



# IBEW LOCAL 68 NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30th

A note from your Newsletter Committee:  
We're back again! Check in every quarter for  
the latest news!

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## Women in the Trades Month!

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

This year has been going by fast! Spring is right around the corner which means Summer is not too far behind and our annual picnic will be upon us. Since this is Women in the Trades month, I would like to put this question out there...

**Are there any Sisters that would like to get the Women's Committee going again?**

This is something that LU #68 did have but it never really stayed around. I think having a committee like this would be beneficial to the Sisters that we have in our local, as well as mentors to younger women wanting to get in the trades.

**If anyone is interested in getting this committee started, please feel free to contact me.**

And as always, we have many other committees that members can get involved in, whether you're an apprentice, JW, CE/CW or retiree, there's always somewhere that you can be a part of LU #68, just need to get in touch with me. Be safe Brothers and Sisters.

Fraternally,

Debbie Tikka

A140711  
IBEW #68 President



*Empowered Women  
Empower Women*



*Congratulations*

**25 YEARS**

**JANUARY**

Chris H Boardman  
Jeffrey A Jones  
James S Kvaal

**FEBRUARY**

Daniel R Hart  
Jeffrey D Lavene  
David N Matheney  
Brian P McNutt  
Richard J Opdyke  
Nicholas J Shimon  
Kevin P Smith

**MARCH**

James E Karlak

**30 YEARS**

**JANUARY**

Ross E Aaron  
John P Barnes  
Chad Casias  
Jason H Clark  
Phillip Makin  
Jeff J Vera

**FEBRUARY**

Steve P Blom  
Christopher F Colling  
Robert E Koenig  
Dalan J McDevitt  
Carol L Sheridan

**MARCH**

David R Martin

**35 YEARS**

**JANUARY**

Javier Berumen  
Michael P Humphreys  
Joseph B Vencel  
James C Wadley

**FEBRUARY**

Nicholas D De Cino  
James D Hilburn  
Scott L Nimerfroh

**MARCH**

Arnulfo P Aleman  
Luis Cordova  
Larry L Langford  
Roberto Moreno

**40 YEARS**

**JANUARY**

Jesus F Hernandez  
Ken M Hunter  
Keith A Johnson  
Chad R Mahoney  
Theodore P Prihoda  
Robert R Reyes  
Christopher A Sirbin

**FEBRUARY**

Daniel E Cathey  
David S Herrera  
Steven R McGraw  
Brian E Salem  
Richard G Sipes  
Wayne F Trujillo

**MARCH**

George A Griffiths  
David L Melancon

# *Congratulations*

## **JANUARY**

Mason Adams  
Jesus Aguilar  
Christopher Barron  
Andrew Bowman  
Dylan Campos  
Kaden Coberly  
Luke Davis  
Darrien De Aragon  
John Deasy  
Jacob Delbert  
Donovan Douglass  
Derek Dunford  
Hunter Dunlap  
Marcos Evans  
Thomas Foran  
Nathaniel Gallion  
Christopher George  
Ivo Getahun Dimberg  
Benjamin Holloway  
Monty Huffsmith  
Jude Immanivong  
Scott Jamtgaard  
Benjamin Juliana  
Frank Kurtz  
Colton Lance  
Connor Maher  
Matthew Mazowski  
Calvin Mischo  
Eric Muniz  
Leo Murray  
Nehemiah Nsubuga  
Aedan Ostrowski  
Jorge Pastrana  
Derrek Rodriguez Esteban  
Trent Rupprecht  
Samuel Sachs  
William Sosa Rodarte  
Dominic Trujillo  
Raef Vonbrutt  
Curtis Worthley

