

## **Steamfitters Local #353**

**Est. 1911**

Steamfitters Local #353 was chartered on June 10<sup>th</sup> 1911. At that time, they had twelve dues-paying members. Today, they are proud to represent 621 members.

The refrigeration industry was organized in 1949 -- one year after the Steamfitters Local 353 trade school program was inaugurated. The trade school program continues to this day.

In its 100 year history, only seven business managers have led Local 353. Many changes have occurred over the years, including a merger with Pekin Local 528 in 1978 and a merger with Canton Local 579 in 1981. With 621 current members from an 11-county area in Central Illinois, Steamfitters Local #353 broke ground on a state of the art facility in 1998 – their present location.