



Bracy and Jahr: Fair, Honest, and Professional

Started in 1961, Bracy & Jahr, Inc. is a third-generation masonry contractor serving Southern Michigan. Founded by brothers-in-law Lauren Bracy and Ted Jahr, the early days consisted of constructing one basement a day, from dawn to dusk. Their knowledge of masonry stemmed from Ted's father Ernie, who was a bricklayer, and Ernie's uncle, an immigrant from Germany. Lauren and Ted expanded upon this knowledge through union apprenticeships, with Lauren ultimately serving as a member of the Bricklayers' Union for more than 50 years. From such humble beginnings, the company would ultimately grow to 120 employees and complete a wide range of commercial, industrial, educational, and institutional projects.

Bracy and Jahr, Inc. strives to be fair, honest, and professional in all aspects of the trade. In doing so, the company has developed a well-respected reputation amongst architects, general contractors, and others in the construction industry. Bracy and Jahr, Inc. employees pride themselves in giving the owner the high quality project that they expect and deserve.

The company has been a MIM member for many years. Andy Bracy, president of Bracy & Jahr, Inc., values the many membership benefits including being able to network with the suppliers and peers from all areas of the state. Bracy shares, "When a situation arises, you can be certain you are not the first to deal with such an issue and the MIM members are always willing to discuss workable solutions, alternatives or whatever the need may be."

Bracy advises someone just starting out in the industry to take advantage of all the associations and training opportunities that are available. The information received and knowledge gained will help the individual become an expert in the industry and help elevate the masonry trade.

Bracy's favorite aspects of the trade, which he likes to mention whenever he has the chance, are the interesting things and places that he and his team get to see. From hidden nooks in old schools and cereal factories to military bases, power plants and universities... the opportunities are almost endless.