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Obligation of Members Oath - Sec. 18

I (give name) hereby solemnly and sincerely pledge my honor that I will not reveal any private business or proceedings of this Local Union or of the International Association, or any individual actions of its members; that I will, without equivocation or evasion, and to the best of my ability, abide by the Constitution and By-Laws, and the particular scale of wages adopted by it; that I will abide by the will of the majority; that I will at all times, by all honorable means within my power, procure employment for members of this Union; and that I will at all times be respectful in word and action to every person, and be considerate of widows, widowers, orphans and the weak and defenseless; and that I will not knowingly wrong a member of this Union or see one wronged if it is in my power to prevent the same.

So:

















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These images were made in a small training center located in a quiet edge of downtown Little Rock. Here young men and women from Ironworkers Local 321 learn and perfect the ironworkers' trade.

Seemingly mundane, the images reveal a relationship of permanence and impermanence.

Molded into objects such as bridges and building forms, the metal seems strong and powerful. Yet, the degradation and change inherent in time's constant processes weighs permanently on these metal objects.





Rust and the natural degradation of the material that is assembled and disassembled by these union workers is evident throughout the photos. Perpetually, degraded structures must be replaced.

The names and faces of the individuals who work with the objects in these images change, but the role of their class does not. Crucially, the strata of humans who do this repeated work, the working class, is permanent.

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