## **FEBRUARY**

Daniel Alvarado  
Gavin Barbour  
Sebastian Clifton  
Steven Delgado  
Luke Drugan  
Joseph Duran  
Cesar Egoavil  
Lorenzo Garcia  
Michael Guerra-Patnode  
Corey Lazenby  
Logan Lutter  
Marco Maestas  
Kushal Niroula  
Ian Pinson  
Jacob Sayegh  
Jayden Scott-Lau  
Mohinderjit Singh  
Ryan Smith  
Evan Stoumbaugh  
Clinton Tucker  
Nicholas Vanderbroek  
Jeffrey Williamson  
Donavan Wood

## **MARCH**

Jackson Bartos  
Chase Beck  
Chris Ewer  
Aldo Gallegos  
Nicholas Geiger  
Curtis Gutierrez  
Thomas Haggard  
Keane Martin  
Ethan Pugh  
Ahmed Saied  
Jasmine Sanchez  
Cade Wilson

# 2026 NEGOTIATIONS



## Negotiation Update 2026

As of March 10th, your bargaining committee officially met with **Rocky Mountain NECA** to begin bona fide negotiations toward a fair contract.

The current agreement is set to expire on May 31st, 2026. If a tentative agreement is not reached, our Business manager and Chief Negotiator, Zach Esquibel, has until Tuesday, April 28th to file with Council on Industrial Relations (CIR) in order to secure an agreement before the contract expires.

Our way to show support for each other and teach solidarity among IBEW Local 68 members is to wear our red shirts!

While we are in negotiations with Rocky Mountain NECA, We ask all our brothers and sister to wear their red shirt every Wednesday.



## Your Negotiating Committee

**Zach Esquibel**  
*Business Manager & Chief Negotiator*

**Travis Trujillo**  
*Assistant Business Manager*

**Julian Aguilar**  
*Assistant Business Manager*

**Deb Tikka**  
*President*

**Ricardo Felix Dominguez**  
*Organizer*



It is no doubt that we keep the lights on. We help build industry, we build factory's, airports and data centers, we build careers and play huge role in keeping our contractor's doors open. So let us show our strength and unity as a bargaining unit, and represent your local union, and support our bargaining committee to build a better contract.

Get your red t-shirts at hall to in order to show your commitment!  
We are IBEW Local 68!

**PICK UP A SOLIDARITY T-SHIRT AT THE HALL AND WEAR ON WEDNESDAYS**



36<sup>th</sup> EWMC National Leadership Conference

## DENVER ELECTRICAL WORKER MINORITY CAUCUS

To kick off the year, the Denver EWMC sent delegates representing the Denver charter to the 36th EWMC National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington. The conference was hosted by IBEW Local Union 46, the home of EWMC National President and Business Manager Sean Bagsby, and was supported by multiple EWMC chapters across the Pacific Northwest and other IBEW locals in the region.

This year's conference theme was “Resist, Rise, Organize: Flight to Future.”



Before the start of the conference, the EWMC family came together for a day of service around the Seattle metro area. With over 21 different projects taking place throughout the region, the EWMC mobilized members to support local communities, with a focus on schools and underserved areas. Volunteers completed a variety of projects, including picking up trash, painting, cleaning, and even gardening.

For general information, visit the EWMC website [here](#).



The EWMC is devoted to creating a more diverse, equitable, inclusive environment that creates a place of belonging and opportunity for all electrical workers. It is a home for those who are typically marginalized within our industry.

The Denver EWMC is a joint charter comprised of members from IBEW Local 68 and Local 111.

The EWMC is constantly working in the community, being a resource in underserved areas and at the same time promoting Union Electrical trades to non-traditional backgrounds.



## EWMC CONT.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 2026**

***Cesar Chavez Parade  
Canceled***

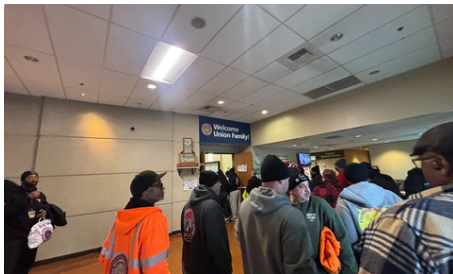
**May 2026**

***Cinco Dey Mayo in  
Denver's Westwood  
Neighborhood  
Saturday May 2nd 2026  
12pm-8pm & Sunday  
May 3rd 2026 11am-  
5pm***

**June 2026**

***Denver Pride  
Date TBD  
Juneteenth  
Date TBD***

The EWMC met for the remainder of the week, participating in preliminary sessions with guest speakers, including local elected officials, and International President Cooper.



