



IBEW LOCAL 343 UNION NEWSLETTER 2ND QUARTER

Business Manager Report by Steve Cardell

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you get this, I hope the snow is gone. It has been a long winter. This has been a remarkably busy quarter. I attended new Business Managers training for a week in St. Louis. This was the second week of training which focused mostly on diversity and inclusion. I also attended the Day on the Hill event; it was great to see how well 343 was represented. Thanks to everyone that attended. Also, I was recently in Rosemont, Illinois, attending the 6th District Membership Development Conference. This conference is all the data and what the IBEW must do to grow our membership. The state of Minnesota and 343 are doing well, but there is always room for improvement. If you pull out your Constitution you will find it is all of our jobs to organize. If any of you meet people that are not represented, please let them know the benefits of being an IBEW member.



I did get some interesting numbers there about retirement numbers verses indentured apprentices. 44% of the 6th Districts membership are 50 years old or older. By 2025 it is estimated that about 8,900 members will retire and with the trend of how locals put on apprentices it appears we will have approximately 7,400 apprentices. We are going to need help! I am not a politician, so I try to leave this part short and sweet, now that I have to be more involved and get the calls from members about it... I always tell people what my dad told me: vote for your job.

That being said, the work picture looks good going into this spring. There are also four large solar sites expected to get going starting this fall and going thru 2025. These are in the planning and bidding stages.

If you have attended the monthly meetings since I started, you have heard me talk to the membership about the portability issues happening around us. We will continue to police this as best we can. If you are working in another jurisdiction, please ask your contractor if you are checked in. Other locals appreciate a courtesy call from you as well. Just so everyone that reads this knows, apprentices are not portable unless permission is given by both JATC's and both Business Managers.

We have decided to bring area meetings back regarding negotiations now that the pandemic rules have relaxed. The feedback has been great so far. Although, we have had some weather issues. We as a committee want your feedback.

I hope to see you all at the banquet in Mankato and at the picnic in Rochester.
In Solidarity Steve Cardell. D748335

In Solidarity,
Steve Cardell D748335



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Dates to Remember:

04/01/23: 2nd Qtr Union Dues DUE
04/06/23: FINAL DAY TO RSVP for AWARDS BANQUET
04/07/23: Local 343 Offices CLOSED – Good Friday (Provisional)
04/12/23: Union Meeting/ New Member Swear-In, Eagles Club, Owatonna, MN
04/15/23: Awards Banquet – Mankato – Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
05/10/23: Union Meeting/ New Member Swear-In, Eagles Club, Owatonna, MN
05/10/23: Local 343 Offices CLOSED – Memorial Day
***06/14/23: Union Meeting/ New Member Swear-In, Local 343 Hall, Rochester, MN**
07/01/23: 3rd Qtr Union Dues DUE
07/04/23: Local 343 Offices CLOSED – Independence Day
07/12/23: Union Meeting/ New Member Swear-In, Eagles Club, Owatonna, MN
***indicates change in location (see inside for details)**

Our Condolences:

Robert C. Ormson – Kennewick, WA – Member since 2/28/1968– Died 7/15/22 (we found out 12/28/22)
Robert J. Wilson – Monticello, MN – Member since 03/01/1973 – Died 1/03/23
Louis M. Downing – Porter, MN – Member since 8/01/1979 – Died 1/13/23



ALL Union Meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

ALL OWATONNA UNION MEETINGS will be held at the Owatonna Eagle's Club (141 E Rose St, Owatonna, MN)

Pension/Disability:

Ronald A. Lund – Waukon, IA – Member since 10/11/2001 – Pension 10/1/2001
Norman O. Young – Hayfield, MN – Member since 10/12/2000 – Retired 9/30/2022
Lonny J. Tesdahl – Eyota, MN – Member since 4/11/1995 – Retired 12/28/2022
James M. Pokela – Anoka, MN – Member since 12/10/1992 – Retired 12/31/2022
Miles L. Kleinschrodt – Alden, MN – Member since 9/1/1992 – Retired 1/5/2023
James E. Kreye – Red Wing, MN – Member since 11/12/1998 – Retired 2/15/2023
Deane H. Karli – Lake City, MN – Member since 8/10/2006 – Retired 12/31/2022
David M. Lindblom – Cleveland, MN – Member since 11/11/1999 – Retired 12/30/2022

Compliance Officer Report by Jim Backus

Brothers and Sisters!!

