Council shall be several and not joint, and the liability of the Unions shall be only that of Negotiating Agent, without liability for their individual members.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS**

In order to maintain a sufficient number of skilled mechanics, the necessity for employment of Apprentices is hereby recognized, and the employment and proper training for as many Apprentices as is reasonable and practicable shall be encouraged by all parties to this Agreement. To this end the Employers shall be required to employ a minimum number of Apprentices, in relation to Journeymen. Apprentices shall be under the complete control and jurisdiction of the Trustees of the District Council Training Center Fund. No Employer may hire an Apprentice who is obligated to work for another Employer.

### **14.2 Apprentice and Journeyman Training**

The District Council Training Center ("DCTC") shall train apprentices adequately in safety and first aid. The



parties to this Agreement encourage continuing education for journeymen, which may be offered through the DCTC, and may include training classes in subjects such as respirator fitting, silica awareness and safety, first aid and CPR, grout, flashing, and other work practices that may assist journeymen in developing and maintaining skills in all aspects of the masonry industry.

### **14.3 Wages of Apprentices**

The wages of Apprentices who entered the Apprenticeship Program before June 1, 2017, shall be as follows:

40% of Journeyman's wage scale for 1st 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

50% of Journeyman's wage scale for 2nd 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

60% of Journeyman's wage scale for 3rd 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

70% of Journeyman's wage scale for 4th 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

80% of Journeyman's wage scale for 5th 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

90% of Journeyman's wage scale for 6th 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

The wages of Apprentices who enter the Apprenticeship Program on or after June 1, 2017, shall be as follows:

50% of Journeyman's wage scale for 1st 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

60% of Journeyman's wage scale for 2nd 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

70% of Journeyman's wage scale for 3rd 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

80% of Journeyman's wage scale for 4th 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

90% of Journeyman's wage scale for 5th 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

95% of Journeyman's wage scale for 6th 750 hours of work and six months' training class attendance.

Except for the Annuity Fund, Apprentices will participate in and have payments made on their behalf at the same rate as Journeymen to all Funds. Apprentices who performed work under a predecessor to this Agreement on or before May 31, 2006, for which contributions were or should have been made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund, will continue to participate in and have payments made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund at the same rate as Journeymen. Apprentices who did not perform such work on or before May 31, 2006, will not participate in or have payments made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund during the period they remain as Apprentices, but will begin to participate in and have contributions made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund when they become Journeymen.

#### **14.4 Improvers**

There will be an additional classification of employee designated "Improver." An Improver is an employee with skills and experience in the industry who has not attained Journeyman status, did not participate in the introductory apprenticeship courses and program, and has been determined by testing conducted under the auspices of the DCTC to possess a skill level of at least 60% of what would be expected of a Journeyman. Upon being employed by an Employer, an individual who may be considered eligible for Improver status shall be tested through the DCTC and assigned a percentage status based on demonstrated skills. If the individual does not attain at least 60% status, he shall not be eligible to work as an Improver but he may apply for participation in the apprenticeship program. If the individual is ranked at 60% status or higher, he may work for any Employer, subject to all other terms of this Agreement, and he shall be paid the same wages and benefits as provided in Section 14.3 for Apprentices. Improvers who received a rating from the DCTC before June 1, 2017 will follow the wage progression for Apprentices who entered the Apprenticeship Program before that date, and Improvers who were or are rated by the DCTC on or after June 1, 2017 will follow the wage progression for Apprentices who entered in the Apprenticeship Program on or after June 1, 2017.

As with Apprentices, Improvers who performed work under a predecessor to this Agreement on or before May 31,

2006, for which contributions were or should have been made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund, will continue to participate in and have payments made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund at the same rate as Journeymen. Improvers who did not perform such work on or before May 31, 2006, will not participate in or have payments made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund during the period they remain as Improvers, but will begin to participate in and have contributions made on their behalf to the Annuity Fund when they become Journeymen.

The Improver will advance in status and pay grade in the same manner as an Apprentice and will have the same obligations as an Apprentice to participate in the training programs provided through the DCTC. The DCTC shall inform the Improver, the District Council, and the Improver's current Employer of any failure by the Improver to participate or make suitable progress in the training program, using the same criteria that would be used for an Apprentice. If the Improver does not correct the problem within what the DCTC finds to be a suitable time and in what the DCTC finds to be a suitable manner, the DCTC shall so notify the Improver, the District Council, and the Improver's current Employer and the Employer will then be required to terminate the Improver, who will not be eligible to work as an Improver for one year. Upon completion of the training program and completion of the required amount of work, the Improver shall attain Journeyman status in the same manner as an Apprentice.

#### **14.5 Ratios**

- (i) Where a sufficient number of qualified Apprentices are available to that Employer, each Employer shall employ a minimum of one Apprentice or Improver for each five Journeymen and a maximum of one Apprentice or Improver for each three Journeymen, except that on all residential work three stories or less with a maximum of 25 dwelling units per structure, the Employer may, at its sole option, employ up to two Apprentices or Improvers for each Journeyman. For purposes of determining whether the Employer is within the required ratio range, employment of Apprentices or Improvers and Journeymen will be considered on a company-wide

basis. It shall be a violation of this Agreement for any Employer not to be within the required ratio range, and such violation shall subject the Employer to a fine. Upon receipt of written notice from the Union that it is not within the required ratio range, the Employer shall have one week to come into compliance and to inform the Union that it has done so. If the Employer fails to come into compliance and so notify the Union within one week, it shall immediately begin paying the fine. The fine shall be payable to the DCTC Fund and shall be in the amount of \$500.00 per week until the Employer reaches the required ratio range, except that if the Employer fails to pay the fine upon being informed by the District Council of the obligation to do so and the District Council presents the matter to the Joint Arbitration Board, the Employer may be required to pay an additional amount.

- (ii) No Employer is required to employ any Improvers. If the Employer does employ Improvers, it must employ at least one Apprentice for each two Improvers, as set forth in the following schedule:

Number of Improvers	Required Number of Apprentices
1	0
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	2
6	3
7	3 and so forth.

Any violation of this ratio requirement shall subject the Employer to a fine. Upon being notified by the Union that it is in violation of this requirement, the Employer shall have one week to come into compliance and so notify the Union. If it fails to do so, it shall pay a fine to the DCTC Fund equal to the total wages and Fund contributions paid to and on behalf of the number of Improvers

employed above the permitted number, with the rate of pay based on the most highly paid Improver or Improvers above the required number, and the Employer will be required to pay such fine until it comes into compliance. If the Employer fails to pay the required fine upon being informed by the District Council of the obligation to do so and the District Council presents the matter to the Joint Arbitration Board, the Employer may be required to pay an additional amount.

