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Mark your Calendars

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

LU347 Golf Outing, Terrace Hills Golf Course

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

Fort Dodge Wellness Event, RSVP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Labor Day Parade, Des Moines Capital →
Fairgrounds & Labor Day Fest, Labor Union Park

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

Des Moines Wellness Events, RSVP

Spotlight

BUILDING STRENGTH BETWEEN THE PROJECTS FAMILY SECURITY & BENEFITS

Take care of those who depend on you.

DON'T LET COVERAGE SLIP AWAY

Ensure health insurance coverage is a forethought instead of an afterthought.

BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION

Apprentices and the importance of mentorship.

WHY ORGANIZING MATTERS

Every new member makes LU347 stronger!

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

Celebrating those who built our foundation.



Report

Brothers & Sisters,

As we move through the summer months, many members and their families continue to navigate uncertainty as anticipated projects and work opportunities face ongoing delays. While we remain optimistic about the opportunities ahead, this is also a good time to **focus on the things that help keep our union strong** regardless of what the work picture may look like.

At the heart of everything we do is family security. One of the most important benefits available to members is the ability to maintain health coverage during periods when employer contributions may not fully cover monthly premiums. Members who find themselves in this situation should remember that [Health Reimbursement Arrangement \(HRA\) forms](#) are available at the Union Hall and may help bridge the gap to keep coverage active. Even for members currently working, understanding these options and keeping paperwork up to date can provide valuable peace of mind for you and your family.

Looking toward the future, we are excited to welcome the first group of applicants accepted into this fall's apprenticeship class. These future brothers and sisters represent the next generation of skilled electricians who will help carry our trade forward. Their success depends not only on quality training, but also on the **mentorship and support** they receive from the members who came before them.

Strengthening our union also means continuing our **commitment to organizing**. Every electrician who

joins Local 347 helps protect area standards, strengthens our bargaining power, and supports the benefits and retirement programs that generations of members have worked to build. Organizing isn't just the responsibility of staff—it's something **every member can contribute to** by sharing their positive experiences and encouraging qualified electricians to learn more about union membership. Following the retirement of longtime Organizer and Membership Development Coordinator Randy Tucker, we are pleased to welcome [Tanner Johansen](#) in his place. Tanner has already begun working to help grow and strengthen the future of our local union. We look forward to the energy and perspective he brings to this important role as we continue building upon the strong foundation Tucker helped establish.

Finally, with elections and legislative decisions continuing to shape our industry, **political engagement** remains an important part of protecting our livelihoods. The policies enacted today influence tomorrow's jobs, apprenticeship opportunities, prevailing wage protections, and retirement security. Staying informed and involved helps ensure that working families continue to have a voice in those decisions.

Whether you're spending time with family, attending union events, participating in training opportunities, or simply preparing for the next wave of work, remember that the strength of Local 347 extends far beyond any single jobsite. It is built through the collective efforts of members who invest in their families, their trade, and one another.

- Hall Staff

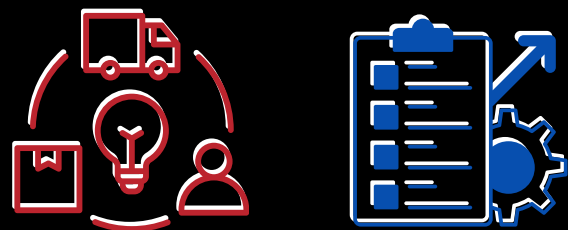
Work Outlook

Update

While some anticipated projects continue to face delays due to supply chain and material availability issues, our union has always understood that strength isn't measured only by how busy we are. Times like these provide an opportunity to invest in ourselves, our families, our training, and the future of Local 347.

Make sure you are on the books now! If you are working outside our jurisdiction you can still be signed on your home local's books.

- SIGN THE BOOKS NOW -



New JATC Instructors



Tom Wyant

A longtime Iowa resident, Tom's path to mentoring began with years of service supporting youth in the juvenile justice system - where his passion for helping others first took root. That same desire to make a difference led him into the electrical field, where

he built his career with ABC Electrical Services/Baker Group, learning alongside professionals who modeled excellence and care for both the craft and the people around them.

