

IBEW 354 May 2019 Newsletter

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Business Managers Report

Brothers and Sisters,

We start the month of April on a high note. Our new Apprentice Training Facility is now open for business. Starting on April 1st, we are now teaching classes in the new building. The beautiful new building brings with it the opportunity to enhance the best Electrical and Voice/Data/ Video training that the State has to offer. There is still a lot of work to be done in the greatly expanded lab areas, but being able to start in the new classrooms is very exciting. There are many people that have had a hand in getting us to this point, but I want to recognize a few that have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I need to thank our Training Director, Carl Brailsford, Rhett Butler from Skyline Electric and Jake Foard from the Union Hall for dealing with all the little details that needed to be dealt with to bring the construction to a close. I want to thank the staff and instructors from the Utah Electrical Training Alliance (JATC) for their hard work in making the move as seamless as possible while they continued to run our training program. And a very special thank you needs to go out to Bob May, owner of AC Electric. Bob has been involved in this project from the very beginning and has overseen the project on our behalf. Bob has donated all of his time towards this project, holding off his retirement in the process. I can't thank you enough, Bob, for your dedication to the Union Electrical Industry. The parties involved in the new Training Facility will be holding an open house in the month of May. Details on the Grand Opening will be coming at a later date.

Local 354 is about to reach a major milestone as we are about to reach an active membership count 2,000 members. It is an exciting time as we continue to grow and share our good fortune to work under a collective bargaining agreement with all those in our Industry. The work picture remains very healthy, and we need to continue to take advantage of the abundance of work. The main purpose of the IBEW is to "Organize all workers in the entire Electrical Industry." Your organizers continue to reach out to the unrepresented workers in Utah, but we could use your help. We will be holding another Member to Future Member training class on the 4th of May. The goal from the Union Hall is to create an army of Volunteer Organizers from among our ranks. If you have any interest in joining in this effort, please contact Brad Baugh or Jared Brydson for more details. We will be holding another Industry Blitz the week of May 6th – 10th, with a job Fair being held at the new Training Center on May 11th.

We have a couple of Social Events in the month of April. First, this month's Union Meetings will be combined for the Annual Northern Unit Steak party. This event will be held on Thursday, April 11th, starting at 6:00 pm. We will be gathering at the same place as the last couple of years, the Comfort Suites Hotel in Ogden. Directions to follow. We will also be holding the Kids Easter Party on Saturday, April 20th, at the Union Hall. The hunt will begin at 11:00 am and continue until all the goodies are gone. Please bring your family out to this fun event.

In Brotherhood,



Russell Lamoreaux

April Events

Steak Fry hosted by Northern Unit

Combined Meeting for all.
Steak Fry to follow meeting

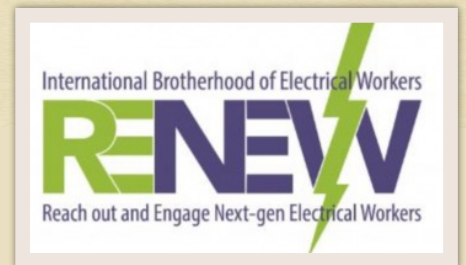
Thursday April 11th, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Comfort Suites - Ogden
2250 S. 1200 W. Ogden UT



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RENEW Committee

Hey Brothers and Sisters, the Renew committee will be holding it's monthly boot camp on April 13th from 10 am to 2 pm for ce/cw's and apprentices to help practice their hands-on skills. The next Renew meeting will be on April 9th at 5:30 pm. We also need volunteers for a service project at State Street Boxing Gym. If you're interested in helping with anything, contact me - jared@ibew354.org



The summer brings some opportunities for us to gather outside of work and have some fun. This years night with the Salt Lake Bees will be on the 6th of July. To sign up for your tickets please call the Union Hall. I would ask that only immediate members of your families be invited so we can include as many members as possible.



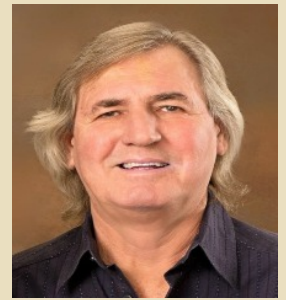
Member Deaths

Currently Assessing on Death Benefit 154



Paul T Johnson passed away on February 4th, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 86 years old and was a member of the IBEW for 47 years. His obituary can be viewed [here](#) or its posted on our the memorial section of the website.

John "Herbie" Kennell passed away on February 23rd, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 64 years old and was a member of the IBEW for 30 years. His obituary can be viewed [here](#) or its posted on our the memorial section of the website.



Melvin Lenk passed away on February 28th, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 84 years old and was a member of the IBEW for 11 years. His obituary can be viewed [here](#) or its posted on our the memorial section of the website.

Norman Bell passed away on March 2nd, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 89 years old and was a member of the IBEW for 58 years. His obituary can be viewed [here](#) or its posted on our the memorial section of the website.



Robert Holman passed away on March 10th, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 83 years old and was a member of the IBEW for 58 years. His obituary can be viewed [here](#) or its posted on our the memorial section of the website.

Andrew May passed away on March 16th, 2019. At the time of his passing he was 43 years old and was a member of the IBEW for 20 years. His obituary can be viewed [here](#) or its posted on our the memorial section of the website.

