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NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

AUGUST

Becker

August 18th, 2022

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

Mo Valley

August 30th, 2022

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

SEPTEMBER

Minneapolis

September 1st, 2022

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

Becker

September 15th, 2022

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

Mo Valley

September 30th, 2022

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

OCTOBER

Minneapolis

October 6th, 2022

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

Becker

October 20th, 2022

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

Mo Valley

October 25th, 2022

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

HALL CLOSURES

September 5th, 2022

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



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I hope that this letter finds you in good sprits and health. I hope that everyone is staying cool and enjoying the summer. We have had a lot going on here at the Union Hall since our last newsletter. The 5 local unions have started contract negotiations with Xcel Energy and to date we have had 4 meetings and have 5 dates scheduled in August. Nothing to report so far other than negotiations are continuing.

On the new building front, the membership unanimously approved the purchase of a building for Local 160. We have been in touch with a realtor and have seen several properties. One in particular in Plymouth has been very promising and we have toured it twice along with a contractor to get an estimate on renovation costs. More

to come on this soon.

Some exciting news on the Organizing front - we had a successful campaign with the Engineer Group at Wright Hennepin. They voted to join the Union on July 19th. I would like to congratulate and thank Crystal, Darrin and Keith for all their hard work with this group. It is great to see our membership growing.

We held our Stewards Training on June 16th and 17th. It was two days of good information, food and fellowship. It was great to see everyone in-person again. On a another topic, unfortunately we are not able to hold the Pig Roast this year due to time restraints, getting appropriate approvals and reservations for the equipment needed to host this event. We are hopeful that things come together next year.

On a personal note I would like to thank my Brothers and Sisters for your phone calls, text messages, cards and emails that I have received on the passing of my father Wayne. I appreciate each and every one of your kind gestures. With that said, I hope that everyone stays safe and please take care of each other.

In Solidarity,

Kurt W. Zimmerman

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

UPDATES FROM THE HALL

ONLINE AND MOBILE PAYMENTS! We are pleased to announce that there is now a mobile app and online link to make dues payments for **outside power members (Mo Valley) and tree trimmers**. In addition to these new payment options, you may still call with credit card information, send a check or use ACH (if you are enrolled).

The ONLINE PAYMENT tool can be accessed through our website (ibew.org) under the RESOURCES tab.

To login to the ONLINE PAYMENT tool, click on the RESOURCES tab at ibew160.com

-Your Username is your Card Number

-Your Initial Password is your Last name and the last four digits of your SSN

-You will be required to change your password on your first login.

SCAN this QR Code with your cellphone camera to access ONLINE & MOBILE Payments!



If you have any questions, please feel free to call!

Stacy Helget (Office Manager)

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2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2022 David C. Ring \$1,500 Scholarship Recipients

Beau Biegler
Lauren Bernstein
Ashton J. Steinhagen
Madysen Hull
Chaz Steinhofer
Bryce Helget
Cole Helget

2022 Amy O'Sullivan (On-Going) \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

Madysen Hull
Bryce Maly
Skyler Borreson
Grace Steinhofer
Ethan Bernstein
Alison Peterson
Emma Parker
Madison Mollner

OTHER - 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2022 Nathan Blomquist Memorial \$500 Scholarship

Bryce Helget
Cole Helget

Congratulations!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is sure going fast this year! My message for you is to ensure that you all know that you are valuable to your employer because we are all valuable to our employers! We have all gone through a great apprenticeship that has taught us what we need to know to be proud members of the IBEW.

We are all seeing a lot of changes going on with new folks on the job and are experiencing good folks leaving the trade and going into retirement. We have some new crew leaders running jobs. When you do your tailgate, if you have questions be sure to ask your questions before you start the work. Know what all of the crew members are doing and be your brothers keeper. This will help new crew leaders ensure that the job is performed safely and correctly. We can all mentor each other on the job - that is what good union members do. If you feel that something is not right on the job - utilize STOP WORK AUTHORITY! Then regroup and figure out a safe way to do job. I would like to see all 160 members take the Code of Excellence Training that the hall offers. There is no cost to you, but the knowledge gained will be with you for a lifetime. Lastly, have you done your part to get more folks into the union? We have jobs that need to be filled so tell your friend and family about the great career that you have with the IBEW. Always remember to go to work with your head in the game so that you can return home to enjoy your family - and your time off.

In Solidarity,

Scott E. Knight

Executive Board Member

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Brothers and Sisters,

As the IBEW 160 teams together with our partnering locals to negotiate the general contract with Xcel Energy (the largest utility contract we negotiate) I write to share my opinion on this matter.