I hope your 2023 has been treating you well so far. On January 15, Local 343 prepared and served breakfast at the 69th annual 5th District Eagles Cancer Telethon breakfast held at the Rochester Eagles Club. We had an outstanding volunteer group who served over 250 people, raising \$3,134 for cancer research. This telethon is the longest, locally run telethon in the US!

On Tuesday, February 28th, Minnesota IBEW had Day on the Hill at the State Capitol. This was our opportunity to meet with our elected officials and talk with them. Local 343 had a great turnout at the event. Thank you to those who did attend and show your support.

I have been working on entering information for the prevailing wage surveys. This is done annually around this time of year. The information is submitted to us by the contractors, which is from jobs over a certain dollar amount and provides the names of electricians on that site. This data is then entered into a database where it will eventually be turned over to the Department of Labor. Even though this is time-consuming, this information is vital for us to continue to maintain the prevailing wage rates for our area. We currently carry the prevailing rate in all twenty-six of our counties!!

I continue to monitor over 70 prevailing wage jobs occurring, or about to start, in our jurisdiction. This includes on-site monitoring as well as review of certified payrolls. I currently have six requests for certified payrolls from varying contractors.

Each of you are the eyes and ears of the local. If you have any questions or see anything that concern you, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me. You can contact me at jimb@ibewlocal343.org or at 507-951-8267. Hope to see you at the Awards Banquet in Mankato.

In Solidarity,

Jim Backus



Left to Right: Steve Cardell, Jim Backus, 6th District Int'l Vice President Michael Clemmons, CC, District Organizing Coordinator Dave Jungbluth

Owatonna/Mankato & Western MN Rep Report

by Mark Rutten



With winter winding down, but not quite going away, our contractors are very busy bidding a lot in the Western area. There has been an abundance of target requests. So, we are expecting a busy summer.

I was at Day on the Hill in February, and what a great event! If you've never participated in this, I strongly encourage it. It was a great turn out with a couple hundred IBEW members from all over the state in attendance. Find out where the wheels of government are turning on what impacts our lives on everything from the Bonding Bill to Women's Rights. Thankfully, we have very Labor-friendly Governor and legislators in both House and Senate. We're expecting some good legislation

coming for Labor, with up-coming bonding bill, and prevailing wage on Solar and Wind Energy projects statewide.

The work picture in the Western area is looking fairly busy. BLK is picking up a few jobs: Volk Trans, Syngenta Seeds in Amboy, and Monsato in Redwood Falls. Muska has work in Mankato, Owatonna, and Redwood Falls. Parsons will need help soon with an outage at Xcel Wilmarth plant, and Hometown BioEnergy plant in LeSueur. The Egan Elec. CHS Mankato project is slow going with material being an issue. Hiring maybe mid to late summer. River City will be hiring for spring work soon. CDI is waiting on concrete, but Collins Electric should be hiring soon.

Reminder that retired members meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Happy Chef in Mankato at 10am.

Stop by Mankato Training Center anytime, or call (507) 995-4880, see you all at Awards Banquet Saturday April 15th Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato!

In Solidarity, Mark Rutten



Rochester Rep Report by Bob Ernst

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The work picture is starting to pick up a little bit, with spring around the corner. I have been receiving many phone calls from contractors looking for Limited Energy workers. With the increase in the demand for limited energy workers, we are exploring many options for filling these calls.

