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NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As we roll into the new year here at Local 160, I would like to inform you of some of the changes that happened. I would like to introduce Mike Enerson and Crystal Rourke the two newest members to join my team here at the hall.

Mike is the new Business Representative who will be handling the power plants in the different areas and assisting me with the Nuclear plant. Mike has worked the last 15 years at the Sherco plant where he was a Lead Operator in the coal yard. He was also school teacher in the Dassel area for years before joining Local 160. Mike is making his way around the areas introducing himself as this letter comes out.

Crystal Rourke is Local 160's new Membership Development Coordinator/Organizer. Crystal has spent time in the Tree Trimming Department as well as working in the EUC area and most recently in the MLPS Underground Department. Crystal is also an Army Veteran to add to her resume - thank you for your service, Crystal!

I am very excited to have Mike and Crystal on board and I know that they both will do a great job. Please help me in welcoming them both.

I would also like to remind the delegates from Local 160 who were elected to attend the International Convention in May to contact Anna at the hall so she can take care of your advanced dues payment which is required by the IO. It needs to be taken care of by the middle of February.

In closing I look forward to a great 2022 and I ask each of you to work safe and watch out for each other.

In Solidarity,

Kurt W. Zimmerman
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

Becker

February 17th, 2022

6:30PM Becker Union Hall
12423 Pine Street, Becker

Mo Valley

February 22nd, 2022

7:30PM St. Anthony Union Hall
2909 Anthony Lane, St. Anthony

MARCH

Minneapolis

March 3rd, 2022

6:30PM St. Anthony Union Hall
2909 Anthony Lane, St. Anthony

Becker

March 17th, 2022

6:30PM Becker Union Hall
12423 Pine Street, Becker

Mo Valley

March 25th, 2022

7:30PM Grand Rapids Union Hall
300 SE 17th St, Grand Rapids

APRIL

Minneapolis

April 7th, 2022

6:30PM St. Anthony Union Hall
2909 Anthony Lane, St. Anthony

Becker

April 21st, 2022

6:30PM Becker Union Hall
12423 Pine Street, Becker

Mo Valley

April 26th, 2022

7:30PM St. Anthony Union Hall
2909 Anthony Lane, St. Anthony

HALL CLOSURES

April 15th & May 30th, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2022 - A new year! Let's make some goals for all of our members to try to make it to our union membership meetings. Meetings are held in Saint Anthony the first Thursday of month at 6:30PM. Becker the third Thursday of month at 6:30PM. Mo Valley's meetings alternate between Grand Rapids (the last Friday of month at 7:30PM) and Saint Anthony (the last Tuesday of month at 7:30PM).

Please make it a priority to attend a few meetings this year to stay engaged with your union. Bring a coworker to a meeting - remember this is YOUR union! I urge you to get involved. Listen and ask questions to learn how things work. The meetings are a great opportunity to see other members in-person and to talk with your Business Representative.

We all know there is a shortage of workers in trade. You can help by influencing family friends to get into the trades where they will have a stable career with good pay and benefits. Inform them that no experience is necessary and that they can start out as a groundman through the hall. Signing the books is a great way to get in the door and from there they can move on to other jobs in trade.

The last thing I'd like to say is that we all need to communicate effectively with each other on the job so we can all go home safely to our families.

In Solidarity,

Scott E. Knight
Executive Board Member

Please make sure you check our website for meeting cancellations each month.



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WELCOME NEW 160 STAFF!

Good Tidings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits! It is my honor to serve you and the brotherhood. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Crystal Rourke. I am your new organizer at Local 160.

I first joined the union as a tree trimmer at Asplundh. After that, I worked on the boring side of EUC at Xcel and eventually moved into an apprenticeship in the underground department.

Being a member of the IBEW changed my life...for the better. I believe in what membership in the IBEW can do for others, because I know what it did for me. It will be my privilege to help our organization grow as we help others realize a world of opportunity...united.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

In Solidarity,

Crystal A. Rourke
Membership Development

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Mike Enerson and I have been appointed by our new Business Manager, Kurt Zimmerman, to be his replacement as the Business Rep for most of the Xcel Energy Plants. I am excited to take on this role. It's been fun getting out to see some of the other power generation facilities and meet some of you, I look forward to getting to the rest of the locations to meet you all.

I have been with the Union and Xcel Energy for over 14 years, the last 7 of them as the chief steward for the coal yard at Sherco. I started in October of 2007 as a plant GPH and then signed a posting for the coal yard. Since then, I have been a Yard GPH, Yard Equipment Attendant, Yard Equipment Operator, and then the last year as a Lead Yard Equipment Operator.

I grew up in Bemidji and attended Bemidji State University where I received a teaching degree in Social Studies. I moved to the Dassel-Cokato area where I taught middle school social studies for 5 years and currently live. I met my wife, Alexis, down here and we have 6 kids from the ages of 15 down to 5 which keeps us busy. I enjoy being outdoors, Hunting, Bowfishing and spending time with the family.

I look forward to serving you all as your Business Representative. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns or even if you just want to chat. Thanks for the opportunity to serve your Union needs.

Michael K. Enerson
Business Representative

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I am Justin Arbach, and I am replacing Tom Cassidy as a Business Representative. A little of my work history. I started in the union as a groundman in EUC in 2000. I accepted a lineman apprenticeship at Xcel Energy where I have worked for 21 years. My apprenticeship was in Metro West where I rotated between the Edina, Chestnut, and Maple Grove service centers. Shortly after becoming a Journeyman Lineman, I accepted a Troublemans position in the Metro West Trouble Department where I have worked the last 15 years. In the Trouble Department I was a Troublemans, Dispatcher, and most recently a Trouble Tech. I was also a Steward for 9 years in the Trouble Dept.