On Friday evening, attendees gathered for a hospitality night at the Museum of Flight.



The following day included leadership workshops during the day, followed by a dinner gala that Saturday evening.

## **FEBRUARY 2026**



In February, Brother Matthew Walton (IBEW Local 111 EWMC Member) accepted an award from the Wheat Ridge City Council. The council gave the Denver EWMC chapter a proclamation for Black History Month, and the EWMC's efforts within the community.

Moving forward, the Wheat Ridge City Council plans to work with the EWMC on future community initiatives.



For general information, visit the EWMC website [here](#).



EWMC CONT.

JOIN DENVER EWMC @ DENVER INNER CITY PARISH

# DICP FOOD BANK

FIRST SATURDAYS FROM 8am - 12pm

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



Contact

 TRAVIS TRUJILLO  
TRAVIST@IBEW68.COM  
303-356-6971



DENVER INNER CITY PARISH  
1212 Mariposa Street  
Denver, CO 80204

**Ongoing volunteer support at Denver Inner City Parish**

Every first Saturday, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Click [here](#) for Tuesday–Friday schedule

Contact Travis Trujillo @  
[travist@ibew68.com](mailto:travist@ibew68.com)

## Denver Inner City Parish

Every first Saturday from 8am to 12pm, as well as Tuesday through Friday, the EWMC volunteers at the Denver Inner City Parish in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. Due to recent funding cuts, some staff were let go, making volunteers an absolute must at this time.



At the Safe House of Denver, EWMC members plan on revisiting the homes of domestic violence survivors and their children to continue fixing much needed electrical work around the house. The date for the continued day of service is to be determined.

Please contact Travis Trujillo at (303) 356-6971 if you would like to volunteer.



The Denver Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Staff entered the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament as a team!

## WIREMAN'S BROTHERHOOD FUND



The 25th Annual Wireman's Brotherhood Benefit Fund bowling tournament was a raging success. Hope to see you next year!

*Holiday Bowling and Billiards* in Lakewood was host to 141 bowlers as well as plenty of family and friends. It was a great opportunity to bond with brothers across the local and share in some friendly competition and great food. With all of the demands of our jobs and lives, this event was an important reminder of the bonds we share exclusively through the brotherhood.



The Wiremen's Brother Fund (WBF) has been helping sick and injured members for over 60 years!

**It is our IBEW objective to to assist each other in sickness or distress.**

**A big thanks to Shelton Electric Services and Bright Now Dental for being the primary donors for the event, and to all the brothers and sisters that came out for the event. We look forward to an even bigger turn out next year and encourage you all to come down and join in the fun and bonding!**

# T-Shirt Contest!



The WBF is hosting a t-shirt design contest!

**T-SHIRT**

WBF

Wiremen's Brotherhood Fund  
**DESIGN CONTEST**

T-shirt design ideas made for the annual picnic.

Open to 18+ IBEW members.

1 Winner will be chosen. Winner will receive a T-shirt with their design idea from the WBF committee.

**CONTEST RULES:**

- \*Must submit entry before June 1st 2026.
- \*Must visit IBEW Union hall or WBF event to claim prize.

**SHIRT REQUIREMENTS:**

- \*Must be appropriate to wear on job-site.

Submit entries to [wbflu68@gmail.com](mailto:wbflu68@gmail.com) or drop off/ mail to, WBF 5660 Login St. Denver, CO 80216

\*\*\* All entries are donations subject to future WBF use as well. \*\*\*



If you've got skill, we want to see your design!

