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3rd Quarter 2021

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Moving Forward

By: Jeremy Pour

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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Hard to believe we are three-quarters the way through 2021 already. Kids are in school, football is back, cooler weather is here which means bonfires, chili and pumpkin patches with the families. Being essential employees we continue to work each and every day performing critical work and providing services to the public. As we continue to navigate the ever changing rules and protocols it is clear to me that one thing we must maintain is solidarity. It does not matter how you voted in the last election, what your vaccination status is or what team you root for on the weekends we must maintain our collective strength as a union. We have been in uncharted waters the last eighteen months and we will have more challenges ahead of us no doubt but we cannot let it divide us. We all have our own opinions on current events but when it comes to our right to bargain, negotiating new agreements or contracts we need everyone together. I know there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding possible mandates that may forced upon us, as your Leader of this Local I can promise you we have been in constant communication with other locals, our Union attorneys as well as our employers. We are not necessarily against vaccinations but we are for our rights as Union members. We have notified all of our employers that we expect them to negotiate with us prior to any implementation of any possible mandates. We have always protected the rights of our union members and this case will be no different. We will continue to use our Stewards to communicate to the workgroups as well as our website, Facebook and text messaging. On a more exciting note, we are pleased to announce we are adding an additional Business Representative/Organizer to the office. Prior to 2017 the Union has always maintained two Reps and the Business Manager. Over the last four years we have focused on building a strong financial base while providing the best service to the members. With an additional Representative in the office they will be able to help provide more meeting coverage, allowing more field time for myself and Billy. The new Representative will spend time organizing prospective opportunities to bring new members into 1439. This is a major focus of the International to help grow the IBEW and prior to now we have not had the time or resources to focus on organizing. The plan is to have the new Representative in place during the first quarter of 2022. If any members are interested in the position please reach out myself or Billy. Also, the Executive Board has decided to hold the annual Christmas party this year. It is scheduled for December 17, 2021, it will be nice to get everyone together and have some sense of normalcy. We look forward to seeing you all at the next Union meeting and Christmas party. Please continue to stay informed and stay active, the more active membership we have the more power we have. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Pour
Business Manager/Financial Secretary
IBEW Local 1439

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Family Health and Holidays

By Chad Fletcher
President IBEW Local 1439

With the Fall holidays coming fast it's always a great time to reflect on the time we can spend with our families. Our health these days seems to be more important and more of a focus than ever. Staying healthy is key to quality time away from work and enjoying vacation time with family and friends!

With the limitations to travel and the everyday guidelines we've all had to adjust our lives in some way or another whether it be going to dinner or even fighting the low volume of every day needs. I think as a work group we've made very large sacrifices here at work also including adjusting our work days and work hours which can put a strain on us and our families both physically and mentally. We have been moved through out our service territories to remote facilities that are definitely not the everyday show ups we all have come accustomed to but with all of these distractions we need to maintain the highest level of safety.

Let's continue to perform our jobs as best we can and if something seems off or not normal take the time to rethink and or do another job briefing so we can all go home and spend as much quality time that we can during the upcoming vacations and holidays with our family and friends! Let's do our part and have a safe and

Thank-You

A big thank-you to our members from Alliant, Ameren and Entergy for their restoration work following Hurricane Ida. Members from Entergy continue to perform restoration work. When difficult situations arise our members are always up to the challenge. Most importantly our members did this work safely without incident.



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Memoriams



Reed Newton

Card Number: 7523838
Initiated: 01-15-2009
03-31-1987 - 10-03-2021



Darrin Sims

Card Number: 4283475
Initiated: 03-01-1991
02-26-1996 - 08-26-2021



Kenneth Turnbough

Card Number: 7216419
Initiated: 1-23-2002
03-23-1973 - 08-03-2021



*William
Miller Jr.*

Card Number: D494778
Initiated: 03-01-1973
03-09-1951 - 10-05-2021

It is with sorrow and regret that we, the members of IBEW Local 1439 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, record their passing.

Be it resolved that we pay tribute to their memory by expressing to their families, our most sincere sympathy for the loss of our respected members.



Business Manager's Report

September 2021

Alliant:

- Welcome to our three new members:
Robert Ashworth, Ethan Wingerter, Rafael Cardenas
- Union Meeting 10/28

Ameren:

- Joint Bargaining committee met to review Ameren's medical information request
- Request has been made to discuss contracting out of work
- Reinstating the Banked Apprentice Program
- Work continues on revising the Communication Overtime Agreement
- Working on changes to the Traveling Operator Overtime Agreement
- Waiting on a response from the Company on the Troublemens Counter-Proposal

Entergy:

- 3 year contract ratified
- Welcome to our new member: Preston Brumley

Liberty:

- New proposal for Transmission Stopper pay

City of DeSoto:

- Proposal has been submitted to the Company for a new 1-year agreement with significant wage increases
- Welcome to our new member: William Wilson

City of Potosi

- New 1-year agreement was reached with pay increases for all.