- (iii) The Employer's obligation to comply with the ratios described in this section, and its liability for fines for failing to comply with these ratios, will not apply if Apprentices are unavailable, but the Employer will be required to come into compliance when Apprentices become available. In addition, the obligation of all Employers to comply with the ratios shall be enforced on a fair and even basis and the Joint Arbitration Board shall consider all issues of availability of Apprentices, good faith efforts to comply with the ratio requirements, and fairness and evenhandedness of enforcement when considering grievances involving this provision.

## 14.6

**New Signatories:** Employers that have not previously been signatory to an agreement with the District Council will be exempted for a maximum of three years from the ratio requirements of Section 14.5 to the extent necessary to allow them to continue to employ, in the appropriate classification, employees who are in their employ at the time they first become signatory to a contract with the District Council; but all new hires must move the Employer closer to the required ratio range. Any abuse of this Section 14.6 will be subject to action by and order of the Joint Arbitration Board. The limited exemption provided for in this Section 14.6 shall not be deemed to violate the Most Favored Nations clause of this Agreement or to give any other Employer any right pursuant to that clause.

## 14.7

**Saw Work:** In order to expose Apprentices and Improvers to all aspects of the trade, Apprentices and Improvers shall not operate a saw for more than eight (8) hours in any one work week except in unusual circumstances. No Apprentice or Improver shall be entitled to any back pay or other monetary remedy for any violation of this provision, this provision being enforced solely by a cease and desist order for the first violation and through fines for subsequent violations.

## 14.8

An apprentice category designated “Novice Trainee” will exist, with such category ceasing to exist effective May 31, 2020, unless the parties agree otherwise. Employers may employ novice trainees to perform work covered by Article V. Each novice trainee must pay a \$25.00 registration fee to the applicable Local Union and must produce the receipt for such payment while working as a novice trainee, and no Employer shall permit an individual to work as a novice trainee unless and until that individual presents the registration fee receipt to the Employer. Employment of each novice trainee is limited to a 200 hour probationary period, after which period the Employer must decide whether the novice trainee will be retained as an apprentice through the DCTC or be terminated. No individual may work as a novice trainee for more than 200 hours for any one Employer or a cumulative total of more than 200 hours for more than one Employer; and it shall be the responsibility of each Employer hiring an individual as a novice trainee to assure compliance with this requirement. The Employer must notify the District Council in writing when a novice trainee is either terminated or retained, and must do so within 48 hours of informing the novice trainee. Failure by the Employer to provide such written notice or otherwise abide by the requirements of this Section 14.8 may be grounds for the Joint Arbitration Board to impose an appropriate remedy, including barring the Employer from future employment of novice trainees. If the novice trainee is to be retained, it will be his or her responsibility to apply to the Apprenticeship Program, and such application will be treated as would any application. The

decision of the Employer to terminate a novice trainee during or at the end of the probationary period will be at the Employer's sole discretion and will not be subject to challenge through the procedures of Article X.

Novice trainees will be paid 45% of the minimum wage rate set for journeymen. No benefit fund contributions or other payments except wages will be paid on behalf of a novice trainee unless he or she is retained after the 200 hour probationary period, at which point the Employer must pay Health and Welfare and Annuity contributions retroactively for the probationary period; and thereafter all contributions and payments will be made on a prospective basis. The Employer recognizes that novice trainees will not have received the safety and first aid training provided by the DCTC, and must take proper steps to compensate for that lack of training.

An Employer may employ one novice trainee for the first ten or fewer journeymen in its employ. After the Employer uses an initial novice trainee, the Employer must abide by the ten to one ratio and at least one Apprentice must be included among the ten journeymen when available. The Local Union in whose area the work is being performed must approve application of the ratio for employment of more than one novice trainee. Employers may only employ novice trainees if they are current on all fringe benefit fund contributions, and no Employer may employ a novice trainee if there is a pending Joint Arbitration Board decision with which it has not complied.

## **ARTICLE XV FOREMEN**

### **15.1**

There shall be a Foreman on all jobs on which four or more bricklayers or stone masons are employed, who shall have the sole authority to hire and discharge. The Foreman may work with the tools of the trade, at the contractor's discretion, up to and including jobs on which twelve bricklayers and stone masons (including the Foreman) are employed. The Foreman shall be a non-working Foreman on jobs on which more than

twelve bricklayers and stone masons (including the Foreman) are employed.

## **15.2**

Foremen shall receive not less than 10% per hour above the journeyman wage stipulated in this Agreement. There may be employed, at the discretion of the Employer, a bricklayer who assumes additional responsibilities, who may be employed as a Sub-Foreman at the minimum rate of 5% per hour over the stipulated journeyman wage in this Agreement; however the Sub-Foreman shall not have the right or authority to hire or discharge.

## **15.3 Foremen Duties**

No person shall act as foreman unless he is a skilled and competent craftsman. It shall be the duty of each foreman to keep a complete record of all jobs under construction upon which he is employed or acting and notify the Union office when starting a job giving the location and the contractor's name, and also shall notify the Union office when the job is completed. All foremen are to be supplied with all plans pertaining to their work, and the bricklayers and stone masons are to take orders from no one on the job except the employing contractor's representatives.

Foremen shall act as safety men and have full authority to declare a job unsafe, and the steward or any employee on the job shall have the right to call unsafe conditions to the foreman's attention.

**Hiring, Discharge or Discipline of Employees:** It shall be the duty of the foreman to discharge or discipline bricklayers or stone masons only for legitimate and just reasons, and he shall pay particular attention to the working rules concerning the discharge and laying off of men, and arrange for their prompt payment at such time. The bricklayer foreman shall be in charge of the hiring and discharging of all bricklayers on the job.

**Treatment of Employees:** Foremen must treat men working under them in a proper and just manner and in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Bricklayers or stone masons shall not lose time if compelled to



wait for the building of a scaffold or for stocking the scaffold or floors with material. The Employers or their representatives shall not be permitted to give any advance in wages to employees nor shall they be permitted to lend money to employees covered by this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XVI STEWARDS**

### **16.1 Duties of Stewards**

All stewards must be members of the Union in good standing. In addition to his work as an employee under the terms of this Agreement, the steward shall be permitted to perform during working hours such of his normal Union duties as cannot be performed at other times. The Union agrees that such duties shall be performed as expeditiously as possible and the Employer agrees to allow the steward a reasonable amount of time for performance of such duties. The steward shall receive the regular rate of pay for a bricklayer or stone mason. The steward shall be subject to the rules and decisions of the Joint Arbitration Board. The steward shall always, while at work, carry a copy of this Agreement and these Working Rules. The steward's duties shall consist of examining all working dues books and cards issued to bricklayers, stone masons, and apprentices at any time, in his judgment, it is necessary but as far as possible, without inconveniencing the Employer. The duties of the steward shall also be to check terms and conditions of work and starting dates of employment for new employees, and all workers employed on a job shall report to the steward any differences or disputes that may arise in connection with the work or any part of it, and the steward shall report such differences or disputes to the Union. Stewards shall call time for starting and quitting work, and shall be furnished with a key to the shed. The steward shall be present whenever the Employer pays employees covered by this Agreement and shall have the right to examine each paycheck given to each such employee. The steward's duties shall not include any matters relating to hiring, termination, or discipline of employees.