Tom now steps into the classroom ready to connect with apprentices through real-world experience, positivity, and a genuine commitment to their growth - both as electricians and as individuals.

We're confident he will help spark curiosity, strengthen skills, and encourage each apprentice to grow a little more every day.



Nick McGonigle

A retired U.S. Army veteran and Iowa resident, Nick brings a lifelong commitment to service, leadership, and growth. After beginning his career in the security & technology field, he transitioned into the electrical industry - where he quickly distinguished himself not

only through technical skill, but through his natural ability to lead and support others. As an apprentice, Nick routinely stepped up to help his peers, serving as a leader in the classroom and beyond. His dedication and excellence earned him recognition as the Outstanding Graduate of his class, as well as the opportunity to attend the National Training Institute's Outstanding Apprentice Cohort - a weeklong leadership development program for some of the top apprentices from across the country.

Nick now steps into the classroom with more than two decades of teaching and mentoring experience gained through his military service, along with valuable field experience and insight from both the electrical and technology sectors. His passion for helping others succeed and a genuine belief in every apprentice's potential - will help create a classroom where learning, leadership, and personal development can thrive.

We're confident Nick will help strengthen skills, build confidence, and inspire apprentices to keep pushing forward.

Please join us in welcoming Tom and Nick to the team!



Des Moines State Licensing Courses Available @ DSM Electrical Apprenticeship

Building the Next Generation & Reminders

FIRST ROUND OF APPRENTICES SELECTED

The first round of selections for the Fall 2026 apprenticeship class has been completed, and we are excited to welcome a new group of future electricians to the trade. These individuals will begin their journey toward becoming skilled journeymen and represent the future of our industry and our local union.

CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE TRADE

Despite fluctuations in the economy and construction market, interest in the electrical trade remains strong. Each application cycle brings motivated individuals seeking a career that offers quality training, family-sustaining wages, and opportunities for long-term success. This continued interest helps ensure a strong workforce for years to come.

IMPORTANCE OF MENTORSHIP

Apprentices learn more than technical skills during their training—they learn the values, professionalism, and work ethic that define our trade. Every journeyman has the opportunity to shape the next generation by sharing knowledge, setting a positive example, and helping apprentices develop into skilled, safe, and productive electricians.

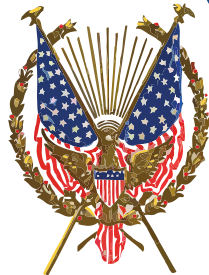
JOURNEYMAN TRAINING REMINDER

The best time to sharpen your skills is before the next wave of work arrives. Whether it's code updates, specialty certifications, safety training, or new technology, continuing education helps members stay competitive and prepared for future opportunities. Investing in your skills today helps position you for success tomorrow.

Industry & Legislative Updates

Iowa Labor Issues

- Workforce shortages in the skilled trades
- Registered apprenticeship support
- Infrastructure investments affecting electrical work
- State and federal energy projects



Federal Updates

- Energy and grid modernization funding
- Data center growth
- Domestic manufacturing initiatives
- Prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization requirements

Political Action Protects Union Jobs

- Voluntary PAC contributions matter - they help support efforts to protect our jobs, secure our benefits, and improve our working conditions
- Legislation impacts wages, benefits, retirement, and work opportunities
- Members have the option to contribute **\$0.05** per working hour to the PAC fund

 [PAC contribution form](#)



Voter Registration Drive

- Check your voter registration.
[Am I Registered link](#)
- Reasons you may not be registered might include:
 - Moving
 - Not voting in the last election
 - First time voting
- How to Get register to vote:

[Register to vote link](#)



Register to vote

- **Stephen Coxe**
Government Affairs

Celebrating Freedom

4TH OF JULY



Five Things To Do During a Slow Period

- Update beneficiary forms.
- Review your retirement accounts.
- Complete a training class.
- Check your HRA & Dollar Bank balance and on-file paperwork.
- Attend a union meeting.

Organizing Starts With a Conversation

Most new members join because someone they trust talked to them about the benefits of union membership. If you know a quality electrician working non-union, talk to them about Local 347.