The upcoming work picture remains strong and optimistic. Upcoming jobs : Target South – Rochester remodel (Muska); Isenberg 7 (Premier); Catholic Diocese of Rochester (Accord); Hokah well (Key); Jefferson Elementary School Winona (P&T); Washington/Kosciusko school Winona (Key); Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Zumbrota (Accord); New Cub Foods Rochester (Hunt). Plus, I am still seeing quite a few projects that are in the planning and bidding stages.

Steve and I spent a week in St. Louis for the second half of our Business Training. One afternoon Steve and I toured the Henry Miller Museum. The whole experience was great, being able to see and read all the history. I also spent a couple days at local 110 for Day on the Hill. There was a lot of positive talk from the members that participated in the event. I strongly encourage anybody that has the opportunity to attend this event in the future to do so.

As we are heading into negotiations, I would like to express how important it is for the membership to get involved. The negotiating committee relies on the information from the membership so they can head into negotiations with a clear idea of the memberships wants and needs. Please share your thoughts and concerns with the negotiating committee. Keep in mind safety and Brotherhood. We are stronger together, rather than apart. I would like to wish everyone a safe and great Spring!

In Solidarity, Bob Ernst

Retirement Information by Bonnie Hinkle

FAQ

Q) How far in advance of my retirement date should I start the NEBF and IBEW Pension Applications?

A) Approximately four (4) months. This way the pension should be in place at the time of the member's retirement.

NEBF Pension Application: (if married) After receiving the NEBF Application, NEBF will respond to the member with a document the member will need to complete as to whether the member wants a spousal benefit on the pension. There are two options for the spousal benefit: 50% of what the member will receive or 75% of what the member will receive. The dollar amounts options are indicated on the form. Of course, the member will receive a reduced pension if a spousal benefit is chosen.

IBEW Pension Application: After the member has completed the IBEW Pension Application, it needs to be mailed to the Local 343 Hall to be placed on the agenda for the upcoming General Membership Meeting where it is read at the meeting. It is then signed by the Business Manager/Financial Secretary stating that it was read at the meeting. It is then mailed to the IBEW International Office in Washington, DC. This pension also has a spousal benefit option, but this option needs to be chosen at the time of completing the application. It is 50% of what the member receives, and the member pension amount will be reduced per month if this option is chosen.

Have you ever wondered how many good work years (credits) you have for NEBF?

You can go to the NEBF website and register to see where you currently are. *Please note that the NEBF can be approximately three to four months behind in entering data because of the delay in the information getting to it.*

Go to nebf.com (you will see NEBF and NEAP) **click on NEBF**. On the NEBF home page on the right side you will see **Online Benefits**. Click on Online Benefits and register.

If you have any questions on how to obtain the documents, contact Bonnie Hinkle at the IBEW Local 343 Hall. Phone 507-282-7081 ext. 112 or email at bonnie@ibewlocal343.org

"A" MEMBERS – IBEW DEATH BENEFIT

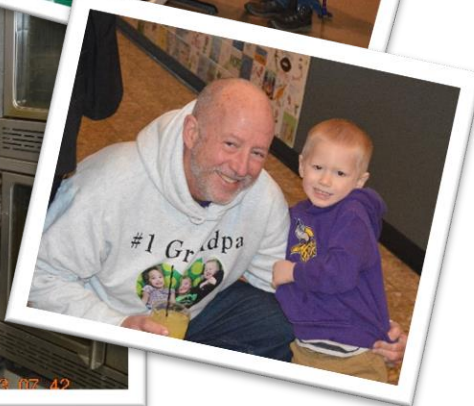
An "A" member after six (6) months of continuous and active good standing will have a death benefit in the amount of \$6,250.00 or accidental death benefit in the amount of \$12,500.00. However, no death benefit shall be payable upon the death of a non-retired "A" member if such member was more than two (2) months in arrears in dues payments, unless it can be demonstrated that the arrearage was not the fault of the member, in which case the death benefit will be reduced by the amount of the arrearage.

