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Brother and Sisters,

Through all the disruption that we have all experienced over the past several months, we are starting to see signs that some things are getting back to some semblance of normalcy. With some restriction in place, most stores and restaurants have opened. There are plans by the end of this month for bars to open with limited capacity, as well as movie theaters and casinos. As far as the local is concerned, we will be holding our first union meeting in two months tonight. It won't quite be the same as there will be social distancing and health measures in place, and we won't be able to socialize afterward while consuming refreshments. Despite what we won't be able to do, we will be able to do the most important thing, and that is getting back to conducting the business of the local in an appropriate, traditional manner. With that being said, I understand that many will not be able to attend the meeting due to their personal situations dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Like we have done for the last few months, I have asked all the assistants to put together reports that are included below. Training Director Matt Kenney has also included a report covering the apprenticeship.

We are constantly adjusting and working on finding answers to new questions that seem to present themselves on an almost daily basis. As I have said in previous letters, we are in unprecedented times and we are all having to deal with situations that no one in our lifetimes have had to deal with. I appreciate and respect everyone's input with all of the issues facing us at this time. Even though you may not agree with some of the decisions that are made, I can assure everyone that myself, and all of the assistants fight for the betterment of our local and our members each and every day. Please stay strong, unified, and look out for one another.

In Solidarity,



Michael J. Clemmons
Business Manager

Business Agent and Apprenticeship reports are as follows:

Jim Lockhart

Book count for Thursday, June 11, 2020

150 on Book #1

536 on Book #2

3-Residential

12-Sound

16-Apprentices

2-IT

Portability count commercial – 68/1

Portability count residential – 0/1

100- Bk 2 working in local, 89 Inside, 11 VDV

102- JW long calls, 54 went to BK-2 and 4 were turned into short calls.

24- JW Short calls, 14 went to BK-2

0- RW long calls

0- RW short calls

12- Sound Long Calls, 8 went to BK-2 and 1 turned into a short call.

0- Sound Short calls

24- Apprentice Calls

There are 60 out of town contractors 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.

On the corner of Jackson St. and Collins St., a new Thornton's gas station is under construction. Nucore Electric is doing that job.

At 2950 CenterPoint Way, Home Depot Regional Distribution Center, Hinsdale Electric has picked up some additional work, reworking power distribution and switchgear to accommodate a new conveyor system. Hinsdale's portion of work is scheduled to be completed by late July or early August. BCU Electric is now on-site and has hired 3 JW and an apprentice. They plan on hiring a few more in the coming weeks and manpower is expected to peak around 10 electricians. This project is scheduled to be completed by December 2020. Imperial Lighting and Maintenance has begun LED lighting upgrade, swapping out roughly 2,000 light fixtures. They currently have 5 electricians working and plan on completing the project by the end of July.

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 will man it with 4-5 electricians.

At 2848 McDonough St. the IDOC In-patient facility, Block Electric has approximately 26 electricians working, Live Wire Electric has 3 electricians working at the Administration building.

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 is doing site utility and underground work on Harbor Freight's nearly 2 million sq. ft. warehouse. Currently they have 3-4 electricians onsite. Manpower is expected to ramp up later this summer.

On McKinley Ave., Elliot Electric is working at the Joliet Wastewater 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 commence in July and be completed by September. Continental Electric has two ground mount solar projects starting late summer at Chicagoland Speedway Plainfield

At 15320 Wallin Dr., Plainfield School District 202 / ICI Construction has started moving dirt and begun site utility work for the new elementary school directly south of Ira Jones Middle School. Indicom Electric has hooked up temp power for the construction trailer and will be onsite soon to start the underground phase of the project.

At the northeast corner of the I-55 and Rt. 30 intersection, Novak Construction has the new Costco under roof and that project is in full swing. Volt Electric currently has approximately 18 electricians working on the interior buildout and the parking lot.

Climate Pros is doing the temperature control and refrigeration work. Nucore Electric is now onsite doing the electrical work for the Gas Station.

Elwood:

The Jackson Generation project on Noel and Brandon Rd. is in the cable pulling phase on the electrical side of things and construction is going vertical. Currently, there are 42 electricians working on that project and Kiewit anticipates adding manpower over the next few weeks and through the summer. Elliot Electric has been awarded the contract for the administration building. That building has begun construction and Elliot will have electricians onsite soon.

