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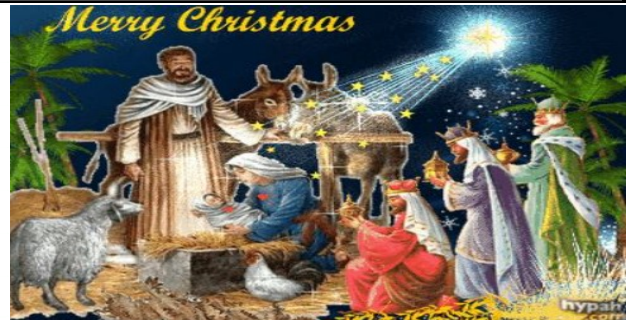
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## Business Managers Report

It's the end of November and the beginning of the holiday season. IBEW Local 231 is still very busy, and has filled several open calls, however we still have a few unfilled calls. The work picture is not expected to change much throughout the winter. We are starting to see infrastructure jobs appear on the horizon in our local area that will be starting in the near future. All trades in most jurisdictions are struggling to find qualified help. Keep your eye out for anyone who would thrive in the construction environment and benefit from Union wages. Send anyone and everyone to the hall to talk to Craig or I.

This year's IBEW Holiday Lighted Parade a huge success! With large turnout and a total of 76 floats it was the biggest in its history. I would like to thank those from within our ranks who donated their time to decorate the Christmas Tree in front of the Sioux City Museum on 4<sup>th</sup> street (Jeff Sales, Patrick Conley, Jerry Williams, Craig Levine, Jeni and Eve Plathe) I want to also thank those who helped to decorate the parade float and toss candy at the holiday parade. (Jeff & Curtis Eichmann and family, Tim Miller, Jim Schulz and family, Dan Reynolds, and Patrick Conley). Without you all, this event would not have happened, thanks for your helping hand. Thanks to Downtown Partners for organizing the event.

Building Trades is sponsoring an open house lunch at our hall on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. This is a way to get all the trades together and let our elected leaders know what we do, and some of our policy concerns. We invite everyone to please stop by and meet your elected leaders and have lunch.

Local 231 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy your time off with your loved ones. Let us know if you need anything.

**Rick Plathe**



## UNION HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

*We will be closed on*

***Monday, December 25th, for Christmas.  
We will re-open on Tuesday the 26th at  
our normal business hours.***

***We will be closed on Monday, January  
1st, for New Years Day.***

***We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd  
at our normal business hours.***

***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!***

## ORGANIZER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,



Happy Holiday Season. Hope everyone has a safe and memorable Holiday season with family and friends. Some people have asked questions about the Building Trades. I want to help explain the importance and what we do.

Northwest Iowa Building Trades:

For the past 6 years I have served as the President. We collectively represent the affiliated trades. It is like an "Union/Association" of the trades. Our affiliates currently are: The Boilermakers, IBEW, Insulators, Ironworkers, Operating Engineers, Painters, Glaziers and Drywall, Plumbers and Steamfitters, as well as Bricklayers. We work collectively to help get projects and share resources.

We also have the "Greenbook", <https://nabtu.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Plan-for-the-Settlement-of-Jurisdictional-Disputes-Effective-May-1-2011.pdf>. This helps determine whose work is whose. This is binding for all affiliates to the North American Building Trades. They are able to handle grievances. With the solar and Infrastructure projects coming up, this is and will be very helpful. If a project has a Project Labor Agreement, we do the pre-job to clear up work scope issues. It should be noted that the Carpenters are not affiliated with either the Northwest Iowa Building Trades or the North American Building Trades. They do not have to follow the Greenbook. This has caused disputes among the other trades. If you have any questions in regards to the scope of work, give me a call.

We have some organizing projects in the works for after the first of the year. Will go over them at that time.

I hope every enjoys time with family and friends during the holidays! If you see someone who is in need, please make room at your table. If anyone needs anything this holiday season, do not hesitate to call me or the Hall. We will see how we can help out.

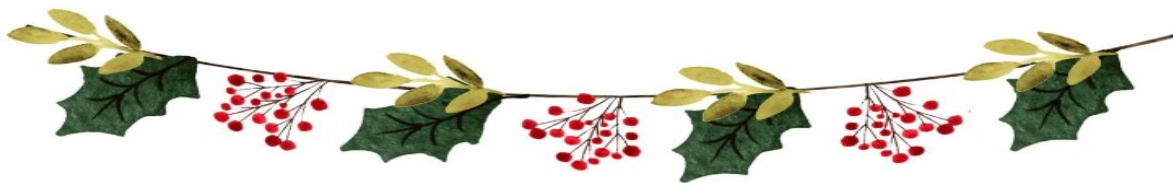
In Solidarity,

Craig

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*With all their faults, trade-unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of men that ever existed. They have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the race, for the developing of character in man, than any other association of men. -CLARENCE DARROW*



### Holiday Food Baskets

*On December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm the Western Iowa Labor Federation will be assembling food baskets. We will also be serving chili and loose meats along with other holiday dishes.*

*This is always a festive time!*

*Please come and join us at the UFCW Hall located at 3038 South Lakeport*

*for an evening of Brotherhood & Holiday Spirit.*











**The following members are three or more months behind paying their Union Dues.**

**This list was ran on November 22, 20223**

**Please note:** The IBEW constitution requires that:

- 1) Local Union Shall collect dues from members either monthly or quarterly in advance. (Article XVIII, Sec. 1)
- 2) Any member indebted to his L.U. for three months dues, or having any past due indebtedness to the I.B.E.W. for dues or assessments, shall stand suspended, and the L.U. may refuse to accept dues from any member who is indebted to it. Such member cannot be reinstated until all indebtedness has been paid, unless waived by the L.U. However, dues cannot be waived. (Article XXI, Sec.3)
- 3) Any member indebted to his L.U. for six (6) months full dues shall be dropped from membership by the F.S. and cannot become a member in good standing again in the I.B.E.W. except by joining as a new member (Article XXI, Sec. 4).

Luis Barberi-Diaz	Alan Brewer
David Cancino	Nathan Johnson
Tanner Kollbaum	James Moravek
Joseph Nickles	Leathen Richards
Curtis Riedemann	Dustin Scott
Austin Wilcox	William Zeman

