



International Brotherhood
of Electrical Workers

LOCAL UNION 1249 **NEWS**

Volume No. 18 No.1

6518 FREMONT ROAD, EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057

Spring 2007

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We all welcome the coming of spring. When winter finally arrived it did so with much snow and bitter cold. Hopefully we have turned the corner with warmer days ahead.

The work situation remains good throughout Local 1249's jurisdiction and the Country. We currently have 500 people working in our A Chapter, and nearly full employment.

As you are aware, John Bishko retired as Business Manager on February 28th, 2007. I, as well as the officers and staff, wish John and Re all the happiness as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Thank you John for all you have done for Local 1249! We all are proud of what you accomplished for the benefit of the Local and its members. I want to personally thank you for leaving the Local in great shape!

With that being said, I was unanimously approved by the Executive Board to fulfill the term of Business Manager through June 2008. Like my predecessors before me, I work for you, the members of Local Union 1249. It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve all the members of this great Local Union.

I would also like to welcome Mark Lawrence aboard as an Assistant Business Rep/Organizer. Mark has been busy helping out organizing the non-union and working with the Municipals upcoming negotiations.

Also Charles Brigham was unanimously approved to fulfill the term of President through June 2008. Congratulations Charlie!

Negotiations are right around the corner. I/We (your Negotiating Committee) will be working hard to keep what we have and to keep pace with the Local Unions surrounding us.

Work safe, work efficient and remember to thank a Veteran for their service. In this difficult time in the world, it's important to thank those that take care of us.

*Fraternally,
Brother William C. Boire
Business Manager*

BA CHAPTER NEWS

Spring is officially here. A sigh of relief is heard from our members who work outside with record breaking temperatures and snow. We all look forward to summer weather. A reminder to all BA members; vacations are around the corner, so please remember Article 12, Sec. 2.

Employees must notify Employers thirty (30) days in advance in writing when they would like their vacation, giving Employers enough time to have other employees fill your position in your absence.

Also anyone filling a Foreman's position must be at least a Journeyman Treeman or classified as a T-3 for two (2) years and will receive a Foreman's rate (Section 16.02.12).

Any T-3 wanting to have a Journeyman Treeman test must have spent one year as a T-3 and has worked with ropes and developed their skills for such a test. Call BA Tree Chapter Representatives Henry Rose or Jim Baker at the Hall for appointments for the JT test.

For the Journeyman Treeman test T-3's must have three Journeyman Treemen present; one Union Rep. and two company JT's.

Be safe and work responsible, keeping an eye out for one another. Meetings will be held this summer, but don't forget meetings are held the first Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at the Union Hall.

Any non-union crews noticed on property should be called in to your Rep.

*Henry Rose
BA Chapter Assist. Bus. Rep.*



I.B.E.W. Local Union 1249 News

6518 Fremont Road
East Syracuse, New York 13057
(315) 656-7253 (315) 656-7254

William C. Boire
Editor

OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN
of EXECUTIVE BOARD**
Charles D. Brigham

VICE-PRESIDENT
David T. Burnett

RECORDING SECRETARY
Stephen S. Karboski

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Tina M. Prosonic

TREASURER
Jerry J. Ashlaw

BUSINESS MANAGER
William C. Boire

EXECUTIVE BOARD (6)

John (Mike) Delmar	Richard J. French
Timothy J. Dillon	Timothy J. Keck
Michael T. Dougherty	Dennis R. Morgan



Artcraft Press, Inc.
Syracuse, New York

From The Organizing Staff

On March 1, 2007 the U.S. House of Representatives approved the Employee Free Choice Act. This Bill still faces many hurdles; a threatened filibuster in the Senate and President Bush's promise of a veto. Further results of the Bill will follow.

Local 1249 would like to announce the addition of Mark Lawrence to its Organizing staff.

Organizing Staff

“ARC” News Active Retirees Club

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It's Spring! We made it! It's been a long and cold winter, but its time to start thinking WARM. The John Troyan, Jr. Pig Roast is Saturday, June 2nd, 2007. The raffle tickets are being sent out now. A special THANKS to J.D. Wilson for his time spent sending the raffle tickets to you.

Take care and be safe,

David Jorgensen, ARC Club

Mysteries Of Death Benefits Solved For NEBF

When somebody dies, there may be some mystery as to what to do about the deceased's annuity and pension funds. We wish to dispel any mysteries surrounding death benefits for NEBF.

Starting with the basics, NEBF is a monthly benefit. When paid in the form of a joint and survivor annuity, the surviving spouse receives half the monthly benefit at the time of the participant's death. Because this is the only form of the joint and survivor benefit, NEBF does not provide for beneficiaries. Therefore, the only person payable any type of benefits from NEBF, in the event of a participant's death, is the participant's spouse, barring court order. In some divorce cases, the former spouse may be entitled to a portion of the participant's retirement under a court-ordered payment known as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

When a participant elects to receive the joint and survivor annuity option, his or her benefit is automatically reduced by 9.75%. The benefit is further adjusted based on the relative age of the spouse. The spouse's age is taken into consideration compared to the participant's age, for normal and early retirement, and the spouse's age compared to age 65, for disability retirement.