If an "A" member dies after retirement, the death benefit amount will be the \$6,250.00, less the pension payments made to the member, but the benefit will never be less than \$3,000.00. The accidental part of the death benefit goes away after an "A" member's retirement.

Beneficiaries: "A" members may name a beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive the death benefit. If the member fails to name a beneficiary or the beneficiary is deceased or unable to accept the benefit, the death benefit shall be payable to the following individual(s), in the indicated order of priority: 1) member's spouse; 2) member's children; 3) member's parents; and 4) member's estate.

For more information or to obtain a Beneficiary Designation Form, please contact Bonnie Hinkle at the Local 343 Union Hall 507-282-7081, ext 112.

Eagles Cancer Telethon Helpers
THANK YOU to our volunteers and supporters!



2nd Quarter – 2023 Upcoming Work**Rochester area**

Discovery Square 2 - Parsons
 Veteran's Memorial Museum - Planning
 Oronoco WWTF - Killmer (IBEW)
 Kellen research building - Hunt
 New Mayo Parking Ramp - Hunt
 RPU Marion Road sub-station - On hold
 Luther Park Place Motors - Accord
 Olmsted County Courthouse Annex Steam project - Hunt
 John Marshall High School IAQ Remodel - Egan
 Tunnel project for Jacobsen Building - Hunt
 Mayo Proton Beam Addition - Bidding
 41st Street Apartments - Accord
 Bryk on Broadway - Accord
 Macken Funeral Reception Hall - Accord
 Ambulance bay - BLK
 Olmstead medical center MRI and HVAC - Hunt
 Byron solar project (200 mw) Early 2023 - Planning
 F&M Community Bank - Accord
 SOROC Apartments buildings 4,5 - Accord
 Byron School - McMartin
 Underwood Terrace Lake City - accord
 Northern Heights apartments - accord
 Spring Valley Chevrolet - McMartin
 Kellen Research bld. Temp Control - Paape
 Northfield Spring Creek 2 apartments - accord
 Target Remodel - Muska
 Catholic Diocese of Rochester - Accord
 New Cub Foods - Hunt
 Napleton M-B service center - Accord
 Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Zumbrota - Accord

Austin

Hormel - Egan
 Nutek Bio-Science Building - Egan
 Blooming Prairie School Additions - Bid Fall '22
 Austin WWTF - Fox

Albert Lea

Mayo Hospital - \$15M remodel planned
 New Water Tower - Albert Lea Electric
 Subway - Albert Lea Electric

Red Wing

3M expansion/on hold
 National Eagle center expansion Wabasha - Key Electric

Winona Area

YMCA ongoing Key Electric
 East 3rd street apts - Accord
 Houston WWTF - Killmer
 St. Charles High School - Egan
 Childrens Library Renovation - planning
 WSU projects on going - P&T Key Bauer
 Electro Tech all working small projects
 Winona Co Jail- Key Electric

Winona Area (continued)

Caledonia WWTF - Key Electric
 Traffic Management System Winona - Egan
 CHS control upgrades - Egan
 Lanesboro WWTP - Schammel
 Mabel/Canton School Remodel - Schammel
 WSU Metering project - Premier
 Jefferson Elementary School - P&T
 Washington/Koscisko School - Key Electric
 Hokah Well - Key Electric

Owatonna/ Waseca

Owatonna New High School - (non-IBEW)
 Owatonna New High School - Site Lighting
 BLK, Low Voltage Muska
 Climate by Design - Collins Electric
 Owatonna Wastewater Treatment Facility - Killmer Electric
 Mayo Clinic Waseca Expansion - Premier
 Kamp Automation - Planning
 West Lake Meadows Apt. - Planning
 New Life Comm. Church - Planning

