



# The Electrical Workers' Brotherhood News

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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brothers and Sisters:

Well, another election is finished. From where I sit, it was of mixed results. I couldn't be happier how the top State Elected Officials turned out. Tony Evers winning Governorship and Mandela Burnes the Lt. Governor's position, were huge. Equally as big were Josh Kaul winning the Attorney General's position, Sarah Godlawski won the Treasurer's job, and Doug La Follette retained the Secretary of State job. US Senator, Tammy Baldwin, handily retained her position. Locally, things didn't turn out the same. A lot of the candidates that we backed did not win their election. This election cycle, there were a lot of good candidates running that were for labor. A lot of the candidates that did win, voted for Right to Work, banning prevailing wage, and PLA's. Where this puts us right now, I'm not too sure, but we will find out soon.

Just to show you how important the Governor's race was, there was a rally in Madison eight days before the election. In attendance were: International President, Lonnie Stephenson, 6th District Vice President David Ruhmkorff, and IBEW Political Director Austin Keyser. From the Local 158, Marsha Nebel, Jeremy Schauer, and myself attended. It was a good turn out to get people to vote, and find out how they would vote. President Stephenson said he was going to be in Madison on Election night to congratulate Tony Evers, and he did.

I appreciate the people who volunteered their time for the election cycle. Jeremy Schauer and Dan Rickel from Appleton did door knocking and leafletting as well as Cyndy Williams and her political sidekick, Virginia. Marsha Nebel, for doing rallies and fundraisers, Noel Hansen doing information meetings, Jesse Jacques doing a great job getting Tammy Baldwin to our Training Center. Also, my wife Julie, for attending many functions with me and tolerating the times when I wasn't home for others.

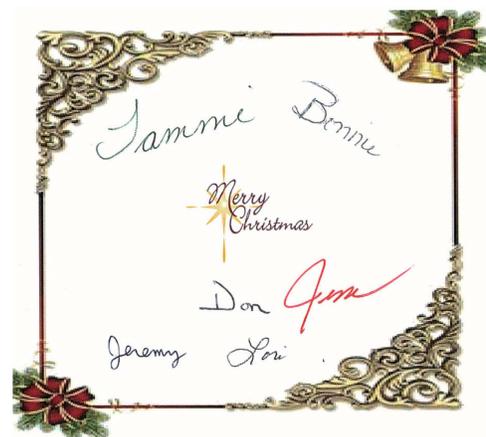
Now it is time to reap what we sowed. We did a lot to put Tony Evers in office and we expect a lot for that. On a cold Saturday morning, right before Election Tuesday, Julie joined me at the Teamsters Hall for a rally for Tony Evers and many of the candidates I mentioned in this

letter. After everyone said their speech, Tony Evers spoke last. When he was done and came off the stage, I stopped and shook his hand and he said the IBEW has been behind him and had a large influence. When we were done and he was leaving, I said, "After you win on Tuesday, we are going to talk about Apprenticeship, he turned back and said, "Yes, we are." At least we have his ear.

Yours in Solidarity,  
Don Allen,  
Business Manager



Happy Holidays from the Office Staff  
of Local Union 158 IBEW



## REFERRAL/PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays!!

The Book numbers are as follows: Book 1-64, Book 2-5, VDV-1, Apprentices-3. I emailed the contractors last week to try and get an outlook on their manpower needs for the rest of the year. Most of them responded that they were probably not looking to hire anymore in 2018. A couple of them said they may have a call or two in mid to late December, depending on the weather and the start time of some of the work they had been awarded. I wish I had better news for 2018. Almost all of the contractors reporting said they were expecting to be very busy come spring. I know this is not always the best news, but there was a time when they had nothing for spring. So things are looking better on the horizon.

I would like to remind everyone, Local 158, is doing the Health and Hygiene drive again this year. We are collecting items for Golden House and Freedom House in Green Bay. These shelters are women's shelter who are trying to leave struggling relationships. I know everyone can't be there to see the faces and hear the praise from these people, but I want you to know it is a great cause! Please, if you can afford to donate, please do.

I can't believe we are at the end of another year. I know I need a reminder once and awhile that I should get everything in order before starting fresh for the New Year. (Good thing my wife keeps me in line!) I would like to remind you to take some time, and review your year. Here is a list of things I would like to review:

- Retirement Beneficiaries-(Make sure you made these changes if something changed; new children, got married, got divorced, someone passed away, etc.)
- Review your retirement accounts.
- Review your insurance (All insurance- car, home, health, life etc.)
- Make a file to start accumulating tax paperwork.
- Review your accounts sign in, and passwords with whomever will take care of your interests if something happens to you in 2019.
- Reflect on your goals for 2018, and set new ones for 2019.

