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UNION MEETING THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 1, 2016 AT 7:00

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DAY HOLIDAYS

We want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Hall will be closed December 23rd at noon, December 26th and January 2nd in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day and reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.



NE AND IA LICENSE RENEWALS

The deadline for Nebraska and Iowa renewals is December 31st. If you have not received your renewal, please call the Hall and we will send a form to you. You can't renew Iowa's license online, so you must have the renewal form. If you don't have all of your continuing education hours please call JATC and sign up for one of their classes in December.

WORK PICTURE

The work picture still looks very strong both locally as well as for all across the nation. Trinity Electric hired two men, Metro Electric hired one and B & B Electric hired two. We still have a handful of members who have continued to work within other jurisdictions and they keep informing me of all the opportunities that are out there. I remain optimistic that the trends of good times continues, but time will ultimately be the judge.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

DECEMBER

WHAT: NEC Grounding & Bonding

WHEN: December 6 & 13, 2016

TIME: 5:00-9:00 PM Each Day

WHERE: WITCC-Gaylord Smith Bldg., Rm C141

30 Participants Maximum

CREDITS: 8 Hours Code towards renewal of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota Electrical Licenses

WHAT TO BRING: 2014 NEC Required

This year Nebraska and Iowa will be renewing the state licenses. You are required to have 12 hours of CEU for Nebraska and 18 hours of CEU for Iowa.

Contact the Sioux City JATC to Sign-up.

Call: 712-274-6474 or

Email: Richard.moon@witcc.edu

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The deadline to sign up your kids for the Children's Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 7th. So, please call the Union Hall, 712-255-8138, with names and ages of the children to attend. The party is set for Saturday, December 10th at the Union Hall starting at 1:00PM.

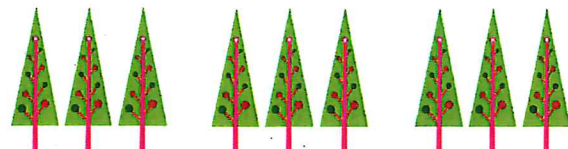
As in the past, please bring treats to share for refreshments. We will provide the drinks.

SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE FOR 2017

We just received the new schedule for the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. If you could please post this information on your calendar, it would be greatly appreciated.

The dates are as follows: March 22, June 21, September 20 and December 20th.

Also, don't forget that this month we serve on December 14th.



2016 WALL OF FAME

Enclosed with this newsletter is the ballot and brief descriptions of the nominees for this year's Wall of Fame! Please take the time to vote for two living nominees and one deceased nominee for this year. Also enclosed you will find reasons that these men were nominated. Please return the ballot to the Hall by December 20th.

We will announce the winners next year.

VDV NEGOTIATIONS

The VDV negotiations have been settled and the committee was successful in winning a three-year contract at \$1.25 for the first year, \$1.20 for the second and \$1.13 for the third. The negotiating process was very slow to start and there was actually a point where it looked as if the issue would be routed to the CIR in Washington, DC. Both sides were able to come together in the end in producing our members working under this agreement one of the best contracts so far. I would like to thank our contracting partners and local Brothers who helped out in ensuring that their best interests were served throughout the process. A special thank you to those who also served on the negotiating committee. Together we did very good!

LET THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN

This year the Christmas tree was decorated by Craig Levine, Matt Jennings, Scott Williams from the Iron Workers Local 21 and Reagan and Sara from the Downtown Partners.

The annual Christmas Parade that Local 231 sponsors was held on November 21st. It was a beautiful night. Lots of union members and their families turn out to help hand out candy along the parade route. The parade ended with Santa turning on the Christmas tree in front of the Sioux City Museum.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

Since the Executive Board meeting was on the same day as Continuing Education class, the meeting date has not taken place yet.

We will have the new Board member posted in January's newsletter.

LAST CHANCE TO GET FREE T-SHIRT

We have decided to extend the order date for the free t-shirt to December 15th. If we do not receive your coupon, we will not have a t-shirt for you, so please get this sent in as soon as possible. We plan on mailing this out with the gifts from the Centennial party.

FREE T-SHIRTS

A motion was made and passed at a past Union meeting to give every member in good standing a free Centennial T-shirt. We will place this order December 1st. The motion was amended to also include our retired members as to not leave out the heroes who paved the way!

Please fill out this coupon with your name, size and address and return to the Hall by December 15th. If you want this mailed to you, please send our office a check for \$6.00 to cover postage and handling.

Name _____

Address _____

Circle Size - Medium Large X Large 2X Large 3X Large 4X Large

ORGANIZER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month was a short month. I spent some time in the Storm Lake area. Tyson Foods has a \$20 million expansion scheduled for next year. This is one example of work in Buena Vista County. I would like to see our presence expanded in this region. It is only about an hour drive from the Hall, with great growth potential. I am working with signatory contractors there as well.