Mankato

CHS Mankato - Egan
 Hospital Projects - Master & BLK Electric
 MSU Small Projects- Master
 Mayo Clinic Bed Towers - Parsons
 Lincoln Community Center - BLK Electric
 Mankato Area Public Schools Early Learning Center - BLK Electric
 Bethany Field House - BLK Electric
 Sinclair Flats - (non-IBEW)
 Old Shopko Repurpose - Muska
 HWY 14 Nicollet to New Ulm - River City Electric
 Solar Projects - (non-IBEW)
 St.Clair School - (non-IBEW)
 Candlewood Suites - (non-IBEW)
 MSU Armstrong Hall - Planning
 Mankato City Center Hotel Renovation - Planning
 Tourtellotte Park - (non-IBEW)
 Burton Apt. - Planning
 Axis Lofts - Planning
 Volk Transfer - BLK
 Gordini Warehouse/Distribution - Planning

St. Peter/Le Sueur

Cambria - Planning
 St. Peter Fire Station - (non-IBEW)
 Le Sueur K-5 School - Planning
 Hometown Bio-Energy - Parsons

New Ulm/Redwood Falls

3M - Hunt
 Kraft Projects - Parsons
 Redwood Falls Justice Center - (non-IBEW)
 Redwood Falls Truck Station - Paul's Electric
 Jackpot Junction Casino - Paul's Electric

New Ulm/Redwood Falls (continued)

Springfield Public Schools Addition - Paul's Electric
 Redwood Falls Apartments - Muska
 Redwood Falls Kwik Trip - Planning

Fairmont/Amboy/Medelia

Ethanol Plant Work - Master Electric
 Sherburn Wastewater Treatment Plant - O'Conner Electric
 Martin County Public Safety and Justice Center - Planning
 Fairmont Community Center - Planning

Lyon County Jail Upgrades - Muska
 Lakeview Public Schools - (non-IBEW)
 Marshall Public Schools CTE Building - (non-IBEW)

Marshall 2nd Quarter – 2023 Upcoming Work

Lyon County Jail Upgrades - Muska
 Lakeview Public Schools - (non-IBEW)
 Marshall Public Schools CTE Building - (non-IBEW)
 Kwik Trip - Planning

Renville/Olivia

Solar Projects - (Non-IBEW)
 Beet Plant Expansion Phase II - Planning

Windom/ Jackson

Windom High School Upgrade - Ron's Electric(non-union)
 Hy life Foods (Prime Pork) - Master Electric
 Lakefield WWTF - Schammel Electric

**Day on the Hill Photos**



Organizing Department Report by Charlie Cardell

It looks like Spring is just around the corner finally! As we move into the spring, I have been preparing for the workload that will soon follow. I have been getting out and talking with the unrepresented workers within 343 more and more to get the information out there. In preparation for the calls starting to come in with work picking up, I am trying to stay ahead of the game: having the information out there to our future members, so when the work is booming, they are ready to come aboard!

In the last few months, I have been able to attend the 6th District Organizing Conference held in Chicago. This conference was strongly leaned to the importance of continuing to organize within our locals. It was my first time attending it, I enjoyed it and felt I learned a lot from it. Also, I have been starting to work heavily on organizing LEA workers as our signatory contractors are in strong demand. I have spent time with our MN State organizing coordinator, and also had a zoom meeting with the Statewide LEA director to understand more of how that process works. We have put together a leaflet to use in door knocking and van dropping efforts that lays out what the union can offer them. Lastly, we have been able to bring a couple more Journeyman as well as apprentices into our local in the last few months!

As we have many times said, all of us know of someone working as a nonunion electrician. I would challenge each one of you to reach out to that individual that you may know and try your best to explain the benefits of working under a collective bargaining agreement to them so that maybe, one day they will work side-by-side with us as a represented Union Electrician. Our future as a local depends on it.