Design a t-shirt for the annual picnic and enter the contest by June 1st!

# SOFTBALL



Starting Friday April 24th, 2026, new to the Softball team this year, the league will be participating in a building trade construction softball league. The idea is to create friendly competition between other building trade unions and to create friendships and bridges across different craftsmen.

**If you are interested in playing or participating, whether you have played before or not, we want you to join us!**

No experience is required to join the team, the members are dedicated in teaching new players.

## UPCOMING

In late July through the beginning of August, the Softball team will be hosting the 54th Annual IBEW Midwest Regional Softball Tournament

### COLORADO BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL



## SOFTBALL LEAGUE

League will start in late **April**  
Games will be played **Friday nights**  
between **6pm - 10pm**

Where: La Alma / Lincoln Park  
1265 Mariposa St  
Denver, CO 80204

Contact Julian Aguilar @ 720-960-3303  
or  
juliana@ibew68.com

Local 68 Softball

Call: Steve Miller at (720) 334-6321, or  
Julian Aguilar at (720) 232-7000



#### LEGACY RIDGE

10801 LEGACY RIDGE PKWY  
WESTMINSTER, CO 80031

JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2026  
8:30 AM SHOUTGUN START  
7AM CHECK-IN

4 MAN SCRAMBLE, \$150PER PERSON, \$600 PER TEAM, 144 MAX

#### REGISTRATION INCLUDES

GREEN FEE, GOLF CART, RANGE BALLS, LUNCH

LIMITED RENTAL CLUBS AVAILABLE \$60 PER SET

#### TEAM INFORMATION

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM CONTACT #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAYER 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAYER 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAYER 4: \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE IS JUNE 30TH  
MADE PAYABLE TO: DENVER EVMC,  
WITH GOLF OUTING ON THE MEMO  
MAIL CHECK & THIS FORM TO :  
IBEW 68, 5660 LOGAN ST, DENVER CO, 80216

QUESTIONS? CONTACT STEVEN MILLER AT



**Pictured from left to right, Adam Trahan, Miles Lowe, Dillon Corn, Michael Kriegel, Blake Fruitman, Christian Thielemier, and Zane Chleboun**

This month, instead of recognizing a single apprentice, I would like to introduce the inaugural Apprentice Leadership Council.

The Apprentice Leadership Council members shall serve together, along with the Training Director, to provide a means for both student expression and assistance in improving apprenticeship affairs and activities. Furthermore, being chosen as a member of this volunteer group shall allow an apprentice the opportunity to develop proven leadership skills as they have been not only selected from amongst their classmates but also personally tasked with both improving the apprenticeship experience and encouraging stronger student-faculty relations.

## **INTRODUCING THE NEW APPRENTICE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

- **Christian Thielemier** - 4<sup>th</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*
- **Dillon Corn** - 4<sup>th</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*
- **Miles Lowe** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*
- **Zane Chebloun** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*
- **Michael Kriegel** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*
- **Blake Fruitman** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*
- **Adam Trahan** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
*Inside Wireman*

**The Apprentice Leadership Council is Looking for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentices!**



**Our apprentice of the month for March is Branton Kiewlich, a 4<sup>th</sup> Year apprentice.**



In March IBEW local 68 hosted its very first Game night. The original date was postponed from January to March. Game night features a verity of games from D&D to your old school card games.



## Before You Go...

### Don't see your committee?

Please reach out to the Local 68 Newsletter Committee at [newsletter@ibew68.com](mailto:newsletter@ibew68.com)

### Big Thanks to our Newsletter Committee

**August Gummere** *Editor*  
Apprentice Wiremen

**Michael Rhoads** *Editor*  
Journeymen Wiremen

**Dominick Hinton** *Writer/ Cofounder*  
Journeymen Wiremen  
Union Steward  
Denver EWMC Member at Large

### How Can I Help?

To stay updated on upcoming events and learn how you can contribute to your community, please contact us via email.