

IAMAW Membership Milestones

Atomic Lodge 480 Retiree's Meeting April 18, 2017



Retiree member Ben Rankin receives his 60 year membership pin from his son Van Rankin a 35 year member retired member of Local Lodge 480. Ben was initiated into Local 480 in 1954.



Billy Dykus President of the Tennessee AFL-CIO presents Local Lodge 480 member Gerald Carden with his 55 year retirees pin. Gerald was initiated into Local Lodge 480 in 1960.



Billy Dykus President of the Tennessee State AFL-CIO presents Local Lodge 480 retiree Bob Keil with his 55 year pin. Bob was initiated into Local Lodge 480 in 1959.



Billy Dykus President of the Tennessee AFL-CIO presents Local Lodge 480 member Gordon Worley with his 55 year pin. Gordon was initiated into Local Lodge 480 in 1960.

During the April 2017 Retirees Club meeting, Atomic Lodge 480 Retired Members were recognized for their years of continuous dedicated service to the IAM. There was a father and son who are now both retiree club members receiving their service pins during the meeting. Ben Rankin received his 60 year membership pin from his son Van Rankin who also received his 35 year pin. Retired Director of the IAM Organizing department Larry Washam makes sure that the retirees in his club are kept informed and celebrated for all they have given to their union. Brother Washam commented "It's nice to give out these awards, but it's not every day you get to see a father and son receive service pins at the same time especially since they're both retired."

The monthly Retiree Club meeting regularly draws approximately 35 to 40 members where they gather for a good lunch and stay in touch with the current issues. "Our meetings occasionally host special guest speakers that help our retirees to stay informed on important matters such as the growing threat of senior identity theft" said Washam.