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Dear Brothers and Sisters of IBEW Local 1439,

As we approach a significant milestone in our Local's history, I am honored to address you in this month's newsletter. This year marks the 80th anniversary of IBEW Local 1439. For eight decades, our Local has stood as a steadfast advocate for utility and municipal workers across our jurisdiction, championing safety, fair wages, and improved working conditions.

The challenges that prompted our founding members to organize in 1945 remain remarkably relevant today. While technology has transformed many aspects of our industry, our fundamental fight remains unchanged: ensuring every member returns home safely each day, receives fair compensation for their skilled labor, and works under conditions that respect their dignity and expertise.

As we reflect on our 80 years of solidarity, we must acknowledge that our strength has always resided in our unity and our unwavering commitment to our founding principles. The rights and protections we enjoy today were not freely given but hard-earned through the determination and sacrifice of those who came before us. On March 16, we officially commemorate the day our charter was established 80 years ago.

In honoring our history, we must also secure our future. This requires vigilance in several key areas:

First, we must be diligent in following our negotiated agreements. These contracts represent countless hours of strategic bargaining and compromise. When we adhere to their terms and hold management accountable to do the same, we preserve the integrity of our collective bargaining process.

Second, we must uphold the safety standards that are the cornerstone of IBEW's mission. Safety is not merely a procedural obligation but a sacred commitment we make to ourselves, our families, and our fellow members. Our union was founded on the principle that no worker should risk their life to earn a living.

Finally, we must perform our duties with pride and professionalism, honoring the simple but powerful exchange that defines our work ethic: eight hours worked for eight hours paid. This fundamental fairness strengthens our position at every negotiating table.

I invite all members to save the date for our 80th Anniversary Celebration on November 1, 2025. More details about this special event will follow in upcoming newsletters. This gathering will not only commemorate our past achievements but also reinvigorate our collective resolve for the challenges ahead.

In solidarity,

Jeremy Pour
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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Business Manager's Report

Alliant:

- Met with the Company to discuss Mutual Aid and an agreement between all Iowa Locals.
- Met with negotiation committee to discuss contract proposals.
- Contract negotiations start April 22nd.

Ameren:

- Met with Senior Leadership to discuss ongoing safety and discipline issues.
- Met with new labor leader to discuss current grievances and information requests.
- Resolved a third step grievance for violation of a RTL violation.
- Benefits forum meeting with all locals in Missouri, new telemedicine will soon be available through Anthems Sydney app.
- 401(k) true-up is complete for anyone that maxed out their 401(K) prior to the end-of-the year.
- Met with transmission leadership and stewards to discuss workload for 2025.
- Working with labor and meter management to get pay corrected for Powermeterman apprentices.

Liberty:

- Working with Local 1464 over their upcoming negotiations with Liberty.

City of DeSoto:

City of Potosi:

- Contract negotiations start March 11.

City of Fulton:

- Delivered contract proposal to the City.
- In-person negotiations on March 12.

This is a brief rundown of issues within each bargaining unit. Any questions please reach out to myself, Mike or Eric.

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Save the Date

80th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, November 1, 2025
IBEW Local 1 Hall
5850 Elizabeth Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Invitation to Follow with Event Details



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Tom Kraus 29th Annual

Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:30 A.M. Shotgun Start

Forest Park Golf Course

5595 Grand Drive in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO. 63128



*Closest to the Hole *Skins *Mulligans * Prizes for 1st & 2nd Place in A, & B Flights

Price includes Cart, Green Fees, Donuts, Juice, and Coffee and
Lunch in the Champions room at Forest Park

Open to the Public - 128 Golfers - 4-person scramble

Benefitting Super Sam Foundation – Fighting Childhood Cancer

Contact the Union office for details: 314-644-6111

Make checks payable to IBEW Local 1439

Mail Entry form and check to: IBEW Local 1439, 2121 59th Street, St. Louis, MO 63110

Golf Entry - \$125.00 per person Team - \$500.00

Please Print & fill out the form. If entering as a team, all members must be listed & paid in full prior to the Tournament.

Team Players

Name	E-mail Address	Cell Phone No.

Entries not received by Friday, May 2, 2025

will be on a first-come/first-served basis as received by our Office. Single entries are welcome.

The committee will determine team assignment.