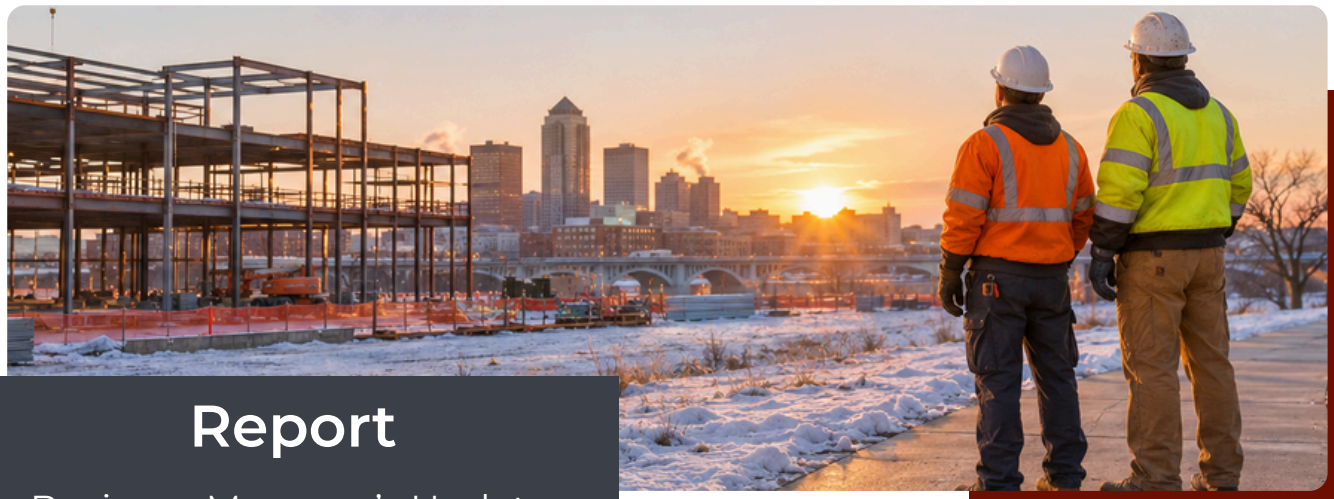
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS DECEMBER, 2026

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2026 RECAPPED - A WHIRLWIND

How much of a role did you play?

2027 INTRO - WHAT'S TO COME

Dependent forms & upcoming changes.

PIN PARTY - INVITATION & RECIPIENTS

Who. What. When. Where. Why?

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Last chance for the year!



Mark your Calendars

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026
Christmas Party, Fairgrounds, 12-3

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026
Fort Dodge Christmas Party, 4pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2027
Chili Cookoff & General Membership Mtg

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027
Pin Party, Prairie Meadows, 5-11pm

Report

Brothers & Sisters,

As we close out 2026, we have much to be proud of at Local 347. Our members' hard work, our organizing efforts, and your growing participation have made this a strong year for our Local.

Work remains strong, with unfilled calls and demand expected to continue to grow. We devoted considerable time and energy to advertising during the second half of the year, and those efforts paid off. Alongside an outstanding year of organizing, that outreach helped introduce more people to our trade and the opportunities available through Local 347. Thank you to everyone who helped spread the word, welcomed new members, and represented our Local with pride.

Our Health Gauge Wellness Screenings set another attendance record this year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and make their health a priority. We are still awaiting the screening results and look forward to sharing what we learn about the impact of this year's program.

We also had a great turnout for Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you to the volunteers, participants, and families who helped make it a success. Events like these bring our Brotherhood and Sisterhood beyond the jobsite and give our families a chance to connect. We saw increased participation throughout the year, and we encourage you to keep that momentum going. Invite a coworker, bring your family, or lend a hand at an upcoming event. Every person who participates helps make these gatherings better.

Our final volunteer opportunity of the year is the Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Iowa State Fairgrounds Animal Learning Center. If you would like to help, please contact Nichole at the Union Hall. We invite all members and their families to join us for an afternoon of food, kids' activities, holiday cheer, and a visit with Santa. We hope to see familiar faces and welcome families attending for the first time.

Members in the Fort Dodge area can also look forward to the Fort Dodge Christmas Party on Saturday, December 19, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Eagles 3rd Floor Ballroom.

Thank you for your dedication to our trade, your support for one another, and the time you give to our Local. On behalf of The Officers and Staff of Local 347, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!

- Hall Staff

- SIGN THE BOOKS NOW -



2027 Updates

Dependent Verification Forms

- Review the dependents listed, make necessary changes, sign the form, and complete other-insurance information as applicable. (Do nothing with the enrollment form UNLESS there have been changes)
- Return the paperwork through the benefits portal, the Union Hall, or by mail BEFORE January 1, 2027.

