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# KEEPING CURRENT

**With Local 292, International  
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**



# SAVE THE DATE

**FEBRUARY 28**  
Day on The Hill

**JUNE 9**  
Fishing Trip

**JUNE 13**  
Local 292 Officer Election  
Mail In Ballot

**JULY 12**  
Golf Tournament

**AUGUST 12**  
Family Picnic

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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## FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE



BY JEFF HEIMERL

Sisters and Brothers,

I hope all of you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. At the time of this writing, we are just entering the winter season in Minnesota, and construction on specific projects has slowed. The winter will be a bit slow overall, but our industry will have some bright spots.

We have seen the out-of-work numbers rise slowly for the past several weeks, but this trend is not gaining speed or momentum. I have spoken with several of our employer partners, and there is some optimism surrounding the work forecast for spring. Hopefully, as we get through winter and approach spring, the work opportunities will increase for our membership. Several large projects are being discussed; as you know, any work is good. We will disseminate information to members as we learn more about the projected work picture. For those who are out of work and can travel, don't hesitate to contact our Hiring Hall for leads on where work is available. I want to thank all the local unions who have put our members to work recently; hopefully, we can reciprocate the favor soon.

Recruiting and developing new members and contractors is the lifeblood of all unions in the labor movement. Without recruitment and membership development, we will surely fail. We must continuously work to recruit and organize all those in our industry into our labor union. Those who are not our members compete for work against our contractors and us. Local 292 controls roughly fifty percent of the electrical construction market in our jurisdiction; this means that non-union electrical workers and contractors are performing the other fifty percent. Please see the previous sentence for those who think non-union workers are not as qualified as union workers to perform electrical work. Non-union workers perform half of all the work in our jurisdiction. We need to recruit non-union workers and contractors, we need to welcome them into our ranks, and we need them to help us secure all electrical work in the jurisdiction. Recruiting non-union workers and contractors will further my goal of having IBEW 292 members perform all electrical work in our jurisdiction.

I will be satisfied once Local 292 members are performing all electrical work within the counties contained in our geographic jurisdiction. Through recruitment and membership development, also known as organizing, we will grow our market share, union density, membership, and work opportunities for those members. Let us all work to grow our local union!

The political elections are over, and we have elected a labor-friendly majority in the Minnesota House and Senate. Now is the time to demand action from our elected political leaders on favorable legislation for the IBEW and our members. We have re-elected Governor Walz, Lieutenant Governor Flanagan, Attorney General Ellison, Secretary of State Simon, and State Auditor Blaha. With these friends of organized labor in place, now is the time to demand that labor-friendly legislation gets passed and that Minnesota Rules and Statutes be upheld and enforced on the side of organized labor. In the labor movement, we are famous for endorsing and supporting candidates financially during election cycles and not asking or demanding anything from those we helped to get elected. As stated, now is the time to ask and demand that organized labor, specifically IBEW 292, be heard.

We look forward to hosting our 'Day on The Hill' again in February and hope to see you there. For more information regarding 'Day on The Hill,' please get in touch with the Local 292 Business Office.

In Brotherhood,

*Jeffrey J. Heimerl*

# “Political”

By Andy Snope, Political Coordinator

The Minnesota Legislature is now in session.

Legislators began their work this year with a \$19 Billion surplus; for as many residents there are in Minnesota, there are that many ideas on how to use that surplus. In addition to that surplus, Governor Walz is proposing a \$3.5 Billion Bonding bill, now is the time to borrow and invest money for capital improvement/construction projects to put our members to work this spring. We also expect a large portion of Federal Infrastructure money to come to Minnesota, including money for Electric Vehicle infrastructure, which will require certification in the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program. If you haven't taken that class at the JATC yet, please do, so we can provide a qualified workforce to help expand the States Electrical Vehicle infrastructure corridors. With all the combined revenue sources, we will be pushing for State and Federally financed construction projects this legislative session. In addition to supporting spending on construction projects, we will continue to defend against any changes to the Minnesota Electrical act that would affect licensing, reciprocity, inspection, classifications, and apprenticeship ratios and oppose any changes to standards and regulations that would be detrimental to our industry.

In addition to securing work for IBEW 292 Members through the Capitol investment process, we are also working on expanding prevailing wage requirements to include spending on construction projects funded through the Renewable Development Account; this will help ensure that investments in Renewable Development will include Union Wages and Benefits for those who work on those projects.

The Legislature most recently passed the 100% Clean Energy bill. This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission and State Utilities to provide 100% clean energy by 2040 and will not be done by renewable energy alone. Nuclear Power and Battery Storage will be a significant component of achieving this goal, and it will mean a lot of work for our members in the future.

This bill also carries many favorable labor provisions: Prevailing wage, Local Workers, and registered Apprenticeship program standards. This bill brings together clean and renewable energy development with high labor standards to assure workers are paid well, receive great benefits and training, and will be included in an ever-expanding energy revolution.

Last Fall, the Public Utilities Commission approved Xcel Energy's plans to build a 430MW Solar development on its property adjacent to the SHERCO Power Plant in Becker. The SHERCO Solar project will be the largest solar project in the state.

IBEW Local 292 has signed a project labor agreement to provide the electrical workers to construct this project. This project is expected to start in spring 2023 and could continue for a year or more.

I am proud and humbled to serve the men, women, and families of IBEW Local 292, and I am grateful to be a part of the team. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the legislative or political process.