In Solidarity,
Charlie Cardell



“A MINUTE WITH MIKE” - SCMNJATC Training Director, Mike Bambrick

Spring is in the air! As our thoughts turn to backyard barbeques, time at the lake, golf courses, and ball diamonds, here at the JATC we are beginning to make plans to put a bow on the 2022-2023 school year. The last seven months have been very busy, but very productive and we're looking forward to finishing the year strong.

The SCMN JATC has been busy the last few months bringing in applicants for aptitude testing and interviews and getting our eligibility list in order for the upcoming hiring season. We are very excited to see how enthusiastic this group of applicants is about working in the industry, and we can't wait to start the hiring process and get this next group of apprentices to work. If you know someone that may be interested in becoming an apprentice, please refer them to our website: scmnjatc.org. Applications are available on the website, and we have a schedule there as well outlining when to expect an aptitude test and interview based on when the applicant submits their application. If you know somebody that is interested but on the fence about applying, encourage them to get in touch with me and I would be happy to answer any questions they may have. I can also schedule them to come in for a tour if they would like as well.

Just a quick reminder that as we get closer to hiring the men and women that will be joining the program this spring and summer, a lot of them are going to be very new to construction and in many cases still haven't received any formal classroom training. Please try to keep this in mind as they begin showing up on jobsites, and please remember that it is part of every licensed worker's job to train the apprentices that have been assigned to work with them.

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring, and I can't wait to see everyone at the Local 343 Awards Banquet in Mankato April 15th!

Respectfully,
Mike Bambrick

2nd Quarter 2023 SCMJATC NEWSLETTER

NEC CLASSES 2023 CODE

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest graduates:
Brandon Fieck, Matthew Johnson, Eli Kuehl, Shawn Nierman,
Khristian Pike

PURCHASING CODE BOOKS

2023 NEC Softcover Code Books are available for \$93.71

2023 NEC Spiralbound Code Books are available for \$99.55

2023 NEC Handbooks are available for \$170.20

2023 NEC Code Book Tabs are available for \$20.40

Contact Mike to schedule a time to pick one up.

Upcoming Classes

WHEN: APRIL 15-16 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily
INSTRUCTOR: Scott Higgins
WHERE: Mankato – IBEW Local 343, 816 South Bend Ave

WHEN: MAY 13-14 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily
INSTRUCTOR: Cari Helberg
WHERE: Rochester – IBEW Local 343 Union Hall, 9 80th St. SE

WHEN: JUNE 17-18 – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily
INSTRUCTOR: Dan Goodew
WHERE: Rochester – IBEW Local 343 Union Hall, 9 80th St. SE

NEC 2023-1 Changes for Chapters 1-2&3, SATURDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS good for ceu's in MN-(8 Code), WI-(8 Code), N.D.-(8 Code),(IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class)

NEC 2023-2 Changes for Chapters 4-5-6-7&8, SUNDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS good for ceu's in MN-(8 Code), WI-(8 Code), N.D.-(8 Code),(IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class)

No partial credit of classes is granted, you must attend the entire approved class to receive credit.

THESE CODE CLASSES ARE GOOD FOR 16 CEU HOURS IN MN, WI & ND. IA IS GOOD FOR 18 CEU HOURS

You can register for classes by visiting our website ibewlocal343.org/education/journeyman-training-classes/ or by contacting MIKE BAMBRICK at mbambrick@scmnjatc.org or by calling 507-529-7721.

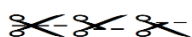
ON-LINE CEU OPTIONS for 343 Members*

We are happy to announce that we have partnered with RocketCert.com to start offering an online option to take get your Minnesota CE credits. This course can be taken on your own time and will not require you to be online between certain hours on certain days like our old format with Cari Helberg did. The cost of the class is \$99 upfront when you enter the **coupon code scmnjatc** at checkout.