## **16.2 Appointment of Stewards**

The Union, acting through its authorized representative, shall have the right to appoint and place a steward of its own choosing on all jobs of each Employer through May 31, 2020.

## **16.3 Discharge of Steward**

If it becomes necessary to discharge or lay off any bricklayer or stone mason because of the completion of the work or otherwise, the worker appointed and acting as steward shall not be discharged or laid off, while other bricklayers or stone masons remain employed on the job. Nothing herein contained shall in any way restrict the right of an Employer to discharge a steward for cause. The Employer shall notify the authorized representative of the Union twenty-four hours prior to termination of a steward, except a discharge for just cause. If a steward is discharged for just cause, the authorized representative of the Union shall be notified immediately by the Employer.

## **16.4 Replacement of Steward**

The Union reserves the right to replace any steward who has been found derelict in his duties. Any steward substituted for one replaced by the Union shall be subject to the rights and duties as set forth in this Agreement.

# **ARTICLE XVII NON-DISCRIMINATION**

## **17.1**

No party to this Agreement shall discriminate against any employee or any Employer covered by this Agreement by reason of said person's race, color, religious affiliation, national origin, or any other basis prohibited by law. The provisions of this Agreement relating to Strikes and Lockouts and Settlement of Disputes shall apply to any charge made by any party of a violation of this provision.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **SAFETY**

#### **18.1**

All laws as to safety regulations or requirements, whether city, state, or federal, shall be strictly observed by both Employer and employee.

#### **18.2**

All prevailing safety regulations shall apply on scaffolding constructed for members working on same within the jurisdiction of this Union.

#### **18.3**

When required, Safety (Hard) Hats shall be provided by the Employer. The Employer shall provide one new helmet-liner and/or sweatbands as required. The employee shall be responsible for issued equipment and to sign a personal note for the cost of replacement for said equipment. For lost or damaged issued equipment, the employee shall reimburse the Employer at cost.

#### **18.4**

Should a bricklayer be required by law to accompany any Safety Inspector, city, state, or federal (O.S.H.A.) on a Safety Inspection on the job site, he shall do so with pay; however, the individual bricklayer shall be the Foreman or his designee and the Steward on the job shall be informed of any unsafe violations found pertaining to the masonry work.

#### **18.5**

Suitable covering shall be provided as protection for employees when work is going on overhead.

#### **18.6**

Where dry cutting machines are used to cut terra cotta, brick or brick tile, cement or cinder blocks, the Employer shall furnish a regulation mask to cover the operator's nose and mouth, and also furnish safety goggles. Where wet cutting machines are used the Employer shall furnish a pair of rubber gloves, rubber apron, and dry elevated platform. All dry cutting machines used by bricklayers are to be furnished with

some mechanical, electrical, or suction device, or other engineering controls, to draw and keep away all dust at all times from all bricklayers. All cutting machines shall be adequately grounded before being operated. Whenever furnished and required by the Employer, the employee shall wear a safety helmet. It is understood that all employees shall be required to comply with these safety provisions.

## **ARTICLE XIX WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

### **19.1**

It shall be a condition of employment that all Employers shall carry all necessary insurance required by any applicable Workers' Compensation Law of the state and shall comply with all such laws. All Employers shall upon request furnish a copy of the certificate of insurance or compliance with any applicable Workers' Compensation Law to the Union and will supply a copy of any such cancellation at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of said cancellation of such coverage to the Union.

### **19.2**

Employees covered by this Joint Agreement are not permitted to work for any Employer who does not carry Workers' Compensation insurance.

### **19.3**

All Employers shall elect to be bound and shall cover all employees represented by this Union under any existing Social Security Law or any Unemployment Compensation law and shall furnish to the Union the Social Security Tax Number of the Employer.

## **ARTICLE XX DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PROGRAM**

### **I. Policy Statement**

The parties recognize the problems created by drug and alcohol abuse and the need to develop prevention and treatment programs. (Company Name), and the signatory unions seek to protect people and property, and to provide a

safe working environment. The purpose of the following program is to establish and maintain a drug free, alcohol free, safe, health work environment for all of its employees.

## II. Definitions

- a. **Company Premises** - The term "Company Premises" as used in this policy includes all property, facilities, land, buildings, structures, automobiles, trucks and other vehicles owned, leased or used by the company. Construction job sites for which the company has responsibility are included.
- b. **Prohibited Items & Substances** - Prohibited substances include illegal drugs (including controlled substances, look alike drugs and designer drugs), alcohol beverages, and drug paraphernalia in the possession of or being used by an employee on the job.
- c. **Employee** - Individuals, who perform work for (Company Name), including, but not limited to, management, supervision, engineering, craft workers and clerical personnel.
- d. **Accident** - Any event resulting in injury to a person or property to which an employee, or contractor/contractor's employee, contributed as a direct or indirect cause.
- e. **Incident** - An event which has all the attributes of an accident, except that no harm was caused to person or property.
- f. **Reasonable Cause** - Reasonable cause shall be defined as excessive tardiness, excessive absenteeism, and erratic behavior such as noticeable imbalance, incoherence, and disorientation.

## III. Confidentiality

- a. All parties to this policy and program have only the interest of employees in mind, therefore, encourage any employee with a substance abuse problem to come forward and voluntarily accept our assistance in dealing with the illness. An

employee assistance program will provide guidance and direction for you during your recovery period. If you volunteer for help, the company will make every reasonable effort to return you to work upon your recovery. The company will also take action to assure that your illness is handled in a confidential manner.

- b. All actions taken under this policy and program will be confidential and disclosed only to those with a "need to know."
- c. When a test is required, the specimen will be identified by a code number, not by name, to insure confidentiality of the donor. Each specimen container will be properly labeled and made tamper proof. The donor must witness this procedure.
- d. Unless an initial positive result is confirmed as positive, it shall be deemed negative and reported by the laboratory as such.
- e. The handling and transportation of such specimen will be properly documented through the strict chain of custody procedures.

