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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you in good sprits and ready for some wonderful summer weather. As I write this letter, I want to inform you of a change that was made at our April General Membership Meeting. Starting in May of this year the General Membership Meetings will start at 6:00pm going forward. Please make a note of this change, and I look forward to seeing everyone there. This change is also updated on our FB page and website as well.

We are still in contract negotiations with 4 new groups that we have organized this past year. We hope to get these first agreements wrapped up very soon. On that note, Local 160 was presented 2 awards at the 6th district membership development conference in March. We were recognized for our outstanding organizing efforts and successes this past year. We were 1 of only 6 locals in the whole 6th district with membership growth over 6%. I want to thank Crystal and my entire staff for their continuous hard work day in and day out, I am very lucky to have you all, and I appreciate each and every one of you.

We held our Steward Training in April and it was a great couple of days. Lisa Page from the International Office put on the training. We received a lot of positive feedback from the group, the information that Lisa presented was very helpful for the Stewards. In all we had 143 Stewards attend the training and I want to thank all of our Stewards for doing what you do.

In closing I want to remind everyone that our 2nd annual Pig Out is set for September 26th. The food trucks will be serving from 11-5 I hope to see everyone then. Please watch our website and FB page for more information on parking for this event.

In solidarity,

Kurt Zimmerman
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH HALL (13220 Co Rd 6, Plymouth) ON THE ***FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00PM.**

JUNE 6

JULY 11

AUGUST 1

SEPTEMBER 5

**Except when the meeting date falls on a holiday.
Please make sure you check our website for meeting cancellations each month.*

HALL CLOSURES

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27
Independence Day - Thursday, July 4
Labor Day - Monday, September 2

MO VALLEY UNIT MEETINGS

MAY 23 @ 7:30PM

Grand Rapids
300 17th St SE, Grand Rapids

JUNE 25 @ 6:30PM

Plymouth Union Hall
13220 Co Rd 6, Plymouth

JULY 25 @ 7:30PM

Grand Rapids
300 17th St SE, Grand Rapids

AUGUST 27 @ 6:30PM

Plymouth Union Hall
13220 Co Rd 6, Plymouth

SEPTEMBER 19 @ 7:30PM

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PIG OUT

THURS SEPT 26, 2024 11AM-5PM

IBEW LOCAL 160 UNION HALL, 13220 CO RD 6, PLYMOUTH, MN

FOOD TRUCKS • FRIENDS • FUN

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Brothers and Sisters,

It's spring time again and that means that summer is right around the corner. Remember to keep your heads in the game when the heat and humidity arrive. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion is a serious thing to consider while working in the

summer heat.

I have experienced this first hand as an apprentice years ago while rebuilding the 345kv lines near Monticello. I remember the temperature was in the 90's for about the 4th day in a row and that the humidity was also pretty unbearable. Being in my late 20's at this point of my life, I pretty much felt like I was invincible, nothing was going to keep me from giving it my all at this point. We were framing structures at the end of the day so that the setting crew was going to have structures to set the next morning and they didn't have to wait on us the next day. While framing, I happened to look over at brother Charlie Sable and say that I was happy the heat and humidity had finally gone away and the days ahead were going to be easier to work in. Brother Sable looked at me and said, "What's wrong with you? It's hotter right now than any of the other days we've been working in." He could tell there was something wrong with me, as my body stopped sweating and the coloring in my face had changed. Brother Sable and Brother Door took me right to the truck to sit in the AC and put cold t-shirts on my neck to cool me down. I had felt no different then I had the days prior, so I didn't understand the severity of my condition at the time.

What I want to make clear in my story is this; listen to your work mates. Take the time to cool off during the hot days of summer and drink plenty of water, because you just never know when heat exhaustion or heat stroke can sneak up on you.

In Solidarity, your President,

Kevin Kaeter

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to extend gratitude to Kurt for holding a valuable training session at the Hall. It was great to see all of the stewards gathered together, sharing ideas that we can all use as tools in our roles.

I'd also like to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for the dedication and hard work you demonstrate as stewards. Your contributions to the groups within our trade do not go unnoticed, and it's inspiring to see the younger generation stepping up to take on these important roles.

As stewards, it's crucial that we always strive to ensure we have the right facts. This not only makes our jobs easier but also enables the union to support us effectively.

The insights we gain about work comp rules are invaluable. Remember, if you are injured on the job, don't hesitate to report it promptly. There's no need to fear repercussions. While it's true that sometimes the process may seem slow, keep pushing with your work comp claim, and don't give up until you receive the support you deserve.

With summer upon us, I urge each of you to prioritize safety, both on the job and at home. It's easy to become complacent during home projects or recreational activities, but let's remain aware in order to help prevent any accidents.

In closing, and above all, let's continue to support and look out for one another as Brothers and Sisters. I am proud of each and every one of you for the vital role you play in our Local 160.

Scott E. Knight
Executive Board Member



MO VALLEY JATC NEWS & UPDATES

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 659 Line Apprentices (84 are Local 160 hands)
**87 Apprentices out of work (3 are Local 160 hands)*
- 56 Substation Apprentices (4 are Local 160 hands)
- 12 Operator Apprentices (1 is a Local 160 hand)
- 17 Traffic Signal Apprentices
- 10 URD Technicians
- 6 Cable Splicing Technicians

For a grand total of 760 Apprentices and Trainees.

