



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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Sisters and Brothers,

Merry Christmas! The holidays are upon us and even though 2020 was arguably one of the worst years in American history, recovery is on the way. 2021 will finally free America and the rest of the civilized world of the burden and continued loss caused by COVID-19. Americans continue to suffer great losses to this pandemic and we can never let go of that loss. In much the same respect that our unity is strengthened when we are attacked by our enemies, we must never let go of the lessons learned through the lives that were tragically and unnecessarily lost during this fight. I have a great deal of remorse for the families that have suffered as well as a tremendous gratitude to those frontline workers that have continued to fight to keep people alive, selflessly putting themselves at risk. I also extend my sincere gratitude to all our electrical workers, we are the critical infrastructure heroes that have worked continuously to build and maintain this country's power and communications capabilities. Without these critical components all other efforts would have been in vain. You have all worked tirelessly, putting your country's interests before your own and you deserve sincere recognition for your service.

Our President Elect Joe Biden has appointed our International President Lonnie Stephenson to his transition team. As a key advisor, International President Stephenson has played a major role in developing Biden's climate and clean energy policies. This is a fundamental benefit for Labor and IBEW. Having a US President listening, understanding and adopting policies based on our Union leaderships direction can have long lasting effects that are favorable to workers in this country.

At our November 12 General Membership meeting, I proposed two Bylaws changes. Both changes will require a vote by secret ballot which otherwise would have been taken at our December GM meeting. The complication is that on November 16 our Governor signed a new proclamation that restricted gatherings through December 10, the date of our next meeting. Awaiting approval, I believe it will be necessary to cancel our December General Membership meeting. I just want to reassure you that you will receive information on the proposed changes and be notified at least 20 days prior to the vote once it is determined when it in fact it can be held with certainty. The Union Hall continues to remain open for normal business.

Work on the new Union Hall continues. The site prep/grading, utilities have been completed along with the subbase for the parking lot paving. By the time you receive this newsletter, pending acceptable weather, most of the parking lot will have been paved. The project will go dormant until about April and progress steadily from that point until completion which is expected to be Late 2021. This project is shaping up to be something we can all be proud of for our next 100 years. Thank you goes out to our directors Terry Pohlman, Scott Gardner and Aaron Haug for all their time and commitment to the project.

Make A Wish Iowa's Jolly Holiday Lights is celebrating its 25 year anniversary this year. It is about the only thing you can do with family this year that seems remotely familiar. Please try to get out there so that we can continue to provide wishes to all the extraordinary kids that deserve it so much. Thank you to all our volunteers that helped with the Jolly Holiday Lights set up this year. Rick Chumbly, Chad Davis, Dave Reid, Zach Lange, Ben Duke, Jason Ballard, Joe Rivas, Randy Tucker, Tracy Bethards, Scott Farnsworth, Mike Wakeman, Bronson Weese, Kevin Goben, Kyle Goben, Bryson Goben, Mike Gomez, Wade Lester, Chris Heaberlin, Greg Fox, Caleb Fox, Dustin Eichelman, Tim LeClaire, Van Flattery, Rod Olson and Quade Wells. We will announce the teardown date as soon as it has been determined.

The US Marine Corps Toys for Tots program is creatively doing all they can to continue to bring joy to families this Christmas. Drop off events are being restricted and this will certainly have devastating effects on the volume of toys and donations received this year. The Union Hall is an official Toys for Tots drop off site so come on down with a toy or donation and let's do all we can to make it another great year for the kids.

The Local Union Executive Board will soon have a vacancy to fill. If you are interested in serving the Local Union as an Officer, please submit your interest in writing to the LU Executive Board at 850 18th St., Des Moines, IA 50314. Thank you Brother Adam Casady for your years of service to the Local Union!

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Political Corner

Well, the election is over and while we can't win them all, we certainly could have done a lot better this year. It didn't help that the main form of voter contact we could do was phone banking, and everyone else was doing it at the same time. Luckily the phone calls and nonstop political ads are over now so we can celebrate the holidays in peace!

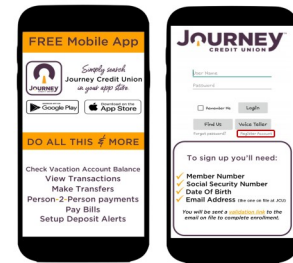
Focusing on local elections first, the Iowa House and Senate will still be controlled by the Republicans. This is bad news for apprentices because it means the legislation affecting our unemployment will not be reversed any time soon. There will also undoubtedly be more attacks on labor like the ones we have seen against public sector workers in recent years. At the national level, Cindy Axne won her race and Rita Hart's race is being re-counted, but Abby Finkenhauer, J.D. Scholten, and Theresa Greenfield lost their races. While these losses hurt, Joe Biden's victory against Trump will at least tip the scales somewhat in our favor. (And on the off chance that Democrats win both Senate runoff races we could really get somewhere.) Any good news here does of course rely on Trump accepting the results of the election and stepping down in January, but we'll have to cross that bridge when we come to it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! I hope you can all spend some time with your families and friends and forget about politics for a few days.