#### **IV. Rules - Disciplinary Actions - Grievance Procedures**

1. **Rules** - All employees must report to work in a physical condition or that will enable them to perform their jobs in a safe and efficient manner. Employees shall not:
  - a. Use, possess, dispense or receive prohibited substances on or at the job site; or
  - b. report to work with any measurable amount of prohibited substances in their systems.
2. **Discipline** - When the company has reasonable cause to believe an employee is under the influence of a prohibited substance, for reasons of safety, the employee may be suspended until test results are available. If no test results are received after three (3) working days, the employee, if available, shall be returned to work with back pay. If the test results

prove negative, the employee shall be reinstated with back pay. In all other cases:

- a. Applicants testing positive for drug use will not be hired.
  - b. Employees who have not voluntarily come forward, and who tests positive for drug use, will be terminated.
  - c. Employees who refuse to cooperate with testing procedures will be terminated.
  - d. Employees found in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia will be terminated.
  - e. Employees found selling or distributing drugs will be terminated.
  - f. Employees found under the influence of alcohol while on duty, or while operating a company vehicle, will be subject to termination.
3. **Prescription Drugs** - Employees using prescription medication which may impair the performance of job duties, either mental or motor functions, must immediately inform their supervisors of such prescription drug use. For the safety of all employees, the company will consult with you and your physician to determine if a reassignment of duties is necessary. The company will attempt to accommodate your needs by making any appropriate re-assignment. However, if a re-assignment is not possible, you will be placed on temporary medical leave until released as fit for duty by a prescribed physician.
4. **Grievance** - All aspects of this policy and program shall be subject to the grievance procedure contained in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

## **V. Drug/Alcohol Testing**

The parties to this policy and program agree that under certain circumstances, the company will find it necessary to conduct drug and alcohol testing. While “random” testing is not necessary for the proper operations of

this policy and program, it may be necessary to require testing under the following conditions:

- a. A pre-employment drug and alcohol test may be administered to all applicants for employment. Employees recalled to work by an Employer, and employees referred to an Employer by the Union who are requested to be tested, shall be compensated at their regular hourly rate of pay for the time required in such testing;
- b. A test may be administered in the event a supervisor has a reasonable cause to believe that the employee has reported to work under the influence, or is or has been under the influence while on the job; or has violated this drug policy. During the process of establishing reasonable cause for testing, the employee has the right to request his on-site representative to be present;
- c. Testing may be required if an employee is involved in a workplace accident/incident or if there is a workplace injury;
- d. Testing may be required as a part of a follow-up to counseling or rehabilitation for substance abuse, for up to a one (1) year period.

Each employee will be required to sign a consent and chain of custody form, assuring proper documentation and accuracy. If an employee refuses to sign a consent form authorizing the test, ongoing employment by the company will be terminated.

Drug testing will be conducted by an independent accredited laboratory (National Institute on Drug Abuse and/or College of American Pathology), and may consist of either blood or urine tests, or both as required. Blood tests will be utilized for post accident investigation only.

The company will bear the costs of all testing procedures.

## **VI. Rehabilitation and Employee Assistance Program**

Employees are encouraged to seek help for a drug or alcohol problem before it deteriorates into a disciplinary



matter. If an employee voluntarily notifies supervision that he or she may have a substance abuse problem, the company will assist in locating a suitable employee assistance program for treatment, and will counsel the employee regarding medical benefits available under the company or union health and welfare/insurance program.

If treatment necessitates time away from work, the company shall provide for the employee an unpaid leave of absence for purposes of participation in an agreed upon treatment program. An employee who successfully completes a rehabilitation program shall be reinstated to his/her former employment status, if work for which he/she is qualified exists.

Employees returning to work after successfully completing the rehabilitation program will be subject to drug tests without prior notice for a period of one year. A positive test will then result in disciplinary action as previously outlined in this policy and program.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

### **TOOLS**

#### **21.1**

No Employer shall lease or rent equipment to employees. All violations should be reported to the Joint Arbitration Board for action.

#### **21.2**

Employees shall furnish all normal personal hand tools that are required in the installation of masonry work.

#### **21.3**

All mechanical or electrical tools or equipment, or requested special tools not normally required by a bricklayer to install masonry work, shall be provided by the Employer.

#### **21.4**

No bricklayer shall be permitted to spread mortar on the wall with any implement other than a trowel, a mechanical mortar spreader, or other International Union approved devices; nor shall he be permitted to lay brick or

stone in any material placed on the wall by anyone not working under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

### **EMPLOYMENT DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

#### **22.1**

During inclement weather an effort shall be made to employ the greatest number of employees possible on a rotation basis.

#### **22.2**

Where severe weather or other conditions prevent exterior work, all men prevented from working shall be given interior work, if available. If the available interior work is insufficient to employ all men prevented from doing exterior work, the available interior work shall be distributed fairly among the men prevented from doing exterior work with the approval of the Steward and the Foreman.

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

### **ADVERTISING**

#### **23.1**

The contractor may advertise in the daily papers, but must give his correct name and address and no contractor shall advertise to pay more than the minimum rate of wages. No contractor shall advertise for more men than are required on the particular building or job.

#### **23.2**

When more than the minimum rate of wages is advertised or paid, no Employer shall make a reduction in the wages of the bricklayer or mason until the completion of the job. When an Employer increases or advertises wages above scale on any job, this rate shall become the prevailing wage for all employees of such Employer covered by this Agreement on that job and the said increase shall continue until the job is completed. Valid subsistence allowances paid by the Employer shall not be deemed to be wages within the meaning of this section.

## **ARTICLE XXIV**

### **BONDS**

#### **24.1 Bond Obligation**

Any employer that (i) first becomes bound to an agreement with the District Council on or after June 1, 2010, or (ii) is or becomes delinquent in any obligations owed under this Agreement, regardless of the length or amount of the delinquency, and regardless of whether it subsequently cures the delinquency, must furnish a satisfactory surety company's bond, in the amount stated in Section 24.2, to guarantee payment of all obligations under this Agreement. Any Employer that was bound to an agreement with the District Council before June 1, 2010, and was not required to provide a bond, will not be required to provide a bond unless it incurs any delinquency, in which case that Employer must provide a bond in the amount stated in Section 24.2. Any Employer that was bound to an agreement with the District Council as of May 31, 2010, and maintained a bond in the proper amount as of that date, may retain the bond in that amount unless it incurs any delinquency, in which case that Employer must increase its bond to the amount stated in Section 24.2. An Employer that had a bond as of May 31, 2010, but is not required because of a delinquency to increase the amount of that bond to the amounts stated in Section 24.2, is subject to and responsible for changes in the bond amount based on changes in the number of employees, but any such changes will be based on the bond amounts set forth in the version of Article XXIV, Section 24.2 in effect on May 31, 2010. An Employer that, until granting its bargaining rights to one of the Associations, was party to an independent Memorandum of Understanding, will not incur an obligation to provide a bond because of its grant of bargaining rights to the Association. Any Employer that is required to post a bond shall maintain the bond as long as the Employer is party to a collective bargaining agreement with the District Council.