The Union spends a tremendous amount of time evaluating and prioritizing the information that you and the other members send them via the information cards that are returned to the Hall before the negotiations ever begin. This includes the comments placed on the bottom of the cards, too. I get a lot of questions and comments from the field from members stating, "You guys don't read those cards and don't take into account what's returned". My response to those individuals is this, "All of the cards are read, even the ones that are not always the most positive. We need that information to move forward. Without it, we would be negotiating blindly and that, my friends, isn't how we operate collectively".

Although we send out the info cards hoping for a substantial return, that's not generally the reality. There's also no reason the members don't respectfully voice their concerns and wants at the general membership meetings as that is what they are for.

As I've stated previously, we, your elected officials, work for you, the members. I once again want to state that the membership is what makes up IBEW 160 - the Union we proudly represent. Without your voice and input on vital topics, we can only represent you to the best of our ability. Membership meetings aren't always about the negative things that are evolving in the field, we need to hear about the positive ideas that you all have too. That, my friends, is what makes a Union a healthy operating organization.

It may seem like my letter is only speaking to the members of Xcel Energy, but in all reality it speaks volumes to ALL the areas we represent: co-ops, municipalities, and other investor owned utilities. We all stand together as one. I'm going to challenge you - the members - once again, to participate in our general membership meetings. Commit yourselves to at least 3 to 4 meetings a year. For those members who may live on the outskirts of our jurisdictions, get a group of 4 or 5 members and carpool to create a fellowship amongst yourselves. Make it a quarterly event that is fun and that you want to participate in. This will not only strengthen your specific work areas but it will also strengthen the future of the IBEW. The future is now and I think that is something that we all need to understand.

In Solidarity,

Kevin Kaeter

Executive Board President



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MO VALLEY JATC NEWS & UPDATES

MISSOURI VALLEY JATC



BY THE NUMBERS:

- Missouri Valley currently has 754 Line Apprentices
- 5 apprentices out of work due to material shortages
- Of those 754, 100 are Local 160 hands
- 39 Substation Apprentices total
- 15 URD Technicians total
- 4 Cable Splicing Technicians total
- 16 Operating Apprentices

For a grand total of 828 Apprentices and Trainees.

NEWS:

The JATC is starting a four year, 7,000 hour Department of Labor Cable Splicer Apprenticeship. This will help man the work in our seven state area so that we do not lose the work to non-union contractors. If you have any questions about the program please contact the Mo Valley office. We have just closed on the purchase of 50 acres next door to our property. This allows the JATC the ability to expand when needed and prevents us from becoming landlocked in the future. That puts our total foot print at 100 acres.

REMINDER:

We would like to encourage all of our apprentices and trainees to attend Mo Valley Unit union meetings when possible. You don't have to attend all of them; we know that people's lives are busy and that plans constantly change. However, you should try and make it to a few union meetings each year. The meetings are a great place to connect with other members, hear news and updates about current work, ask any questions that you may have about working conditions and to be involved with your local. The best way to know what's going on, get questions answered, share positive feedback or address concerns is to attend a union meeting. Be sure to bring a current dues receipt to get into the meetings.

SAFETY:

Worker safety is priority number one...ALWAYS. There have been several instances of workers having electrical contact incidents in the last quarter while working on distribution lines in Mo Valley's jurisdiction involving digger derricks. I would like to remind everyone that if there is an electrical contact involving a worker (as soon as the scene has been made safe) activate Emergency Medical Service (EMS) by calling 911 and specifically state that the victim needs to be evaluated by a specialists in the field of electrical burns or electrical contact. The difficulty with electrical contact is that while on the job, you cannot be certain of the severity of injuries so you must contact EMS immediately then they can professionally assess the victim. A prompt response helps the victim. Remember to use your cover up and keep your head on a swivel.

In Solidarity,

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WELCOME NEW 160 MEMBERS!