In Solidarity,
Wade Lester



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A festive advertisement for Journey Credit Union's holiday loans. The background is dark with out-of-focus purple and yellow lights. Three purple circular ornaments hang from the top. The left ornament says "rates as low as 8.00% APR*" with "APR=annual percentage rate" in small text below. The middle ornament says "PUT A LITTLE SOMETHING extra UNDER THE TREE THIS YEAR". The right ornament says "APPLY TODAY!" with the website "www.journeycu.org" below. At the bottom, a dark purple banner contains the text "HOLIDAY LOANS make Christmas merry-er" in white and yellow script.

DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP

The Trustees of the Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship have made the difficult decision to suspend all in-person training for the remainder of 2020. All apprentice classroom training will continue in a virtual classroom setting, utilizing WebEx. The decision was not made lightly. As the number of covid-19 positive cases continue to rise in Polk County, the Trust felt it was time to take a more aggressive approach to minimizing the risk of exposure to staff and students.

Tentative Journeyman Continuing Education Class (CEC) schedule:

Name	Class Number	Start Date	Start Time	End Time
Basic Codeology	705	Monday, January 11, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Conductor Ampacities	717	Tuesday, January 26, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
NEC Requirements for Determining Available Fault Current and Required Field Labeling of Service Equipment	718	Wednesday, January 27, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
"NFPA 70E - Electrical Hazard and Safety Awareness for the Qualified Worker"	704	Tuesday, February 09, 2021	4:00 PM	8:00 PM
Basic Codeology	706	Tuesday, February 16, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Calculating Raceway & Box Fill	708	Monday, February 22, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Referencing the NEC	710	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Grounding & Bonding Requirements of the 2020 NEC	714	Monday, March 08, 2021	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
Grounding & Bonding Requirements of the 2020 NEC	715	Monday, March 08, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
NEC Requirements for Determining Available Fault Current and Required Field Labeling of Service Equipment	719	Tuesday, March 09, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Grounding & Bonding Requirements of the 2020 NEC	716	Wednesday, March 10, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Conductor Ampacities	720	Wednesday, March 10, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Calculating Raceway & Box Fill	709	Monday, March 22, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Referencing the NEC	711	Tuesday, March 23, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Conductor Ampacities	712	Tuesday, March 23, 2021	4:00 PM	8:00 PM
NFPA 70E - Electrical Hazard and Safety Awareness for the Qualified Worker	707	Tuesday, April 20, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
NEC Requirements for Determining Available Fault Current and Required Field Labeling of Service Equipment	721	Tuesday, April 20, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Conductor Ampacities	722	Wednesday, April 21, 2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
NFPA 70E - Electrical Hazard and Safety Awareness for the Qualified Worker	713	Tuesday, May 25, 2021	4:00 PM	8:00 PM

- All classes are subject to change, or cancellation, as we adapt to the changing pandemic guidelines from our local and state government agencies.
- Classes will be available for registration no later than 14 calendar days prior to the first day of class.
- You must register for classes online at <https://secure.tradeschoolinc.com/v5/dmelejatc-org/login>
- Follow our Facebook page to receive a notification when a CEC is available for registration.

Last Months Job Referrals: 71-Referrals sent out / 44-Regular Calls / 2-Short Call / 12-Apprentice / 1-VDV Tech. / 8- Construction Wireman / 4-VDV Installers

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 Randy: rhtucker@ibewlu347.org



Newborns

Waylon Don Gordon Swenson
 Born: 11/16/2020
 7 lbs. 5 oz.
 20"
 Parents: Kurtis & Lyssa Swenson



The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **December 31, 2020**. This list was run on November 20, 2020. This list is broken down into “A” and “BA” members.

“A” Members

JARRED T ADAMS
ALEX M ADKINS
RANDY J AHRENS
BRIAN L BAILEY
KORY M BEATTIE
JOSHUA D BELL
DOUGLAS P BOOTH
NICHOLAS J BRANDT
JAYDEN C BRIDGEMAN
EDWIN C BROSE
TRAVIS W BURLESON
RYAN T CAMPBELL
MARIANA CASTILLO-
ZACHARY A CAVIN
DRAKE E CHADWICK
TAIT H CHAPMAN
JONATHAN J CLARK
MICHAEL A CONNER
ALLEN L COOK
BRANDON L CORBETT
MARK W CRAWFORD
JACOB B DEPAUW
BRENT P DEWITT
MASON R DOWNING
TYLER J EASTER
RANDY N ETTER
TREY L EVANS
MATTHEW J EWALD
CHASE A FARRELL
RAYMOND L FAST
ARMANDO A FERNANDEZ
KOHL J FISH
CODY R FOGARTY
GARRETT R GALVIN
JONATHAN G GARCIA
JOSE O GARCIA
LEONEL M GARZA
NOAH J GASPAR
THADEUS J GIBBONS
THOMAS B GOMEZ
ORLANDO GONZALEZ
ANDREW V GRAHAM
DAVID G HALVERSON