Dependent coverage will terminate if the paperwork is not returned by the first of the year

2027 Upcoming Changes

- Pension Benefit Increase - $1/year
- Death Benefit Increase - (see chart)
- Death Benefit Eligibility - Immediate
- 'A' Member Monthly Dues Increase
  - July 2027 + $2/month

Government Affairs

Election Update

- 85% of our endorsed candidates WON!!!
- All of our endorsed candidates have agreed to support Union Labor.
- The Iowa House and Senate are controlled by one party, but we should see more across party line conversations in the upcoming session.

2026 NEC Adoption

- We have seen support from across the state to adopt the code unamended.
- This will make the changes from the last session (HF 2800) no longer relevant.

IBEW PBF Convention Improvements

Pension Benefit Increase

Current:	After December 31, 2026:
• $4.50 credit per full year earned through 2022. • $5.50 for years earned in or after 2023.	• $5.50 credit for every year of continuous "A" membership, including years prior to 2023.

The Pension Benefit Increase applies only to pensions with an initial effective date of January 2027 or later.

Death Benefit Improvements

Current:	After December 31, 2026:
• Active Member Death Benefit: $6,250 • Retiree Death Benefit: $3,000 • Accidental Death Benefit: $12,500 • 6 months of service to be eligible for Death Benefit.	• Active Member Death Benefit: $6,750 • Retiree Death Benefit: $3,250 • Accidental Death Benefit: $13,500 • Death Benefit Eligibility "First Day First Hour"

Final Outcome:

- Pension and Death Benefit Increases
- Death Benefit Eligibility is now "First Day First Hour"

2027 PIN PARTY RECIPIENTS

-for year ending 2026-

70 YEAR: George Brown, Harold Burns.

65 YEAR: Larry Clark, David Hager, Gordon Jackson, James Rogers.

60 YEAR: Kenneth Acuff.

55 YEAR: Raymond Anderson, William Bolton, Nolan Etter, James Pauley, H. Robert Pool, Jerry Roeder, Dennis Sheeder, Rick Stubbs.

50 YEAR: Gary Adams, Dennis Exman, Kevin Gerdes, Joseph Harper, Kenneth Horner, Stephen Ivanovich, Peter Potycki, Ronald Saf, Morris Shrum.

45 YEAR: Clint Bailey, Kent Davis, Daniel Dillavou, Thomas Griffith, Melvin Konrad, Barry Madden, Brett Mcbroom, Patrick Moothart, J. Michael Schweiger, Donald Seiwert, James Thompson, George Wells.

40 YEAR: Cory Black, Eugene Carter, Michael Ferguson, Richard Grandquist, Daniel Gray, David Grett, Gary Hanson, Jeffrey Jennings, Carl Keul, John Miller, Robert Murphy, Dan Norris, Tony Ortgies, Tracy Simmons, Alvin Snyder.

35 YEAR: Edward Allen, Scott Campbell, Chad Carson, Kent Gephart, Stephen Hansen, Jeff Hatcher, Joseph Jones, Tracey Mcavoy, Scott Pederson, Curtis Prettyman, Matt Reber, Terry Roberts, Michael Scott, David Terrill, John Walker, Edward Weers.

30 YEAR: Randal Ballard, Joel Berg, Matthew Berg, Christie Brookes, Dennis Buchman, Kenneth Ferguson, Terry Garnes, Andres Gaub, Terry Goepferich, Matthew Heckman, Kerry Horner, Dale Jones, Chris Kesterson, Matthew Kidman, William Kinkner, Alan Kowalsky, David Kunkle, Kevin Lyons, Steven Mingus, Matt Moore, Tony Nesselroad, Robin Pearson, Steven Van Langen, William Vanderpool.

25 YEAR: Anthony Abuhl, Justin Ackelson, Lee Beck, Lee Bolling, Ted Cross, Ronald Cunningham, Kevin Day, Scott Embry, Eric Flinn, Denver Fortune, Scott Gamble, Richard Gomez, James Haddox, Dennis Hagen, Kevin Harris, Grant Henry, Jason Hick, Billy Kingery, Jerry Kurimski, Kory Leiker, Tim Lewis, Jason Moorman, Scott Morrow, Justin Murphy, Eric Myers, Lee Patterson, Drew Purcell, Jason Schirm, Jason Senecaut, David Sharon, Keith Utsler, Halsey Wasson.

