



IBEW LOCAL 68 NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter

October 1st - December 31st

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Sweater Weather



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

I hope you made it to our annual picnic this year, we had around 650 in attendance. I would like to say thank you to all the Brothers, Sisters and family members that volunteered their time to help make this a big success. There are a few things coming up in the next couple of months that I thought I would mention. The 41st IBEW Convention is this month, so I will be out of the office from September 17th – 25th while attending this and representing our membership. We have the Conservation Dinner on October 2nd, being held at IBEW LU #68. And we have the Holiday Party that will be on December 12th. One other thing, if you are looking for a 2027 calendar, come on down to the hall and get your 2027 USA Sportsmen's Alliance Calendar.

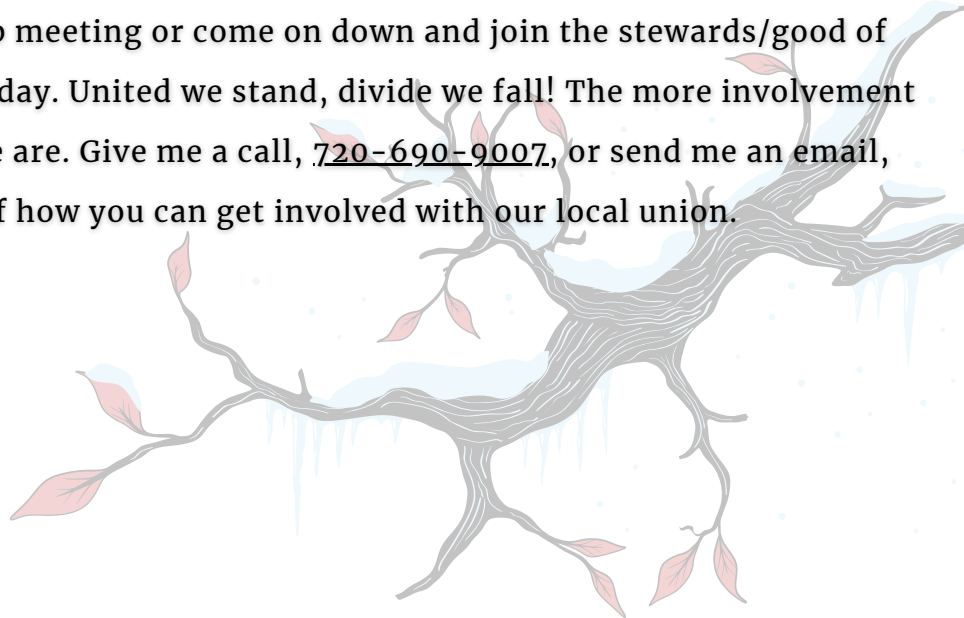
Involvement in your local union is important, get involved and make this local yours. We have plenty of opportunities for you to be a part of our local union. If you like doing artwork or coming up with slogans, get on with the Advertising Committee or help get the Challenge Coin Committee started. If you like throwing parties, become a part of the Entertainment Committee. If you served our country or care deeply about veterans, join the Veterans' Committee. There's the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC) who come together to promote leadership and gets active with the community. Or there's the Wireman's Brotherhood Fund that helps Brothers and/or Sisters when they have been injured or are sick and cannot work. Better yet, join us every first Tuesday of the month for the general membership meeting or come on down and join the stewards/good of the union meeting every third Wednesday. United we stand, divide we fall! The more involvement from the membership, the stronger we are. Give me a call, 720-690-9007, or send me an email, debbiet@ibew68.com, to learn more of how you can get involved with our local union.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Tikka". The signature is stylized with a large 'D' and a cursive 'T'.

Debbie Tikka

IBEW #68 President



MEMBER ACCOLADES

PIN AWARDS

Congratulations

25 YEARS

JULY

Bret D Ahnstedt
Jason M Case
Robert A Dickson
Todd Elbaum
Jaime A Garcia
Jose Juarez-Vera
Mark D Lavington
Brian A Leffler
Martin W Littlejohn
James Minor
Martin B Oray

JULY CONT.

Larry E Owens
Jason R Rath
Adam T Rodriguez
Craig D Roik
Jesse A Simmonds
Kelly D Sinkiewicz
Clayton L Sutton
Julian W Taylor
David P Trujillo
Michael A Velez
Jared W Vilhauer

AUGUST

Mark J Hoffmann
Marc L Davis
Allen J Ford
Raul A Vigil

SEPTEMBER

Clinton J Makinen
Jeffrey B Gibney
Bradley Blickenstaff

30 YEARS

JULY

Charles T Donohue
Virgil L Kapperman
Shane L Orcutt
David I Klein

AUGUST

Bret D Brock
Phillip Armijo
Bruce A Dahl
Troy A Kohagen
James R Brooksbank
David L Mares

SEPTEMBER

Desi H Hernandez
Kenneth L Smith
Donald R Lee

35 YEARS

JULY

Gerald F Wild
Fred J Younger

AUGUST

Russell C Downes
Arthur Valdez

45 YEARS

JULY

Steven W Bullock
John J Spradlin
Dan C Wollman

AUGUST

Peter B Kuntz
Alonzo F Reyes

OATH OF OBLIGATION

Congratulations

Ryan Chavez
Erik Luna
William Olsen

JULY

Steven Robinson
James Showalter
Matthew Specia

AUGUST

Brandon Castillo Amezquita
Nicholas Chavez
Beckett Coburn
Jose Cordero-Hernandez

Noah Garcia
Michael Green
Jack Hamilton
Denis Levtchenko

Luis Medellin
Kevin Mendoza
Michael Nally
London Rothmeyer
Christopher Ziska

SEPTEMBER

Nicholas Ash
Adrian Badillo-Hernandez
Alexander Burger
Alexander Crawford
Sayje Davis-Rusk
Hunter Dean
Derek Depoyster
Jovanny Garcia
Chance Gauss
Clayton James
Bradley Latendresse
Fernando Leon Hernandez
Nathaniel Long