# “Senior Sparkies Notes”

By Paul Klesmit, Retiree President

Happy New Year to all 292 Retirees and widows; I hope you are all well and safe. Winter arrived early with a cold snap and a BUNCH of snow over the Christmas Holiday; it could be a long winter for many of us. Happy travels to those Snowbirds who can escape for a while.

We had our annual Christmas luncheon at Jax Cafe and had an exceptional response; 314 signed up. Unfortunately, due to a limited capacity, we were forced to turn away some retirees. Apologies to those who were unable to attend.

The Local 292 Retiree Officer election was on December 13, 2022, and Trustee Harry Weiss was replaced by Jack Taylor. Thank you, Harry, for your service, and congratulations to Jack. The rest of the Officers remain and now will serve a 2-year term.

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. for our Retiree meeting. A lunch is served at each meeting, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. Attendance has improved, and we are approaching 50 retirees per meeting.

We are looking into possible summer events for retirees and will keep you posted on these opportunities.

Stay safe and healthy, and enjoy being retired.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A  
PERSON WHO IS HAPPY  
ON MONDAY?  
  
RETIRED.



## ***LOCAL 292 “SENIOR SPARKIES” VOLUNTARY DIRECTORY***

I would like to be part of the Local 292 “Senior Sparkies” Voluntary Directory. I understand this is only to be used to keep retirees in contact with one another. I am only willing to share the information I have shared below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# EWMC Committee

By Eric Christen

This past MLK Jr.'s birthday weekend, over 500 people from over 45 local unions gathered in Denver, Colorado, to participate in the 2023 EWMC Conference. The theme of the conference was "Healing and Building through Solidarity." Right from the beginning, the singing of "America the Beautiful" followed up by "O' Canada" during the opening ceremony; the talent and depth reached the audience as the two singers set the stage for what was to be an exciting weekend.

The first day of the conference was a day of service in the Denver community. The purpose is to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by helping those in need who cannot help themselves. Five hundred volunteers then loaded on buses and went to various locations: the Salvation Army, the Second Chance Center, Lambus Family center, and Del Norte Community Housing. The EWMC Conference participants completed many projects that day, including electrical work, painting, wood flooring, landscaping, cleaning, moving furniture, etc.

I want to spotlight the Second Chance Center. It is a program that helps formerly incarcerated people transition back into society. One of our IBEW brothers, Michael Rollerson, is a very successful product of that program. As we know, the for-profit prison system in the United States does not do enough to rehabilitate incarcerated people. Giving people training and education to help them get out of the system and become productive members of society is what Second Chance does. Michael earned a chance to tell his story, and it was so powerful to see what people are capable of when given a second chance, along with the tools needed to make that change. It was a day of hard, rewarding work, and in the end, we performed over 2000 hours of volunteering. The amount of planning that went into this day of service is a true testament to the dedication, training, and professionalism we, as the IBEW, bring to the table day in and day out.

In the following days, there were multiple speakers, including Mrs. Robbie Sparks, a founding member; Keith Edwards, the EWMC President; the new International President, Kenneth Cooper; the new International Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Noble; and Executive Director of the Electrical Training Alliance Center, Todd Stafford. The conference also hosted Dr. Dempsey, who brought a powerful message of mental health awareness; the whole conference participated. People opened up and shared their stories. It's 2023, and there are still racist, sexist, and bigoted behaviors on job sites all over the country today. Happening so much still that the session had to go on long into the day. We have to do a lot of work in the IBEW and the construction trades.

We are breaking away from our exclusive past to make it more acceptable to everyone, regardless of color, religion, age, or gender. We are starting to reflect on the communities we serve. That is part of some new training that is rolling out from the International Office. "IBEW STRONG" is a new class that explores how our core union values are directly related to how we build a more inclusive and equitable IBEW today and for future generations. I highly recommend signing up for these classes when they become available.

All around, the EWMC Conference was a unique and life-changing good time. The theme of healing and building perfectly explains what we need to do to keep our organization strong. 13 Delegates from Local 292 broke bread with other members from all over the country and Canada to learn from one another, share what is working and what isn't, and ask, "how can we do better?"

Next, hurry up and get back on the bus for new membership orientation! This year, there were 212 new members, a record for the EWMC Conference; this was partly due to the Covid pandemic, postponing the in-person conference for two years.

Our local EWMC Chapter is very active with events throughout the year, and I highly encourage checking out the next EWMC meeting to learn how to get involved.

Lastly, in the name of Healing and Building through Solidarity, please listen to each other more - You might learn something.





***RENEW Committee Continued...***

**DAY OF SERVICE—SECOND CHANCE CENTER**



**LOCAL 110 AND 292 WITH ROBBIE SPARKS PRESIDENT EMERTIUS AND  
KEITH EDWARDS CURRENT EVMC PRESIDENT**



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DESK



BY JENNIFER MUDGE

Dear IBEW Local 292 Members,

It only takes two months to suspend your IBEW PBF Death Benefit.

Within the last year, we had a 292 Member pass away from a terminal illness. This was a long-standing and proud Brother to us all. He was so proud that he wanted to be buried in his 292 jacket... let that sink in for a minute.

When the office received notice of his illness and passing, we tried to help the family get everything in order. It was at that time that we realized that during his illness, our proud Brother's dues were not paid. It had fallen through the cracks with his family members who were taking care of his affairs.

This was devastating news to his loved ones and all of us at Local 292. We wrote a letter on his behalf to the International to appeal the loss of the IBEW PBF Death Benefit and encouraged his family to do the same. We were later informed that the appeal was denied; for privacy, I'm not willing to disclose the reasons that led to the denial. This is news we never want to have to tell a member's family.

