

The 688 Wire

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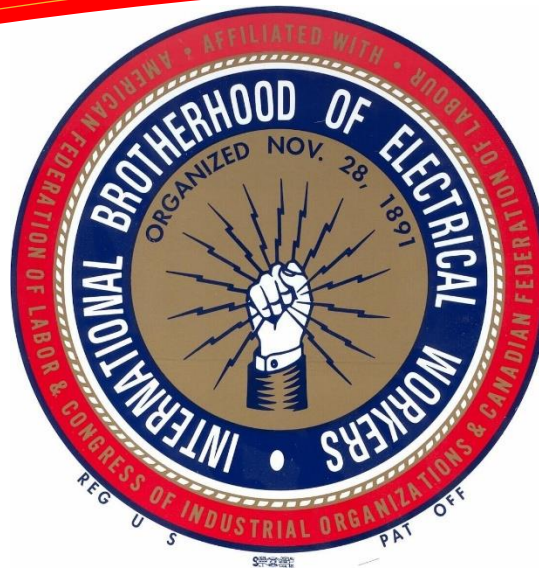
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May Union Meeting Cancelled

The Executive Board met on Monday May 4th, 2020 in a special meeting. Under consideration was the viability of holding a May meeting. With the Governors decision to extend the Covid-19 Stay at Home Order to May 29th, 2020 and the requirement of no gathering greater than 10 people, Executive Board canceled the May meeting. An Executive Board meeting will be held Monday May 11th 2020 via Zoom to take care of any local union business.

April Executive Board Meeting Highlights:

1. Postponed election process one month (see **P.2**)
2. Approved a participating withdrawal card for Eric Clady.

Trustee Report:

Pension and Annuity plans have taken a hit with the stock market free fall in the latter part of March, however has recovered somewhat and along with gains at the end of 2019, should show very modest earnings for the plan year ending May 31st, 2020.

Thoughts From the Business Manager

Employers work has been steady for the most, Alpine's work that was on the books has been pushed back because of the Coronavirus. Very few calls coming in- really new work has been very slow starting. Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services has issued a letter to employers asking them to report furloughed employees who refuse to return to work for the employer.

In Solidarity

Carl Neutzling, Business Manager



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Notice:
Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the IBEW 688 Executive Board met via conference call on May 4th, 2020 to cancel the May 12th, 2020 meeting. The Executive Board will meet via conference call on Monday, May 11th, 2020 to act for the membership for any bills.

CenturyLink Unit meetings in Mansfield and Sydney-Greenville-Eaton will also be canceled.

**Southwest Agreement
Start Form:**

Employer: Speelman Electric
Jobsite: Brightview
560 N. Main St. Marion
Manhours: 870
Start Date: 04/20/2020
Job Duration: 12 Weeks

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the IBEW 688 Executive Board in their meeting on Monday, April 13th, 2020, approved postponing nominations and elections for one month for officers of Local Union # 688 normally held in May and June of an election year.

*****New dates for nominations and election of officers*****

Nominations:

IBEW 688 Offices will be held Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 at the regular union meeting at 7:00 PM for the following offices:

- President**
- Vice President**
- Recording Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Business Manager/Financial Secretary**
- Executive Board Member (7)**
- Examining Board Member (3)**

CenturyLink Mansfield Unit meeting will be held Thursday, June 25th, 2020 at the regular unit meeting at 6:00 PM.

CenturyLink Greenville, Sydney, Eaton Unit meeting will be held Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 at the regular unit meeting in the Greenville CO at 6:00 PM. Each CenturyLink unit

will hold nominations for the following offices:

- President**
- Vice President**
- Recording Secretary**
- Executive Board Member (4)**

Elections:

IBEW 688 Officers will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020

CenturyLink Mansfield Unit will be held Thursday, July 23, 2020

CenturyLink Greenville, Sydney, Eaton will be held Wednesday, July 8th, 2020.

Officers Take Office:

Newly Elected Officers will take office at their regularly scheduled meetings in August. No Member may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as they are listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous good standing in Local Union No. 688. Good standing means that the member is current in

the payment of dues and has been for the two (2) years preceding the nominations.

According to the Bylaws of Local Union No. 688, Article III, Section 8e, no apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union. Apprentices may seek office provided they become a journeyman by Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

An election judge and tellers will be appointed at the close of nominations. None of these may be a candidate for any office.

"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

Thomas Jefferson

"Not voting is not a protest. It is a surrender."

Keith Ellison

Union Hall has gone back to regular hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Call Carl Neutzling, Business Manager with any questions.



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Dave Carnes, Editor

Officers of Local Union 688:
President: Dustin Endicott
Vice President: Alex Culler
Recording Secretary: Brian McPeek
Treasurer: Todd Simmermacher

Executive Board:
Donnie Hankins
Dane Hart
Jeff Phillips
Rocke Rice
Eric Ruffner
Jason Sublett
Brian Wittibschlager

Examining Board:
Roy Hahn
Mike Mrozik
Sean Spears

Business Representative:
Dave Carnes, Organizer

Century Link Unit Officers:

Chairman (Mansfield):
Steve Frazee

Chairman (Greenville): Walker Branson

Good of the Union



Chris May, Owner of PCR Restorations, Inc. and Lehr Awning Co., is the President of Mansfield Southwest Baseball at Sterkel Park, and we have worked on this project for several years now. Former Local Union 688 President, William Thompson began work on this project with apprentice Tory Gorka back in 2017 installing the underground PVC feeding this new pole style building. Recent retiree, Gaylord Rice Jr. also had his hands involved in this project. So, it is a great honor that I can finish this project that has been ongoing for years.