Xander Mckeown
Rylan Middaugh
Indy Morgan
Joaquin Perea Martinez
Kyle Price
Sidney Price
Peyton Ring
Sayid Salgado
Jamal Smith
Logan Stanley
Mervin Valbuena
Tyler Widener
Bryson Wills

We regret to report the passing
of the following members:

JULY

Larry L. Brown James B. Hammond Larry Pacheco

SEPTEMBER

Emmett E. McMaster Gerald L. Hoppe



2026 Louisville Labor Day Parade

The Denver Electrical Workers Minority Caucus

The Denver Electrical Workers Minority Caucus has been hard at work this summer, while participating in several parades and working relentlessly in the Softball tournament. On Saturday, June 20th the EWMC participated in the annual Juneteenth parade. The following Sunday the 28th they joined each other in celebration at Denver's annual Pride parade. Toward the end of the summer, the committee participated in the Louisville Labor Day Parade, partnering with Xcel Energy to build and showcase a parade float.

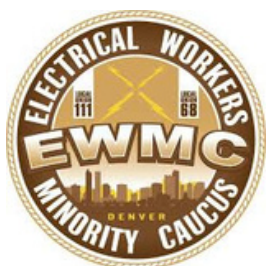


Juneteenth Parade: Thomas Brown, Jose Ovalle, Ross Holmes-Piesco, Jasmine Holmes-Piesco

As a proud partner in the Community, the Denver EWMc strives to be a resource for those in need. In November, the EWMc National expects all chapters to participate in the National Day of Service. If you have not yet gotten involved, we ask that our IBEW brothers, sisters and siblings step up, show up, and participate in this event. The easiest way to get involved and stay up to date on this is to click the link below for more details.



Denver Pride 2026



October 2026
 Trunk or Treat- October 31st
November 2026
 EWMc National Day of Service
December 2026
 Brighton Parade of Lights

For General information,
visit the EWMc website [here](#).

Denver EWMc and Softball

IBEW Local 68 Softball Team



Toledo Ohio's Local 8 Upper Division Champions

After almost a year's worth of planning, Local 68 hosted the biggest softball tournament in our district so far. The 54th Annual IBEW Midwest Regional Softball Tournament brought in 45 IBEW Local Softball teams. Over 1,300 people came out from 31 different locations and brought their families. The event lasted over 3 days, with a hospitality night on Friday at Rockies Stadium, the main event Saturday, and the finale on Sunday. While we all wish Local 68 won the tournament, we congratulate our brothers and sisters from Toledo Ohio's IBEW Local 8 for winning the upper division. The lower division was won by Riverside California's IBEW Local 47.

Local 68 received a commemorative game plaque, gifted by the IBEW Local 683 (Columbus, Ohio) for hosting the tournament this year. The tournament raised over \$8,000 from the event, and all proceeds were donated to Denver Inner City Parish. The tournament's success would not have been possible without the help of Denver EWMc and all the volunteers who helped out this year.



Riverside California's Local 47 Lower Division Champions



WBF Golf Tournament 2026. Bernie Maldonado, Bruce Dahl, Bryce Dahl



Wireman's Brotherhood Fund

The annual tradition the WBF Golf Tournament was on Saturday, August 29th. Members got together to play in the tournament to help raise funds for the WBF. The Wiremen's Brotherhood fund raises money to support IBEW local 68 members that are sick or injured and aren't able to go to work due to health conditions.

For just \$25 a year, your membership guarantees you will be paid from the fund if you are ever sick or injured and can't work. Funds are raised and given back to our union siblings who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances. Join now by clicking the link below.

For General information,
visit the WBF website [here](#).

WBF and Good of the Union

Good of the Union



IBEW Local 68 Summer Picnic

On Saturday, August 15th, IBEW members gathered together at the Westminster Elk's for the annual Local 68 Summer Picnic. In classic picnic fashion, the day featured a BBQ lunch and variety of drinks for all ages. The annual horseshoe tournament was won by 3rd year apprentice Ismeal Pacheco.



Ismeal Pacheco

According to IBEW Local 68 President Debbie Tikka, over 600 Local 68 members and their family members came out for the picnic. Despite the heavy rain, there was plenty of cover to keep everyone dry. There were plenty of attractions for the kids, with balloon animals, face painting, Kona Ice, and a playground. As always, members and family had a chance to win prizes in the raffle or purchase merchandise from the WBF.



Committee Updates: Apprenticeship **Apprentice of the Month**

July 2026

August 2026



Connor Price



Donald Mckinnon

Apprenticeship Appreciation BBQ

Apprenticeship



On Saturday, July 18th, the Apprentice Leadership Council (ALC) hosted the 1st Apprenticeship appreciation BBQ. The Council invited a variety of different committees to set up booths and meet apprentices, including benefits representatives. The BBQ also featured cornhole and a dunk tank. Apprentices and Journeymen alike took turns dunking Business Manager Zach Esquibel and Apprenticeship Director Dan Hendricks.



Apprentice Leadership Committee Member: Christian Thielemier, Jovany Archuleta, Zane Chlebloun, Miles Lowe, Micheal Kriegel, Micheal Ruby, Micheal Ivarson

In late July, the DJEATC sent instructors to Ypsilanti, Michigan to the National Training Institute (NTI) at Eastern Michigan University. Instructors had the opportunity to work with other instructors from across the country to network and improve their teaching skills through other IBEW members' experiences.



Instructors at NTI 2026

Before You Go...

Don't see your committee?

Please reach out to the Local 68 Newsletter Committee at

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