BENJAMIN B HAMILTON
TYLER J HANKE
STEVEN A HANNAM
BRIAN S HARLOW
KEVIN D HARRIS
JASON A HARWELL
ZEBULON Z HATFIELD
SHAWN M HAUF
BENJAMIN M HEATH
TYLER W HECKMAN
CHRISTO- C HEER
JACOB M HINES
MICHAEL R HOTMAN
ERIC D HOUSEMAN
COREY A JACKSON
THOMAS V JACOBS
CHRISTO- W JOHNSON
AARON M JOHNSON
ROB D JOINER
DILLON P JONES
SCOTT A JORDAN
KOREY J KAISER
MICHAEL V KELLEHER
JASON D KING
BRYSON P KINYON
MATTHEW A KIRBY
MHIKEALY M KNIGHT
CHASE KOHLER
ZACHARY O LANGE
KORY J LEIKER
MICHAEL J LEWIS
MARQUEZ D LEWIS
KEVIN L LISK
ZACHARY T LITTLE
ADRIANA Y LOPEZ
KURT D LOVING
THOMAS G LUST
JASON D LYON
PENNY R MAKOVY
KYLE A MALDONADO
BRYAN C MAY
KYLE F MCNAMARA
SCOTT M MCTAVISH
KAYLA R MEALEY

JONA-THAN W MILLER
STEVEN L MINGUS
SETH D MONSON
JAMIE R MOORMAN
SCOTT D MORROW
JASON P MURPHY
CHRISTO-PHER M MURPHY
CAMRUN S NELSON
NATHAN R NEUENKIRK
PHI V NGUYEN
ISAAC L NORTON
VICTOR P OCHOA
MIKE L OH
JAKOB K OLESEN
MICHAEL D OLIVER
JESSE M PETERSON
BOWE R PORTER
D. KURT POTTHOFF
ANTUAND PRUNEDA
NICHOLAS S QUINTANA
ZACHARY A RAMSEY
COLIN P RANKIN
ANTHONY A RHOADES
ROBERT L RICHT
SHAWN W ROBERTSON
CHANCE A ROBISON
KIRK I RUNDALL
JOSEPH J SANDERS
BENJAMIN L SCHNEIDER
JOHN A SCHWERING
LUKE W SEE
WILLIAM M SHAW
ERIK L SHELD AHL
JASON A SIMONSON
NA-THANIEL E SMITH
JASON M SMITH
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CHARLES D TINNERMEIER
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CHANDLER K WELLS
ADAM L WHISNEY
NICK J WILLENBORG
ERIC L WILSON
STEVEN E WORKMAN
BRANDON L YEARLING
MICHAEL E ZIBERT

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DOUGLAS L EDWARDS
MEGHAN N FREISE
STACY M HICKMAN
SIMON J KARELS
DAVID S LOPEZ
MICHAEL J MOHLER
DEBORHA PEREZ
JEREMY W SMITH
JOHNIE S SONGKHAMDE
GALVIN Q THIPHAVONG
JUSTIN G WELLS

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2020.

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DENNIS E BEERY
DYLAN E BUCHMAN
BRADY P CAMPFIELD
JESSICA L CLARK
JAMIE C CLOE
JACOB E HOWARD
COREY K JOHNSON
DAVID K SHARON

“BA” Members

ANASTASIA L COLEMAN
PAUL D FINK

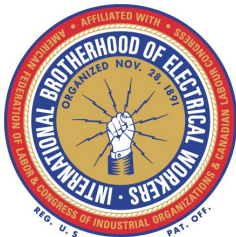
NOVEMBER 1ST DROPS

“A” Members

Lian Bawi
Ryan Edgington
“BA” Members
Michael Blake
Tammy Cooper
Aaron Haltom
Mentor Hysa
David King
Michael McCreary
Brian Scaggs
Shari Sloan
April Swanson

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 EP 2 4:00 PM	2 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	3 Fort Dodge November & December Mtg. 4:30 PM	4	5
6	7 ADT Mtg. 5:00 PM	8 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	9 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	10 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	11	12
13	14	15 Keystone Mtg. after work	16 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM	17 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	18	19
20	21 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	22	23	24 Christmas Eve UNION HALL CLOSED	25 Christmas Day UNION HALL CLOSED	26
27	28	29 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM RENEW 4:30 PM	30	31 New Year's Ever		



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Christmas*

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Phone: (515) 224-4349

LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN GROUP #78-380001

Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call CompuSys

1-844-347-IBEW (4239)

To search for a United Health Care in-network provider call: 1-866-596-8447 or go to www.uhc.com and click on Options PPO.

HRA BALANCE BY PHONE

1-844-472-2251

SAV-RX GROUP # IBEW347

www.savrx.com

1-866-233-IBEW (4239)

DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION—www.deltadental.com
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When presenting your ID Card, please notify the provider to only use the last 9 digits or your Member ID #.

To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access:

1-800-544-0718

V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care)—www.vsp.com

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:

1-800-877-7195

LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #4-31329 Principal Financial:
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www.principal.com. When calling have your P.I.N. ready

Address changes:

1-800-547-7754

1-800-547-7754

JOURNEY CREDIT UNION:

(515) 243-8735

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IBEW Retiree helpline:

NEBF:

Have your Card# or SS# ready

1-800-733-4239

1-301-556-4300