Ryan Abelson
Kemuel Acosta
Ashton Alaspa
Alec Anderson
Jerry Anderson
Killian Anderson
Noah Anderson
Jeremy Anick
Tyler Armstrong
Peter Aslakson
Cole Avenson
David Bach
Heath Bailey
Calvin Barksdale
Frank Barton
David Baumann
Dominic Bixby
Michael Bourbeau
Jake Bowers
David Boyd
Jason Brevig
Michael Broker
Nathaniel Burkhardts-
meier
Alysia Carlson
Brandon Carney
Joshua Carr
Daniel Chesin
Cole Ciardelli
Andrew Conlin
Carter Coppersmith
Hayden Cordell
Devin Corrigan
Kameron Deters
Tyler Diederich
Noah Dixon
Tyler Drees
Jonathon Drescher
Samuel Dugstad
Jacob Eastman
Jack Eichelt

Kyle Elledge
Andrew Ellerbrock
Caden Elsen
Issiah Evans
Cole Evjen
Timothy Feiler
Jedidiah Fike
Grant Fischer
Dale Fish
Ryan Fisher
Skyler Fossen
Lorenze Francisco
Devon Freeman
Andrew Freier
Cameron Gaebel
Victor Gamino
Michela Gerads
Tyler Getty
Myriah Gillette
Dominic Goihl-Krier
Jack Gross
David Haley
Matthew Haley
Dominic Hamann
Craig Hameister
Jonah Hamilton
David Hannine
Garrett Harrell
Kyle Hauck
Alexis Hemming
Connor Hemming
Joshua Heppner
Hunter Hermanson
Scott Heying
Jeffrey Hiltner
Christopher Hoover
Lucas Houchin
Dylan Hronoski
Michael Hudok
Spencer Hunt
Blake Johnson

Hunter Johnson
Tyler Jones
Tyler Jurgensen
Jack Kalmes
Beau Kaske
Benjamin Kasner
Michael Kersey
Lucas Kinney
Wyatt Kiphuth
Kade Koecher
Jacob Kozel
Joseph Kraft
Levi Kramer
Luke Krogh
Andrew Kulla
Sheu Labrecque
Joshua Laferriere
Logan Larson
Thomas Lehman
Jose Lopez Biviano
Damon Lucas
Tyler Lundin
Joshua Madsen
Jake Mahan
Trenton Matchler
Daniel McConnell
John McFarland
Robert McKenney
Nathan Meisenbach
Winston Mohr
Boby Nagel
David Nappa
Tanner Neidenfeuhr
Robert Nyman
Nikolas Obinger
Jack Olson
Logan Olson
Keiry Ortiz-Sanchez
Kristoper Parson
Dylan Peterson
Kevin Peterson

Tanner Pierskalla
Dawson Pittman
Nathan Popp
Logan Privette
Jorge Ramirez
Stephen Reed
Noah Renne
Justin Richards
Avery Rivera
Blake Romann
Fidencio Rosales
Edwin Sanchez
Alexander Sander
Anthony Sanders
Sean Saue
Kyle Sawatzke
Richard Sawatzke
Trenton Scamp
Nicholas Schepers
Phillip Scherf
William Schweisberger
Juan Segura
Zachary Shanley
Lucas Shaw
Pierce Shirey
Mason Silbaugh
Levi Smith
Oscar Soto
Jay Stafsholt
John Stelly
Ryan Stemming
Brett Sulier
Michael Swenson
Deven Syverson
Fabian Tomaschett
Scott Umland
Miguel Urbina
Jason Vanalstine
Joshua Vanderpool
Luis Ventura
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NEW MEMBERS

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Ivan Vezikov

Noah Vinopal

Justin Walker

Bryant Weaver

Cody Weiland

Quinten Welter

Landon Williams

Rudy Winckler

Ryan Wisneski

Mickey Wobbrock

Ethan Wollin

Hunter Wright

Blaine Woullet

Alexander Xiong

Brett Zawatzke



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TOTAL MEMBER COUNT 3,388

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT:

Chris Berthiaume - Mo Valley

John Lieser - Xcel Energy

William Jarvis - Xcel Energy

Michael Shanahan - Xcel Energy

Thongsa Inthapatha - Mo Valley

Kim Meyer - Xcel Energy

Douglas Paumen - Xcel Energy

Charles Busch - Xcel Energy

Ronald Jude - Xcel Energy

Keary Sullivan - Xcel Energy

Curtis Calabretto - Xcel Energy

David Thom - East Central Energy

Fidencio Rosales - Connexus

Dale Lysne - Mo Valley

Daniel Schade - Mo Valley



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

David G. Paeske - Mo Valley - Died 11-28-21

David P. Meyer - Mo Valley - Died 6-6-22

Wayne D. Zimmerman - Retired 160 - Died 5-10-22

Tanner K. Dosch - MN Valley - Died 5-10-22

Michael J. Pernula - Retired Xcel Energy - Died 5-28-22

Keith Haugen - Retired Xcel Energy - Died 6-17-22

Our Deepest Sympathy

WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Kevin Kaeter - Xcel Energy

Get Well Soon

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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