20 YEAR: Adam Ames, Chris Arganbright, Michael Ball, Jeremy Baysinger, Adam Carlson, Rodney Carney, Robert Cinnamon, Daniel Clarke, Joseph Corbin, Michael Cupp, Troy Donohoe, Scott Easler, Scott Espe, Sarah Foster, Chad Garr, Terence Glass, Kevin Goben, Jeffrey Gurnsey, Brent Gute, Jason Heryford, Clint Higdon, Jacob Hilton, Jennifer Hitt, Corey Jackson, Steve Jenkins, Sarah Johnson, Jordan Lewis, Jacob Mcknight, Edhem Muminovic, Charles Myers, Kevin O'Connor, Keith Ortmann, Robert Pirkl, Garrett Reynolds, Chad Rinehart, Bryant Rogers, Michael Schmidt, Jan Shafer, Nathaniel Smith, Bradley Swanson, Johnathan Weil.

15 YEAR: Daniel Abbott, Dustin Baudler, Dennis Beery, Edwin Brose, Jarad Brown, Robert Clausen, Jeffrey Daniel, Anthony Galante, Aaron Hamel, Shayne Hurgon, Dustin Kelly, Zachary Lange, Lee Liu, Colin Rankin, Dwight Vander Ley, Johnathan White, Steven Workman.

10 YEAR: Maceo Anderson, John Bond, Thomas Briggs, Maria Magdalena Brito, Leonard Brown, Justin Burns, Ryan Campbell, Michael Clayton, Josh Curtis, Bradley Daggett, Joseph Donaldson, Dustin Engle, Eric Erickson, Matthew Ewald, Michael Gomez, Nicholas Graham, Jason Grandstaff, Benjamin Hamilton, Nicolas Hansen, Brandon Haus, Cole Heaberlin, Andrew Henderson, Samuel Henderson, Brandon Herink, Terrence Jensen, Scott Jordan, Robert Judge, Korey Kaiser, Joshua Lane, Nicholas Linderman, Matthew Lindley, Yuli Luna, Scott Martens, Berensen May, Jordan Mayer, Miles Mccoy, Michael Mckinney, Tyler Mcnulty, Marty Mickle, Andrew Miller, Tanner Miller, William Mulstay, Joel Murphy, Brian Neuenkirk, Phi Nguyen, Victor Ochoa, Brian Oldenburger, Jesse Olsen, Joseph Owens, Brandon Parsons, Michael Perrault, Antuand Pruneda, Bryan Reimers, Nicholaus Rosonke, Steven Rumsey, Derrick Sandy, Joseph Schaff, Chad Schnell, Daniel Siddall, Brian Slykhuis, Andrew Smith, Austin Smith, Julian Smith, Joshua Sodergren, Jordan St. Arnold, Dominic Tran, Tatum Uetz, Jared Van Langen, Cody Vos, Lawrence Voshell, Jeffrey Walker, Joanna Wepking, Adam Whisney, Daniel Whitaker, Robert Woodard, Thomas Wyant.