NEWS:

Safety: Crew Awareness

There was an incident in the apprenticeship's jurisdiction involving a digger and a pole trailer. It was a 4-man distribution crew. A JL and an apprentice loaded a pole on the pole trailer and lifted the outriggers while the boom was still in the air. The JL and the rest of the crew left the yard in the bucket truck and pick up. The apprentice was the last one in the yard and skipped his 360 walk-around. When he pulled the digger truck out of the yard to head to the jobsite, the boom made contact with a single-phase line and broke the primary, neutral and secondaries. No one was injured. It took about 2 hours to get everything sorted out and power restored.

This incident was avoidable. I would like to take a minute to remind everyone that we work as a crew. Even though the apprentice was the driver of the digger truck at the time of the incident, if the other members on the crew had been paying attention, it could have been avoided. Keep an eye on each other and make sure things are getting done correctly. When someone drives a truck, you are responsible for the condition of that truck. Making sure the truck is road ready is easy to do when you complete your walk-around. One of the easiest ways to avoid an incident like this is a peer check, confirm the driver did their walk around before you head to the right of way.

Another work practice that is priceless when it comes to hauling a trailer to a jobsite, is to use a chase vehicle whenever possible. Especially with a pole trailer, make sure that you follow with a bucket or a pickup. The idea behind that is the chase vehicle will recognize if there is a problem and alert the driver so it can be corrected. As well as if there is going to be a vehicle crash/accident involving the back of a trailer or a pole, the hope is it will only involve company vehicles.

Remember, it's everyone's job on the right of way to watch out for each other. Be aware of your surroundings and try to avoid tunnel vision on a task.

In solidarity,

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RUBEN ABREGO	ERIC DAHLHEIMER	ROBERT HARRIS	BLAKE LORENTZ
MELISSA ACKERMAN	MICHAEL DAUER	BRADY HAVEMEIER	ERIK LUUKKONEN
JACOB ACKISON	TYLER DEHMER	JAMES HAYWARD	KEITH MAAS
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YUNIOR ACOSTA SANTANA	SHANE DIXON	CONNOR HENDRICKSON	SEAN MARRON
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VINCENTE AGUIRRE	THEODORE DREVLOW	YUSNIEL HERNANDEZ	NIKKI MARTINEZ
CARSON AHERN	MATHEW DREXLER	AMANDO HERRERA CORTES	ALEC MCMANUS
ANDREW ALBRIGHT	JACOB DRURY	CHAD HOFMANN	MICHAEL MCQUADE
DARREN ALLEN	GARY DUDEK	AUSTIN HORN	JOSE MEDRANO
GRIFFIN AMY	PORTER DUNCOMBE	TROY HUCKELL	PAYNE MEILKE
ANDREW ANDERSON	CONNOR EICHELT	MISAEAL HUERTA	ANTHONY MEIXELL
YOSUHAR ARIAS	ANTONE ELIAS	BRYCE IVES	DAINELYS MENDEZ
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ANDREW AUSTIN-WHITE	ANSELMO ESPINOSA	MOYSES JAIMES SANCHEZ	AARON MENSING
DANIEL AYALA	ADRIAN ESTOPINELES SOSA	ROYCE JEPSEN	TANNER MERCER
DUSTIN BALE	THOMAS FARLEY	THOMAS JOHNSON	EZRA METZGER
ALEX BAMBERG	BERNARDO FELIPE	EVAN JOHNSTON	TRAVIS MEYER
LABERRY BANKS	ZACHARY FEUCHTENBERGER	KEVIN KASTER	KENNETH MILLER
CHARLES BARETTE	ZADEN FITZSIMONDS	TREY KEELS	BARBARO MIRANDA SANTANA
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AUSTIN POULIOT	JACK RUDEEN	NICHOLAS STEVENS	HUNTER VASQUEZ
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CARLOS ROMERO	RONALD SMITH	MIGUEL URBINA	ZACHARIE ZINIEL

TOTAL MEMBER COUNT 3,621

Our Deepest Sympathy

**WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF OUR BROTHERS.
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS.**

JAMES E. ANDERSON - RETIRED XCEL ENERGY - 1-30-24

RANLUPH F. HAEGELE - RETIRED XCEL ENERGY - DIED 12-26-23

RODGER C. HESSEDAL - RETIRED WRIGHT HENNEPIN - 11-19-23

DANIEL J. HEWITT - MO VALLEY - 2-26-24



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT:

WILLIE BOND - XCEL ENERGY
STEVE GENTILINI - MO VALLEY
J JORGENSEN - XCEL ENERGY

ROBERT KASPER - MO VALLEY
THOMAS LUMSDEN - MO VALLEY
DAVE RAMSDALL - XCEL ENERGY

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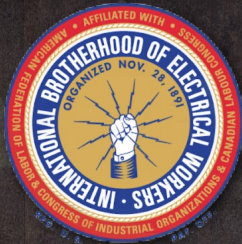
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