The reason I am sharing this heart-wrenching story is to encourage all of you to, please have your dues paid up and current. If needed, set a calendar reminder, call the Hall, and ask if you're in good standing, pay your Local 292 Death Benefit when it is required, and read your mail.... The last one, read your mail, is not a joke. If the family had opened the mail, they would have known he was delinquent and reacted.

### Attention "A" Members

The Local 292 Death Benefit Fund pays \$1,000.00.

The IBEW PBF Death Benefit pays \$6,250.00 for natural causes and \$12,500.00 for accidental death.

### Beneficiary Changes

It's important to keep your beneficiary designations up to date because named beneficiaries usually supersede instructions in wills. By periodically reviewing your beneficiary designations, you can rest assured that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes.

In solidarity,  
Jennifer Mudge

### IBEW Local Union 292 Direct Dials

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<b>Hiring Hall/Jobline</b>	612-378-2860
<b>St Cloud</b>	320-253-1292
<b>Inside Agreement JATC</b>	763-497-0072...888-244-3146
<b>Statewide LEA JATC</b>	763-571-5922
<b>292 Benefits Office</b>	763-493-8830...800-368-9045
<b>OPTUM Employee Assistance</b>	866-248-4096
<b>Building Trades Credit Union</b>	763-315-3888
<b>Spire Credit Union</b>	651-215-3500

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Myles Lembke xxx

Dean Lewis xxx

Jeff Orth xxx

Christine Ulm xxx

#### Brotherhood Committee

Message Line 247



## 2022 IBEW LOCAL 292 SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS

*Congratulations!*

### 70-YEAR MEMBERS

SAKRY JOHN H

### 65-YEAR MEMBERS

ATNEOSEN ARLAND L  
 \*AVERY ROBERT W  
 BESST JAMES L  
 CLAYPATCH JAMES F  
 ENCK PAUL O  
 ERICKSON JACK  
 GERKE GARY F  
 HAUSLADEN EUGENE G  
 HELMS RONALD L  
 LUND DANIEL M  
 PETERSEN LAWRENCE J  
 SCHRAUF-  
 NAGEL DUANE  
 WIESE DONALD W  
 YOUNG WILLIAM G

### 60-YEAR MEMBERS

BARNES BURLYN E  
 GOEDKER WILLIAM J  
 JOHNSON DENNIS R  
 JUNTILLA LAWRENCE C  
 KRAMER VERNON N  
 LARSEN RICHARD R  
 LINK GEORGE P  
 LUBANSKY JERALD J  
 MEUWISSEN ROMAN H  
 NASH MYRON W  
 ROLL DONALD V  
 SCHOENECKER EARL  
 SCHULZ GERALD C  
 SKELDON DAVID B  
 THORNQUIST LYLE C  
 WILLIAMS JOHN D

### 55-YEAR MEMBER

ANDERSON STEPHEN G  
 BIPES MYRON G  
 CARSON HOWARD A  
 CHRISTENSEN DEAN R  
 FEARING RONALD R  
 FRAME CHARLES K

GLASER JAMES P  
 GREENWOOD WAYNE R  
 HERMAN JOHN P  
 HOLMES ELDON E  
 KACZMAREK GREGORY J  
 KLEIN JAMES W  
 KLUDT CHARLES E  
 KUNTZ ERVIN A  
 LUND JAMES W  
 MALONEY MICHAEL C  
 MOEN RICHARD D  
 OLSEN ALVIN D  
 OLSON REX W  
 PEASE DENNIS R  
 PHILBROOK WAYNE R  
 ROMANOSKI LEONARD J  
 RUIZ RONALD E  
 SCHAD THOMAS E  
 SIMON FRANK R  
 STRYZEWSKI JAMES L  
 SWANSON GENE A

### 50-YEAR MEMBERS

BAKKEN GARY D  
 BESTE ROBERT K  
 BEYER KENNETH M  
 BROUILLET THOMAS L  
 CAMERON JEFFREY B  
 DONAIS LEROY H  
 GULDEN GARY E  
 GUSTAFSON DUANE A  
 HAUGER DOUGLAS A  
 HENNING VERNON C  
 HIME DONALD J  
 JENS ROBERT A  
 KUKLOK JAMES N  
 LOBECK RICHARD K  
 MAGNUSON RONALD K  
 MARTIN JAMES D  
 MYRIN JAMES D  
 OSTBERG CHARLES F

PAPESH FRANK R  
 PEARCE EDWARD W  
 RASCHKE LARRY D  
 RUST RONALD W  
 RUZICKA FRANKLIN D  
 SAATOFF JAMES  
 SCHULTZ CHARLES L  
 STABNER W. ARTHUR A  
 WEISZ JOHN A  
 ZACHER LEO D

### 45-YEAR MEMBERS

AHO CHARLES L  
 BALL GARY D  
 BENSON DALE R  
 BOSTROM STEVEN P  
 BRATTEN SCOTT J  
 BURNETT JOHN D  
 BUSHEE JIM T  
 CLAYPATCH STEPHEN P  
 DECKER RICKEY J  
 DITTER DAVID J  
 DYNNESON VICTOR G  
 FEUERSTEIN VINCENT L  
 HOPPE ROBERT  
 HORSCH CRAIG T  
 HUFFMAN RICHARD E  
 ISKIERKA ROBERT T  
 JOHNSON BRANDT M  
 KLESZYK ALAN H  
 KORTE JAMES F  
 KURTZ GEORGE J  
 MACLENNAN GORDON J  
 MALESKI GREGORY G  
 MCCALL STEVEN M  
 MCKIE TIMOTHY J  
 MONDOR VALERIE V  
 OLSON STEVEN G  
 PENDROY THOMAS O