Once the benefits have begun, the joint and survivor annuity option cannot be changed. However, effective July 1, 1998, if the participant's spouse dies before the participant, the participant's benefit will “pop-up” to what he or she would have been receiving had the participant and his or her spouse selected the full non-reduced benefit for the participant's lifetime only.

“What happens to my NEBF if I die before I retire?” Well, if you are married, your spouse will receive a “pre-retirement death” benefit which will be effective at the time you would have reached retirement age, generally age 62.

Remember, however, that benefits are payable only to the participant or his or her surviving spouse. If you are not married and die prior to reaching retirement age, there is no benefit payable.



Safety Director's Report

by Richard French

You, the member of I.B.E.W. Local 1249, are the most important part of our Safety Training Program.

We cannot anticipate all possible hazardous conditions, unsafe acts or lost time injuries. Each worker must frequently use his own imagination, common sense, and self-discipline to protect himself. Each member must think beyond his immediate work procedures in order to act safely in questionable situations.

I believe our safety record shows your desire to work safely. But, if you let housekeeping deteriorate by failing to use protective equipment, having a lax attitude or failing to make out injury and accident reports, then you and I must take steps to improve and develop a better safety program.

Our ultimate objective should be to maintain our interest in working safely and to prevent accidents and injuries.

**NEW YORK STATE LINEMAN'S
SAFETY TRAINING FUND**

**E
A
P** **EMPLOYEE
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**
New York State
AFL-CIO

1-800-327-1984

**7 DAYS, 24-HOURS PROFESSIONAL,
CONFIDENTIAL, HELP FOR
MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

When calling, please identify yourself as a member or family member associated with the New York State Lineman's Safety Training Fund/IBEW Local Union 1249

REMINDER...

NEW IBEW Local 1249 Website at
www.ibew1249.org

Apprenticeship & Training

Local 1249 now has 99 apprentices in the N.E.A.T. program. These apprentices attend approximately twelve training sessions per year at the union hall. The training that is provided at the hall is minute in comparison to the training that takes place in the field. The apprentices of Local 1249 need to be taught the job from the ground up by the members on the job. Please take the time to show these apprentices the right way to perform the job they are doing.

Since the last publication of the Local 1249 newsletter, the following member has achieved the classification of Journeyman Lineman: James O'Connor

Accident Summary

Ferguson Electric - Apprentice -
Vehicle Collision

Continuing Lost Time

Hooper Electric - JL- Backhoe flipped over
Continuing Lost Time

Hawkeye Electric - JL -
Leg pinched between poles

Lost Time

CDL Physicals

A reminder to everyone...

CDL physicals expire after two years. Please check your card or contact this office for more information or an appointment 315-656-8386.



JL Dave Giannotta & JL Danny Brooks placing grounds on 345KV BUSS in substation in Rochester, NY.



*Hawkeye sagging wires in Rochester, NY
February 10, 2007*

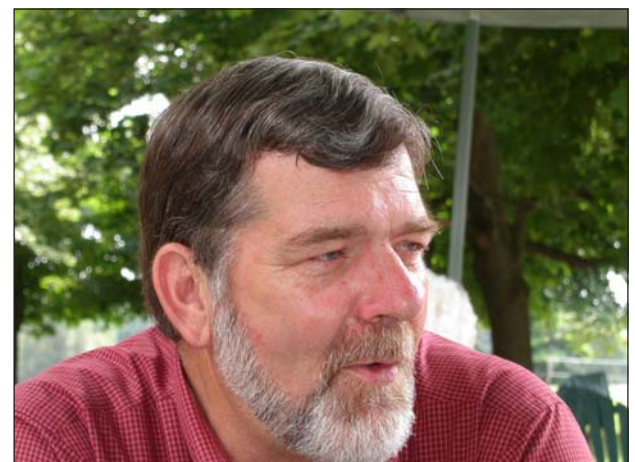


Assistant Business Representatives Steve Karboski and Mark Lawrence in Lake Placid with our Lake Placid Village Electric Dept. Union Brothers and Sisters , February 2007.



*Business Manager John Bishko
Retired on February 28, 2007*

*Thank you John for all that you have
done for Local 1249!*



*Assistant Business Representative
Marty Riester at the Local 1249 Clambake.*



In Memorium

	Chapter	Initiated	Retired
Peter Bolak	A	11/06/1952	06/01/1991
Patrick J. Carroll	A	05/23/2001	**
Jesse E. Farr, Jr.	A	05/12/1958	11/01/1988
Gary L. Paro	A	07/09/1969	**
William F. Reed	A	07/20/1971	09/01/2003
James H. Richards	A	06/10/1958	07/01/1980
Benson Butler	BA	08/08/1978	09/01/1988
James E. Jarman	BA	05/01/1992	**

** AM - Active member at time of death.

Remembering Our Brothers Who Have Passed On...

Local 1249 Union Meetings at the Union Hall at 8:00 p.m.

April 13, 2007

May 4, 2007

June 1, 2007



**International Brotherhood
of Electrical Workers
Local Union 1249**
6518 Fremont Road
East Syracuse, N.Y. 13057-0277

Buy Union Made Goods & Services...