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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER/ FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you well. Here we are halfway through summer as I write this letter, (where has the time gone)! As we move closer to fall, it will be time for the 3rd annual Pig Out. This year the party will be held on Thursday September 25th from 11-5. Please see the information in this letter on the parking details.

We also are going to be starting contract negotiations with Xcel Energy on our main agreement. Negotiations will start July 29th and 30th and continue through the end of the year. We have 3-4 dates set aside each month for negotiations. I encourage you to attend the general membership meeting to stay informed on the progress of these negotiations.

Back in June I was at our 6th district Membership Development Meeting, and we were presented with 2 organizing awards for our local. The first award was for achieving the goal set by the International Office of a 4% growth in membership, we were at 5.9% giving us second place in the 6th district. The second was for all our successful campaigns we have had (13) over the last couple of years. Also, at this meeting our Membership Development Coordinator/Organizer Crystal Reeves was recognized for all her great work and accomplishments with an award as well. She was also nominated for Organizer of the year by the International Office along with 3 others. I just want to say good luck Crystal and thank you for all you do for this local. This goes to all my staff. Thank You all for all your hard work and dedication you put in, I appreciate each one you very much!!

I would also like to congratulate all our 160 competitors who competed in the North Star rodeo. It was held June 20th at the Hugo Training Center. It was a great day and so nice to see all the families enjoying the events. Thank You to Kellen Schmidt our Safety Blue Hat Brother for getting this thing together, 160 was proud to be a part of it and we can't wait for next year. Please see the pictures and names of the competitors in this letter.

I will close by asking that we look out for one another and take care of each other.

In Solidarity,

Kurt Zimmerman

Business Manager/Financial Secretary
IBEW Local 160

General Membership Meetings

Held at the Plymouth Union Hall on the first *Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM

- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 6

*Note: If a meeting date falls on a holiday, it may be rescheduled.

Mo Valley Unit Meetings

- August 26 @ 6:30 PM, Plymouth Union Hall
- September 18 @ 7:30 PM, Grand Rapids
- October 28 @ 6:30 PM, Plymouth Union Hall
- November 20 @ 7:30 PM, Grand Rapids

Hall Closures

- September 1

Please visit ibew160.org to check for updates or cancellations each month.



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**THURS
SEPT 25
11AM-5PM**



LOCAL 160 MEMBER UPDATES

WELCOME NEW 160 MEMBERS

MICHAEL ABLEMAN
ERIC ALEXANDER
ADDIEL ALPAJON ABREW
EDGAR ALVAREZ NUNEZ
SEBASTIAN AMUNDSON
GOTARDO ANGULO
JESSE ARCHAMBAULT
OSCAR ARGUETA
WILLIAM ARGUETA
CAROLINA ARGUETA RAMIREZ
CLAYTON BAKER
ROY BALDER
TREVOR BANKS
SANDRO BARRETO RIVERA
MATTHEW BARTLETT
BRIAN BAUMANN
ERNESTO BECERRA
LOGAN BEHNKEN
JOSHUA BERGSTEDT
BO BEUCLER
NICHOLAS BEUNING
CAMERON BLUHM
JEREMY BONESTELL
BLAKE BONNEVILLE
ADAM BOYER
EMERSON BROWN
HENRY BROWN
MANUEL BRUNO ALCANTARA
ADRIAN BRYANT
JAKOB BUGBEE
MAX BUHR
MAKAYO BUNN
MICHAEL BURTNES
WILLIAM CANCIENNE
JOSMAR CANDODO BARUCH
FELIX CAPOTE GALVEZ
CASSIDY CARLSON
KELVIM CARRASQUILLO PARDO
JAVIER CASANOVA
MARK CASAREZ
SEBASTIAN CASAREZ
JORDON CHAVEZ
DENNIS CODERRE
PAUL COFFEY
ISAAC COLBAUGH
RICARDO COLBERG
MATTHEW COLBURN
BRYAN COLON HERNANDEZ
JEFFRY CONDADO
JOSE CONTRERAS
JOSE LUIS CORTES
SERGIO CORTES
LOGAN COSTELLO
JACK COURRIER
JOSE CRUZ LOPEZ
CARLOS CRUZ MORALES
ONAVAN DAHLEN
VINCENT DARDIS
SAMUEL DAY
ALEX DE LOS SANTROS RIOS
IRVIN DEL RIO CASTRO

