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**Local Union No. 176
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Brother and Sisters,

This has been a crazy week for many of us. In addition to dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic situation, this week we have had to recon with the severe storm that made its way through our area. I know many of you are still digging out from the storm damage and many are still without power. The union hall also lost power on Monday. The hall was out of power for a couple of days, but thankfully we have power at the hall now. We not only lost power, but we lost our fiber optic feed that we run our phone and data systems on. I want to thank everyone for being patient and understanding during our downtime as we worked to get those systems back up and running.

As we have done for the past couple of months, we will be holding our monthly union meeting at the hall. We will be following CDC and IDPH guidelines at the meeting to ensure the health and safety of all in attendance. I know that many members have health concerns which will prevent them from attending this month's meeting. For those unable to attend this month's meeting, like in previous months, the Business Agents have put together monthly reports which you will find below.

As we continue along in phase four of the Governor's reopening plan and things continue to open up a bit more, we are seeing slight increases in the numbers of COVID-19 cases in our area. In the month of August, the positivity rate for COVID testing in Illinois has hovered around 4%. In our local, we are aware of seventeen individuals who have tested positive since this pandemic began. We have been actively checking jobsites and communicating with members to ensure all proper safety protocols are being implemented in the job. I have talked to the Joint Safety Committee and have asked them to work with CDC and OSHA guidelines to come up with a set of best safety and health practices document we can put out to jobsites to help ensure the proper precautions are being implemented by the contractors. If you are on a jobsite where there are issues with COVID-19 precautions, please call and let me or one of the agents know. We will promptly deal with the situation.

On the health and welfare front, I have spoken to many of you about different issues you are or have had with our health and welfare. I am actively working with Zenith to get their office back to more of a pre-pandemic operation with increased staffing levels at their office in our hall. If you have issues communicating with the health and welfare office, I am asking that you please let me know. I assure you these issues have been and will continue to be addressed. Another issue that I think most are aware of is the continued issues with the TASC MSA debit card. Before bringing on TASC we did our due diligence researching their company and talking to other unions who use their services. Even though

TASC came recommended by other unions, we quickly found out they had trouble meeting our expectations. I have been working with them to try and resolve their performance issues, but problems continue to exist. Because of this, we have been researching and seeking out other providers for the same services. At our health and welfare meeting this week, we decided to part ways with TASC and go with a different provider. This transition will take place over the next few months and the new debit cards will be issued around January 1st. The new debit cards software works with our health and welfare software and we will be able to control the cards and provide customer service through our health and welfare office as opposed to calling an out of state call center. I would like to apologize to anyone who has had an issue with TASC. If our providers do not perform up to our high expectations, we will do what we need to do to correct the situation or move on.

There is one other health and welfare change that will be taking affect on January 1, 2021. Currently, our VSP vision plan operates on a date of service plan year. This means that if you get a comprehensive eye exam and glasses on August 12th, then your plan year would start on that date for the next twelve months until next August. Starting in January, we are switching from a date of service plan year to a calendar year plan year. This means our VSP plan service year would start on January 1st and end on December 31st each year.

Of the many developers and projects in our area we have been working on, there are three specific I would like to give everyone an update on. First is the Northpoint Project. I have gotten some questions about Northpoint using non-union labor on these projects. I can't speak to what they do in other states or other areas, but in our jurisdiction we have a project labor agreement (PLA) with Northpoint that was signed in 2017 that ensures the labor they use for their projects in our area will be all union. On top of the PLA, we entered into a side agreement to the PLA in 2019 in which Northpoint agrees to use union labor on any build-out or other work done by any tenant they lease or sell to. So even if Northpoint builds a shell building and lease the building to a different company, that company will be bound to use union labor through the side letter to the PLA. I met with representatives from Northpoint yesterday and they are in the process taking bids for their first warehouse project to be built in Elwood. They are also working on beginning construction of a bridge over Rt. 53 to connect their property to the BNSF intermodal in Elwood. They hope to begin construction this winter or early spring.

