



Precast by LAPPCO



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*Celebrating 65 years of construction
excellence and dedication.*

Thank you to everyone who has helped
to make this milestone a reality!

The 50's

A lot has changed in the construction industry since Michael Lombard and his son George Lombard opened their general contracting firm in 1956. However, the one constant which has fueled the success of The Lombard Company is our complete dedication to our clients and the pursuit of achieving overall construction excellence.

As company co-founder, George Lombard recalled: "I was taken aback when my father asked if I had ever considered beginning our own general contracting firm. He had a very good job as the Vice President of Field Operations for a successful Chicago construction company. We made the decision to begin M.A. Lombard and Sons right there at the kitchen table. My mother just sat there shaking her head. She thought we were nuts, and there would be times I think she was right."

It was this very same courage that contributed to M.A. Lombard and Sons' success early on. The small, young company quickly made a name for itself as a risk taker in the industry. They were never afraid to take on the bigger and more challenging projects that other larger companies often balked at.

"We never backed away from a challenge. Having the support of the great people who wanted to be part of what we were doing made it easier. It was their faith, along with the faith of a good bank and loyal bonding company, that allowed us to tackle tough jobs, always reaching just a little further each time."

George and his father were well known for their hands-on approach to general contracting. With George as the head of field operations, and Michael Lombard running the planning and estimating at the office, M.A. Lombard and Sons performed carpentry, concrete and masonry work on their projects using their own forces.



The 60's

In 1960, having moved their business operations to the Village of Alsip, M.A. Lombard and Sons became focused on developing existing farmland into industrial use. Being actively involved in concrete construction, they saw a benefit in precasting the exterior walls of the industrial buildings. From a very simple beginning with rather plain, channel-shaped wall panels, the creativity for precast use began to grow and continues to grow today. Lombard Architectural Precast Products Company (LAPPCO) was born. The company has since prospered into one of the most respected manufacturers of architectural precast products in the Chicagoland area.

The company's integrity and loyalty did not stop with the clients; it extended to their staff, subcontractors and business associates. To this day, The Lombard Company still does business with the bonding company that wrote their first bond.

The Lombard Company is proudest of its loyal employees, many of whom have been with The Lombard Company for decades.



The company that plays together stays together

The Lombard Company was famous for its company outings and picnics. Here are just a few photos of the great times they have had over the years.

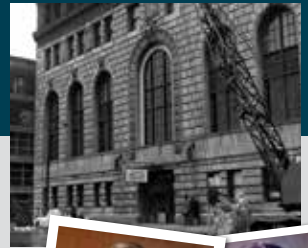


The 70's

During the 1970's

The Lombard Company continued

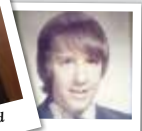
to grow. Their experience extended into many areas: municipal, schools, churches, retail, offices, medical and practically all areas of commercial and industrial construction was accomplished. During this time period the third generation of Lombards joined the company. Michael Lombard joined The Lombard Company in 1977 after graduating from the University of Notre Dame in civil engineering. He also completed a master's degree in that major at the University of Illinois. John Lombard joined the company in 1978 after he too graduated from the University of Notre Dame in accounting and worked several years for a large auditing firm.



The 80's

As many companies were struggling through this tumultuous period The Lombard Company was being recognized as one of the leaders in the construction industry. At this time in 1985, the last of George's three sons, Dan Lombard, joined the company after working several years for another contractor. Dan graduated from the University of Notre Dame in civil engineering, and then completed an MBA degree at the University of Michigan.

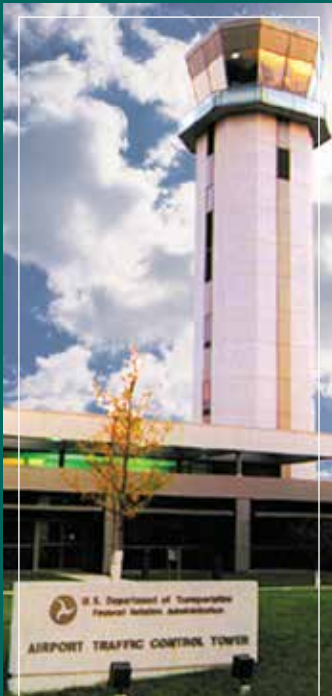
The 80's was also a decade for development work for The Lombard Company, including the Willowbrook Square Retail Center, Alsip Square Retail Center and the Fairview Square Retail Center.



The 90's

The final decade of the 20th Century was a monumental one for The Lombard Company. The Lombard Company/Harrell, Inc. joint venture was formed in 1989. Together they bid and built projects for local government agencies such as, Cook County and the City of Chicago. During the 90's The Lombard Company produced some of the largest projects built by the firm. Many of these were in excess of \$15 and \$20 million. Here's just a few of these projects.

- The Central Kitchen Facility/Cook County Department of Corrections
- Metra KYD Yard and Heavy Repair Shop/Maintenance Facility
- Cook County Hospital Interior Renovations
- University of Illinois/Engineering Research Facility
- Southwest Transit Station & Pedestrian Walkway at Midway Airport



The 2000's

With the new century Lombard broke ground (pardon the pun) into a new category of business – the food and retail arena. Some of the projects included major names such as Aldi, Dominick's and Wal-Mart. LAPPCO continued with its excellent architectural precast work including Children's Memorial Hospital.



The Lombard Company still has the drive and competitive edge to insure another 65 years at the forefront of the construction industry.



The 2010's

As the Lombard Company moved into the 2010's a fourth generation of Lombard's became involved with the business. Ryan Lombard joined The Lombard Company and Adam Lombard joined LAPPCO.



Ryan Lombard



Adam Lombard



The 2020's



Entering the decade of the 2020's presented everyone with many challenges. The Lombard Company has successfully met these challenges and will continue to do so throughout the 2020's.



Moving Forward . . .

As we move forward past our 65th anniversary, The Lombard Company continues to have the ability, the drive, and the competitive edge to insure many more years of successful construction projects.



FUN FACTS: 1956

The Lombard Company is established!

- There is a 48% business failure rate. (What were we thinking!)
- Yahtzee is born!
- The Andrea Doria sinks.
- A night at the Oscars ...
Best Picture: “Around the World in 80 Days”
Best Actor: Yul Brynner for “The King and I”
Best Actress: Ingrid Bergman for “Anastasia”
Best Song: “Whatever Will Be, Will Be (Que Sera, Sera)”
- Actress Grace Kelly marries Prince Rainier III of Monaco.
- Elvis Presley makes his television debut on CBS’ “Dorsey Brothers’ Stage Show” and becomes the first Rock Star with “Heartbreak Hotel.”
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average marks a new high-500.24 points.
- The annual after-tax income of the average American is \$1,700.
- The average weekly take-home for a worker with three dependents is \$74.04.
- The Federal Minimum Wage is \$1.00 per hour.
- 650,000 U.S. steel workers go on strike.
- The last Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus held under a canvas tent.
- President Eisenhower is re-elected.
- New York Yankees win the World Series (Don Larsen pitches the only perfect game.)
- The Wizard of Oz airs on TV for the first time.
- First Trans-Atlantic telephone cable installed.
- Felix Wankel develops the Rotary Engine.
- I Love Lucy is the top television show.
- A gallon of gas costs \$.30
- The average house costs \$17,000
- The cost of a United States First Class postage stamp is \$.03
- A loaf of bread is only \$.18
- The cost of a gallon of milk is \$.97





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