NATHANEAL DELEON
SAWYER DENNY
ANSBERTO DIAZ
YOANNIEL DIAZ
JORGE DIAZ CUELLAR
DANIEL DIAZ MACIEL
BRYAN DIRK
SAMUEL DOWNHOUR
ARNOLD DRUSCH
CAYETANO DUARTE
DRISS DURAN
STEPHANIE DUSZYNSKI
SAMUEL EBERT
ERIC ECK
CARTER ECKSTROM
MICHAEL EISCHENS
ANNABELLE ESPERUM
JOSE ESPINOZA GARCIA
PEDRO ESTRADA MELGAREJO
DAOMEY FERNANDEZ FERRA
JACKSON FIALA
ADONIS FIGUEROA MARTINEZ
THOMAS FISH
EAN FLORES TORRES
JULIUS FRANKLIN
DUSTIN FRITZ
ROLANDO GARCIA
YOSANDY GARCIA CASTELLANOS
JUSTIN GARDAS
BRADELY GODDING
ABELARDO GOMEZ
LUIS GOMEZ PEREZ
ADRIAN GONZALEZ
RODOLFO GONZALEZ VILLAR
BRYCE GRACE
EVAN GREEN
TANNER GREEN
FERNANDO GUERRERO
ERIC GUEVARA
JOSE GUZMAN
MIGUEL GUZMAN TORRES
DOUGLASS HALL
EDDIE HALL
BENJAMIN HALVERSON
SHAWN HANG
THOMAS HANSON
HENRY HARREN
ALEXANDER HENSCHEL
FREDERIC HERNANDEZ
IVAN HERNANDEZ
JQAVIER HERNANDEZ
JORGE HERNANDEZ
MICHEL HERNANDEZ MORFA
RONALD HERNANDEZ MURRAY
CLARISSA HERNANDEZ ROMERO
SHANE HINES
BENJAMIN HODNETT
ZACKERIAH HOLLEN
DYLAN HORVATH
KEVIN HOSOM
RICHARD HUNTLEY

SCOTT JABLONSKY
FRANCISCO JAIMES
ZAVIER JAMES
JAYMESON JOHNSON
MITCHEL JOHNSON
MASON KALIS
CONNER KARASEK
ROBERT KASPER
GAGE KRAJEWSKI
ADAM KRITZECK
NICHOLAS LAXEN
ROBBY LEMKE
TYLER LERO
BRIAN LIMANEN
JERALD LLOYD
ELI LOPEZ
JESSIE LOVELL
ALEXANDER LOVETT
PATRICK LUDLOW
JACKSON MAAS
EDWIN MALDONADO
WILSON MALDONADO
ALAIN MANSO BENDIG
JORGE MARIA MARTINEZ
MANUEL MARTINEZ
BRAYAM MARTINEZ FIGUEROA
EDGAR MARTINEZ FIGUEROA
MAX MARTINSON
TRACY MCCABE
TYLER MCCARRICK
RYAN MCGINNIS
DENIS MEDINA NAJERA
PARFIRIO MEJIA
JOSE JUVEMAL MELCHER ESTRADA
CARLOS MELENDEZ RYAN
MERLIN MENCAS
ISRAEL MENDEZ MORALES
SANTOS MENDEZ RUIZ
NELSON MENJIVAR PALMAS
DAVID MERAZ PORTILLO
JEFFREY MERSCH
GRANT MILLER
SAIMAR MONTERO ZUNIGA
OSCAR MONTEROLA
JONATHON MORALES
JORGE MORALES
JOSHUA MORALES MUNOZ
KEEGAN MORLOCK
RYAN MORRIS
DILLON NAVARRO
TIMOTHY NORRIS
ANTONIO OCHOA CERVANTES
AARON OLSON
HENRY OMAR LIMA GONZALEZ
NELSON OQUENDO OCASIO
GILBERT ORANTES
CRISTIAN ORDAZ
DANIEL ORTIZ JIMINEZ
FRANCISCO OVALLE
GAVIN OVSHAK
JUAN CARLOS PALOMARES MEDINA