The second project is the Blue Sky Solar Farm in Southeast Grundy County. This is a 300MW solar farm that will sit on approximately 2,700 acres of land just south of Gardner in Grundy County. Construction is scheduled to start in early 2022 and last for about 18 months. This project is being developed by RES Solar and at peak will have approximately 200 workers on the project. We are working with RES to secure a labor agreement for this project to guarantee union labor. RES is also in negotiations with ComEd on this project working on finalizing an interconnect agreement.

The third project is the Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) gas fired powerhouse. This project has been in the works for some time and the start date has been pushed back repeatedly. I am happy to let everyone know that met with CPV officials this week and they have informed me that they have secured their final financing and they intend to begin construction on this project by early October of this year. Kiewit is the contractor for this project. This project will be located off Dresden Road across from the Dresden Nuclear Power Station. There is a 30-month construction schedule for this project. We will be meeting with CPV and Kiewit in the next few weeks to go over manpower needs for this project.

We have had several contract negotiation meetings for our maintenance group at Amita St. Joseph's Hospital. We have been making some progress in negotiations, and things seem to have been moving forward since the nurses settle their contract with the hospital. Our maintenance workers are essential workers who work in a daily environment around COVID positive patients and they deserve a fair contract. We have additional bargaining sessions scheduled for next week. We hope to be able to bring forward a fair contract for a vote soon.

I would like to thank everyone for all of your dedication, patience, and support during this pandemic and this week's power outage. As COVID-19 cases tick up in our area please be vigilant and safe while you are at work and out in the community. Like many of you, I have had family members and friends who have contracted and had to battle this virus and I understand the anxiety and fear that many have with this situation. I would encourage those who need to talk to someone because of fear or anxiety during these times to please contact our members assistance program and talk to someone. The State of Illinois has also setup a 24-hour anonymous hotline for those struggling with mental or emotional issues due to COVID-19. The hotline number is 866-359-7953. Please reach out and use these or other resources if you are struggling with any of these issues. We are a strong, unified, group of individuals and we will get through these times stronger than ever. Stay safe, unified, and strong and remember that we are all our brothers and sisters' keepers, so please look out and take care of each other.

In Solidarity,

Michael J. Clemmons
Business Manager

Business Agent and Apprenticeship reports are as follows:

Jim Lockhart

Book count for Thursday, August 13, 2020

141-Book #1

371-Book #2

4-Residential

20-Sound

10-Apprentices

2-IT

Portability count commercial – 83/1

Portability count residential – 0/1

70 - Bk 2 working in local (60-Inside, 3-GPPMA & 7-VDV)

80- JW long calls 23 went into BK-2 and 2 were turned into short calls.

44- JW Short calls 16 went into BK-2.

0- RW long calls

0- RW short calls

7- Sound Long Calls 3 went into BK-2 and 1 was turned into a short call.

1- Sound Short call and went into BK-2.

23 - Apprentice Calls

There are 66 out of town contractors under inside agreement reporting in the jurisdiction as of tonight.

Andy Rico

Joliet - Cresco Labs at 3301 Centerpoint Way, is remodeling their facility adding a parking dock reworking locker rooms and will soon be adding a 50'x15' production/grow room addition. Belmont-Avondale Electric has the contract for this project.

At 2114 S. Frontage Rd. Local 130 Plumbers are adding to their training facility. Connelly Electric has that contract and will have electricians onsite by early next month.

At 247 Caterpillar Dr. Rex Electric picked up a \$2 million remodel project at the Tower Apartments.

At 2950 Centerpoint Way, Home Depot Regional Distribution Center BCU Electric is doing the conveyor work for a \$15 million and has 11 electricians onsite. This project is scheduled to be completed by December 2020.

Amita St. Joseph Medical Center is remodeling a portion of a 4th floor wing to add new CT scan rooms. Jamerson Bauwens is doing that work and has 4 electricians onsite.