\*Deceased



**45-YEAR MEMBER (Cont.)**

PUTZIER MICHAEL W  
 RATHMAN GREG J  
 ROETHLER STEVEN M  
 ROSHA DANIEL W  
 SCHMIDT PETER F  
 SCHULER PAUL A  
 SEESTROM TERRY W  
 SEESTROM WAYNE R  
 SOUKUP TIM E  
 TAUER JAMES R  
 VONBARGEN GERALD L  
 WEDIN GREGORY G  
 WEIGEL DAVID C

TERNING  
 THOMAS MARK D  
 TRIPLETT LESTER L  
 VETSCH BRUCE G  
 WENZEL PAUL W  
 WERMERSKIR-  
 CHE WALT J  
 WESTBROCK JOSEPH A  
 WILLIS TODD J  
 TAUER JAMES R  
 VONBARGEN GERALD L  
 WEDIN GREGORY G  
 WEIGEL DAVID C

**35-YEAR MEMBERS**

BENSON RICK G  
 BLOMQUIST TRENT H  
 CHUBA MARK A  
 CONNETT DANIEL J  
 DANG NHUT V  
 DOTSETH CRAIG M  
 EGLE BRIAN L  
 ELVENDAHL JOSEPH S  
 FISCHBACH RUSSELL C  
 GERMUNDSON THOMAS R  
 GRONE DANIEL W  
 HAGEN EDRY J  
 HANSEN CHRIS A  
 JOHNSON BRIAN M  
 JOHNSON JAMES E  
 JUNGLEN ROGER N  
 KEMMITT SCOTT M  
 KLEVEN JONATHAN P  
 KOLOJESKI DALE W  
 KOPPI TERESA S  
 KORMAN KURTIS K  
 KRIPOTOS JOHN S  
 KUJAWA DANIEL J  
 KUNSTEL ROBERT J  
 LAMPING KEVIN D  
 LOFGREN WILLIAM E  
 MCCORMICK CASEY J  
 MORSETH HAROLD A  
 NELSON MARK F  
 PADDOCK KURT A  
 PAGE JOSEPH C  
 PEIHL JAMES W  
 PHAM ANH N

ROSNOW BRAD J  
 RUSSELL LLOYD N  
 SAWYER DAVID W  
 SCHOENHOFEN TIMOTHY O  
 SCHREINER MARK A  
 SHEVLIN GARY T  
 SNAZA KEVIN J  
 STARCEVICH THOMAS R  
 STEFFENS JOHN D  
 STEFFES JEFFREY M  
 STEWART RUSSELL G  
 SWENSON CHRISTOPHER C  
 TATLEY THOMAS J  
 TIMMRECK DOUGLAS J  
 URSETH PETER J  
 WEIDNER GREG J  
 WESTBY DALE A  
 ZIMNIEWICZ RICHARD J

**30-YEAR MEMBERS****40-YEAR MEMBERS**

ANDERSON RONALD C  
 BEAUMONT BRIAN H  
 CAMARILLO TONY B  
 CROFOOT ROBBIE J  
 DORR WESLEY  
 FORTMEYER BRIAN R  
 FOX RANDALL B  
 FRIENDSHUH MICHAEL M  
 GRANI LEIGHTON D  
 HEISLER MARK G  
 JENSEN ROBERT L  
 KILIAN GARY R  
 KILIAN STEVE P  
 KOPPI SUE C  
 LEYENDECKER STEVEN R  
 LOMAS DALE S  
 MILLS CYNTHIA S  
 NIMLOS JAMES N  
 OCEL MATT J  
 OMELIAN FRANK J  
 PAUL KRISTI M  
 PIERSAK DANIEL J  
 PIKUS ROGER M  
 PULLIS RANDALL S  
 QUAAS RANDY L  
 RANALLO MARK A  
 SAUER STEPHEN G  
 SCHMOLL BRIAN P  
 SCHNABEL MARK W  
 SCHREINER JON M  
 STROMBERG JEFFREY D  
 SWORSKI MARK J

ABRAHAM YOHAN K  
 ADASIEWICZ MATT J  
 ALFORD DOUGLAS G  
 ALTENHOFEN BRUCE L  
 ANDERSON LARRY W  
 BACHLER DANIEL M  
 BAUMAN BRUCE C  
 BELANGER DENNIS J  
 CHRISTIAN ALLEN D  
 CHRISTIAN LARRY E  
 ENLUND MICHAEL P  
 FORSHEE SHAWN  
 JENSEN ARTHUR C  
 JOHNSON SCOTT B  
 KELLNER MICHAEL W  
 KIRSCHT ALAN  
 LAKANEN MARK A  
 LANG MICHAEL J  
 MARTIN CARL J  
 MATTSOON WILLIAM J  
 MCCLOY PETER A  
 NELSON GERALD L  
 NGUYEN NGHIEM T  
 OJA ERIC G  
 PARKOS MICHAEL L  
 PETERSON CARL L  
 PETTIT TODD L