Due to scheduling conflicts, I was not able to make it over to the Milford area as planned. Dean Bradham, from Local 33 of the Pipe Fitters and I will be performing a mini blitz in Dickinson County this month. Similar to Storm Lake, the Iowa Lakes region has a lot of growth potential.

On November 22, Building and Trades will be going before the Woodbury Board of Supervisors with the Qualified Bidder Language. This would require any contractor and its subcontractors to meet a certain guideline. Guidelines included are safety (having an OSHA 10 for example), credit worthiness, completed contracts, etc. Our signatory contractors already meet these guidelines and this will help level the playing field for them. This has proven very successful for Polk County (Des Moines area).

This month I also attended the Annual IBEW Membership Development Conference. The speakers presented the need for effective communication. The workshops this year were also informative. I attended the Top Down Contractors clinic and the Researching Contractors clinics. International President Lonnie Stephenson and the other speakers also expressed the importance of growth of the IBEW. Construction industry as a whole is experiencing a great amount of growth. We are also experiencing many of our members taking their justly deserved retirement. These two things together mean that we need to have a growth in membership of 4% to remain where we are and more than that to grow our market share. These are two important items to consider.

My Family and I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and have Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Craig Levine

Membership Development Director



MEMBERS WITH DELINQUENT UNION DUES

These members are behind for Oct., Nov. & Dec.: **Jeremy Bauer, Alan Bermudez, Jon Brewer, Tyler Brinkerhoff, Nick Conrad, Jeff Eichmann, Shannon Fitch, Paull Gareiss, Justin Glick, Tom Holden, Ray Kiefer, Troy Pojar, Eric Smith, John Staiert and John Swanberg.** If payment is received before December 31st the \$30.00 reinstatement fee will be dropped.

These members are behind for Sep., Oct., Nov. & Dec.: **Lucas Fields, Tyler Gill, Zackery Hansen, Anthony Lane, Brock Linafelter, Jessep Marshall, Chad Muecke, and Josh Myers.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

These members are behind for Aug., Sep., Oct., Nov. & Dec.: **David Cancino, Jonathan Cornish, David Hobbs, and Shawn Winter.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

This member is behind for Jul., Aug., Sep., Oct., Nov. & Dec.: **James Moravek.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.



Left to right back: Austin Walrod, Tim Kashas, Jim McCluskey, Tim Miller, Ed Anderson, Chris Kuczler, Chris Kohn, John DiBerardino, Rob Ferguson, Craig Levine, Bill Ferguson, Dan Benjamin, Dan Reynolds and Kyle Davis. Sitting are Jim Schulz, Mike Burke, Tony Vault and Jerry Grimsley



Retiree Gerald Schulte and his wife Mary Ann stopped by the Hall for a visit.



Mike Olhausen smiles from the ditch he's in.



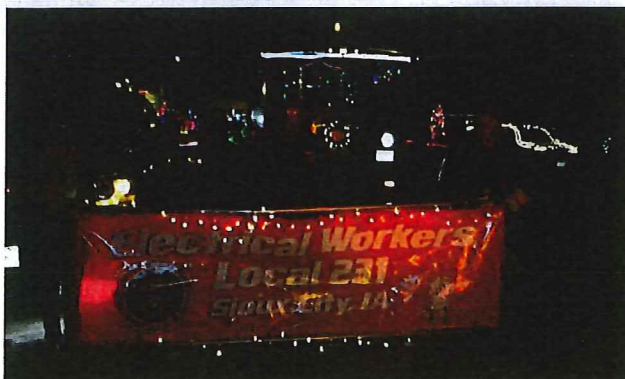
Jason, Sister Shirley and Jim Kavanaugh pose after the social workers class on unionism.



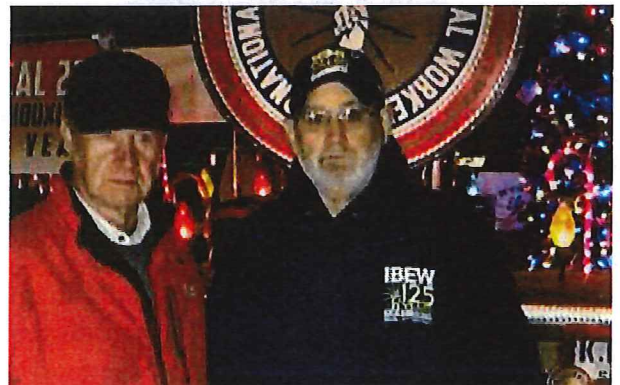
Several volunteers at the Christmas parade.



VDV members Josh Myers, Zackery Hansen, Jon Deaton, Mark Hattermann, Mark Wendt, Sam Irish, James Moravek, Jon Cornish, and Brent Corio after approving the newly negotiated VDV contract.



Ashlee Levine, Mike Burke and Craig Levine carry the IBEW banner.



Retirees Jim Kavanaugh and Mike Burke helped make this year parade a success!