At 2848 McDonough St., the IDOC In-patient facility;

Block Electric has approximately 35-40 electricians working.

City Services Electric is doing the temperature control work and currently have 4 electricians onsite.

Live Wire Electric has recently hired a JW and an apprentice. Currently they have 6 electricians working at the Administration building.

VDV work is scheduled to commence within the next few weeks and Low Voltage Solutions has the bulk of that work.

At 250 Water Stone Circle, the Joliet Area Community Hospice, construction has begun on a \$3.5 million addition/renovation. Meade Electric is the electrical contractor for this project.

Meade Electric has resumed work for the IDOT Des Plaines river bridge project, reworking the bridge tender house and cabling for 6 bridges. They will be manning it with 4-8 electricians periodically

At Centerpoint Logistics/Business park Connelly Electric has ramped up at Harbor Freight's nearly 2 million sq. ft. warehouse. Currently they have 19 electricians onsite and manpower is expected to peak out at 25-30. Connelly also picked up the bulk of the VDV work for that project which is an approximately \$6 million dollar bid package. They'll be running a 6-10 man crew for that portion of the job.

Also at Centerpoint Logistics/Business park FCL has wall up for a 1.2 million sq.ft. Spec warehouse. Jan Electric has this job.

On McKinley Ave. Elliot Electric is working at the Joliet Waste Water Treatment Plant. That work is expected to be completed early in 2021 with manpower fluctuating periodically.

Preferred Electric has been contracted to install a 1.5-megawatt ground mount solar array at Joliet Junior College. This work is scheduled to begin in August and be completed by October.

Continental Electric has two ground mount solar projects starting in September at Chicagoland Speedway.

Plainfield - At 15320 Wallin Dr. Plainfield School District 202 / ICI construction has footings in for the foundation of the new elementary school directly south of Ira Jones Middle School. Indicom Electric has this job and is starting the underground work.

At the northeast corner of the I-55 and Rt. 30 intersection, Novak construction is getting close to completing construction for the new Costco store that is set to open this fall. Volt Electric currently has 11 electricians working on the interior buildout and they will be laying off over the next few weeks as this project winds down.

Climate Pros is doing the Temperature control and Refrigeration work.

Nucore Electric has completed electrical work for the Gas Station.

Elwood - The Jackson Generation project on Noel and Brandon Rd. is in the cable pulling phase and running raceways above ground on the electrical side of things. Currently there are 50 electricians working on that project for Kiewit. Kiewit anticipates adding additional manpower through the fall. Elliot Electric has been awarded to contract for the Administration building. That building has begun construction and Elliot will have electricians onsite soon.

National Conductor is now onsite doing construction work for the switchyard.

New River Construction has been subcontracted to pull in feeder cables. This work will commence at the end of August, run about a 5-6 week duration with a 6-man crew.

Bolingbrook - On Remington Blvd. a new WeatherTech building is just about under roof. Meany has also picked up work at 6 Meijer grocery stores in Will County and will start an addition to the WeatherTech Factory store next month. There are also additional WeatherTech projects in the design stages.

At 6 Territorial Ct., Connelly Electric has 3 electricians working on the Impact Networking expansion project. This project is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Romeoville - At 501 W. Taylor Rd. Crate & Barrel warehouse, Connelly Electric 10 electricians onsite. This project is scheduled to be completed by October.

Preferred Electric has been contracted to install a 1.5 MW solar array at Lewis University. This work is scheduled to commence in August and be completed by October.

Shorewood - At Black Rd. and Rt. 59 next to Home Depot, G.A. Johnson is the general contractor for the new Aldi store. M3 Electric has been onsite with 2 electricians.

Crest Hill - At 20600 Kubinski Dr., just north of Menards and directly east of the Crest Hill Public Library, construction has begun for the new Crest Hill City Center/Police Department. The city of Crest Hill is direct hiring sub-contractors and has contracted Timm Electric to do the electrical work for that project.

