

UTAH MASONRY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



Masonry is on the Move

A Message from your
Executive Director

This month has been another reminder of just how strong Utah's masonry community is. UMC welcomed more than a dozen new supporters and continues to gain momentum as we expand and develop new education and training programs. Our work is being recognized, and the masonry industry is getting noticed.

We will continue representing our members and the industry through education, training, advocacy, and collaboration—strengthening Utah's masonry community and building opportunities for its future.

Cassie Mejia
Executive Director
Utah Masonry Council

● July Update

Member Spotlight: Suncore

Suncore is helping open new doors for UMC within the AEC community through co-branded industry events, collaborative lunch and learns, and one-on-one meetings with architecture, engineering, and construction teams. Their partnership is helping expand UMC's reach, strengthen industry connections, and create more opportunities to promote masonry.



UMC July Newsletter Overview

July highlighted the continued strength and growth of Utah's masonry community. UMC welcomed more than a dozen new supporters, expanded its reach within the AEC community, and continued developing education, training, advocacy, and workforce programs across the state.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **July 27 - 31** - CMHA Mid Year
- **July 30th** - EIMD - Last Call for Submissions
- **August 18** - WEBINAR 8/18- Normalizing Delegated Design of Concrete Masonry
- **August 27** - Navigating Energy Code to Maximize Thermal Performance Lunch & Learn 12pm-1:30pm
- September 14 - 18 MCAA Midyear
- **September 15** - 16 OSHA 10 - UMC OFFICE
- September 17 - AIA Conference
- **September 18** - Masonry Education Day -
- September 25 - AGC Trap Shoot
- **September 25** - Delta Stone Natural Stone Education Day
- **September 30** - Thin Brick Certified Installer Program
- Save the Dave EIMD Nov. 20th

EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

The Masonry Society is soliciting public comments on proposed changes to TMS 302 Standard Method for Determining Sound Transmission Ratings for Masonry Assemblies. This document has been updated from the previous 2018 edition by the Design Practices Committee. [READ MORE](#)

Concrete Masonry Check Off Update
updates focused on impact,. Our three priorities: Beauty of Block marketing, the Block Learning Hub and the Block Design Collective. [READ MORE](#)

The Concrete Masonry Checkoff invites you
To join one of our upcoming Regional Town Halls
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

San Antonio, TX | June 13-16, 2027
North American Masonry Conference
The Evolving World of Masonry
[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

OSHA 10 | UMC OFFICE

September 15 & 16
Building a Stronger Safety Culture

OSHA 10 training is a valuable opportunity to strengthen jobsite safety knowledge and support safer, more prepared crews.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

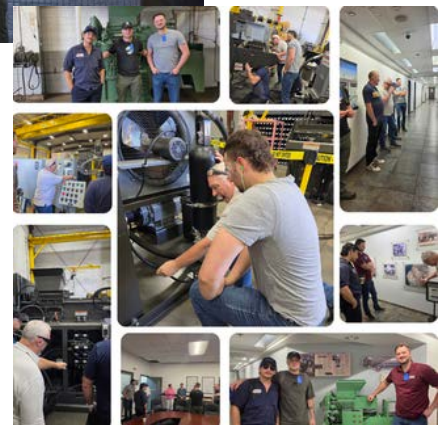
Machine Operators

The Utah Masonry Council Machine Operators Apprenticeship Program recently had the opportunity to spend a week at Columbia Machine, Inc. for specialized training designed to elevate the next generation of machine operators.

A special thank you to James Wright and the Columbia Machine team for leading in-depth classroom instruction, hands-on machine training, and a behind-the-scenes facility tour. Experiences like these give our apprentices valuable real-world knowledge that simply can't be learned in the classroom alone.

Partnerships like this strengthen our industry and prepare tomorrow's workforce with the skills and confidence to succeed.

Thank you, Columbia Machine, for investing in the future of masonry production!



CONTINUING EDUCATION

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The More You Know

UMC hosted education events bring industry professionals together for practical, real-world learning that strengthens the masonry community. From design and engineering to field application, each session is built to support better collaboration, smarter detailing, and stronger project outcomes.

