

# IBEW Local 405

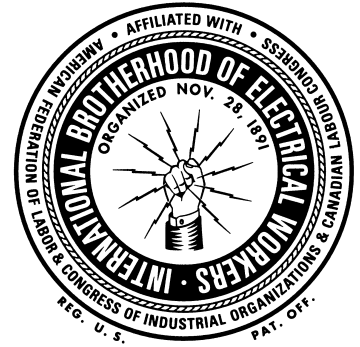
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## News & Information

*Bill Hanes, Business Manager*



At the General Meeting in December we discussed the Grassley/Alexander Multi-Employer Pension Legislation. This would have a devastating effect on our NEBF Pension. It has the potential to decrease benefit amounts in the future and will penalize healthy funds in order to shore up those who are failing. It will also put our current Retirees in a position where their NEBF Pension could be taxed up to an additional 10%. The Federal Government bailed out banks and corporations in 2009 with over \$700 Billion, but Senator Grassley's bill would force pension (most Defined Benefit Pensions are Union) to penalize their participants with no help from the Feds.

The House passed Butch-Lewis, on a bi-partisan vote, which would give low interest loans to plans in trouble in order to give them time to shore up their funds. This is a compromise that helps troubled funds and does not penalize healthy ones. At the December meeting, we had cards that we asked members to sign and a number of you took cards back to jobsites as well as to the JATC. I hand delivered cards to Senator Ernst and Senator Grassley's offices and had a discussion with their staffs regarding our concerns.

I would like to thank everyone who filled out the cards. There were 185 cards for Senator Ernst and 176 for Senator Grassley. We will keep listening to the legislation being proposed and will keep the membership informed, but for now, if you get a phone call or a letter regarding Multi-Employer legislation say NO to Grassley's and support the Butch-Lewis bill. Be sure to tell our Congressmen/Congresswomen that they should not compromise on this issue. Butch-Lewis is the only acceptable legislation for the IBEW.

The holiday season is ending and our annual parties are done. The Children's Party on December 7th went very well. We had about 225 kids show up over the course of the party. Thank you for all the volunteers that showed up to help. This party would not be possible without you. We donated all the leftover crafts, gift bags and cookies to Heart of Iowa, ASAC.

The Adult Party on the 14th was well attended. By all reports everyone enjoyed the location, the food, the band and the drinks. I want to once more give a big thank you to Nichole for all the work she put into the party. Those in attendance donated \$1,548.00 for HACAP and all food items were donated to the Food Bank at Veterans Auditorium. Most people know that we have to reserve locations a year in advance for our parties and so I reserved Veterans Auditorium for December 5, 2020 for the Adult Party. The Children's Party will be held on the 12th.

Nichole has a list for people interested in OSHA Classes and there are CPR/First Aid Classes scheduled for the month of January. If you are interested in any classes, you need to get your name on a list by calling the Hall at (319) 396-8241 or emailing [nclark@ibew405.org](mailto:nclark@ibew405.org).

The RENEW/Poker Party/Chili Cook-Off will be held on February 7th at the Hall.

# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day  <b>*Holiday*</b>	2 RENEW Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4
5	6	7 CPR/First Aid Class 4:30 pm	8 E-Board Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 General Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Retirees Luncheon	17	18
19	20	21	22 Iowa City Meeting 4:30 pm	23 CPR/First Aid Class 4:30 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## CPR/First Aid Classes

The Hall has scheduled two CPR/First Aid Classes for the month of January. One will be on Tuesday, January 7th and one will be on Thursday, January 23rd. Both classes will begin at 4:30. There is a lot of information covered so they take a couple of hours. But you only need to take one class to get a 2-year certificate in CPR/First Aid/AED and earn \$0.20 extra per hour on your paycheck. Wow! That's almost \$500.00 per year working a 40-hour work week! Not to mention you may save a life someday. So call the Hall at (319) 396-8241 or email Nichole at [nclark@ibew405.org](mailto:nclark@ibew405.org) and get signed up for one of these classes.