On the corner of Caton Farm Rd. And Perinar Dr. Narvick Brothers Construction has the foundation set for Low Voltage Solution's new shop. Ideal Electric has been awarded the contract for this job.

Naperville - At 2244 W. 95th St., Johnson Construction has broken ground for the new Compass Church. Nesko Electric has been awarded the contract for this job and is now onsite doing underground work and parking lot lighting.

Scott Smith

FRANKFORT - On Wolf Rd and Rt 30 Cedarhurst Senior Living consists of 56 living apartments and 26 memory care apartments. All Electric out of West Frankfort IL Local 702. They finished the underground a month or so ago. Scheduled to be done at the end of the year. The job started back up Aug 1st. There was a delay due to COVID-19.

Excel Electric has the Hickory Creek Church expansion, located at 10660 off Rt 30.

Mariano's at 21001 South La Grange has a new Starbucks addition; Volt Electric has this small job.

LOCKPORT - Holiday Inn is finally up in going in Lockport, it consists of 81 units at 54,000 square ft. Its located at 355 and 143rd J.B Electric was awarded this a few months ago. Peak is the General Contractor they told me its scheduled to be open by Jan 1st. They put in a couple calls last week.

Rex Electric is finishing up the 355 and 80 Toll booths.

Circle R Electric out of Local 531 took over a ground mount solar project at Prologis park at 355 and 143rd. MIDWEST SOLAR was the RAT CONTRACTOR originally on the job .The customer complained about their shotty work and lack of knowledge and got them kicked off the project. MIDWESR SOLAR has now subbed out a few bigger solar projects to Circle R.

Grand Kahn Electric out of 134 is out at DuPage Medical Group located at 1206 E 9th St. there adding an MRI unit. Small job might put in a short call or two depending on the schedule.

Jolen Electric has some School work at William Butler Elementary located at 1900 Farrel Rd.

NEW LENOX - The new Metra Station located on 30 and Cedar. The Electrical Contractor for the station is Volt Electric. John Burns has the parking lot portion. Volt finished up underground a few weeks ago. The Job is scheduled to be finished by Dec.

Silver Cross has 30,000 expansion Block Electric was awarded this they started vertical a couple months ago.

At 1991 W Haven Wood Dale Electric has the new indoor storage unit facility they will be finishing up in a couple weeks. This is on the corner of Cherry Hill Business Park.

HOMER GLEN – Hawk Enterprises has various Traffic Signal work in area.

Sweeny Electric is still out at Chickasaw wastewater Treatment plant at 143rd and parker. Should be completed in a couple months.

Shorewood Home and Auto is Building a new facility at 13639 159th. This a showroom, sales, and service department like they have in Shorewood. Timm Electric has this project.

GS Electric out of 134 has some schoolwork at Oak Prairie Junior High at 15161 S Gougar Rd.

MOKENA – At 191st and 88 Altorfer power center is putting in a new Caterpillar sales and service center. Northern is the G.C and Connelly Electric is the Electrical Contractor.

On the corner of Route 30 and Owens Road Palos Health Care Center broke ground last month. It consists of 3 story 50,000 square ft. Walsh is the General Contractor. Sharlen was just awarded the job a last month. They started underground this week. It's a slow-paced job as of right now, looking like six or seven guys for about 6 months.

Atomatic Service has some lighting upgrades at Mokena Intermediate school located at 11331 195th St.

O'Carrol Electric has two spec on going warehouses at 8905 187th St Industrial Dr.

MANHATTAN – At 500 North ST Manhattan. Millennium Construction and Dollar General has hired many out of town Contractors that are not signatory with our local unions. JIM WATTS ELECTRIC out of Springfield was awarded the electrical contract and they are not signatory with Local 176. Please let everyone know that DOLLAR GENERAL does not support the local community and local contractors.

Residential – Plainfield on Walin Dr has an apartment Development. It is called Sixteen-30 its Luxury Lifestyle Apartments with 248 units. Cary Electric out of Local 117 was awarded this job a few months ago. Cary is finally starting underground this week, it's been slow starting off because of COVID-19 and ongoing pickets.