**30-YEAR MEMBER (Cont.)**

RAJKOWSKI	JASON	C	FEDIE	ARTHUR	H	KUPLIC	DONALD	P
RUDOLPH	DANIEL	M	FERGUSON	DANIEL	J	LANGE	MELANIE	T
SCHARBER	CHRIS	J	FERRIS	DAVID	J	LARSEN	MARK	S
SCHNEIDER	RICHARD	T	FISCHBACH	GLENN	A	LARSON	JUSTIN	R
SCHUNEMAN	DONALD	A	GALINDO	JOSEPH	R	LEE	BOYD	M
SIMPSON	JAMES	P	GANGL	ROBERT	A	LEMBKE	MYLES	E
SMITH	JOSEPH	M	GASPERSICH	PAUL	J	LOMMEL	JASON	J
SPANOVICH	GEORGE	E	GILB	SCOTT	D	MANTHEY	BRIAN	D
STADEL	HARLEN	B	GIVENS	DERRICK	D	MARTIN	PATRICK	M
SUEK	DONALD	R	GLENDE	ANDREW	D	MATTHIESEN	LARRY	H
SZAFRANSKI	JODY	G	GOLD	EZRA		MAURER	JERRY	E
TAYLOR	RALPH	S	GOTHMANN	JEFFREY	A	MCKEEMAN	CHAD	F
THIELING	GLENN	A	GRAFF	DERIC	H	MECHTEL	COLE	L
WEATHERLY	CLETUS	M	HAGEMANN	MARK	T	MILLER	ANN	L
WEBERG	SCOTT	E	HANSON	NATHAN	V	MINER	SHANE	D
WILLENBRING	WILLIAM	J	HAUGEN	KENNETH	E	MITCHELL	PAUL	S
YEE	JOHN	K	HAUSLADEN	THOMAS	J	MOODY	JEFFREY	D

**25-YEAR MEMBERS**

ANDERSON	CURTIS	N	HAVERINEN	STEVEN	F	MUDGE	JENNIFER	A
ARMSTRONG	RYAN	R	HEIMERL	MICHAEL	T	ODEGARD	DIRK	A
BARTLEY	STEPHEN	M	HELDT	CLINT	A	OLESIK	MARK	W
BERGER	BARRY	E	HENRY	CORY	D	OLSON	PAMELA	K
BILLIAR	JAMES	R	HENRY	RICKY	L	ORSON	WAYNE	S
BOBROWSKE	KURT	A	HENTGES	CHARLES	R	PALLANSCH	CLAUDIA	C
BRUNEAU	RANDY	M	HERRMANN	RALPH	M	PALMA	MIKE	T
BRUNER	DIANE	D	HINRICHS	KARL	D	PARSONS	KYLE	J
BUTLER	JEFFREY	L	HOGAN	PATRICK	T	PAULSEN	TROY	J
CARLSON	JEROME	D	HUVER	KEVIN	B	PEDERSEN	KIM	V
CARLSON	LARRY	P	JAROSCH	CHRISTOPH	J	PENNEY	JEFFREY	B
CASTRO	LORENA	M	JOHNSON	ALAN	W	PEXA	JOSEPH	P
CHRAST	MATTHEW	W	JOHNSON	PAUL	M	PIEPHO	SCOTT	K
CONNIFF	DONALD	M	JONES	TODD	L	PREHALL	JOSEPH	A
CORNELL	JEREMY	J	JORGENSEN	JOHN	R	PRIBYL	STEVEN	D
COUGHLIN	JOHN	R	JURMU	ANDREW	D	PURO	SHANE	T
CROSS	SAMUEL	T	KAUFHOLD	KEVIN	D	RADEMACHER	NATHAN	E
CROZE	DELAND	D	KAWALEK	MIKE	J	RYAN	PATRICK	A
DELZER	DOUGLAS	G	KELLY	MATTHEW	D	SAHLI	HOWARD	D
DOEGE	JASON	A	KITTELSON	KIM	K	SCHANDER	JON	L
DOW	JEFF	R	KNOKE	MATTHEW	M	SCHLITZ	JOHN	K
DUNDERI	KEVIN	J	KNOX	JESSE	B	SCHMIDT	ANDREW	J
DUNDERI	VAN	E	KNUTSON	TIM	J	SCHMIDT	STEPHEN	K
EISCHEN	STEVE	R	KOBBE	GREGORY	J	SEEP	JAMES	L
EISCHEN	WAYNE	K	KOLB	JOHN	K	SHOTLIFF	STEVEN	M
ERDMAN	GARY	J	KOLDEN	QUINN	R	SKLUZACEK	JESSE	J
ERKENS	MELVIN	H	KONIETZKO	MICHAEL	D	SNYDER	TIMOTHY	M
ESSEN	ALLEN	D	KREGER	GREGG	T	STECH	ZYGON	V
			KRENZ	MICHAEL	A	SWIRTZ	NOAH	J