Bolingbrook:

On Remington Blvd., a new WeatherTech building is coming out of the ground. WeatherTech also has a multi-tenant office/warehouse development being constructed on Weber Rd. and 111th St. Meany Electric has a total of 8 electricians working these two projects combined. Meany's work on these projects are expected to carry through the end of the year. There are also additional WeatherTech projects in the planning stages.

Romeoville:

At 1300 Naperville Rd., Magid Glove has Continental Electric working on a switchgear modification. They currently have 4 electricians onsite and this work is scheduled to be completed at the end of June. Continental also has a 1-megawatt battery storage project starting at the end of June at Magid.

Indicom Electric at the Citgo Oil Refinery, turnaround is currently in full swing and a manpower reduction should be expected soon.

At 780 Material Rd., Volt Electric is doing a service/switchgear upgrade for Concrete Specialties Company. They have 2 electricians onsite and this work is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Preferred Electric has been contracted to install a 1.5 megawatt ground mount solar array at Lewis University. This work is scheduled to commence in July and be completed by September.

Shorewood:

At 306 Gregory Ct., PBS Construction and Rhino Youth Baseball/Sports Academy have decided to hire many out of state contractors that are not signatory with our local unions. Boender Electric out of Indiana was awarded the electrical contract and they are not signatory with Local 176. If you or anyone you know have kids involved in youth baseball in the area, please let them know that Rhino Baseball does not support the local community and local contractors. We are currently picketing this project as the contractor is on-site. If you are able and willing to help man this picket, please contact myself, Chris Lindstrom or the picket committee.

At Black Rd. and Rt. 59 next to Home Depot, G.A. Johnson and Sons is moving dirt for the new Aldi store. M3 Electric has been awarded the contract for that job.

At 1101 Brookforest Dr. next to Target store, Red Wing Shoe store occupied a vacant tenant space. American Electric, a local contractor out of Crest Hill did the electrical work there.

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.

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.

Scott Smith**NEW LENOX:**

The new Metra Station just started last week. The Electrical Contractor for the station is Volt Electric. John Burns has the parking lot portion. Volt started on underground last week. The Job is scheduled to be finished by Dec.

Silver Cross has 30,000 sq. ft. expansion. Block Electric was awarded this project and started vertical a few weeks ago.

At 1991 W Haven, Wood Dale Electric has the new indoor storage unit facility they will be putting in a few short calls soon. This is on the corner of Cherry Hill Business Park.

Imperial Lighting and Maintenance is finishing up lighting retro at Lowes on Route 30.

FRANKFORT:

Cedarhurst Senior Living, On Wolf Rd. and Rt 30 consists of 56 living apartments and 26 memory care apartments. All Electric, West Frankfort Local 701, finished the underground a few weeks ago. As of a couple weeks ago the job is on hold due to the COVID-19 situation and is scheduled to be done at the end of the year.

LOCKPORT:

Holiday Inn started this week in Lockport, it consists of 81 units at 54,000 square ft. Its located at 355 and 143rd J.B Electric was awarded this last month. Peak is the General Contractor.

At 15901 W. 147th off 355, Heritage Crossing Industrial Park has a 750,000 square foot spec warehouse. Complete Electric out of 461 is out there.

Beery Electric, out of Local 461, has a spec warehouse across the street at 16535 Prologis Business Park. They will be putting in a couple calls in the next few weeks.

Jolen Electric has some school work at William Butler Elementary located at 1900 Farrell Rd.

Rex Electric has a new Storage facility off 355 for Toll Booth.

HOMER GLEN:

Hawk Enterprises has various traffic signal work in area.

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

MOKENA:

Total Electric has some more upgrade work at the Pipefitters Training Center located at 10850 187th. They hired a couple weeks ago. The job is good for a couple months.

Palos Health Care Center, on the corner of Route 30 and Owens Road, broke ground last month on a 3 story 50,000 square ft. facility. Sharlen Electric hooked up temporary trailer a few weeks ago. Walsh is the General Contractor. The Electrical contractor has not been awarded yet.

O'Carroll Electric has two spec warehouses going at 8905 187th St and 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's called Sixteen-30. Its Luxury Lifestyle Apartments with 248 units. Cary Electric out of Local 117 was awarded this job last month. They started site utility work last week. They plan on foundation work in the next couple weeks weather pending.

