

JOIN THE GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

The General Defense Committee (GDC) is composed of the GDC Central with members around the world as well as GDC locals initiated by Industrial Unions, General Membership Branches, and other concerned individuals within the IWW, and GDC Regional Groups initiated outside of North America.

The General Defense Committee serves a vital purpose within the IWW and for working people everywhere. Committed to the goals and aims of the union, the GDC is organized to act in defense of those who find themselves at odds with the bosses, the police, and the courts because of their commitment to their class.

GOALS

The GDC of the IWW wants most to provide support to any member of the working class who finds themselves in legal trouble due to their involvement in the class war. Any member of the IWW or GDC in good standing may petition the GDC for direct aid in their legal defense on charges resulting from protests, picketing, or other acts related to job action or activist causes. This aid may include bail, bond, or legal aid, and may take the form of a grant or a no interest loan. Members may also rest assured of solidarity from the organization, including motions of support, letter writing, and public education as to the case (or cases) in question.

Non-members of the IWW or GDC who find themselves embattled with the law may also expect solidarity from the organization, including motions of support, letters writing, and public education as to the case (or cases) in question.

MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the IWW in good standing may be a member of the GDC, but non-members who subscribe to the general principles and aims of the IWW and GDC may join as well. All members must agree to abide by the regulations of the GDC, and the Constitution and regulations of the IWW; to study the principles contained therein; and make themselves acquainted with its purpose.

Initiation fees are US\$5, and dues are a low US\$5 per quarter (or US\$20) annually. To join all you need do is send a check or money order for your initiation fee and the current quarter dues payment (minimum US\$10). You may of course pay for additional quarters at US\$5 a quarter: US\$25 will take care of initiation and dues for one year.

TO JOIN

Fill out the form below and send a copy along with your check or money order (in U.S. Funds) to:
General Defense Committee
PO Box 180195
Chicago, Il 60618

_____ I affirm that I subscribe to the general principles and aims of the GDC and the IWW.

_____ I agree to abide by the by-laws and regulations of this organization.

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Post Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Initiation \$ _____ Dues \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

When you join the GDC, you will receive a your membership card, a copy of the by-laws of the organization, and a membership button. You will also receive regular quarterly mailings of our newsletter, The Defiant Spirit, which contains information on political prisoners, and their battles, financial reports, and members' discussion of various internal matters.