Family Benefit Spotlight

Your EAP benefit is available to everyone in your household, not just the member. Counseling, financial guidance, and other support services are available at no cost.

Why We Vote

The decisions made at the government level impact all aspects of our job. Staying informed and participating in elections helps ensure working families continue to have a voice in those decisions.

Labor & Independence: The freedoms we celebrate each July were strengthened by generations of workers who organized for safer jobs, fair wages, weekends, retirement security, and workplace protections. The labor movement continues that work today by ensuring working families have a voice both on the job and in government.

If you want to receive the Local 347 Newsletter via email as an alternative to an actual mailing, please email your request to Nichole at nchumbley@ibewlu347.org.

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **July 31, 2026**.

This list was run on June 19, 2026. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

JESUS	L ALVARADO	NICHOLAS	RI MCLAIN
TOBY	W BOZARTH	LUIS	E MIRANDA
TRAVIS	D BROCK	JAMES	B MOREN
BLAKE	M BUCKINGHAM	WILLIAM	T NEWTON
JAMISON	A CHRISCO	GREGORY	M NORDSTROM
RICHARD	A COHENOUR	TYLER	C NOWELL
ALEJANDRO	D CONTRERAS	KIRK	I RUNDALL
ALLEN	L COOK	WESLEY	N SEARCY
JOSEPH	D DAKE	LUKE	W SEE
CALEB	B DE VORE	DAVID	K SHARON
JARED	B DENNY	DYLAN	L SIMPSON
LANCE	R DIXON	ANDREW	A SMITH
IAN	J DRABEK	REECE	A SODDERS
ANTHONY	J DURIAN	JORDAN	T ST. ARNOLD
CAEL	H ECK	JAMES	L TACKETT
CHASE	R ELLIOTT	CHAD	P TERRELL
LUKE	A FIFE	COLLIN	J TUTTLE
TYLER	C FRANCE	NATHAN	A UTSLER
THOMAS	B GOMEZ	TAMMY	L VAN WART
JASON	B GRANDSTAFF	SAMUEL	F WALLACE
WILLIAM	P GUIZAR	HALSEY	C WASSON
PATRICK	D HAMILTON	JONAH	T WILLIAMS
TYLER	J HANKE	CHASE	A WOODS
NICOLAS	L HANSEN	GABRIEL	M WYANT
RONALD	S HARMON		
B.J.	M HARVEY		
DAVID	L HENRY		
LUKE	D HIGGINBOTTOM		
ADAM	R HOCKING	MOHAMMAD J	FAQIR ZADA
DYLAN	A HUSE	TRISTON	H FRANCIS
MICHAEL	V KELLEHER	PALOMA	GALLEGOS
ALEXANDER	J LEE	ERIC	M WESTBERG
DAVID	W LESAN		
NICHOLAS	D LONG		
JASON	D LYON		
JORDAN	D LYTTON		
FELIX	K MARTINEZ		
EVA MIA	MAY MITCHELL		
KEVIN	J MCCARTY		
MAX	B MCCLINTOCK		
RUSTY	G MCCLURE		

Last Months Job Referrals

54-Referrals Sent Out
 18-Regular Calls
 3-VDV Tech 1-VDV Appr
 17-Apprentice
 3-Installer 12-CW

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by July 31, 2026. This list was run on June 19, 2026.

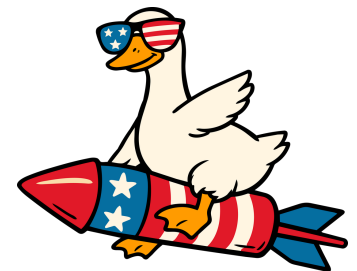
"A" MEMBERS

DANIEL CHAVEZ
 COOPER R MACUMBER
 DOMINIC L MCCARL
 ALAN P NEWELL
 DARYL A PATTERSON
 SCHUYLER L WILLIER

"BA" MEMBERS

QUINCY W GREEN
 NOOR QASIM

"BA" MEMBERS



June 1st DROPS

Bailey, Justin L	A
Bechtol, Shion	A
Belcher, Jacob M	A
Downs, Scott D	A
Miller, Jason A	A
Ngoyi, Lubo	BA
Padilla, Elvis	BA
Stecker, Seth	A
Ward, Dustin W	A



55-Year



50-Year



45-Year



40-Year



35-Year



30-Year



25-Year



20-Year



15-Year



10-Year



The Reeds



5-Year



Uncle Phil



2025 Retirees



GET SCHEDULED TODAY



IBEW Local 347 Electrical Workers Health & Welfare Fund Hosts Annual Screening To Detect Your Risk For Stroke!!