RAMIRO ZUNIGA
SCOTT PARKOS
BRANDON PAUMEN
EDWARD PAYAN
DANIEL PAZ
JAMES PEARSON
RILEY PEARSON
NOLAN PEDERSON
JADEN PELOQUIN
CHRISTOPHER PENA
VICENTE PENA RAMIREZ
AARON PENDOLA
JAVIER PEREZ
ADALBERTO PEREZ MARTINEZ
CARL PETERSON
DAWSON PETERSON
DANIEL PILOTO
DALE PINDEGAYOSH
SALVADOR PLAZA
WILLIAM POPPLER
DAVID PROCTOR
MICHEL PUENTES OJEDA
JOSE PULIDO FERNANDEZ
EMMANUEL QUINONEZ
MICHAEL RAAB
MASON RAMBERG
JOEL RAMIREZ REYNOSA
CHRISTOPHER RANGEL
ZENUS REDD
NELSON REVELO AMAYA
MANUEL TEYES
WILBER REYES MARTINES
JOSE REYNALDO GUTIERREZ
CARTER REYNOLDS
SKYLAR RHODES
RUDY RIVAS
GERMAN RIVERA
MANUEL RIVERA CORTES
ADERLIN RODRIGUEZ
JHONATHON RODRIGUEZ SEVERINO JR.
RAMIRO ROJAS OSORIO
ANGEL ROMERO
JOHN ROSS
WILLIAM ROWELL
GERALD ROZA
BENJAMIN RUEHLE
CODY SAKRY
JORDAN SALVESON
ADAN SANCHEZ
ALVARO SANCHEZ
KENNETH SANCHEZ
CARLOS SANCHEZ RIVERA
CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO
DARIEL SARDINAS
WILLIAM SAVOREN
GARRETT SCHAEFER
BETH SCHMITZ
ANDREW SCHUBA
JACOB SCHWINGHAMMER
IGNACIO SERRATO
SARAH SHELANDER

LOCAL 160 MEMBER UPDATES

NEW 160 MEMBERS CONTINUED

REECE SHIKONYA
RILEY SHIKONYA
JORDAN SIECKERT
RILEY SKOOG
BLAKE SKWIRA
JESSE SNYDER
DANY SOSA PINERO
CONNOR STARIN
JOSEPH STEVENS
GABE STONE
ROBERT SWENSON
JACK SWIGGUM
ANISLEDY TAMAYO ESCALANTE
ELOY TANGUMA
NICHOLAS TOLLAKSON
CHRISTIAN TORRES
EDGAR TORRES
FRANKLIN TORRES
GIOVANNI TORRES
JOSE TORRES
DIEGO VALDEZ BANDA
KHRIS VALENCIA
KENG VANG
IOSVEL VARELA GARCIA
FAVIO DAVID N. VASQUEZ PORTILLO JR.

YUSIEL VAZELA BRITO
EMILY VAZQUEZ LUGO
EDWARD VELSQUEZ
ISSAC VENHUIZEN
JORGE VENTO SORRANO
ENRIQUE VIDAL
ANTHONY VILLA
MARCOS VILLAR PUPO
RIGOBERTO VILLAR PUPO
ADAM VINOPAL
ELI VISKOCIL
JASON WARNER
BILLIE WEBSTER
KYLE WECKERLING
JAMES WEEKLY
JON WESA
ZACKERY WESTLAKE
TREVOR WESTLIN
DOMINIQUE WHITLEY
COLTON WROBEL
QUENTIN YOUNG
AYDEN ZAHN
TUCKER ZIGAN

**TOTAL MEMBER
COUNT 3,974**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST LOCAL 160 RETIREES!

JEFFREY PETERSON - XCEL ENERGY
GERALD WURM - MO VALLEY
CHRIS YULE - XCEL ENERGY
DONALD BRADLEY - VEOLIA
THOMAS WILSON - XCEL ENERGY
MARK KLIMSTRA - XCEL ENERGY
ARNIE BONA - XCEL ENERGY
RANDY PETERMEIER - MO VALLEY
DONALD DIETZ - REDWOOD ELECTRIC
GARY ANDERT - MO VALLEY
ROBERT HANSON - WRIGHT TREE

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our Brothers. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their families and friends.

RICHARD D. MICHEL - RETIRED MO VALLEY - 10/31/24
JOHN J. GALANT JR. - RETIRED XCEL ENERGY - 3/22/25
GERALD V. WILKENS - RETIRED XCEL ENERGY - 6/6/25
GEORGE J. NAGOVSKY - RETIRED XCEL ENERGY - 6/28/25
ALVIN R. KOERING - RETIRED XCEL ENERGY - 6/29/25

THINKING OF YOU

Well wishes were sent to the following members:

THEODORE BEEBE - XCEL ENERGY
RODNEY KARLS - XCEL ENERGY
JASON LOOMIS - XCEL ENERGY
DENNIS STOKS - XEL ENERGY
TRAVIS SCHREIER - XCEL ENERGY

LOCAL 160 REPRESENTED AT INAUGURAL NORTH STAR LINEMAN'S RODEO

Local 160 was honored to be represented by several of our skilled members (listed below) at Xcel Energy's inaugural North Star Lineman's Rodeo, held in Hugo, Minnesota. This family-friendly event brought together 53 teams from Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Colorado for a full day of competition, connection, and celebration of the trade.