Barry Aldrich

Channahon – Guarantee Electric had two Journeyman working at the Pilot truck stop on RT.6 & 55 changing out the LED'S inside the station and on the canopy.

Braidwood – At the Braidwood Reed Custer High School, Elliott Electric had two Journeyman on that project, working on temperature controls. Excel has the main electrical on that addition.

At the Braidwood Nuclear Plant, RLG Power & Control had two guys subbed out by Carrier for work on the new rooftop units that were replaced.

Minooka – At the Jewel on Ridge Road & Rt. 6, Berri had a small remodel job inside the store they completed, and Doyle Signs was outside working on replacing various signage out front.

Ryan Electric had one Journeyman over at the Minooka High School supporting the bricklayers and moving various devices.

Coal City – Clennon Electric was out at Gipper's II on Pine Bluff Road, with a crew of guys restoring the overhead service lines that were taken out by a truck.

Morris – Anderson Pump was at the Circle K on RT.47 & RT. 6, two guys on site adding additional power for new equipment that will be brought inside of the station.

Imperial Lighting was out at the Walmart working on the parking lot lighting over there.

At the Costco Warehouse along RT. 47, Connelly Electric has picked up work at that facility, they are currently installing a truck I.D. system at the gate, which then they will move on to installing some block heaters, and possibly adding more big ass fans for them as well.

Interstate Electronics Company had one Journeyman at the Saratoga Grade School on RT.47 to assist with security work that is going on there. Brandenburg Electronic Systems is also onsite installing the low voltage security cameras/monitors.

Out at the Dresden Nuclear Plant, Allied has just put in a 10-man short call for a maintenance outage, to repair a leak on the 3B Recirc Pump. That outage should be wrapped up by this weekend. Indicom is also back onsite at Dresden with 5 JW's working on Covid-19 upgrades, cooling tower work, and general maintenance. I would like to thank Joe Andrews with Indicom for stepping up and taking the Bull Steward position at Dresden, Rich Bellotti for taking the Allied Steward position, & Stan Rutherford who had been the Steward at the Channahon Amazon Facility with Kelso-Burnett.

CPV Gas Plant Update, I spoke with Nancy Norton the head of the Grundy Economic Development Committee this past week and she said in her talks with CPV recently, they hope to have everything wrapped up by the months end and give Kiewit the green light to start this project as well. Nancy said she has never felt more confident about the project than after this conversation with CPV. If that should be the case Kiewit management has told me that we would not see any craft onsite until first quarter of 2021.

The IBEW 176 Renew Golf Scramble is coming up quickly, its September 19th at the Nettle Creek Golf Course in Morris. It's an 8:30am shotgun start. \$50 per player, four players per team. All proceeds go to Renew 176. 18 holes with a cart and six drink tickets. Hot dog, chips, & drink at the turn. And dinner at the Morris Country Club afterwards. Make checks payable to Renew 176. Sponsorships available as well, Contact Renew at ibewrenew176@gmail.com or Alec Wills (815) 931-8443

Floyd Jones

SENECA: Ficek Electric was awarded a project at Martin Resources in Seneca, there 3 guys there now working on piping, wiring, and rebuilding an existing control cabinet that got struck by lightning.

OTTAWA/UTICA: Halm Electric was awarded the job at the UAW Center in Ottawa adding a new office building. Tri-City Electric has the job at Starved Rock Lock and Dam and Marseilles Lock and Dam, they are still planning on adding a couple more guys in the next 2 weeks at the Starved Rock Lock and Dam. Both projects are planning on having most of the work done by the end of October. Ficek Electric had the remodel for Jeremiah Joe Coffee. They are moving into the old Triple J's on the corner of Canal and Columbus Street in Ottawa. Some other work coming up in Ottawa is the Financial Plus Credit Union is planning on building a new building across the street from the one on Chestnut Street. That project is in

the bidding stages and should be starting in the next month or two. The Redmond Company from Waukesha, Wisconsin is the General on the project.