This project originally began as a dream of Chris's many years ago. With donations from the citizens of who have fond memories of playing at these fields as children themselves, proceeds from the concession stand, and volunteer's in the community have allowed this dream to become a reality. Menard's

donated half the cost of the building material, and volunteers backed out of the construction, so it has taken quite some time to for this project to get to this point.

We are in need of volunteers to complete the project, as well as some equipment to make it all happen. We have a little digging to do to extend the underground closer to structure, and connect each end to their final locations. We will need 4-5 guys to help pull in feeder conductors (3 - 3/0 CU and 1 - # 6 CU) as the run is 650' long. We have around 700' of conduit to run for power and lighting. There will be 2 cages in the building with 10 LED High Bay lights as well as emergency and exit lighting per code.

I would like to have enough volunteer's to be able to knock this out in a Saturday, but I realize everone is busy with their lives, but may want to

Volunteer Project: Mansfield Southwest Baseball & Softball League Batting Cage

get out and do something good during these trying times. This may take a couple of Saturday's. All help will be appreciated, even if its only a couple of hours.

These kids will get many years of training and enjoyment out of this project. We, as volunteers, can get much satisfaction in knowing that we provided a safe environment for these children to play and to build memories that will last a lifetime.

Richland Source may be there to take some photos and write a story up on the project. According to Chris. He also is going to put a IBEW Local 688 banner up on the building as a thank you.

For more information or an interest in helping on this project or any other projects in the future, contact me at the Local Union Hall or you can reach me on my cell any time. Thank you

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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill



RENEW Officers:

Chairman:

Mark Karbula

Recording Secretary:

Cody Jenkins

Treasurer:

Kyle Snow

"Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemented benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

RENEW



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Reach out and Engage Next-gen Electrical Workers (RENEW) initiative is to inspire the next generation of IBEW workers to become active in their local union by focusing on issues important to younger workers, providing education about the IBEW and the labor movement, and fostering relationships with members and local union leadership.

The RENEW Initiative

Greater involvement by local union members of all ages is critical to the growth of the IBEW. RENEW is an IBEW-wide initiative dedicated to creating opportunities for members ages 35 years and younger and helping them develop the skills necessary to become active in the local union and play a role in shaping its future.

The goals of this program are to educate the next generation of workers about the benefits of the IBEW, to provide a space for younger members to discuss issues relevant to their workplace and community, and to encourage their participation in programs that are focused on strengthening the local union and the labor movement.

Each local union will develop its own RENEW Committee. This committee will set its own goals based on the needs of the local union and the interests of its members. A strong RENEW program will energize young workers and has the potential to increase their attendance at union meetings, create meaningful engagement among members and local union leadership, and bolster their confidence.

For more information on this program, visit their facebook page:

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Special Messages



Journeymen & Apprentices

4th District Health Fund
Claims and Eligibility:
www.4thdistricthealthfund.com
1-888-466-9094

Medical Providers:
www.anthem.com

Dental:
www.deltadentaloh.com
1-800-524-0149

Vision:
www.vsp.com
1-800-877-7185

Pension and Annuity:
www.yourunionbenefits.com
1-800-435-2388

Save-RX Prescription:
www.savrx.com
1-866-233-4239

Construction Workers & Construction Electricians

NECA/IBEW
Family Medical Care Plan:
www.nebf.com/fmcp/
1-877-937-9602

Medical Providers:
www.anthem.com
1-800-810-2583

Vision:
www.vsp.com
1-800-877-7195

Save-RX Prescription Problems:
www.savrx.com
1-866-233-4239

Dental:
www.metlife.com/mybenefits
1-800-942-0854

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Happy Birthday Brothers!

Mark Karbula	May 1st
Robert Murphy	May 1st
Zach Ramirez	May 1st
Roy Hahn	May 2nd
Norman Worline	May 2nd
Dick Eckard	May 5th
Jim Tackett	May 6th
Dan Lloyd	May 10th
James Stuart	May 12th
Jeff Fry	May 13th
Jonathon Alfrey	May 14th
John Yetzer	May 15th

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Greg Hoffman	May 17th
Mike McKown	May 17th
Mike Mrozik	May 18th
Josh S. Lewis	May 19th
Timothy Butler	May 20th
Josh Denman	May 20th
David McDonald	May 22nd
Paul Knackstedt	May 22nd
Jim Hughes	May 24th
Dillion Wise	May 24th
David Phillips	May 29th
Matt Neff	May 30th
Nate Jerome	May 31st

Let Us Know

We hope that you all enjoyed this newsletter! If you would like continue to receive this newsletter in the future, please email Dave Carnes and let him know as **this will be the only paper copy** of this newsletter, all future issues will be electronic via email. We are working on a new website and eventually plan on this being available their. Once the new website is up and running, this publication will only be available on the website. We our teaming up with the IT Company, Five Forge, LLC to help us with the new website design. If there is anything you would like to contribute to the next issue, please email me at organizer@ibew688.org

Class of 2020

We would like to congratulate all graduating Seniors! They worked very hard and were so close to completing the end of the year they worked their whole lives to complete. So if you have a senior, remind them that we are all proud of them!



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In Memoriam

Retired Brother Thomas Hopkins

September 5, 1939 - April 8, 2020

Retired Brother Eddie R. Shaver

July 13, 1941 - April 25, 2020

In Sympathy

The officers and members of Local Union No. 688, IBEW extend their deepest sympathy to the

following members and their families on the sorrowful loss of their loved ones:

Kathleen N. Mastrandrea

July 9, 1930 - April 12, 2020

Frank Mastrandrea (Deceased)

Wife

Timothy Mastrandrea (Local 1186 Retired)

Mother

Tory Gorka

Grandmother

Daniel C. Blasberg, Sr.

May 30, 1947 - April 26, 2020

Dana Blasberg

Brother

Brandon Blasberg

Uncle

"What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget"

Author Unknown