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# General Membership Meetings

## Our Next Union Meetings Will Be Held:

**Minneapolis:** February 4 & March 4, 2021  
6:30 p.m. - St. Anthony Union Hall  
2909 Anthony Lane

**Becker:** CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE - 12423 Pine St  
Becker Union Hall

**Mo Valley:** February 23, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Anthony - Union Hall  
March 26, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.  
Grand Rapids Union Hall  
300 SE 17th St, Grand Rapids

**Please Note:** Due to Covid - Please make sure you check our website for meeting cancellations each month.



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**DUE TO COVID-19 THE ANNUAL STEWARDS TRAINING WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR.**

**ALSO DUE TO COVID-19 THE RETIREES CLUB MEETINGS WILL REMAIN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

- ♦ Some of you are too young to know what it feels like to take a ton of pictures then have to wait two weeks to find out they didn't turn out.
- ♦ You haven't experienced true heartbreak until you've been thinking about leftovers all day and then come home to find that someone ate them.
- ♦ Some days I amaze myself. Other days, I look for my phone while I'm holding it.
- ♦ My wife just stopped and said, "you weren't even listening were you?" I thought..."That's pretty weird way to start a conversation.
- ♦ Ate a box of THIN MINTS, didn't get thinner. I don't think they work.
- ♦ A Police Officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten"
- ♦ I was having trouble with my computer so I called my 13 year-old son to help me. He clicked a couple of buttons and fixed it. As he was walking back to his room I asked him what the problem was. He said, "It was an 'ID ten T' issue". Not wanting to sound stupid but curious in case I had the same problem again, I asked him what an ID ten T was. "Write it down", he said, so I did. ID10T....he never was my favorite child anyway.
- ♦ People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries and 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains and happy days. And we are not even that old yet.

**From the Editor, Rose M Eiden**

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**GOODBYE 2020  
HELLO 2021**

# *A Word or Two From Your Business Manager/Financial Secretary*



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to take this time to wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

2020 was a very difficult and trying year for not just us in the United States but for the whole world. Now with the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines (whether you believe the pandemic is real or not), should help to restore some normalcy around our nation and get people back to work. The new year also brings us a new administration that is definitely more pro-labor than what we have had for the last four years. The attacks on organized labor should be greatly reduced. We all must promote Unionism and protecting the rights of workers. It is the only way the middle class will survive. My hope for all of you is that 2021 will be much calmer, stress free, safe, healthy and happier times.

I would like to thank my all my Reps for their support and teamwork in filling in for me while I was recovering. I also would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and well wishes that were sent.

As always my door is open for all members of Local Union 160. So please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Solidarity,  
Robert J. Boogren

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## **Man, Wife and BMW**

A man in his mid forties bought a new BMW and was out on the interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to see what the engine had.

As the needle jumped up to 80 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. "There's no way they can catch a BMW," he thought to himself and opened her up further.

The needle hit 90, then 100, and finally reality hit him and he knew he shouldn't run from the police, so he slowed down and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car. "It's been a long day, this is Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go."

The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

"Have a nice weekend," said the officer and he walked away.

## **The Execution**

Three women go down to Mexico one night to celebrate college graduation. They get drunk and wake up in jail, only to find that they are to be executed in the morning - though none of them can remember what they did the night before.

The first woman is strapped in the electric chair and is asked if she has any last words. She says, "I just graduated from Trinity Bible College and believe in the almighty power of God to intervene on the behalf of the innocent." They throw the switch and nothing happens. They all immediately fall to the floor on their knees, beg for forgiveness, and release her.

The second one is strapped in and gives her last words. "I just graduated from the Harvard School of Law and I believe in the power of justice to intervene on the part of the innocent." They throw the switch and again, nothing happens. Again they all immediately fall to their knees, beg for forgiveness and release her.

The last woman is strapped in and says, "Well, I'm from the University of Texas and just graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and I'll tell ya right now, ya'll ain't gonna electrocute nobody if you don't plug this thing in."

## **LOCAL 160 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Leigh Aspelund	Maxwell Aubrey
Michael Berndgen	John Bosshart
Sebron Bovia	Lisa Bredeson
Bryan Burt	Nicholas Cortese
Paula Cronquist	Jesse Dennis
Luke Dessler	Tanner Dosch
Michael Downer	Joshua Etzler
Mason Ewest	Chester Fetter
Gabriel Fogarty	Cole Freilino
Blaze Gehrke	Richard Gehrke
Nathan Gibson	Andrew Gless
Anthony Harper	Antwan Hicks
Nicholas Hommerding	Drake Huls
Kaleb Kamrowski	Lewis Kelly
John Kleist	Alexander Korver
Michael Kostick	Benjamin Lieberg
John Lysen	Calvin Madison
Connor Martineau	Donovan Meixell
Robert Mellema	Elliott Nordin
Espen Norine-Iversen	Lucas Nuckols
Benjamin O'Brien	Ethan Oberg
Evan Oeltjenbruns	Cody Orr
Travis Petermeier	Justin Peterson
Ryan Pietila	Dominic Plautz
Christopher Prescott	Tomas Purintun
Michael Reiland	Gage Salin
Matthew Sallila	Adam Scheel
Landon Skalet	Trent Skjefte
Brian Snow	Alexander Stang
Tucker Tietz	Zachary Vanhorne
Richards Weberg	Wayne Widerhoeft
Joseph Wright	

**Membership Count = 3193**

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office  
"Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you  
prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied,  
"I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition be-  
cause this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

## **GET WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS**



Donald Bos - Steele Waseca  
Chris Duda - Xcel Energy  
Tom Jacobs - Xcel Energy  
Ethan Karels - City of Lake Crystal  
Ryan Koivisto - Xcel Energy

## **IN MEMORIAN**

*We are deeply saddened by the loss of our brothers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families & friends.*

Robert Ballmann - Retired Xcel Energy - Died 12/20/20  
Thomas Benjamin - Retired Xcel Energy - Died 10/13/20  
Gerald Boden - Retired - Xcel Energy - Died 11/28/20  
Craig Bugella - Retired Mo Valley - Died 10/21/20  
Richard Kammerer - Retired NSP - Died 11/16/20  
Michael B. Murphy - Retired Xcel Energy - Died 9/21/20  
John Ness - Retired IBEW 160 Representative - Died 10/9/20  
Dennis Swanson - Retired NSP - Died 11/26/20

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT.**

Joel Anderson - Mo Valley  
Michael Click - Asplundh Tree  
James Cullen - MN Valley Elec  
Kenneth Dirkes - Xcel Energy  
Brian Erickson - Wright Tree  
David Falk - Xcel Energy  
Mark Fuchs - Xcel Energy  
Dan Gardas - Xcel Energy  
Thor Halgren - Xcel Energy  
Dale Hance - Xcel Energy  
Matthew Johnson - Great River/Here  
Kenneth Koshiol - Xcel Energy  
Jody Krause - Xcel Energy  
Craig Marschall - Great River Energy  
Grant Miller - McLeod Coop  
Roger Morgel - Xcel Energy  
Bryce Northrop - Xcel Energy  
Gene Richter - Xcel Energy  
Bruce Winter - Mo Valley