OGLESBY: NuCore Electric is working on completing the outside work on the gas pumps and site lighting at the new Speedway. The job should be finishing up in the next few weeks. CEIS from Local 34 has picked up some temperature control work at Illinois Valley Community College. Some other work coming up in Oglesby is the fourth phase at Green Thumb Industries. The project is being bid now. The job should start sometime in September.

GALVA/TISKALWA: Rock River Electric from Local 145 is working on the remodel of the new science rooms at Galva school. That project is getting close to being completed. Renew Electric from Local 426 Sioux Falls South Dakota has the job at the Lonetree Windfarm for the 32 windtowers by Tiskalwa, that job is supposed to be completed by the end of September.

LASALLE-PERU: Grand Kahn Electric from Local 134 was awarded the job for the new Peru Police Station, that job has hired a couple long calls and has a couple short calls there now and should be calling for more manpower in the near future. They are looking to man up between 6-8 guys total on that project. Climate Pros was awarded the contract for the remodel at the Peru Walmart. William A Randolph is the General on the project. Wilson Electric from Local 364 has a small job at LaSalle State Bank in LaSalle.

SPRING VALLEY: Associated Electrical from Local 117 is doing some Life Safety work at John F Kennedy Elementary School, and Thompson Electronics from Local 34 has the Fire Alarm work on that project.

BRADFORD/KEWANEE: Oberlander Electric from Local 34 was awarded some Life Safety work at the Bradford High School putting in new exhaust fans in the kitchen area. Oberlander Electric was also awarded a project at the Central Jr. High School in Kewanee. Zeller Electric has picked up a small lighting job at the Midland Plaza in Kewanee.

TOULON: Brittin Electrical from Local 34 has a project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Toulon.

Deric Wilkins

University Park- A New Amazon is going up at Steger rd. and Central, Clayco is the general. The electrical contractor is ABCO .and they now have walls up and have started on the roof. Calls should be going out soon.

Governors State is remodeling their cafeteria. Excel has two guys on that project.

Local 9 is putting up a new crane training facility. Linear electric has that project.

Monee

Midwest store fixtures is doing a build-out of an existing warehouse at 25975 Cleveland

, Monee. Ruder Electric has this project and they have 4 guys out there.

Manteno – Peoples bank is building (New) next to McDonalds. PSI is the general, KPI has the Electrical.

A new O'Reilly Auto Parts is going up. Schmidt Electric has that project.

The Manteno Veterans Hospital is putting in a new backup generator, Ryan electric has that job. They have two guys on site.

Kankakee - KCC Student Success Center Remodel job is complete.

Kankakee High School addition is going up. Excel Electric has that project.

Classic Cinema addition in Kankakee is going. KPI has 4 guys out there

Splash Valley water park on River road in Kankakee is doing \$4.6 mil. Remodel job. Ruder Electric has two guys on this project. They won't open until the summer of 2021.

CSL Behring is moving slow. There is talk about taking down the existing steel and just doing storage.

Riverside Hospital remodel job is going well, Ruder has this job. With 7 or 8 guys.

New Solar project 2 meg going up on South Schuyler Keast Electric has 8 guys on site.

A new Solar array is going up just east of town on 2700Rd. E. Borrego solar has giving the job To MKD. They are not on site yet, but we will be picketing.

A new Dollar general is going up on Jeffery St. Schmidt electric has that project.

Bourbonnais - New Aldi's store in Bourbonnais is going well. 4 Star electric has this project.

Olivet Collage is remodeling its Science Building. Ruder Electric has this project.

Oak Orthopedics Center on RT 45 & 6000RD in Bourbonnais is putting up a new \$15 mil building. The prints are out so the bidding should follow.

Riverside \$ 25 mil New Med Building in Bourbonnais has broken ground, Ruder has that project.

ST. George School in Bourbonnais Is doing a 10-classroom addition. Ruder Electric has that project, completion date is the end of July of 2021.