Barry Aldrich

Channahon:

Two new contractors on site at the Amazon Spec Warehouse that sits off West Bluff Road. Electrical Design Systems, they are onsite installing the fan/light units for the dock doors and Associated Electric is out there as well running power for some of the conveyors.

At the new Amazon building, Titan has subbed out work to Meade on part of the pick module lighting project.

Morris:

Jamerson & Bauwens now has permission to resume work at the Morris Hospital after they were shut down due to Covid-19 concerns, so they will be putting in more calls for that project in the near future.

LVS was in town working on repairing fiber optic connections for the City of Morris along Rt.47. Ayers Electric has had work in the pavilion in Gould Park, over at the Morris Community High School on the new Stadium Press Box & Lighting project, and also, they officially have been awarded the new Admin Building for District #54. Elliott Electric is currently out at the Saratoga Grade School that sits north of Morris along Rt. 47 for that ongoing project.

Tri-City had some temporary power work going on to support the upgrades to the Dresden Lock and Dam project that is coming up, they had a four-man short call put in for that work.

CPV Energy Plant update, after a conversation with Kiewit Power this week we were told they are currently out there installing the second well, and maybe looking to put in a small switchyard to meet a deadline with ComEd for incoming power. But due to the Covid 19 pandemic talks have really slowed on moving forward. At this point half of the Kiewit Brass says it's still a go, the other half say it's a 50/50 chance. The Springfield legislators hold the key for this project. If this project is a go for this year with an August start, we wouldn't see any underground work started until sometime in the first Quarter of 2021.

Minooka:

Tri-tech was at the corner of Ridge Road and McEvilly Road installing new traffic signals for that intersection.

Ayers Electric is currently working on the La Rose nail salon located on Mondamin Street so please maybe suggest to your wife to patronize this business as a thank you for using a union electrical contractor!

Braidwood/Dresden:

We received a call from the Exelon Labor Programs Manager regarding the aging Instrument Tech workforce that has been recently retiring. Some of the concerns that had been brought to their attention, during a fleet wide Exelon meeting. The issues were discussed, and some progress was made. Exelon has agreed to waive the five years of field experience needed in the past for 20% of the IT workforce, (half IBEW/half UA) that would be needed for an outage. If they have started their tech training, they would be allowed to come work an outage, with some supervision and gain the experience needed for future calls. The details on this scenario have yet to be worked out but we are excited to possibly get more members involved with this type of work.

Floyd Jones

SENECA AREA:

Meade Electric has the job at REG in Seneca. It is still ongoing and has a couple months left. They have between 25-30 guys there now.

OTTAWA/UTICA AREA:

Halm Electric was awarded the job at the UAW Center in Ottawa, adding a new office building. Halm Electric was also awarded a job from the LaSalle County Housing Authority, installing some generators and air conditioning units. Tri-City Electric has the job at Starved Rock Lock and Dam and Marseilles Lock and Dam. They are still planning on hiring guys, but with all the rain lately, the job has been slowed down. Ruyle Mechanical, from Local 34, picked up some low voltage work at the Ottawa Hospital.

Electrical Services from Local 146 has a job installing temporary power for job trailers at different Ameren substations in Ottawa, Utica, and Granville.

OGLESBY AREA:

Rock River Electric, from Local 145, has a few guys still left at GTI cultivation center, the next phase with the other addition will start in the late summer/early fall.

PRINCETON/TISKALWA AREA:

Tri-City has the job at the Ohio School for the remodel of some classrooms. Rock River was awarded the work at the Galva School for the remodel of the science rooms. Renew Electric from Local 426 has the job at the Lone Tree Windfarm for the 32 wind towers. It looks like they will still need manpower sometime in July, it just all depends on the weather.

LASALLE-PERU AREA:

JB Contracting was awarded the site work for the new Peru Police Station, the new building package has not been let yet for that project. JB Contracting also has the remodel job for the LP High School East Gymnasium. They have 6 guys there now, and Ruyle Mechanical has picked up some low voltage work at the LP High School also.

EARLVILLE AREA:

Advanced Data Technologies was awarded the lighting job at the Earlville School District. It is around a 4-week job.

ANNAWAN AREA:

Heart Electric from Local 146 has a job upgrading some metering stations outside Annawan.