**25-YEAR MEMBER (Cont.)**

TANGHE	JEANETTE	A	GRAMLOW	CHAD	A	SLATTERY	JULIE	A
THOMSEN	ERIK	C	GRESETH	DERONN	D	VALIANT	JESS	D
TOMCZYK	SCOTT	T	GUNHUS	STEVEN	G	WADE	MICHAEL	L
TROUTH	DANNY	D	HAHN	JEROD	L	WELLENSTEIN	RYAN	K
TROXEL	BRADLEY	P	HARP	DANIEL	L	WOLF	MICHAEL	A
TUCCI	MARIO	J	HEMSTOCK	TODD	R	WOODFILL	JEFFREY	J
VANHAVERMAET	PAUL	J	HOLLER	DERRICK	J	ZAGAR	JOSEPH	K
VAUX	JAMES	L	HUGHES	KURT	C	ZEZULKA	DOUGLAS	E
VIERE	ERIC	J	JENNY	THOMAS	W	<b>10-YEAR MEMBERS</b>		
VIRNIG	BRIAN	M	JENSEN	BRANDON	M	ABRAHAMSON	MATT	R
WATKINS	CHARLES	M	JOHANNSEN	DAVID	R	AMADI	OGBONDAH	M
WEATHERLY	DAVID	M	KARELS	TODD	A	ANDERSON	BRIAN	E
WEAVER	TED	C	KERR	ROB	F	ARAGON-TORRES	ELEAZAR	M
WETTERLUND	TED	C	KILIAN	ANTHONY	R	ATHMANN	NEAL	T
WHITAKER	JOHN	A	KJESETH	MATTHEW	T	BACHLER	ADAM	M
WHITAKER	GEOFF	A	KLEIN	WILLIAM	J	BAUER	JAMES	R
WILLIAMS	MICHAEL	H	KNAACK	CHAD	W	BECKER	MATTHEW	J
WILLIS	TODD	J	LEY	JUSTIN	A	BIERNACKI	KRZYSZTOF	
YERXA	CHRIS	B	LOUN	ANTHONY	M	BOVY	LOREN	L
YOST	ERIC	S	LUDWIG	LARRY	D	BRADBURY	THOMAS	M
ZIMMERMAN	CURTIS	S	MANDEVILLE	TIMOTHY		CLAUSEN	MATTHEW	P
<b>20-YEAR MEMBERS</b>			MARTINSON	SCOTT	P	COWLES	CHRISTOPHER	S
AHRENDT	LYLE	W	MASON	THOMAS	J	EDWARDS	JONATHON	F
ANDERSON	ERIK	C	MIGUEL	ALICIA		FOX	MICHAEL	R
BARR	JASON	D	NELSON	THOMAS	W	FULLER	JACOB	R
BERSCHIED	BENJAMIN	W	NIHART	CHRIS	C	GARDNER	JAMES	A
BERTOLANI	MICHAEL	K	NYGAARD	GREGORY	J	GIDDINGS	ALAN	S
BOBINSKY	MICHAEL	G	OLSON	DUANE	A	GREEN	DAVID	V
BOUTEN	LUKE	J	OLSON	PAUL	R	GRUENHAGEN	DANIEL	H
BROWN	RICHARD	A	PANZER	JASON	B	GUNELSON	ROSE	M
BRUESTLE	JASON	E	PESTA	HANLEY	M	HAMARI	MARK	R
BURNS	ERIK	R	QUIRAM	ANGELA	K	HANGGI	TIMOTHY	R
BYMAN	RUSSELL	C	RADER	RICHARD	J	HARLAND	CODY	D
CALLANDER	SEAN	M	REDNER	MICHAEL	A	HARSTON	ROBERT	G
CARMEAN	JOHN	E	REITER	SCOTT	W	HAWTHORNE	JAMIE	L
COLCLASURE	ED	D	ROETERING	STEVEN	D	HEANEY	ALEXANDER	J
CREP	MATTHEW	J	ROHDE	DEAN	M	HIETALA	JONAH	J
DEHMER	BRIAN	R	ROMANN	BRANDON	L	JARAMILLO	HECTOR	A
DIERKS	ERIC	M	ROMANS	JEFFREY	R	JENSEN	BLAINE	D
DORN	DOUGLAS	B	SANDA	WILLIAM	J	JOHANSON	CHAD	M
DOYLE	CORY	J	SANVIK	THOMAS	N	JOHNSON	BRENT	A
DREYER	ROGER	D	SCHEFERS	RICHARD	C	JOHNSON	JUSTIN	R
ECHTENKAMP	DAVID	T	SCHINDLER	JAMES	C	KALLIN	JONATHAN	S
FAUE	JOSEPH	P	SCHMITT	JAMES	M	KAPPES	CHARLES	J
FREUND	MICHAEL	J	SEURER	GLEN	R	KNUTH	NICHOLAS	A
GLUNZ	TRAVIS	R	SHERMAN	BILLY	J			

**10-YEAR MEMBER (Cont.)**

KORNILOFF	VICTOR	
KRAY	DANA	L
KRETMAN	HENRY	P
LANGER	TIMOTHY	R
LEE	TOUA	
LIMA	NILS	E
LITTLE	JOHN	D
LOFQUIST	JOSHUA	D
LOTHENBACH	JEFFREY	L
LUCE	DAMEON	L
LUECK	ROBERT	A
LUND	SHAWN	A
MARTY	DANIEL	R
MCEIVER	LUKE	A
MESSINA	ANTHONY	J
MIDTHUN	CHRISTOPHER	A
MILLS	JACOB	T
MONROE	DYLAN	D
MORGEN	BRIEN	J
MORRIS	GEORGE	P
NEIBERGER	MATTHEW	R
NOTCH	PAUL	S
NYKANEN	ANDREW	J
OLSON	ARNOLD	J
PAGEL	ERIC	W
PASICZNYK	MELISSA	L
PATENAUDE	BRADLEY	M
PAYNE	MICHAEL	J
PENNA	ANDREAS	C
PITCHFORD	KENYAN	D
RASMUSSEN	WESLEY	G
REOPELLE	NATHAN	A
RICKARD	JUSTIN	K
ROELOFS	KOLTON	D
ROGERS	DANIEL	J
SCHOEBERL	CHRISTOPHER	L
SCHOEBERL	KAHLIN	M
SCLAVI	KRISTIN	E
SCOTT	MATTHEW	T
SEALS	JOSE	A
SHERIDAN	SHAUN	D
SHREVE	CHRISTOPHER	L
SOTELO	MATTHEW	D
STANISLAW	ALEXANDER	O
STEBERG	ERIC	A