#### **24.2 Bond Amount**

If the Employer has two (2) employees or fewer working under this Agreement, the bond shall be in the amount of \$10,000.00; if the Employer has three (3) to five (5)

such employees, the bond shall be in the amount of \$30,000.00; if the Employer has six (6) to ten (10) such employees, the bond shall be in the amount of \$60,000.00; if the Employer has eleven (11) to twenty (20) such employees, the bond shall be in the amount of \$120,000.00; if the Employer has twenty-one (21) to thirty (30) such employees, the bond shall be in the amount of \$180,000.00; and the amount of the bond shall increase \$60,000.00 for each additional ten (10) employees. The determination of the number of employees working under the Agreement for purposes of setting the amount of the bond will be based on the largest number of such employees within the twelve month period preceding the time the obligation to provide the bond arose. If, after the obligation to provide the bond arises or after the Employer provides the bond, the number of employees working for the Employer under the Agreement increases to an amount that would have required a bond in a higher amount, the Employer shall be required to post a bond in that higher amount or to increase the size of its bond to that level. The Union may, at its sole discretion, accept a bond in a lesser amount than provided in this section or not require the Employer to increase the amount of an existing bond, and no such action by the Union as to one Employer but not another Employer will be deemed to violate the Most Favored Nations Clause of the Agreement.

### **24.3 Alternate Form of Security**

The Union may, at its sole discretion, accept a cash bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other security instrument which it deems proper, and if such an alternate security instrument is provided and accepted, all references in this Article and elsewhere in this Agreement to a "bond" shall be deemed to apply to such alternate security instrument.

### **24.4 Enforcement of Bond Obligation**

No Employer that fails to provide a bond within ten (10) days of the time the Union submits a written request that it provide a bond may continue to perform work covered by this Agreement until it provides the bond as requested, unless it obtains an award or order providing otherwise from the JAB, another arbitrator, or a court. Notwithstanding anything to

the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Union is not required to utilize the grievance or arbitration procedure if an Employer that may be required to post a payment bond fails to do so within ten days of the time the Union submits a written request to the Employer to do so. The Union may, upon expiration of such ten days, seek immediate relief in any court of proper jurisdiction. If the Union utilizes this provision of the Agreement to obtain an order from a court requiring an Employer to furnish a payment bond, the Union shall be entitled to recover from that Employer all reasonable legal fees and costs incurred, and shall be entitled to recover such fees and costs as a part of the legal action without resorting to the grievance or arbitration procedure.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, if an Employer that is required to post a payment bond fails to do so within ten days of the time the Union submits a written request to the Employer to do so, the Union may, at its sole discretion, withdraw the employees of the Employer or take other economic action, and may publicize its dispute with the Employer regarding the obligation to post a bond. The Union's rights to engage in such actions and to take other steps as described in this Section to obtain a bond are cumulative. No decision or action by the Union to use one or more methods of seeking to obtain a bond from one Employer but not from another Employer will be deemed to violate the Most Favored Nations Clause of the Agreement.

#### **24.5 New Contracts**

No new contract will take effect until the Employer provides the required bond. The President of the District Council will have the discretion to allow a contract to become effective before a bond is provided and the exercise of this discretion shall not be deemed to violate the Most Favored Nations Clause of this Agreement. All provisions of Article XXIV shall apply to bonds posted or required pursuant to this subsection except that if the President of the District Council has exercised his discretion to allow a contract to become effective before a bond is provided, then in addition to the enforcement procedures and remedies provided in Section 24.4, the Union may cancel the contract before the Employer has provided the required bond, which cancellation will be

effective upon the Union giving the Employer written notice that it is exercising this right.

#### **24.6 Additional Bond Obligation**

If any party to this Agreement believes there is a reasonable possibility that obligations under this Agreement will go unpaid and will be lost if no action is taken to obtain a bond prior to an Employer without a bond becoming delinquent, and/or if a bond in a higher amount than provided for in Section 24.2 is not received, that party may, upon 72 hours' written notice to such Employer, present the question to the JAB. The JAB must then convene and hear evidence presented by the party raising the issue, along with any evidence presented by or on behalf of the Employer in question. If the JAB determines there is a reasonable possibility that obligations under this Agreement will not be paid and will be lost in the absence of such action, it shall require the Employer to obtain a bond as discussed in Section 24.1, notwithstanding that no delinquency exists or occurred, and/or to post a bond in a higher amount than provided for in Section 24.2. In determining whether a bond and/or a bond in a higher amount should be required under these circumstances, the JAB cannot act in an arbitrary manner. Without limiting the right of the JAB to require an Employer to obtain a bond and/or to post a bond in a higher amount under the provisions set forth in this paragraph for other reasons, one factor the JAB may consider is that the Employer, or an owner or principal of the Employer, is or was associated or affiliated with an Employer that failed to satisfy obligations on a previous occasion. If the JAB rules an Employer should obtain a bond and/or post a bond in a higher amount pursuant to this section, the Employer must do so within ten days of receipt of written notice of such decision by the JAB and if the Employer fails to do so, the Union may then utilize the procedures set forth in Section 24.4.

#### **24.7 Bond Form**

The bond shall be in such form as the JAB may prescribe from time to time. The District Council will have the discretion to accept a bond in a different form, and the

exercise of this discretion shall not be deemed to violate the Most Favored Nations Clause of this Agreement.

#### **24.8 Pro Rata Distribution**

If a bond is posted, delinquencies or unpaid obligations occur, recovery is sought against the bond, and the total obligations exceed the amount of the bond, payment shall be apportioned among all obligations on a pro rata basis, whereby each obligation will be paid at the same percentage, except the JAB may provide for a different distribution formula on a case-by-case basis.

#### **24.9 Bond Reports**

The Union will provide quarterly reports identifying those Employers that have provided bonds, and the amount of their bonds, to those Benefit Funds identified in Article VIII that request such reports; but the Benefit Funds requesting and receiving such quarterly reports must agree that nobody other than the Fund Administrator and Trustees will receive or have access to those reports, that none of them will disclose any contents of those reports to anybody else, and that none of them will refer to those reports or their contents except in communications with the Union and with other Trustees.