5 YEAR: Glynnis Abeling, Sean Albright, Johnathon Alexander, Ronnie Allbee, Benjamin Alvarado, Humberto Alvarado, Thomas Anthony, Mason Barr, Christopher Bash, Adrian Bautista, Christopher Belcher, Nathaniel Bell, Andrew Bishop, Ross Boes, Jordan Brokaw, Romeo Camarillo, Mason Carico, Camden Christensen, Austin Clark, Gabriel Clark, Samuel ComstockKeenan Cook, Anthony Cooper, Thomas Cooper, Trenton Devereaux, Lance Dixon, Samuel Dowling, Ian Drabek, Kaleb Dydell, Gabriel Eaton, Richard Eatwell, Julia Eberle, Dakota Ellsworth, William Emery, Mark Engstrand, Kaleb Evans, Hunter Fellows, Luke Fife, Brant Fisher, Dylan Fleming, Lawrence Foster, Christopher Fridley, Serena Gibson, Brandon Gilmore, Nicholas Gordon, Jacob Grandquist, Noah Grant, Joy Gullett, Brandon Hall, Trenton Harem, Joseph Harkness, Cody Hart, Corey Harvey, Keith Hefley, Klayton Heiman, Cody Helton, Peter Henkels, Alexander Herrick, Michael Hinds, Lance Hoch, Robert Holub, Jonathan Huffer, Samuel Hulstein Rieken, Tyler Isley, Booker Jarrett, Austin Johnson, Ross Johnson, Joseph Jones, Ryan Jones, Reid Juelsgaard, Kevin Kelly, Christina Kershaw, Rodney Kinsella, Brody Kinyon, Dylan Koestner, James Kolbo, Matthew Leavy, Reagan Lehman, Colton Lowe, Joshua Luna, Kadyn Lundberg, Spencer Mauk, Sera Mcdonald, Bradley Meeker, Dominic Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Samuel Mitchell, Marcus Montgomery, Jovani Morquecho-Ruiz, Jerad Mount, Devin Mutch, Saroeun Ngan, Kenny Nguyen, Nash Norton, Benjamin O'Hollearn, Christian Olesen, Eric Olson, Matthew Olson, Zachary Owens, Garin Padget, Logan Peppenger, Zachary Phillips, Trenten Pierce, Ethan Plock, Jan Ponce, Quincy Pullen, Michael Purcell, Anthony Reha, Nathan Rehm, Thomas Reichenbacker, Tristan Rethmeier, Walter Rivera Lara, Kade Rosa, Christopher Rubie, Nicholas Rupe, Reese Scheetz, Cameron Schneider, Graeham Schope, Jacob Schwarzenbach, Tyler Scott, Wesley Searcy, Ethan Senn, Kinh Shwe, Katie Sickerson, Edward Simons, Dylan Simpson, Kyle Simpson, Conner Smith, Gideon Smith, Connor Spencer, Luke Stark, Tanner Stephens, Andrew Stoll, Jesse Struble, Brenton Surrett, Payton Swafford, Jarrett Swan, Mason Thomas, Brandon Todd, Ivan Torkelson, David Treager, Harley Trogdon, Brian Van Der Hart, Agustin Villagomez, Hunter Vockings, Austin Vorasith, Ryan Walker, Grant Walters, Nathaniel Walton, Shane Watson, Andrew West, Kyle Westhoff, Nicholas Wolfe, Randy Wolfe, Ross Woodford, Chase Woods, Tyler Woodyard.

IBEW LOCAL 347 DES MOINES • IOWA

IBEW LU347's 2027 Pin Party & AWARDS NIGHT

Honoring our members & their years of service

COCKTAIL HOUR 5-6PM

2.27.27

DINNER SERVED 6PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027

Hotel

Bishop Ballroom
AT PRARIE MEADOWS

RSVP

Enter through the Meadows entrance

1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona, IA 50009 | (515) 967-1000

HOTEL RESERVATIONS - PRAIRIE MEADOWS

Group code: IBEW0227 | Password: 863000503

RSVP by Feb 6, 2027 to be included in the prize drawing.

Dress: Cocktail/Formal Attire

Member/Retiree Name:_____ **Guest Name:**_____

Member/retiree: _____ x $10 = $_____

First Guest: _____ x $10 = $_____

Additional Guests: _____ x $30 = $_____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Total Due $_____

Additional guests are subject to availability.

MAIL OR DROP OFF

Mail this form with a check payable to Local #347, or drop it off at the Union Hall:
6809 SE Bellagio Ct. Ankeny, IA 50021

ONLINE OR PAY BY PHONE

Visit our website: www.ibewlu347.org to submit your information and pay online, scan the QR code or call us at: (515) 243-1924 to pay by phone.

OFFICE USE ONLY: PIN_____ YEAR_____ PAID BY: CASH CARD WEBSITE CHECK#_____

The following people will fall into reinstatement ($30) if their dues are not paid by **December 31, 2026**. This list was run on November 20, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

SETHY	S	BILLYARD
AUSTIN	L	COOK
TYLER	J	CREMEENS
JOSEPH	D	DAKE
WILLIAM	P	GUIZAR
ZEBULON	Z	HATFIELD
LAYNE	A	HENDERSON
GREGORY	G	HUSE
TRAYVONNE	R	JACKSON
NICOLE	L	KEHN
ALLAN	J	KENNEDY
DENNIS	P	LAMOREUX
KEATON	J	LENNING
MAXFIELD	R	MCBRIDE
NATHAN	R	NEUENKIRK
DEVAN	J	OLSON
BEAU		PICKERING
BRANDAN	A	ROSS
SCOTT	B	SCHOONOVER
JASON	A	SIMONSON
GIDEON	P	SMITH
ANDREW	A	SMITH
TANNER	J	SUSIN
JOSEPH	J	TIMMERMAN
MARTIN	J	TRAVIS
DAVID	L	TREAGER
ALEX	G	VANDENBROEK
MICHAEL	E	WADDELL
JAMIE	M	WILLIAMS

"BA" MEMBERS

STEVEN L ADAMS

November 1st DROPS

Francis, Triston H	BA
Hamilton, Patrick D	A
Harvey, B.J. M	A
McLain, Nicholas RI	A

Last Months Job Referrals

175-Referrals Sent Out
95-Regular Calls
1-Resi 8-VDV Tech
5-Apprentice 1-VDV Appr
4-CE 60-CW 1-Installer

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2026. This list was run on November 20, 2026.