SWANSON	ALEXANDER	R
SWANSON	JASON	D
TACHENY	NATHAN	R
THOMAS	MICHAEL	W
TOLMAN	TROY	K
URBINA	EDUARDO	J
VIZZARD	HUGH	R
VOLLMUTH	ERIC	
VU	DAYNA	H
WAGNER	CHARLES	H
WELLE	JEREMY	R
WILLIAMS	MARK	P
WORWA	BRANDON	T
YANG	JERRY	
ZURN	CHRISTOPHER	J

**Transitions!****Retirements  
Congratulations!**

BAUER	JAMES	D	1/1/2023
BENNETT	MARK	A	10/1/2022
BLOCK	JAMES	W	11/1/2022
BRAZIER	BRIAN	J	2/1/2023
DAGENDESH	MICHAEL	W	10/1/2022
DANG	NHUT	V	5/1/2022
DAVIS	WALTER	D	1/1/2023
EPPERLY	RANDAL	R	1/1/2023
FRIEND	JEFFERY	F	10/1/2022
FRIENDSHUH	MICHAEL	M	12/1/2022
HEINEN	DALE	A	12/1/2022
HILTON	DAVID	A	12/1/2022
JOHNSON	STEPHEN	P	2/1/2022
LAYON	GENE	G	8/1/2022
PADDOCK	KURT	A	12/1/2022
PRESTRUD	JAMES	W	2/1/2023
PROM	JACK	G	9/1/2022
REYER	CHARLES	R	11/1/2022
SCHUNEMAN	DONALD	A	12/1/2022
SCHWARTZ	LAWRENCE	E	7/1/2022
SCHWARTZ	PAMELA	M	12/1/2022
SPANOVICH	GEORGE	E	2/1/2023
VAN OTTERLOO	DONALD	L	10/1/2022
VOSS	MICHAEL	D	10/1/2022
ZEMAN	DAVID	J	10/1/2022

**Deaths****Active Members**

COLEMAN	ERIC	P	2/20/2023
EHLERS	DANIEL	R	2/21/2023
GREEN	ISAIAH		11/7/2022
OTT	THOMAS	P	10/30/2022

**Retired Members**

JOHNSON	DAVID	A	12/9/2022
KANE	CLYDE	E	12/10/2022
KARPINEN	LAURI	M	11/17/2022
MCGEE	MICHAEL	J	10/4/2022
PAGE	GARY	R	11/5/2022
SCHRAUT	LARRY	D	11/20/2022
THORNQUIST	LYLE	C	12/19/2022

**APPLICATION**  
**For**  
**GUY ALEXANDER & JOSEPH KRECH**  
(College or Trade School)  
**IBEW LOCAL 292 SCHOLARSHIP**

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS PLANNING TO BE ENROLLED AS  
FULL TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS THIS COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

Applications should be mail to:

**IBEW 292 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**6700 W BROADWAY AVENUE**  
**BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55428**

Entry Deadline: March 1 *(of each new scholarship year)*

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME OR APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND/OR STUDENT STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS OF PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS TYPE OF WORK OR TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME OF BOTH PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENTS TYPE OF WORK OR TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENTS AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

Send college and high school transcripts with your application.

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

Present this application to your high school counselor, requesting a transcript that shows  
grades, high school rank, and aptitude scores. Send these items with your application.

**TRANSCRIPTS ARE REQUIRED IN BOTH CASES, TRANSCRIPTS DO NOT NEED TO BE SEALED.**

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU EXPECT TO ENROLL IN \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WILL BE YOUR MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY IN THE SCHOOL INDICATED \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet, please prepare a personal letter, addressed to the Scholarship Committee, telling about yourself:**

How well you have done in high school.

Your school extracurricular activities.

Your outside-school involvements.

What you want from higher education.

*(Include any additional information that you want the Scholarship Committee to consider in evaluating your personal qualifications.)*

**On a separate sheet, please attach an essay of at least one hundred words, reflecting your perception of labor unions,  
including specific changes (if any) that you feel would strengthen organized labor.**

Please be specific about what unions have done for you, personally.

*(You are encouraged to speak with your parents and/or school teachers about this.)*

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Please refer any questions about this scholarship or the application form to the IBEW Local 292 Office.

Phone: 612-379-1292 or Email: [office@ibew292.org](mailto:office@ibew292.org)





## SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED...

### BUILDING TRADES CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

Building Trades Credit Union

[www.buildingtradesCU.com](http://www.buildingtradesCU.com) or <https://www.buildingtradescu.com/resource-center/forms/>

Click-on “Scholarship Application”

#### BTCU-Scholarship Application

In 2023, Building Trades Credit Union will award 20 \$250 scholarships to students enrolled in a union apprentice training program and five \$1,000 scholarships to other students pursuing a post-secondary education (college, vocational, or technical school).

Each applicant must: 1) have an individual savings account and be a member in good standing at BTCU, and 2) have a high school diploma or G.E.D., and 3) complete, sign, and return the scholarship application.

A copy of your high school diploma, G.E.D., or current college transcript **must be submitted** along with your application. Completed applications may be dropped off at any BTCU office or mailed to: Building Trades Credit Union, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 12080 73rd Avenue North, Maple Grove, MN 55369.