To access the class, go to www.rocketcert.com/construction/minnesota/electrical-continuing-education There should be an option for Minnesota Electrical Continuing Education (16 Hours) for \$179. Click the button that says add to cart, then select Show Cart/Checkout. You will be prompted to register for the site and checkout. The next screen will ask for your billing information. Item 5 on that page is labeled "Coupon Discount". **Enter the code scmnjatc** and *click the save button*. You should see the cost of the class under item 6 drop from the \$179 regular price to \$99. Finally select Confirm & Pay.

The SCMN Trust Committee has agreed to reimburse the full amount of the cost of the class for all our **IBEW 343 members working under the Inside Construction Agreement*. **Send a copy of your receipt and completion certificate to mbambrick@scmnjatc.org to start the reimbursement process.** **Please note that checks will only be cut once monthly.**

We are very excited to be able to add this as another option for our membership to receive their necessary CE credits for the state of Minnesota. We will continue to work to try to provide our members with more options as we move forward. We would also like to remind everyone that the rollout of this option is fluid and will be subject to tweaks as we continue to work through the process. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions regarding this new option for CEUs.



IBEW Local Union 343

UNION DUES - 2023

CLIP & SAVE

**DUE DATES.....DUES AMOUNTS.....PROCESSING FEES.....I.O. REINSTATEMENT FEES.....
AUTOMATIC DUES WITHDRAWAL PLAN..... PAYMENT METHODS**

- Union Dues DUE DATES:**

Union Dues are due the 1st of each (beginning quarter) month:

1st Quarter = January 1st

2nd Quarter = April 1st

3rd Quarter = July 1st

4th Quarter = October 1st

DUES INCREASE

- Union Dues AMOUNTS:**

"A" Members:	Per quarter (3 months)	135.00	}	Increase in dues beginning January 1, 2023
	Semi-Annually (6 months):	270.00		
	Yearly (12 months):	540.00		
"BA" Members:	Per quarter (3 months)	72.00	}	
	Semi-Annually (6 months):	144.00		
	Yearly (12 months):	288.00		

- Processing Fees:**

Dues are to be paid (at least) Quarterly in advance. If your dues are not paid by the 10th of the designated month, there is a \$20.00 Processing Fee added to your account (monthly) until your Dues are paid.

- I.O. Reinstatement Fees:**

If your dues are still in arrears after three (3) months, there is an I.O. Reinstatement Fee added to your account:

\$30.00 for "A" Members

\$3.00 for "BA" Members

Local Union Processing Fees added to your account as well

- Insufficient Funds Charge: Per the Executive Board Policy (revised 10-17-11)**

Each member writing a check with insufficient funds to Local 343 shall be charged **\$30.00 fee**. After writing a check with insufficient funds to Local 343 all future payments, for a one year period, shall be made by cash, money order or credit.

- Methods of PAYMENT:**

- 1) Cash – In person only
- 2) Check (**Be sure to include Member's full name**)
- 3) Money Order (**Be sure to include Member's full name**)
- 4) Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card–In Person, or On-Line (NO Telephone payments!)
- 5) Automatic Dues Withdrawal from your Vacation/Holiday check:
 - "A" members have the option of having their Dues Automatically withdrawn from their Vacation/Holiday checks!
 - *Call the Hall (Colleen) for complete details and a form.
- 6) Drop Box (not Pick up Box!)– Located next to Front Door at Union Hall (Rochester only)



2023

IBEW LOCAL 343 Calendar

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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29	30	31				

February

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May

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June

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August

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- Union Meetings

- Membership Dues are DUE

- Awards Banquet - Mankato

- Re-Sign (JIWs) 10th - 16th



= HOLIDAYS - Local 343 offices are CLOSED: May 29th - Memorial Day; July 4th - Independence Day; September 4th - Labor Day; November 23rd - Thanksgiving; December 25th - Christmas Day



= PROVISIONAL HOLIDAYS- Local 343 offices are CLOSED: April 7th - Good Friday; November 11th - Veteran's Day; November 24th - Day after Thanksgiving;