Some other jobs coming up in the area are the Clean Getaway Car Wash in Ottawa next to Culvers, and some remodel work at LaMoille High School.

Deric Wilkins

Grant Park:

Peoria Packing is doing phase 2 addition. Emmerick 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. They are moving dirt.

Manteno:

The old Sears warehouse at 1600 N. Boudreau Rd was bought by Lowe's. Bryan Electric out of Georgia is nonunion. We have had a picket up for over a week. If anyone can help that would be great. You can contact Tom Daufenbach or myself 815-791-7836.

The Manteno Veterans Hospital is doing a phase-2 Covid-19 isolation room. Ryan Electric has that job. ABCO Electric is also out there.

Kankakee:

KCC Student Success Center Remodel job is going well. Keast Electric has four guys out there. Completion date is late July.

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 that project.

CSL Behring is moving slow. We still have three or four contractors out there. Nucor Steel is slowing down, we have under 20 electricians out there.

Riverside Hospital remodel job is going even with covid-19 virus. Ruder has that job. 7 or 8 guys on that job.

Solar project 2 meg going up on South Schuyler. Keast Electric has that. They are moving dirt.

Bourbonnais:

New Aldi's store in Bourbonnais has started. Four Star Electric has that project.

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

Oak Orthopedics Center on Rt 45 & 6000 Rd. in Bourbonnais, is putting up a new \$15 mil building. It has not been let yet.

Riverside \$25 mil New Med Building in Bourbonnais was set to start in July but may be on hold due to Covid-19. Riverside did lay off 500 of their staff.

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.

University Park:

A New Amazon is going up at Steger Rd. and Central. Clayco is the general. The electrical contractor is ABCO. They are moving dirt.

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

Chris Lindstrom

I am happy to report an organizing win this month. We have successfully stripped a guy from Sprint Electric, a non-union shop from Chicago. He will be referred out as a 1st year apprentice starting on Monday.

I have been talking to a couple other prospective new members lately. I am in the process of collecting their work history and resumes. If anyone knows of someone who is working unrepresented that is

interested in learning more about what the IBEW has to offer, please let me know so I can reach out to them.

In some sad news, Brother Brian "Klucker" Kuklok, 43, from LU 145, passed last week. Brother Klucker was the organizer in 145. Brian lost a long courageous battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Local 176 has been engaged in some job actions this month. Boender Electric, from Indiana, has been working periodically at Rhino Baseball in Shorewood, and Bryan Electric, from Georgia, has been working at the old Sears warehouse in Manteno. I would like to thank the picket committee for their work in recruiting volunteers. I would also like to thank retired Brothers Doug Wilkins and Bob Steinke for their time as well. If anyone is interested in helping, contact myself, Deric, Andy, or the picket committee.

As the world starts to re-open, I would urge everyone to remain vigilant and follow the advice of doctors and scientists. We will get through this and be stronger for our efforts. Stay united and take care of each other.

Matt Kenney – Apprenticeship

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As you all know, the past few months have been trying times. We at the JATC have been working diligently to keep the program up and running. The way we had to finish out the 2019-2020 school year was completely different than anything we had done before. With the dedication of the instructors, staff, and apprentices, we were able to get everyone across the finish line.

The instructors had to learn a new way to complete training in a hurry. They were put in an awkward position of delivering the information through electronic learning. Though not without an occasional hiccup from time to time, the staff was able to complete the year by having online classes both day and night. Testing was another issue. Again, the instructors were able to give exams and finals with a mixture of day and night sessions. All CDC guidelines were followed to a T. Some apprentices even had to take exams in their cars if there were any questions of exposure. A huge thank you to all involved for their dedication to keeping our Apprenticeship moving forward.

As I write this, the instructors are building a new solar array next to the JATC. As we have all seen, solar power installation is the current big wave on the renewable energy front. Through a grant from the Illinois IBEW Renewable Energy Fund, we were able to get a 5 KW system to help with training apprentices and journeymen. We will be having hands on training available soon.

We are trying to get a plan together for the new school year. Currently, we are purchasing PPE and cleaning and sterilizing products. We are also cleaning and updating our building. We hope to start the 2020-2021 year as quickly as we can so that all the apprentices can get their raises close to normal times.

We look forward to getting back to normal but know it may take some time. Please bear with us during these unprecedented times.