Scholarship winners will be notified by mail by June 30. All decisions are final. The announcement of winners will also be published online at [www.buildingtradesCU.com](http://www.buildingtradesCU.com).

### BERGER-MARKS FOUNDATION

**Coalition of Labor Union Women – Women’s Leadership Skills Conference** – The Berger-Marks Foundation is funding scholarships for young women (35 and under) to attend this conference.

Scholarship includes: transportation, hotel (double occupancy), and meal expenses.

[goo.gl/3J2CQT](https://goo.gl/3J2CQT)

[www.cluw.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view\\_article.cfm&HomeID=375963](http://www.cluw.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view_article.cfm&HomeID=375963)

[www.bergermarks.org/grants/index.php](http://www.bergermarks.org/grants/index.php)

### AFL-CIO DAVID K. ROE, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AND DONALD PILLA MEMORIAL AWARDS

The Minnesota AFL-CIO sponsors scholarships for high school seniors graduating in 2023. There are three requirements for the Minnesota AFL-CIO scholarships. To be eligible, you must:

be a union member or a dependent of a union member whose local union is affiliated with the Minnesota AFL-CIO;

have a straight “B” average or better (2.0 in a 3.0 grade point system/3.0 in a 4.0 grade point system);

attend a post-secondary institution located within the state of Minnesota.

Winners will be selected by lot by the Minnesota AFL-CIO Education Committee.

[www.mnaflcio.org/about/scholarships-awards](http://www.mnaflcio.org/about/scholarships-awards)



## SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED....

### CHARLES R. BRETT SCHOLARSHIP

IBEW Minnesota State Council  
For children of IBEW members

Charles R Brett Scholarship , this Scholarship is offered to children of IBEW members who are in good standing with an IBEW Local affiliated with the Minnesota State Council.

[IBEW-MN-State-Council\\_Scholarship\\_2023](#)

### NELLIE STONE JOHNSON

The Nellie Stone Johnson scholarship will be available again in 2023. Website:

[www.nelliestone.org/scholarship-program](http://www.nelliestone.org/scholarship-program)

School Affiliation: The applicant must be currently enrolled in or accepted into a program at a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) institution.

Union Affiliation: The applicant must be a union member or the child, grandchild, or spouse of a union member.

Ethnicity: The applicant must be a racial/ethnic group member. "Racial/ethnic group member" is defined by the MnSCU Diversity and Multiculturalism Office (and for this scholarship) to include Black/African American, Chicano/a or Latino/a, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Native American/Alaskan Native.

Academic Standards: The applicant must meet academic and admission standards of the institution he/she is attending. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 grade point average for undergraduate students and 3.0 grade point average for graduate students to be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

### LABOR LEADERSHIP GRANTS MN AFL-CIO

The Tobey Lapakko Labor Leadership Grant is available to women who are union members in good standing; the Charles McKenna Leadership Grant is available to men who are union members in good standing.

Grants are available for members of affiliated unions seeking to develop their abilities and skills as union leaders. The grants help defray the cost of classes, programs or conferences sponsored or endorsed by the AFL-CIO or affiliated organizations.

Recipients will be selected by lot by the Minnesota AFL-CIO Education Committee; grant amounts will be determined by the committee.

[www.mnaflcio.org/about/scholarships-awards](http://www.mnaflcio.org/about/scholarships-awards)

### UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED THROUGH AFL-CIO AFFILIATED UNIONS

For current & retired members and dependents

[www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)

Click-on "Union Plus Scholarship"

[www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/scholarships](http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/scholarships)



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FEBRUARY 2023



## Calendar

### February 2023

- 27 **EWMC** meeting. 5pm
- 28 **Day on The Hill** 7:30am (Local 110 Hall)
- 28 **Executive Board** meeting. 4pm
- 28 **RENEW** meeting. 4:30pm

### March 2023

- 1 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6pm  
(Food 5:30pm)
- 8 **SIS** meeting 4:30pm  
(Women Building Success Photo Contest)
- 9 **Safety Committee** meeting. No meeting
- 14 **Retirees Club** meeting. 12:30pm  
(Light Lunch 12pm)  
**Stewards** meeting. 4:15pm  
**General Membership** meeting. 5pm
- 15 **Brotherhood Night** 4pm
- 15 **History Committee** meeting. 6pm
- 21 **Veterans Committee** meeting. 5pm  
(Palmer Lake VFW, Brooklyn Park)
- 23 **SIS** meeting. 4pm
- 27 **EWMC** meeting. 5pm

- 28 **Executive Board** meeting. 4pm
- 28 **RENEW** meeting. 4:30pm

### April 2023

- 5 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6pm  
(Food 5:30pm)
- 8 **SIS** meeting Co-hosted with **RENEW** 9am  
(Yoga—Saturday)
- 11 **Retirees Club** meeting. 12:30pm  
(Light Lunch 12pm)  
**Stewards** meeting. 4:15pm  
**General Membership** meeting. 5pm
- 13 **Safety Committee** meeting. 4pm
- 18 **Veterans Committee** meeting. 5pm  
(Local 292 Guy Alexander Conference Room)
- 19 **Brotherhood Night** 4pm
- 19 **History Committee** meeting. 6pm
- 24 **EWMC** meeting. 5pm
- 25 **Executive Board** meeting. 4pm
- 25 **RENEW** meeting. 4:30pm
- 25 **Retiree Casino Excursion** (Must Register)
- 27 **SIS** meeting. 4pm