= PROVISIONAL HOLIDAY FOR LADIES IN THE OFFICE (THEY WILL BE OFF THESE DAYS - OFFICE WILL BE RUN BY THE UNION REPS - PLAN ACCORDINGLY)

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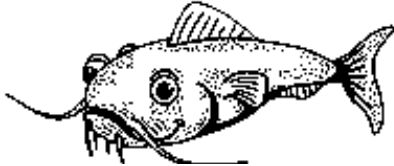
SPARKY FISHING OPENER

*Brothers and sisters are invited to a fun-filled day of fishing
on the Mississippi River!*

WHEN: June 10th, 2023

TIME: 8 am to 3 pm

WHERE: Meet at Great River Lodge,
Buffalo City, Wisconsin



*Fishing for the Biggest:
Walleye, Pan Fish, Bass,
Northern, & Rough Fish*

*You must have one IBEW member in boat. We will
weigh in at 3pm with food and prizes afterwards.*

Questions, call Chris Hallett (251-3569) or John Powrie (259-5413).



Display Case added to the Local 343 Hall

The display is available to members or member's families to share artifacts relating to the IBEW's history.

Guidelines:

Submit your item(s) to the Union Hall.

The E-board will review the item(s) for display.

Item(s) not accepted will be returned to the donor.

Item(s) will be considered gifted to the Union Hall, unless the donor requests such item(s) to be "on loan" to the display.

Thank you for sharing and conserving our industry's past to be enjoyed by others in the future.

New Exam Board Member Swear-In: Eric Johnson



February
Meeting

Welcome New Members!!!

February
Swear-In



March
Swear-In



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 343

You are cordially invited to attend the

36th Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 15, 2023

**Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
Mankato, MN**

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Informational tables and/or seminars

Spire Credit Union (Mortgage Seminar)

Wilson – McShane

Franklin Lewis Investment Group

Wells Fargo (Mortgage Seminar)

Sieben Carey Law Firm

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Social/Cocktail Hour

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner (*See Dinner RSVP and choices on reverse side*)

7:00 p.m. Awards Program

Event Address

Mayo Clinic Event Center

1 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

507-389-3000

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 343

36th Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday – April 15, 2023
Mayo Clinic Event Center
Mankato, MN 56001
RSVP and Meal Selection



If you RSVP, but then realize you can't make it, **PLEASE let us know ASAP.** We can cancel your reservation and save food and money!

R.S.V.P. On-line, by Mail or by Fax NO LATER than Thursday, April 6, 2023

This event is open to Members, Retirees, Associates, Honored Guests & one guest each.

On-line: www.ibewlocal343.org (Hover on "NEWS" tab to RSVP for Awards Banquet)

Mail: IBEW Local 343
 9 80th St SE
 Rochester, MN 55904

or

Fax: (507) 282-1562

If mailing or faxing RSVP, please complete below – **NO PHONE RSVPS, PLEASE**

Member/Retiree/Associate Name: _____

Circle ALL who are attending: Member Retiree Guest (1) Associate

Meal Choices: Circle selection(s) – **1 selection per person**

Meals 1, 2, 3 are Served with Garden Salad, Red Skin Mashed Potatoes and Chef's Choice Vegetables

1. Top Sirloin w/Burgundy Mushroom sauce
2. Chicken Diana (charbroiled chicken) w/Cognac
Mushroom sauce
3. Halibut

Meal 4 is served with Garden Salad and Chef's Choice Vegetables

4. Vegetable Lasagna w/parmesan & mozzarella

Chocolate layered cake and Carrot cake will be at each table for dessert.

GROUNDWIRE

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Rochester, MN 55904

INVITATION for the Awards
Banquet is inside! **Final day to**
RSVP is April 6th! Do Not Delay!!
OPEN YOUR MAIL!!