"A" MEMBERS

ZACHARY O BAKER
DANIEL CHAVEZ
KOLBY R DUDNEY
OWEN D ELDRIDGE
BROCK A FLEMING
DOMINIC L MCCARL
ISRAEL MERAZ
ANTHONY L ORTIZ
HAROLD R RICHARDS
ZAYREN H TERUKINA
BRANDON M TODD

"BA" MEMBERS

ESTELLA Z DEKO
WILLIAM H EMERY
ANTHONY R HENRY





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Nothing but HEAVY DUTY.

Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship

November Apprentice of the Month:

Mark Engstrand



Mark has earned recognition as our Apprentice of the Month, supported by an exceptional on-the-job evaluation. His supervisor highlighted Mark's initiative, advanced understanding of his work, and troubleshooting abilities, noting that his skills and knowledge are well beyond what is typically expected at this stage of apprenticeship. Those observations reflect not only strong technical ability, but also the professionalism, work ethic, and leadership potential that define an outstanding apprentice.

Mark's classroom performance reinforces what is being seen on the jobsite. Instructors consistently recognized his engagement, thoughtful questions, and contributions to the learning environment. He earned what may have been the first perfect code evaluation score an instructor could recall, demonstrated mastery in both classroom and lab activities, and was repeatedly praised for his hard work, preparation, and positive influence on his peers. His dedication to continuous learning and commitment to excellence make him a truly deserving Apprentice of the Month!

Congratulations, Mark!



Samuel Albert McClure
Date of Birth: September 3rd, 2026
Weight: 9lbs 12oz
Parents: Mitchell & Patrice McClure



CHILI COOKOFF

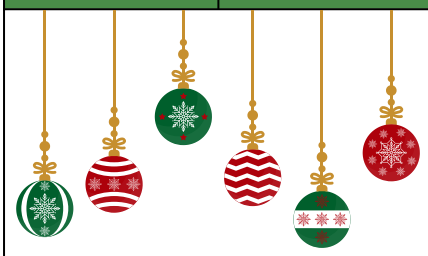
January 14th

At the IBEW 347 General Membership Meeting



Please RSVP if you are bringing chili!

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 EP2 4pm	2 Resi 4pm	3 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg 5pm	4	5
6	7	8 Firestone Mtg 12:30 & 2:30pm	9 **Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall**	10 **General Membership Mtg 5pm**	11	12 **LU347 Christmas Party Noon-3pm**
13	14	15 Keystone after work KCCI Mtg 1pm	16 VDV Mtg 4pm	17	18	19 **Fort Dodge** Christmas Party 4pm
20	21 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg 4pm	22	23	24	25  Hall Closed	26
27	28 E-Board Mtg 4pm RENEW Mtg 5pm Women's Committee Mtg 5:30pm	29	30	31	**LOOKING AHEAD:** **THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2027** Chili Cookoff & General Membership Meeting, 5pm **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2027** General Membership Meeting, 5pm **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027** Pin Party, Prairie Meadows, 5-11pm 	

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LOCAL UNION 347 www.ibewlu347.org Business Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri
Local #347 Benefits Website: https://www.solxsys365.com/ Phone: (515) 243-1924
For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long: (515) 243-5412. Fax #: (515) 243-8772

DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP www.dmelejatc.org Phone: (515) 224-4349

LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN: **NEW GROUP # 78-800672 NEW MEMBER ID# UL10025*****
Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call Solxsys Phone: (515) 644-3200
To search for a United Health Care in-network provider call: 1-866-596-8447 OR go to www.uhc.com and click on Choice Plus. Local #347 Benefits Website: https://www.solxsys365.com/

SAV-RX: BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347 www.savrx.com Phone: (402) 753-2800

DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION: www.deltadental.com Member ID is your SSN.
To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access: Phone: 1-800-544-0718

V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care): www.vsp.com Member ID is your SSN.
To search for a provider or to look at available benefits go to www.vsp.com and click on member benefits.
To contact V.S.P. directly if you do not have internet access: Phone: 1-800-877-7195

LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #43-1329 www.principal.com Principal Financial: Phone: 1-800-547-7754
Address changes: Contact the Union Hall & Morgan Flournoy w/ Solxsys Phone: (515) 644-3200

JOURNEY CREDIT UNION: Phone: (515) 243-8735

RETIREE RESOURCES: IBEW Retiree helpline: Phone: 1-202-728-6206 NEBF: Phone: 1-301-556-4300