- Interested in learning a specific topic - don't hesitate to reach out! we are happy to accomodate

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JULY 17, 2026



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CAPTURED MOMENTS

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR WINNERS**

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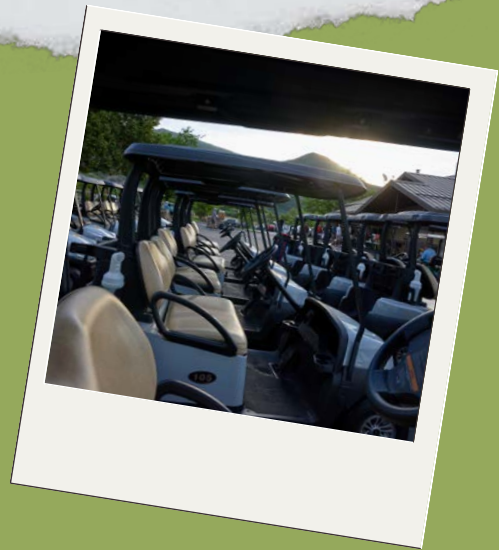
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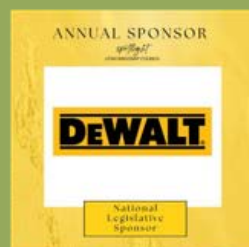
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2026 Excellence in Masonry Awards

This is your chance to be recognized for shaping the state's architectural landscape through outstanding design, expert masonry construction, and top-quality materials.

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May 13th - July 30th | 2026

submit online



EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY AWARD

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 20th 2026
HILTON SALT LAKE CITY



THIN BRICK INSTALLATION PROGRAM

BUILD CONFIDENCE IN THIN BRICK INSTALLATION

The day is structured into four focused sessions:

- Code review and requirements
- Hands-on backing system installations
- Detailing and layout techniques
- Hands-on thin brick installation
- \$35 Member | \$75 Non Member

SEPTEMBER 30

**8:00AM
ALL DAY CLASS**

 **INTERSTATE BRICK**

**Interstate Brick
9780 S 5200 W, West
Jordan, UT 84088**

**FREE TO ATTEND
REGISTER TODAY**



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**Looking for a career that's
hands-on, high-demand,
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WHY CHOOSE US?

- High-Demand Career – Masons are always in demand across Utah.
- Earn While You Learn – Paid training from day one.
- No Experience Needed – We'll teach you from the ground up.
- Skilled Trade. Lifelong Craft. – Build more than buildings —build a legacy.
- Backed by Industry Leaders – Learn through UMC's trusted network of professionals.

NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM.

We train motivated individuals ready to work hard and build something real.



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BLOCK MACHINE OPERATORS PROGRAM 2027

Deadline to sign up December 18th
Class Begins January 2027



Who Should Attend:

- Entry-level apprentices
- Current block plant workers
- Foremen or crew leads looking to upskill
- Anyone interested in production-side masonry careers



What You'll Learn:

- Safe and proper block machine operation
- Maintenance procedures and troubleshooting
- Production efficiency and quality control
- Real-world applications and hands-on training

Build Your Skills. Lay the Foundation for a Stronger Career.

Are you ready to take the next step in your masonry career? Join us for a specialized apprenticeship class designed for current and aspiring Block Machine Operators. Learn the essential techniques, safety standards, and technical knowledge required to operate block machinery efficiently and effectively in today's construction industry.

Utah Masonry Council
299 S Main Street
Suite 1300
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

2026
REGIONAL
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UTAH



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 10:30 AM
INTERSTATE BRICK
9780 SOUTH 5200 WEST
WEST JORDAN, UT



CONTACT: PATRICK MCCARTHY AT 801-809-9506
OR GAVIN CRAWFORD AT 385-529-1030

GO TO [SPECMIX.COM](https://www.specmix.com) FOR REGIONAL
DETAILS AND REGISTRATION!

Above: North Carolina Mason Grant Helms, with Helms Masonry, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, NC, is the 2026 "World's Best Bricklayer," after winning the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada.



25th ANNIVERSARY



THE 2026 REGIONAL SERIES ARE THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS FOR SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, THE LARGEST BRICKLAYING COMPETITION IN THE WORLD, WITH \$150,000 IN CASH & PRIZES ON THE LINE IN LAS VEGAS!



It's Coming!

If you think you have the masonry Skill, Speed, and Stamina to win, then compete in the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Series. It's where the road to Las Vegas and the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® World Championship begins!