These are just a few things to review and reflect on. I hope everyone has a safe and incredible Holiday Season.

Please be safe, work proud, and work UNION!  
Happy Holidays!

Jesse A. Jacques,  
Referral Agent/President



### WPS GARDEN OF LIGHTS

#### **GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays**

**November 23rd – December 23rd**

**Wednesday \_ Sunday December 26th – 30th**

WPS Garden of Lights features over 250,000 plus twinkling lights throughout the garden. We have a corporate partnership with Green Bay Botanical Garden and there are always volunteer opportunities available for the WPS Garden of Lights. Shifts can be viewed online at: [gbbg.org/volunteer/](http://gbbg.org/volunteer/) or contact Danielle Schneeberg at: (920) 491-3691, Ext. 105

As a Local, we value giving back to the community and hope that you'll consider volunteering for a shift over the course of the show. We know that they would greatly appreciate the gift of your time this holiday season. Thank You!

We have free tickets for the WPS Garden of Lights at the Green Bay Botanical Garden for any members or retirees who are interested in seeing this beautiful display of lights. Stop at the Hall to pick up your tickets.

### BLANKETING BROWN COUNTY

The Greater Green Bay Labor Council Community Services Committee, along with United Way, will be collecting blankets for those in need **now through the end of January 2019\***.



The 2018 drive collected over 2410 blankets and distributed them to a record 42 programs throughout Brown County that serve homeless and low-income families. There will be a collection box at your Union Hall, if you wish to donate a blanket. Thanks in advance for your help.

Peace on Earth

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Now that the election season is past, it is good to be able to get back to more normalcy. While some of our endorsed candidates failed to make it, others who we supported got elected. Hopefully those newly elected officials can put partisanship aside and work together for the betterment of all Americans. Thank you to those who took the time to go out and vote.

Once again, we are starting to look towards spring around the state for the upcoming electrical work picture. This month we are planning to knock on doors in Janesville for their ongoing work and in January, with work at Foxconn looming, the focus will be in Racine/Kenosha areas. In talking with non-union individuals and contractors, things still seem busy. The common theme of finding qualified employees to do the work continues to command top priority for many. As the market for projects and qualified labor tightens, please be mindful of the work you are doing and always remember to put the best foot forward while representing your Union and our partnering contractors.



Don't forget to come out and see Santa at the hall December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The RENEW committee helps out tremendously and welcomes everyone to come visit. Lets help them continue to grow this fun holiday event.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As 2018 comes to a close we can look forward to a bright 2019.

In Solidarity,

Jeremy Schauer,

Business Development

A special **THANK YOU** to **Ralph Van Iten** for the great job done with Fall Clean up of the 158 Gardens! Your work was greatly appreciated and much needed!!

## HOLIDAY GIVING

Local 158 will be accepting donations for the Freedom House and Golden House from now until **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

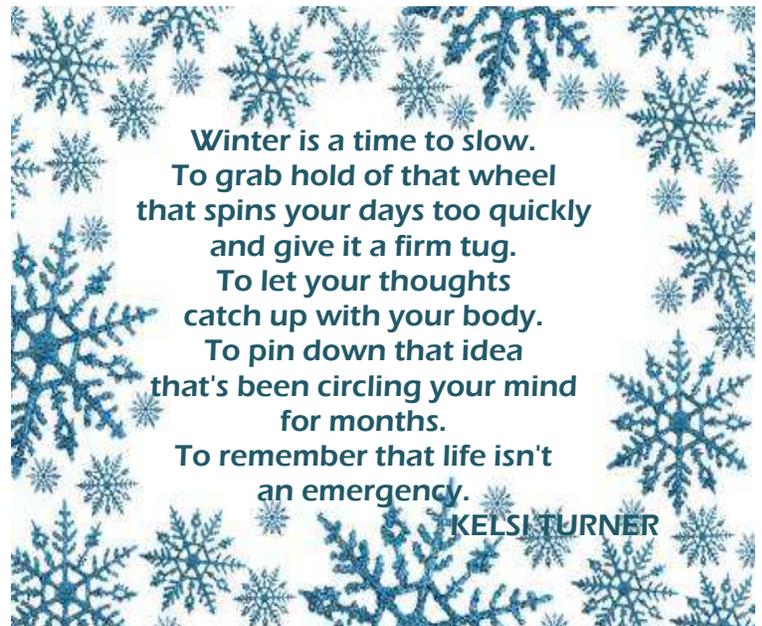


The Freedom House is a not-for-profit organization that provides services to homeless families with children in the Green Bay/ Brown County area. The Golden House is a domestic

violence program and shelter. Both organizations can use the following items: cleaning supplies such as bathroom & window cleaner, Lysol spray, all-purpose cleaners, scrub pads and dish soap, laundry detergent & baskets, baby items (diapers sizes 4-6), toilet paper, paper toweling, canned food, and personal care items.