## Retirees Social Club

The IBEW Local 405 Retirees Social Club always meets every third Thursday of the month for their monthly Retirees Luncheon. They will be meeting at Union Station Sports Bar & Grill, located at 1724 16th Ave SW, until further notice. Last month they had 9 in attendance.

## New Members

Congratulations to Charlie Babcock, Joshua Holley, Austin Wake, and Jeremy Severin for becoming Members of IBEW Local 405 on December 18, 2019

## E-Newsletter

The Hall now offers the monthly newsletter in electronic format. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of in the mail, please e-mail Nichole at the Hall at [nclark@ibew405.org](mailto:nclark@ibew405.org).

## Delinquent Members

The following members are delinquent in their dues as of *December 23, 2019*:

**Mitchell Bowden, Stephen Canty, Perry Knapp, Lucas Paige, Jeffery Steffensmeier, George Stewart, Martin Van Erdewyk, & Chilon Wibstad.**

## 2020 Dues Increase

Beginning this month, Dues will go up \$1.00 to an even \$40.00 per month. Just pay attention to which month you are paying for and when you are ready to pay for January: if paying by credit card, select 2020 dues; if paying by auto-bank draft, notify them of the change ahead of time. Otherwise, you can still mail us a check or stop by the office and pay by cash, check or credit card. If you pay 2019 dues for 2020, your short payment will be refunded and you will get a letter explaining the change in dues and the correct amount to pay.

## Important Contact Info...

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Vision Claims &  
Prescription Safety Glasses

Express Scripts:  
Prescription Coverage:  
(855) 849-6653

Wellmark:  
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Group #: 56700 (Alliance Select)

Delta Dental of Iowa  
(800) 544-0718  
Group #: 92485

# Members in Arrears

## As of December 23, 2019

### **A&B Electric**

Roger Steichen

### **Acme Electric**

Michael Bamsey

Marcus Beard

Jeremy Gorman

John McCrane

Kenneth Tomkins

Matt Wenger

### **BIS Industrial**

Shane Smutz

### **BIS Industrial**

Scott Clark

### **CI3**

Troy Davis

### **ESCO Electric**

Trevor Bowen

Travis Schulte

### **Gerard Electric**

Derek Dunkin

Dallas Grant

James Reel

Tom Schultz

Darrell Spencer

### **Hawkeye Electric**

Richard Blood

Todd Catlett

Joshua Dunnick

Jacob Durgin

Dylan Palmersheim

Alan Rutan

James Sturgeon

### **Justice Electric**

Kyle Durgin

Ronald Miller

### **Munson Electric**

Paul Myers

### **Paulson Electric**

Matt Biewen

Blake Colton

James Goldbeck

### **Premier Electric**

Eric Colsch

### **Tech Solutions**

Mike Ammeter

### **SE Electric**

Nathan Beyrle

Benjamin Vozenilek

### **Trey Electric**

Jordan Lester

David Longoria

Mitchell McKusick

Chase Stinger

### **Tri-City Electric**

Ryan Brown

Robert Golden

Danielle Hamilton

Keith Kaiser

David Kass

Justin McVay

Nolan Roberts

Carl Stahle

Jeffery Steege

Adam Turnis

Aaron Wier

### **Out of Work**

Kenneth Burr

Jerry Daugherty

Dana Pasker

Michael Rinholen

Leslie Todd

Timothy Vrchoticky

# Poker Party

**Presented By IBEW 405 RENEW**

Join us for Texas Hold'em, Cornhole and Chili Cook-off

Friday February 7th

IBEW 405 1211 Wiley Blvd

Doors open at 5pm

Play starts at 6pm

\$10 to play \$5 to watch

T Shirts \$15

Free Admittance with Chili Entry

Door and Raffle Prizes!



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