I would like to thank Tom for being a Business Representative and all he has done for the members! Enjoy your retirement!

I am looking forward to learning the agreements of the various departments that I represent and helping the members. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns at 763-213-3536 (Tom's cell number). If I don't answer, leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can.

Have a great day and work safe!

Justin M. Arbach
Business Representative



Local Union 160 would like to congratulate the following apprentices for their outstanding performance at the 37th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo & Expo held on October 13-16, 2021 in Overland Park, KS at the Overland Park Convention Center and in Bonner Springs, KS.

Help us in congratulating our apprentices that placed in the top 20 of the Apprentice Contractor Division!

- (1) Jake Pavloff - Local 160
- (3) Bryant Sand - Local 160
- (6) Zach Moran - Local 160
- (9) Paul Skrivseth - Local 160

We would also like to thank the volunteers that attended and helped judge the event and a special thanks to Dave Audette for the training and joining them at the competition.

Jim Horsfall

Scott Knight

Mark Potter

The lineman rodeo is held annually with various challenging events. These apprentices were chosen by Missouri Valley instructors to volunteer and show off their skills. We are proud to see their work pay off and they should be proud as well.

Check out the photos in this newsletter and congratulations Jake, Bryant, Zach and Paul! You did an outstanding job representing IBEW Local 160!

Nicholas Steckelberg
Business Representative





INTERNATIONAL
Lineman's Rodeo





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Barron's magazine – 2020

**Listed Among the Top 1% of Wealth Advisors
in the Nation – for 13 years in a row**

Barron's magazine – 2021–2009

**Ranked Among the Top Wealth Advisors
in the Country for the last 5 years**

The Wall Street Journal – 2021–2017

Ranked the #2 Wealth Advisor in Minnesota

Barron's magazine – 2021, 2018
StarTribune – 2012

Named One of America's Top Wealth Advisors

Forbes magazine – 2021–2019 and 2017

**Recognized Among the Top
Wealth Advisors in America**

Financial Times – 2019 and 2013

**Featured in “America's Top Wealth
Advisors 2016: The Pros Millionaires
and Billionaires Trust With Their Money”**

Forbes – 2016

**Recognized as One of the Top Wealth
Advisors in the United States**

The National Association of Board
Certified Advisory Practices – 2012, 2011

**Listed Among the Top 25
Advisors in the Country**

REP magazine – 2012

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HAVE YOU BEEN STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE?

**It's important that you reach out for professional guidance to get through
difficult times. Don't go through this alone!**

Greater MN Intergroup Alcoholics Anonymous

952-922-0880

Employee Assistance Program (Xcel Energy)

866-248-4096

Member Assistance Program (Mo Valley Unit)

800-332-2191

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255



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WELCOME NEW 160 MEMBERS!

Nash Ahlman	Nicholas Haugen	Jacob Miller	Rocio Sanchez
Tyler Avery	Nathan Heinz	Dylan Mollenhauer	Greg Schiller
Benton Bakke	Alexander Holmes	James Neises	Reed Schmidt
Thomas Blackstone	Joshua Hubbard	Kyja Nelson	Erik Schuite
Justin Cronk	Gavin Jordan	Travis O'donovan	Isaac Schuman
Kit Culver	Nathanael Katterson	Nicholas Olsen	Jakob Schuman
Riley Cuscaden	Douglas Larson	Joshua Olson	Casey Smith
Cole Dahms	John Lehrer	John Petersen	Jackson Smith
Christophef Evavold	Damien Lepinski	Thomas Petersen	Nathan Solberg
Johnathan Forsberg	Patricia Lex	Uriah Reed	Raine Stade
Dustin Gadiant	Gunner Maas	Dakota Rico	Shawn Vlaminck
Charles Gehrke	Reed Mcalpine	Elisa Roe	Jacob Walderon
Micah Gertz	Justin Mcdonough	Isaac Salzbrunn	

TOTAL MEMBER COUNT 3,253

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT:

David Gable - Xcel Energy	Leigh Broberg - Xcel Energy	John Schwartz - Xcel Energy
John Haider - Xcel Energy	Steven Crone - Xcel Energy	Douglas Goetz - Xcel Energy
Patric Schaumann - Xcel Energy	Thomas Hills - Xcel Energy	John Frederick - Xcel Energy
Bradley Teslow - Xcel Energy	Ronald Zenzen - Xcel Energy	David Knutson - Xcel Energy
Jeffrey Kirchner - Xcel Energy	Mark Hoffarth	Larry Tessin - Xcel Energy
Michael Beck - MoValley	Richard Wallen - Xcel Energy	John Gustoafson - Xcel Energy
Daniel Dahlen - Xcel Energy	Gene Heiniemi - Xcel Energy	John Weierke - MN-Valley Electric
Michael Schoolmeesters - Xcel Energy	Steven Janske - Xcel Energy	Jeffrey Ayer - Xcel Energy
Richard Midas - Xcel Energy	Ronald Voigt - Xcel Energy	Gary Kaiser - Xcel Energy
Allan Fahsl - Xcel Energy	Michael Schmitt - Xcel Energy	Gerald Thomas - Xcel Energy

Our Deepest Sympathy

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

Robert E. Fernelius - Retired Xcel - Died 11-2-2021
Harold E. Lundin - Retired NSP - Died 10-25-2021
Edward Moratka - Retired Xcel - Died 11-26-2021
Daniel M. Wyttenback - Retired Xcel - Died 12-8-2021
Alan J. Standly - Retired MoValley - Died 12-18-2021

Get Well Soon

WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBER:

Mike Copeland - Xcel Energy EUC

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