ADDITIONAL EVENTS



8:00 AM - SKILLS USA COMPETITION

MCAA's Masonry Skills Challenge is the national championship of masonry apprentices in first, second and third year skill levels. The contest consists of nearly three dozen aspiring masons who are given three hours to showcase their skills by challenging the winning apprentices to numerous regional U.S. and foreign competitions to determine the top masonry apprentices at each level. This exciting competition spotlights the industry's finest young masons and focuses on on careers in the masonry industry.



9:00 AM - APPRENTICE STONE CHALLENGE

Celebrate the next generation of skilled stone craftworkers at our apprentice stone competition! This hands-on event gives apprentices the chance to showcase their skills as they compete in the stonework challenge. On the day of the competition, apprentices will be provided with a panel and design, they will have 2 hours to complete it. All materials will be provided.

BE A BRICKLAYER!

9:00 AM - VISIT THE "BE A BRICKLAYER" TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE SKILL TO BECOME A WORLD-CLASS MASON! With the hands-on help and guidance of an experienced mason, students and spectators will have the opportunity to learn how to spread mortar and lay bricks while experiencing why being a mason earns respect and a great quality of life!

**MASONRY
EDUCATION DAY**

10:00 AM - LEARN FROM THE PROS! During Masonry Education Day students and apprentices will visit "learning sessions" set up by product producers and supplier to experience live demonstrations on the masonry industry's most innovative equipment and tools used on jobsites.



12:00 PM - JR. BRICKLAYER 500® IS BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MASONRY CRAFTSMEN & WOMEN! The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® is no longer all about seasoned vets. Now high school and apprentice students can get in on the action and test their skills against their peers. The competitors are challenged by a 20-minute clock and a 9" - 4" starter wall to showcase their workmanship and determination to compete for cash and prizes while proving they'll soon be ready to claim the title of "World's Best Bricklayer."

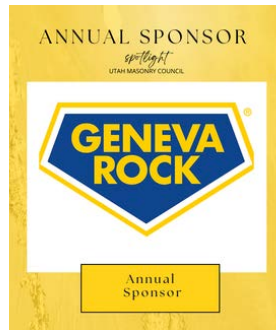
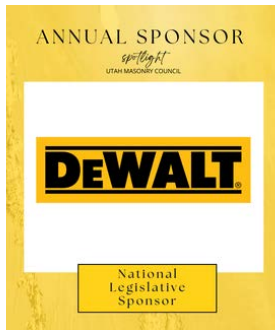
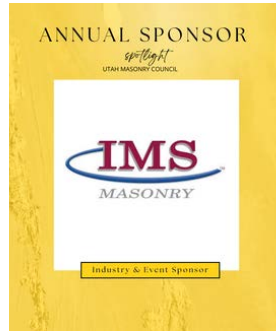
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What is an Annual Sponsorship?
An Annual Sponsorship puts your company name and logo on event signage and emails and provides free attendance to events.

Why Should You Become a Sponsor?
It generates greater name recognition and visibility for your company. Whether you are looking to sponsor a specific event, be an annual supporter of UMC or market your services, we have the opportunity for you!

Who Can Buy Them?
Only members of the Utah Masonry Council can participate in the Annual Sponsorship Program.

What's the Advantage?
Besides receiving year-long visibility, you can also pay quarterly and know you haven't missed any opportunities available to promote your company/organization.

SPONSOR BENEFITS	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500
Seats at Excellence in Masonry Design Awards Banquet	8	6	-	-
Seats at Apprenticeship Graduation	8	6	-	-
Registration at UMC Annual Meeting & Golf Tournament	4	2	1	0
Booth Exhibit at UMC Annual Meeting & Golf Tournament	YES	YES	YES	YES
Registration at UMC Mixers and Sponsored Training Courses	8	6	2	1
Registration in the Masonry Certification Classes	8	6	2	1
Banner and a Booth at Masonry Skills Competition	YES	YES	-	-
Banner at Masonry Skills Competition	YES	YES	YES	-
Recognition at all UMC Events/Trade Shows & Banner Signage	YES	YES	YES	-
Logo displayed on Website, upcoming event emails & newsletters	YES	YES	YES	YES
Social Media Recognition (Company Spotlights)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Company Name Badge Recognition at all Events	YES	YES	YES	YES

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LET'S BUILD TOGETHER – SUPPORT UTAH MASONRY

- Invest in workforce development & apprenticeships
- Support education and continuing learning
- Strengthen industry advocacy
- Connect with Utah's masonry decision-makers
- Build long-term relationships in a trusted trade community

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