### **ARTICLE XXV CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT**

#### **25.1**

A representative of the Union or the LMCC, acting in his official capacity as a representative, shall have reasonable access to all jobs over which the Employer exercises the control of entry.

#### **25.2**

Where job site security is enforced, the Employer agrees to make prior arrangements for Union or LMCC representatives to enter the job site.

#### **25.3**

The Union or the LMCC shall have the right to inspect the payroll records of the Employer for the purpose of determining whether the Employer is complying with the

provisions of this Agreement relating to the rate and amount of wages, fringe benefits, and contributions to the Promotion Funds being paid to or on behalf of employees. In addition to the right of the steward to make such an examination, any representative of the Union or the LMCC shall have the right, upon request, to be present whenever the Employer pays employees covered by this Agreement and shall have the right to examine each paycheck given to each employee. The Union or the LMCC shall have the right to make periodic examinations of all Employers who make it a practice to employ bricklayers on Saturdays. The Employer shall make such books and records available at reasonable business times and hours to the representatives of a certified public accountant designated by the Union or the LMCC. If an audit of such records reveals that the Employer has not violated the provisions contained in this Agreement, the cost of such audit shall be borne by the Union or the LMCC; if the audit reveals violations by the Employer, the cost of the audit shall be borne by the Employer, except in the case of an obvious technical error. The Union may stop any job in order to compel an Employer to make such books and records available and may publicize such stoppage or attempted stoppage of work, and the employees who are affected by such stoppage of work shall be paid for lost time up to 16 hours provided that two days' notice of the intention to remove employees from a job is given to the Employer by the Union by registered or certified mail, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. Such stoppage of work to compel an Employer to make his books and records available and the publicizing of such shall not be considered a violation of the Agreement on the part of the Union.

#### **25.4**

Each Local Union shall take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to ensure that all Employers and all employees covered by this Agreement are in compliance with all working conditions contained in this Agreement, including payment of applicable wage rates and fringe benefit contributions for all hours worked by employees covered by this Agreement. There shall be formed a joint compliance committee ("JCC") to be composed of five members of the Northern Illinois Mason Employers Council and five members



of the District Council. The District Council and the Employers Council shall further elect one alternate member each to serve when one of their respective members is unable to attend any duly constituted meeting. The JCC shall meet on or about the 15th day of each calendar quarter to review all information relative to employees receiving wage rates and fringe benefit contributions as provided in this Agreement, and to review job visitations and related actions taken by Local Unions during the preceding quarter. Special meetings of the JCC may be called by any two members of the committee at any time to review and to take necessary actions based upon all local union reports when the JCC ascertains that there are grounds for believing that an employer is paying wages and fringe benefit contributions for fewer hours than are actually worked. In discharging their responsibilities under this section, each Local Union shall:

**A.** Within five (5) business days of signing a labor agreement, transmit to a designee of the Northern Illinois Mason Employers Council, two (2) photocopies of signature pages of all signed labor agreements between the District Council and employers located within the Local Union's geographic jurisdiction, showing the name and address of the signatory Employer. An additional copy of each signature page shall be distributed to the Welfare and Pension Fund office and the Local Union business representative's office.

**B.** Regularly visit all job sites in the respective Local Union geographic jurisdictions at which they have been notified pursuant to this Agreement that bricklaying work is being performed, and visit any and all job sites reported by the designee of the Employers' Members on the JCC ("Employers' Designee"). Upon visiting a job site, the Local Union representative shall check the following items:

- (1) Name of Employer.
- (2) Whether Employer is signatory to this Agreement.
- (3) Upon specific request by the JCC, endeavor to review with the foreman each employee's paycheck and compile a list of the bricklayers' names, hours worked, hourly rates paid, and the total wages paid for the pay period.

- (4) When deemed appropriate by the Local Union representative, advise a District Council Member of the JCC and the Employers' Designee by telephone by the end of the next business day and follow with his written report of said facts to both Committee representatives within three (3) business days.

C. When the JCC, at a regular quarterly meeting or a special meeting, determines that there are grounds for believing that an Employer is paying wages and fringe benefit contributions for fewer hours than are actually worked by employees, or otherwise failing to pay the applicable wage rates and fringe benefit contributions required by this Agreement, the Local Union representative shall:

- (1) Within two (2) business days, ascertain the actual starting and quitting times of Employees on that job.
- (2) Visit the job site for the next five (5) working days (Monday through Friday) once in the morning and once in the evening at quitting time and ascertain the names of employees working on that project for that work week, and the hours worked for that week. In addition, the Local Union representative shall visit the job site during the last work week of the same month and provide the same information as indicated to be ascertained during the first week's visits as shown above.
- (3) Notify the Trustees of the Fringe Benefit Funds to which the Employer is obligated to contribute and request that they obtain an audit of the Employer's books and records as provided in Section 8.16 of this Agreement.
- (4) Each employee on a job site shall be presumptively deemed to have worked for all hours between the starting and quitting times, as determined by the Local Union representatives, except to the extent rebutted by each employee to the contrary, and, notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Employer shall pay wages and

fringe benefit contributions based on that number of hours.

**D.** If a Local Union determines that wages or fringe benefits being paid by an Employer on any job are not in compliance with this Agreement, the Local Union shall take all lawful actions to obtain proper payment of wages and fringe benefits. Any Employer found by the JAB, another arbitrator, or a court not to have paid all of the wages and fringe benefit contributions as required by this Agreement, in addition to paying the wages, contributions and liquidated damages due, shall pay the full cost, including reasonable attorneys fees and other expenses, of any investigation and proceedings before the Joint Arbitration Board or any arbitrator and any legal proceedings instituted by the Union or a Fringe Benefit Fund, to enforce this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XXVI WORK RULES**

### **26.1 Signs**

When not prohibited by the owner, all mason or bricklayer contractors shall display a printed sign in a prominent place on each job legible from the street, with their name, address, and telephone number printed thereon.

### **26.2 Vehicle Identification**

All contractors will display company identification on all trucks and forklifts owned by the Employer.

### **26.3 Bids Shall Include Materials**

Employers in submitting a bid or estimate to a contractor for any masonry work shall include all materials, necessary or required to complete the work, as purchased from or paid directly to the manufacturer, dealer, or agent of the material supplier; and no Employer shall accept any contract with an owner or as a subcontractor or by the thousand or lump sum, of any character, without furnishing the material therefor.

#### **26.4 Limitations of Work**

There shall be no limitation placed on the amount of work to be performed by an employee during working hours.

#### **26.5 Piecework of any kind is prohibited.**

#### **26.6 Donation of Work**

No work shall be donated by any member, unless it is for the member's immediate family, or another member. The immediate family shall mean: parents, children or wards, brothers, sisters. The Union is to be notified whenever this type of work is to take place.