Gilman - Incobrasa in Gilman is doing some updates. Ruder has 4 guys out there.

Grant Park - Peoria Packing is doing phase 2 addition. Emmerich Electric has that project.

Love's Travel Stop will be putting up a new building (upcoming).

Beecher - A new Fire Station is going up. Timm Electric has the job.

Chris Lindstrom

- This month we organized in a sound tech that was stripped from Interbay Technologies. He was working with the guy I reported on last month. He was referred to a local contractor.
- During the last month I have received resumes and work history from 3 guys who are interested in organizing. 2 are on the vdv side and one is doing inside work. We are in the process of evaluating their experience and continuing to talk to them.
- Over the last month Local 176 has been forced to take job action on two separate sites. The first was against MKD at a FedEx facility in Romeoville. I can report that MKD was asked to leave the sight after about 3 hours of the millwrights honoring our picket line. To date, MKD has not been back on site. The other picket is ongoing at the Domino's Pizza site in Morris. Midwest Electric and Service from the Bloomington area is the contractor on that job. thank you to all who came out to help man those pickets, especially retired brother Jim Cumpston.
- As was reported last month, the Mr. Sparkle car wash in Peru is being done by Norman Electric. They have only been on site sporadically; however, we expect them to be there later this month. We intend to picket when they are. If anyone wants to help man any of these job actions, please reach out to me or the agent for that area.
- As we navigate our new shared reality, it is important to remember to follow best safety practices on and off the job. Just as we wear a hardhat and safety glasses on the job and put on a seat belt when we drive, a face covering is the standard for PPE in a post-COVID world. I implore everyone to wear one while going about your daily activities. It is the best way, that we know of, to slow the spread of the virus. It will help to protect the vulnerable among us and hasten the recovery from the pandemic. I have said it before, but it bears repeating, our united strength in these difficult times will see us through. In Brotherhood Everyone Wins.

Matt Kenney – Apprenticeship

The JATC returned to day classes as of July 20th. We are asking all who enter the building to wash their hands before entering the building, get a temperature check before class and again after lunch, wear masks at all times while in the building, keep social distancing at all times, and frequently wash hands and / or use sanitizer throughout the day.

The instructors are all helping to make sure the facility is safe. As everyone knows, the rules from the state seem to change quickly. Thanks to the entire staff for their ability to change rapidly as well.

The JATC will begin taking applications again on Monday August 24th. We will be requiring all applicants to bring their own copy of their birth certificate and a copy of both sides of their driver's license. The second Monday will be open an extra hour until 5:30 pm. We will be asking applicants to phone from the parking lot as to keep only 1 person in the vestibule at a time. At this time, applications will only be taken on Mondays. We will have all information posted to the website.

We are currently only offering apprentice classes, but will let you know when we can offer JW classes.

Ken Sanderson - Safety

Good evening.

Hopefully, everyone survived Monday's storm unscathed. We get severe weather watches and warnings in our area all the time. Most of the time we are lucky, and damage is minimal. Sometimes not. It is important that we heed the guidance that comes with these severe weather warnings.

- Get inside.
- Go to an inner room or basement.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outer walls.
- If driving, watch for downed trees and power lines.
- When the storm passes, check on family and neighbors, especially the elderly.
- Basically, Get In, Get Down, and Cover Up!

I took a pretty wicked video of a downed power line arcing and sparking in front of the 7-11 at Larkin and McDonough St on Monday. We are inside electricians, do not try to be a hero! Call it in and at the most, try to keep people back from a safe distance if you feel the need to do so.

The next Local 176 Fred Kempes Memorial Blood Drive is scheduled for September union meeting night, 9-10-20 from 2-7pm. Due to Covid-19, blood supplies remain at dangerously low levels. Please plan to donate if you can. Appointments will be required. A nice bonus to participating is that your donation will be tested for Covid-19 antibodies to tell if you have had it and maybe did not know. Reminders will be coming out soon.

Thank you.