This is a brief rundown of issues within each bargaining unit. Any questions please reach out to myself or Billy.

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Christmas Party

All active and retired members, their families and guests are invited to attend the Annual Local 1439 Christmas Party on

Friday, December 17th

3:00 p.m.

*Food and Refreshments will be provided
Please come and join your Union brothers
and sisters to celebrate the Holiday
Season*

Local 1439, 2121 59th Street, St. Louis, MO

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Blue Hat Report



**Blue Hat
Brandon Shortt**



**Blue Hat
Aaron Mehrstens**

It's typical fall in Missouri. The weather is getting cool, and the Cardinals are hot! As we close September, it's worth mentioning that September is mental health and suicide prevention month. This is definitely not talked about enough. With political turmoil, the covid pandemic, constantly evolving protocols, social distancing, schooling from home, etc. some people are maxed out and definitely feeling the pressure. We need to end the stigma around mental health and discussion. Let's truly be our brothers keeper. Talk with your coworkers, reach out if you think you need help. Remember you are NOT alone.

Until next time stay safe,

Brandon Shortt
IBEW 1439 Blue Hat

EAP: 1-800-289-1109

Visit: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Call: 800-273-8255
Text: 741741



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Memoriams

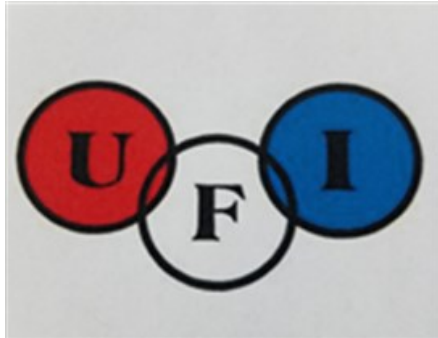
Ronald Hanson
Thomas Exler
Gerald Hollenbeck
William Miller
Reed Newton
Oscar Oakes
Darrin Sims
Ken Turnbough

Retirees

David Brueggemann
Joe Buneta
Charles Butler
Kerry Gilbert
Milton Hayes
Keith Johnson
David Jost
Kirk Kinnison
David Lambert
David Mack
Steve Rettig
Ricky Schwent
Randy Taylor
Clarence Williamson

New Members

Drew Adams
Connor Barham
Francis Barkofski
Jerry Butler
Devin Davis
Kody Domijan
Donald Eckrich
Bryan Eggemeyer
Dylan Gray
Rudy Hautly
Martin Jenkins
Tyler Jones
Phillip Kreidler
Zachary Kieser
Jason Lowry
Kendrick McKnuckles
Kyle Osia
Nicholas Towner
Tyler Walker
Austin Yocks



Union Financial Updates

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Contact Matt Kopecky, Financial Advisor for IBEW Local 1439 at 314-495-9166 or email him at kopecky.matthew@principal.com to help you construct a strong financial plan.



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

If you have moved, changed your email or phone number please contact the Union office (314) 644-6111 or local.1439@ibew1439.com to update your contact information.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
10-28-2021	Alliant Meeting	3:30 pm	TBD
11-01-2021	Executive Board	4:00 pm	1439 Union Hall
11-02-2021	Regular St. Louis Mtg	4:30 pm	1439 Union Hall
11-09-2021	Jefferson Meeting	4:00 pm	TBD
11-10-2021	St. Charles Meeting	4:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
11-11-2021	Veteran's Day	Office Closed	
11-16-2021	St. Francois Meeting	4:00 pm	Spokes
11-17-2021	Franklin Meeting	4:00 pm	Haggies
11-25-2021	Thanksgiving Day	Office Closed	
11-26-2021	Thanksgiving Holiday	Office Closed	
12-06-2021	Executive Board	4:00 pm	1439 Union Hall
12-07-2021	Regular St. Louis Mtg	4:30 pm	1439 Union Hall
12-17-2021	Christmas Party	3:00 pm	1439 Union Hall
12-23-2021	Christmas Eve Observed	Office Closed	

Attention all members: Anyone interested in filling the Recording Secretary position, please contact Jeremy Pour at 314-520-1128 or 314-644-6111 or e-mail: local.1439@ibew1439.com