#### **26.7 Soliciting for Presents or Donations**

No employee covered by the Joint Agreement shall solicit subscriptions for the purpose of making presents or donations to foremen or superintendents on any job.

#### **26.8 Fire or Theft Losses**

Contractors shall be required to pay a mason or bricklayer \$300.00 for the loss of tools and \$50.00 for the loss of clothes by fire or theft after quitting time when they have been locked in the shed provided for that purpose.

#### **26.9 Use of Line**

The contractor shall furnish mason lines on all jobs. The line on brickwork shall be put up by one course at a time, except in the case of obstructions. Corner poles, deadmen, temporary bucks, and any other instruments may be used on all residential construction and all types of exterior construction for one (1) story height or stories, which use therefor may increase production or improve the quality of the masonry installation. Bricklayers and stone masons shall install all such devices. A line shall be used on both sides of a wall twelve inches (12") or over.

#### **26.10 Scaffold**

Contractors shall provide a ladder for bricklayers and masons to get on and off scaffold. No scaffold shall be over five feet in height unless in case of obstruction, and all scaffolds to be not less than four feet wide with 18 inches between wall

and material. Mortar boards shall be elevated to a height of approximately 18 inches.

### **26.11 Block Units**

On all buildings where block units are used, two bricklayers or masons working as a team shall be used in placing blocks weighing 35 pounds or over.

### **26.12 Reporting for Work**

Employees who do not intend to report for work at the starting time shall notify Employer. A failure to report or to notify the Employer shall be cause for discipline.

### **26.13 Change and Tool House**

Every Employer, before the commencement of masonry operations on buildings of significant size or multi-story, shall provide on the job site a suitable shanty which shall be for the exclusive use of bricklayers and stone masons. The shanty shall be conveniently located in buildings three stories or higher. Gang boxes shall be located every four floors. The shanty shall be adequately lighted and heated from the 15th of October to the 15th of April. The shanty shall be equipped with lock and keys and the Steward, in addition to the Foreman, shall have a key to the shanty and gang boxes. Sufficient windows or vents to ensure proper ventilation must be maintained in each shed. The Employer shall be responsible for tools and work clothing lost in case of fire or in case of breaking and entering after working hours.

### **26.14 Drinking Water**

The Employer or owner shall furnish clean and covered portable drinking water containers with spigot and sanitary drinking cups and sufficient ice to keep water cold.

### **26.15 Toilet Facilities**

A toilet shall be provided on each job or, if not, employees shall be given time to go to the nearest public toilet.

## **ARTICLE XXVII**

### **FIREBRICK**

#### **27.1**

Every Employer who engages in fire brick work shall be bound not only by the provisions of this Joint Agreement but also by the terms and provisions of the Fire Brick Working Code which is set forth herein and expressly made a part hereof.

#### **27.2 Fire Brick Working Code**

**A.** Back fill on all fire brick work shall be done by bricklayers only and at such time as the specified height is reached and after walls are completely level in courses.

**B.** All coke oven walls over eighteen (18) inches thick shall be saddled by two bricklayers. Line shall be raised on both sides at the same time.

**C.** When electrical grinding stone or carborundums are used, bricklayers not using the same shall leave that part of the job until grinding operation is finished. No one bricklayer shall be kept grinding continually and adequate rest periods are given to the bricklayers engaged in this operation.

**D.** Scaffold height on coke oven walls shall not exceed three (3) feet in height. This does not apply to regenerator walls.

**E.** It shall be the duty of any employee who may be working next to any employee who may be causing delay to help him out if it is for the benefit of all concerned.

**F.** Four feet shall be scaffold height in stoves and stacks. A solid scaffold must be installed every six feet in blast furnaces. Platform boards shall be two inches thick. A bench scaffold four feet in width must be installed at the height of three feet in blast furnaces. Last course of scaffold height shall be the tram course.

**G.** All ladders are to be staggered not straight up and down; adequate lighting is to be provided to ensure safety when ascending or descending ladders. Stopping off place to be provided every twenty feet with a back rest. An emergency ladder to be suspended from the top in all blast furnaces.

There shall be platforms placed inside and outside of tuyere holes for bricklayers to enter and leave blast furnaces.

**H.** When bricklayers are engaged in laying brick, the contractors shall provide those employees with respirators where dusty conditions prevail, shall provide safety goggles on work that impairs the eyes, and shall wet down all dusty places whenever possible. Contractors shall provide precautionary measures on jobs where gas exists so bricklayers may be warned in due time for their safety. When bricklayers are employed on excessive hot work, the contractor shall provide proper counter fatigue aids which shall meet the standards prescribed by the state medical board and shall provide proper gloves and protective materials to safeguard bricklayers when they are handling hot work. Contractors shall supply wooden shoes or facsimile when working on heated surfaces, and contractors shall be responsible for tools, shoes, and clothes of bricklayers which burn in the performance of their duties on that work. This shall apply also to jobs where clothes, tools, and/or shoes are destroyed or damaged due to exceptional conditions.

**I.** When bricklayers are working on blast furnaces, stoves, dust catchers, stacks, or other fire brick jobs where scaffolds are used, the Employer shall have a fire extinguisher or extinguishers on the scaffold at all times.

**J.** When working in blast furnace and its above mantel and high temperature cement is used the contractor shall furnish the bricklayer with safety glasses.

**K.** No rack shall be permitted in a blast furnace.

**L.** Bricklayers cannot start more than one course of bottom block at a time. Each course shall be finished and ground before another is started.

**M.** All bricklayers while working on carbon shall be allowed twenty minutes cleanup time. This shall be at noon and quitting time, each day. All carbon brick work shall be paid at twenty-five cents (25¢) per hour above the rate set forth in this Agreement.

**N.** The contractor shall furnish kerosene or diesel oil for soaking tools in, each night while men are working on carbon.

**O.** Contractor shall furnish cleaning cloths and detergents for bricklayers' use when working on carbon.

**P.** All caulking with asbestos rope to be the work of bricklayers.

**Q.** A ten minute period for cleaning up shall be allowed at the end of a day's work when employed on fire brick work. Adequate time shall be allotted to bricklayers for walking time to and from the plant's parking lot.

**R.** When permission is granted for a twelve or more hour shift, an additional thirty minute lunch period shall be allowed at the expense of the Employer. This lunch period shall be taken immediately after eight hours have been worked and every four (4) hours thereafter.

**S.** Any member laid off shall be given one half hour to gather his tools when there is to be a layoff.

**T.** Any job starting with overtime shall continue with overtime until completion of the job.

**U.** When a man is laid off for lack of material, Employer shall see that the bricklayers that were laid off shall have been given first chance to come back to work. It shall be the obligation of the steward and the business agent to see that this provision is carried out.