- ✔ Saturday, August 29th FORT DODGE
- ✔ Friday, September 25th Ankeny
- ✔ Saturday, September 26th Ankeny
- ✔ Sunday, September 27th Ankeny

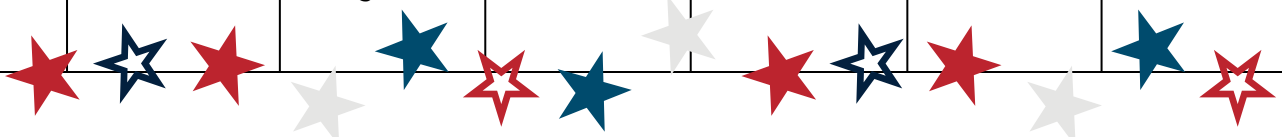
Call: **515-243-1924**

Electronically Sign Up: <https://ibew347.timetap.com/#/>

Email: nchumbley@ibewlu347.org

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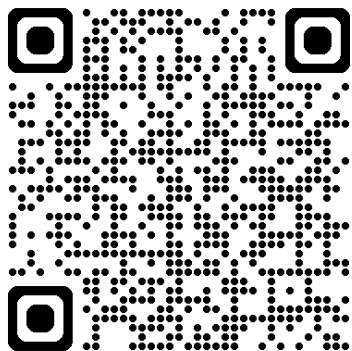
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Union Trivia: Did you know? The IBEW was founded in 1891 by ten electrical workers who believed skilled tradespeople deserved safer working conditions and fair wages.</p>			1	2	3 <i>Hall Closed</i>	4 
5	6	7 EP2 4PM	8 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	9 General Membership Mtg. 5PM	10	11
12	13	14 Firestone Mtg. 12:30PM & 2:30PM	15 VDV Mtg. 4PM Women's Committee Mtg. 5:30PM	16	17	18 LU347 Annual Golf Outing *RSVP* 8AM 
19	20 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4PM	21 Keystone Mtg. after work KCCI Mtg. 1PM	22	23 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30PM	24	25
26	27	28 E-Board Mtg. 4PM RENEW Mtg. 5PM	29	30	31	





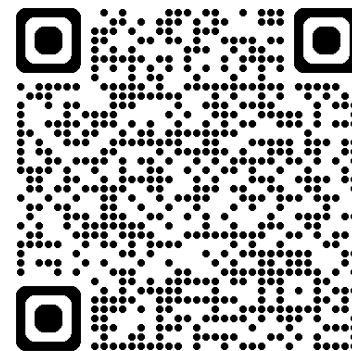
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Scan Above to See Job Calls

<p><u>LOCAL UNION 347</u> 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</p>
<p>DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP www.dmelejatc.org Phone: (515) 224-4349</p>
<p><u>LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN:</u> 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/</p>
<p><u>SAV-RX:</u> BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347 www.savrx.com Phone: (402) 753-2800</p>
<p><u>DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION:</u> 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</p>
<p><u>V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care):</u> 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</p>
<p><u>LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #43-1329</u> www.principal.com <u>Principal Financial:</u> Phone: 1-800-547-7754 Address changes: Contact the Union Hall & Morgan Flournoy w/ Solxsys Phone: (515) 644-3200</p>
<p><u>JOURNEY CREDIT UNION:</u> Phone: (515) 243-8735</p>
<p><u>RETIREE RESOURCES:</u> IBEW Retiree helpline: Phone: 1-202-728-6206 NEBF: Phone: 1-301-556-4300</p>