For a full list of items needed, visit their websites [www.freedomhouseministries.org](http://www.freedomhouseministries.org) & [www.goldenhousegb.org](http://www.goldenhousegb.org). Please drop all donations off at the Union Hall, 2970 Greenbrier Road, Green Bay.

Hall hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m



### Union Hall Hours

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Monday and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**HALL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS'**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## IBEW / LOCAL 158 – BASIC DUES

Mailing your check greatly facilitates our office in less paperwork and cost. We'd appreciate it if you would get into the quarterly habit of paying dues in advance. If you pay at least 6 months in advance, we'll laminate your receipt as a token of our appreciation, plus a free gift for one year in advance. Be sure to check your receipt for accuracy. Pay special attention to the area under the words "OFFICIAL RECEIPT" where it says "N.Bal". This is your **New Balance**. If there is a negative balance there (i.e. -\$5.00), you should **reduce** your next payment by this amount. If there is a positive balance there (i.e. \$2.40); **increase** your next payment.

**Online payment of dues is also available through the "Members Only" log in section of the IBEW 158 website.** If you haven't signed up for access to the Member Login section, use the "Contact Us" link under the About tab on the website to send Jeremy your email address, username and password you wish to use, and he will get you entered into the website's system. If you have any questions, please call the Union Hall at (920) 432-0158. [www.ibew158.com](http://www.ibew158.com)

### IBEW DUES RATE SCHEDULE

Make check payable to: **IBEW, Local 158**  
Effective January 1, 2018- December 31, 2018

CLASS	"A" ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WORKING CONSTRUCTION	"A" ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WORKING MAINTENANCE	"BA" ALL
MONTHS			
1	40.50	57.00	39.00
2	81.00	114.00	78.00
3	121.50	171.00	117.00
4	162.00	228.00	156.00
5	202.50	285.00	195.00
6	243.00	342.00	234.00
7	283.50	399.00	273.00
8	324.00	456.00	312.00
9	364.50	513.00	351.00
10	405.00	570.00	390.00
11	445.50	627.00	429.00
12	486.00	684.00	468.00

\*\*Free Lamination if paying 6 months \*\*Free Lamination & Gift if paying 12 months  
"A" Member Reinstatement fee, if over 3 months late - \$30.00  
"BA" Member Reinstatement fee, if over 3 months late - \$3.00

### 2019 DUES INCREASE-\$1.00 MONTH FOR "A" MEMBERS

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CLASS	"A" ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WORKING CONSTRUCTION	"A" ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WORKING MAINTENANCE	"BA" ALL
MONTHS			
1	41.50	58.00	39.00
2	83.00	116.00	78.00
3	124.50	174.00	117.00
4	166.00	232.00	156.00
5	207.50	290.00	195.00
6	249.00	348.00	234.00
7	290.50	406.00	273.00
8	332.00	464.00	312.00
9	373.50	522.00	351.00
10	415.00	580.00	390.00
11	456.50	638.00	429.00
12	498.00	696.00	468.00

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### 2020 DUES INCREASE-\$1.00 MONTH FOR "A" MEMBERS

## EDUCATION CORNER

**Potential Classes:** Basic Electrical Safety, Blueprint Reading, Code Calculations, Code of Excellence, COMET, Conduit Bending II, EPRI I (Instrumentation), EPRI II (Instrumentation), Electrical Project Supervision, Grounding vs. Bonding, JW /Masters Exam Prep, Motors and Transformers, NFPA 70E, OSHA 10, OSHA 30, Photo Voltaic, Rigging, Structured Cabling, & Test Instruments. As soon as we have enough people interested, we will get a class on the schedule.



**All classes that have Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be taken once per calendar year for those credits to apply to your license as per the Department of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS). Please contact the hall (920) 432-0158, if you have any questions or wish to sign up for any of the classes scheduled or unscheduled**

### CONDUIT BENDING I CLASS

Approved for 4 CEUs, limited to 20 students.  
Class Fee of \$10.00 payable to GBEW A & T.  
Class will be held **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

### VOLTAGE DROP, WIRING METHODS

#### & FIRE PUMPS Class

Approved for 4 CEUs, limited to 20 students.  
You will need 2017 Code Book (\$80.85).  
Class Fee of \$10.00 payable to GBEW A & T  
Class held on **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

#### First Aid/CPR/AED Class

Approved for 8 CEUs, limited to 20 students.  
Class fee of \$10.00.