**V.** All gunite work with refractory or insulating material shall be the work of employees covered by the Joint Agreement.

### **27.3 Shift Work**

When work is carried on in two or more shifts, the second and third shifts shall receive eight hours' pay for seven and one-half hours' work at the regular rate. This rule shall also apply to any Employer who finds it necessary to work only a night shift. No man shall work on more than one shift unless the man or men engaged for such work fail to report for work. This does not apply to cupola lining, retort, or conduit work.

### **27.4 Night Work**

Eight hours shall constitute a night's work, which shall commence at 4:00 P.M., when two gangs are employed, and when three gangs are employed, one shift may follow the



other immediately, and in that way work may be continuous. Shifts to work as follows: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; 4:00 P.M. to 12 Midnight; and 12 Midnight to 8:00 A.M. When two or more shifts are employed or when only a night shift is worked, the lunch period shall be included in the working time.

### **27.5**

Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Agreement, double-time rate shall be paid for all fire brick and related work performed before 8:00 A.M. and after 4:30 P.M. from Monday through Friday, except as modified by mutual written agreement. Double-time rate shall be paid for all fire brick and related work performed on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.

### **27.6**

All refractory provisions shall be superseded by the International Union Agreement when negotiated.

## **ARTICLE XXVIII PRECAST CONCRETE WORK**

### **28.1**

The following rules shall apply to contractors whose primary business is the installation and/or erection of precast concrete:

**A.** The Employer shall have the responsibility for notifying each employee of the work assignment, job location, and starting time for the next work day by 7:00 P.M., and will make a reasonable effort to do so.

**B.** No make-up days unless requested by employees due to inclement weather for more than one consecutive day.

**C.** Installation of B-5 braces shall be performed by a crew of two employees unless no other method is available.

**D.** No panels shall be cut loose from a crane until adequate strapping is welded and bracing is secured.

**E.** All Journeymen and Apprentice Precast Workers who are certified welders shall be paid 5% over the wage rate they would otherwise receive, but Journeymen and Apprentice Precast Workers who are not certified welders will receive the regular wage rate. Foremen shall receive 7% over

the rate provided here for Journeymen Precast Workers who are certified welders.

**F.** Only one Apprentice Precast Worker per five Journeymen Precast Workers can weld on a jobsite.

**G.** All Journeymen and Apprentice Precast Workers with less than (3) three years' experience in the erection of precast must successfully complete the rigging and safety training class provided by the District Council Training Center.

**H.** Unless the employees are notified at least one hour prior to starting time, any employee reporting for work shall receive no less than two (2) hours' pay. Any employee working two hours or more shall receive at least four (4) hours' pay. Any employee working four (4) hours or more shall receive at least eight (8) hours' pay. The Employer reserves the right to disperse employees to another jobsite.

**I.** No more than one Apprentice Precast Worker can be employed on a crew of five Precast Workers.

**J.** Employees will be paid for time spent traveling between a completed jobsite and the next jobsite.

**K.** All composite crew jobs will use composite crews to assemble and tear down the crane.

**L.** Any work that includes detailing or regular welding, grouting under precast panels, or taking down the pole braces shall be done by Bricklayers.

**M.** Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the Employer shall notify the employees of its intention to work overtime by 12:00 noon of the day in which the overtime is to occur.

## **ARTICLE XXIX MASONRY CLEANING**

### **29.1**

Except for masonry cleaning performed by an Employer with its own employees on a structure that it has erected or on which it has performed restoration work, the cleaning of any type of masonry shall be performed only by an

Employer that is a Certified Masonry Cleaning Contractor (“CMCC”) as determined by the District Council.

## **29.2**

Each CMCC shall notify the District Council on a form to be provided by the District Council and to be received by the District Council by facsimile transmission, mail, or personal delivery, or by telephone in accord with procedures to be set by the District Council if it would be impossible to provide written notice, at least 48 hours before the work is performed, each location at which the CMCC will be performing masonry cleaning.

## **29.3**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, a CMCC performing masonry cleaning may treat Saturday and Sunday as regular work days and is not required to pay a premium rate for work on Saturday or Sunday except for work in excess of 40 hours in one week or in excess of eight hours in one day, may employ up to three Apprentices or Improvers for each Journeyman, and may utilize any number of Improvers and any number of Apprentices in filling whatever number of Apprentice and Improver positions are available to it.

## **29.4**

Each Employer subletting such work shall identify, on form to be provided by the District Council, the name of each contractor to which masonry cleaning was sublet during the previous month, the location of each job where such work was sublet, and the dates of performance.

## **29.5**

No Employer that subcontracts work to a cleaning contractor that is signatory to an agreement with the District Council shall be responsible, liable, or involved in any way with any dispute as to which craft employees are assigned to perform the cleaning work.

**ARTICLE XXX**  
**MOST FAVORED NATIONS CLAUSE**

**30.1**

If during the term of this Agreement, the Union enters into a collective bargaining agreement with another construction industry employer or group of employers employing bricklayers, stone masons, and apprentices (with the exception of agreements with the Underground Contractors Association of Chicago, Independent Underground Contractors, or agreements covering in-plant maintenance work) which provides for wage rates or economic fringe benefits or work rules most favorable to such Employer than the corresponding provisions of this Agreement, the parties to this Agreement will meet promptly to draft an amendment to this Agreement incorporating such more favorable provisions.

**30.2**

The provisions of Section 30.1 may, at the discretion of the District Council, be suspended for a period not to exceed six (6) months for any newly organized Employer, but only with respect to work for which that Employer has contracted before the effective date of its Memorandum of Understanding, and the exercise of this discretion shall not be deemed to violate Section 30.1.

**30.3**

References in Article XXIV and Section 30.2 to specified conduct not violating the Most Favored Nations Clause shall be deemed also to mean that such conduct does not constitute providing wage rates or economic fringe benefits or work rules most favorable to such Employer than the corresponding provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXXI**  
**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

**31.1**

Should any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement be found in violation of any federal or state law, based on final court decisions or rulings of authorized

governmental agencies, then such terms and conditions shall become void and ineffective immediately on written notice to this effect from one party to the other, but all other provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

**31.2**

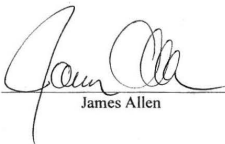
If there is a disagreement on the legal interpretation of any such court decisions or rulings, the subject matter shall be promptly referred to the Joint Arbitration Board for final determination through legal counsel.

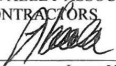
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of June 1, 2017.

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