Crews showcased their talents in events like the "hurt man" rescue, raw egg pole climb, and precision timed tasks to replace essential electrical equipment. These challenges highlighted the remarkable abilities, training, and teamwork that lineworkers rely on every day to keep our communities running safely and efficiently.

Beyond the competition, the event welcomed hundreds of employees, families, and supporters who gathered to watch, cheer, and enjoy the festivities. It was a powerful reminder of the dedication and resilience that define this profession. Events like this are also a great way to raise awareness about the essential work lineworkers do—and to inspire the next generation to consider a future in the trades.

A sincere thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, and organizers who made the North Star Lineman's Rodeo a meaningful and memorable experience. Local 160 is grateful to be among those who helped bring this event to life—and to be part of a trade that continues to inspire through its service and skill.

Lex Anderson
Randy Constantino
Lars Erickson
Casey Fenton
Lucas Fobbe
Tyler Getty
Peter George
Chad Gravseth
Derek Groebner
Eli Hance
Cole Helget
Chris Hicks
Dan Lochen
Aron Moldenhauer
Mike S. Nolt
Alex Nygaard
Grant Orrock
Dylan Rohlin
Trevor Skinner
Joe Waldoock
Brandon Ziebarth



A MESSAGE FROM THE 160 EXECUTIVE BOARD



Summer's in full swing, and I know a lot of you have been putting in long hours out there. Just want to take a minute to say thank you for all you do. You make Local 160 proud—not just by working hard, but by working safe.

I had the chance to be a judge at the Xcel Lineman's Rodeo recently, and let me tell you, it was a great event. Hats off to everyone who helped put it together—it takes a lot of behind-the-scenes effort to pull something like that off, and it showed.

The teams did some incredible work out there, and it was awesome to see so many families and kids watching. A lot of little ones got to see what their dads do out in the field—or why we sometimes have to leave family gatherings to answer a call and get the lights back on.

There were also a bunch of great vendor booths and a real sense of community. It was the kind of event that reminds you what this union is all about—brotherhood, hard work, and pride in the trade.

As the summer rolls on, I hope you all get a little time to enjoy it—whether that's by the lake, at the cabin, or just around home. And if you're out on the water, remember your boat safety—for your sake, and for your family's. We all want to make it home at the end of the day.

Be your brother's keeper. Watch out for one another.

In Solidarity,

Scott E. Knight

Executive Board Member
IBEW Local 160



CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE!

IBEW160.org



MO VALLEY JATC UPDATES

BY THE NUMBERS

840 Total Apprentices and Trainees

- 705 Line Apprentices (113 Local 160 hands)
- 106 Substation Apprentices (26 Local 160 hands)
- 4 Cable Splicing Technicians
- 9 Operator Apprentices (1 Local 160 hand)
- 16 Traffic Signal Apprentices

UPDATE

Work is ramping up across the seven states, and we're seeing an increase in job calls for line and substation apprentices. If you know anyone on the ranking list for orientation, be sure to remind them that when traveling as an apprentice, they are responsible for covering all travel expenses. This is clearly explained during the interview, but more and more apprentices are getting their first job call, only to be surprised that they need to travel at their own cost and won't receive per diem.

SAFETY TOPIC

Back feed Awareness: A Growing Concern

Most in the industry are already familiar with the term "backfeed," but with storm, hurricane, and outage season fast approaching, it's a good time to remind everyone of the hazards associated with it—and how these hazards may now be harder to spot (or hear). We're all familiar with portable generators. Even the quieter models still emit some sound, so they're easy to detect. However, battery-powered stations are becoming an increasingly popular alternative to traditional generators—and they operate silently. This means that the typical audible warning signs we are used to hearing may no longer be there. When these battery power stations are properly installed, with the right manual or automatic transfer switch, they pose no risk to workers repairing the distribution system. But if they're not properly wired into the home, they can backfeed electricity into the line side, creating a serious hazard. The good news is that the risks can be easily mitigated by following proper work procedures and using the correct personal protective equipment (PPE). Always use the correct tester in the approved manner. As technology evolves, we need to be aware that the warning signs we're used to may change—or even disappear altogether. Staying vigilant and adapting to these new challenges is key to ensuring safety on the job.

In solidarity,

Dave Audette

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Butcher Salt - What's the Scoop Ice Cream - Turbo Taco*



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