



## **#MIMemberMonday**

### **Baker Construction: Building Trusting Relationships is Key to Success**

Founded in 1952 by Ray Baker, Baker Construction is a family run organization that has spent decades honing their techniques and strategies to deliver high quality masonry construction to all ranges of projects. They pride themselves in their ability to meet customers' needs no matter how large or small the project.

Along with masonry construction services, Baker Construction also provides preconstruction services including, budgeting, scheduling, and design review. Over the years, the company has grown to be one of the leaders in masonry for southeast Michigan. They have done so by building trusting relationships with their customers and by being reliable, honest, transparent and safe. Baker Construction is ready to take on any project that comes their way, continuing to build the relationships with current customers and meet new people and organizations interested in masonry.

Baker recently completed a unique load bearing project for the University of Michigan. Terracotta cladding was also incorporated, with Baker Construction believed to be the only contractor to install this product in Michigan and one of a very few to have installed it in the U.S.

As a member of the MIM for three generations, Baker finds value in the many benefits of the MIM. "It is a great sounding board to test ideas or solve problems," said T.C. Baker, project manager and estimator for Baker. "The directors possess a wealth of knowledge as do the members, who have collectively seen everything conceivable in the world of masonry."

For those new to the MIM or to the industry, Baker recommends learning the ropes. "On its surface, masonry appears as simple as placing 'one' on top of 'two.' However, there are many intricacies involved that make masonry a high quality, long-lasting product. Knowing, understanding and executing on these details are what will make your projects stand out above the rest."

Baker's favorite aspect of the masonry institute lies in it's flexibility. There are very few situations where masonry cannot be adapted as the best solution to a problem. He also appreciates that masonry is the oldest and most diverse trade. Baker concludes by stating, "With an organization

like the MIM standing behind it, I believe masonry will once again become the most dominate trade.”

Thank you, Baker, for your many years of support of the industry and of the MIM.

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