#### ATTENTION APPRENTICES

The State of Wisconsin is **not accepting** First Aid/CPR renewal if done through an online course.  
Class will be held on **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.**



## PAC COMMITTEE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to everyone that voted. It was thrilling to see the House turn blue!

We had some great wins in our state with Tony Evers taking the Governorship, Josh Kaul winning the Attorney General seat, and Tammy Baldwin holding her seat.

The day after Walker conceded, he appointed the outgoing Attorney General, Brad Schimel, to be Judge of the Waukesha County Circuit Court. This spot was vacated by Judge Patrick Haughney after his resignation on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

With all the accomplishments, we did not turn our state Assembly and Senate as hoped because of gerrymandering. All the high hopes that a Democratic Governor should bring, we will still have a hard time undoing what Walker did.

Robin Vos is threatening to obstruct the Dems, and even threatens legislation now to limit the Governor's powers. He should be careful, it was Walker's own law that kept him from the recount. When laws are made to benefit only one party, it can backfire when the opposite party takes control!

Robin Vos says he will make sure the Foxconn plans remain and block Evers efforts to do away with the notorious WEDC.

The good news is that Health Care in Wisconsin will probably change for the better. We now have a Governor that will accept the Federal Medicaid monies, the refusal of which by Walker cost our state over a billion dollars the first 3 years and forced 80 rural hospitals to close.

Evers will also move, along with Josh Kaul, to remove Wisconsin from the lawsuit attempting to remove pre-existing conditions from the ACA. Walker had run on protecting the pre-existing conditions, when all the time he was leading the lawsuit, with Wisconsin named first! Robin Vos and Scott Fitzgerald also threaten to block Tony Evers efforts to return licensing back to a Department of Commerce, moving away from the Walker created DSPS.

Vos has also stated that it will be hard for Evers to turn back Act 10 with the Republicans in control.

As far as the State Superintendent of Schools position that Evers left to run for Governor, according to WPR, Evers can appoint a replacement, or a Special Election will be held.

The swearing in of our state's new officials will be January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Local PAC meeting is Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hall. Please plan to attend, as we look at where we're heading next.

Yours in Solidarity,  
Cyndy Williams,  
PAC Chairman

## LOCAL 158 CONTACT INFORMATION

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as well as your **Dues Payments**  
(payable to IBEW Local 158).

**PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



## CONGRATULATIONS

Scott and Nicky Evenstad on their  
new baby girl,  
**Sylvia Jean Evenstad!!!**  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 12:53 p.m.,  
6 lbs., 11 oz., 19 1/2" long.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Nathan and Chelsea Schmidt on their  
new baby girl,  
**Alivia Grace Schmidt!!!**  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7:13 a.m.,  
7 Lbs., 9 oz., 19 1/2" long.



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### Local 158's Golden Years Club

#### GREEN BAY

The Electricians held a breakfast at The Café' on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Present were: Lee Denil, Ron Hasselman, Jerry Hopp, Terry Eland, Ron Hasselman and myself.

We collect \$1.00 from members who attend breakfast. This year we decided to donate \$150 to buy gifts for Golden House/Freedom House.

Our next Breakfast will be Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., at The Café, 2725 Manitowoc Road, Green Bay. Wives welcome too!

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Augustian



#### STURGEON BAY

Hello Again From The North,

The members that attended were Marv De Jardin, Davis Sitte, Pat Corcoran, Joe Rockwell, myself and from The South were Dale Ferron, Lee Denil, Jeff Hockers, and Romie Kozicki.

We were sorry to hear Ralph Rabach's wife passed away and sorry we did not know sooner for the services (no thanks to the local paper that is printed in Appleton.)

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and a safe hunt.

Next breakfasts will be on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., at The Corner Café, Sturgeon Bay.

Still Retired and Enjoying It,

Al Peterson

#### WISE ELDERS' LUNCHEON

Wise Elders 11-20-18,

Due to hunting and proximity to Thanksgiving, turnout was small, but made it very easy to get agreements on the future direction of the lunch.

Attending were Marsha Nebel, Noel Hansen, and myself.

First off, because we are wise, enjoy people, and are uber cool, we decided to "officially" invite all members, along with any close acquaintances they wish to bring along to the scheduled lunches.

Secondly, **starting in January, we will be moving the lunch date to the 2nd Thursday of the month**, to further distance proximity to scheduled holidays, newsletter deadlines, and Tuesdays that prove difficult for some people to attend.

The next lunch dates will be noon at the Ravine 2633 Manitowoc Rd. Green Bay, Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Holidays!

Scott Nejedlo



#### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**PAID UP DUES RECEIPT REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Light meal and beverages provided after meeting.