



449'er News Letter

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Welcome to On-Line Dues Payments:

1. Go to IBEWlocal449.org

2. Go to Pay Dues/Death Fund Online

3. 1st time going to the dues/ death fund:

***Your username is your Card Number.**

***Your initial password is your last name and the last four digits of your SSN.**

*** You will be required to change your password on your first login.**

4. Verify that your mailing address and phone number is correct. The Grayed out areas you can not change. Then Save the information.

5. Go to the Dues Drop Down Box. Select Dues Paid.

6. Choose the Amount that you want to pay. If you are part of the death fund. The current count shows what we have paid out since the death fund went to the LPX software. The paid thru on the death fund is the total that you have paid thru. You have to subtract the death count from your total. That will give you the total you have left.

Also, If you have paid for 7 death funds the next count would be 8 and that would only Charge \$5.00.

7. Review the total charges before you hit pay charges to ensure you are paying what you wanted to.

8. Enter all of the information that matches the credit/ debit card that you are paying with.

9. Then hit next. You will get a confirmation that it went through. Once it has been approved it goes to the software and will notify the office that we need to send the dues receipt.

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IBEW Local 449 and Vubiz are pleased to provide hundreds of Online Training Courses for Your Members and their Families

The courses cover subjects from Mold Awareness to Time Management to Back Safety to Basic Finance to VuKidz courses and more. The courses can be available to your members and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They can take and re-take them as often as they want. We are certain that they will find many courses that will address both their needs and interests.

To access the training go to: <http://ibewus.vubizlearning.com/>

Click on a Language to see the instructions in your Language of choice.

The first time you sign on click on the bottom left where it says: First Time User? and complete the 6 questions that will allow us to print certificates with your name on them and recognize you when you return to take more courses. Under 'Name' be sure to enter your First and Last names, for example: John Smith. Membership # is an optional field so if you do not have one, please enter 123.

Every time that you sign on, you will just need to enter the User Name and Password that you chose for yourself.

To add a course to your Current Enrollments, click on Course Catalogue and then click on View to choose the English, French or Spanish version. Next click on View to see the courses in the General, Canadian Specific or US Specific Catalogues. Chose the course you want to add by clicking on Select. It will now appear in your Current Enrollments.

Upon successful completion of a course, click on My Completed Training to print or save your certificate. It may take up to an hour after you have completed the course for it to appear here.

We hope that you enjoy the training and will make the most of it. The value of these courses if bought individually would cost thousands of dollars. We are proud to be able to make this opportunity available to your members.

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Norm Vokey at norm.vokey@vubiz.com or call 416-949-2071

BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The local has several events coming this summer our annual picnic June 22nd, we will be hosting the 8th district progress meeting June 24th thru the 27th, and the Chukars night August 10th. The Local is hosting the welcome reception for the Progress meeting this will be at the hall June 24th in the evening please feel welcome to come join and meet some of 8th districts leaders.

I would like to take this time to state the objects of the IBEW as written in the CONSTITUTION:

OBJECTS

The objects of the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers are:

To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions,

To promote reasonable methods of work,

To cultivate feelings of friendship among those of our industry,

To settle all disputes between employers and employees by arbitration (if possible),

To assist each other in sickness or distress,

To secure employment,

To reduce the hours of daily labor,

To secure adequate pay for our work,

To seek a higher and higher standard of living,

To seek security for the individual,

And be legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social conditions of our members, their families and dependents, in the interest of a higher standard of citizenship.

As the Business Manager and proud local 449 member these objects are dear to me. I hope as you read them they are also dear to you.

Fraternally Yours,
Clay Hirning
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Assistant Business Manager/Dispatcher



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a great winter and with spring hopefully around the corner, I hope you all get out and enjoy the sunshine. Work is steady in the Twin Falls area and on the Eastern side things are looking good with work and the INL and some smaller working coming.

I would like to take a minute to thank the examining board for all of their effort that they have put in. Bryan Baret, Gabe Petersen and Ross Hayes, Scott Thomas as an alternate. We have had eight people pass and become Journeyman Inside Wireman. Congratulations to them. I would also like to thank Scott Thomas for stepping up to fill a vacancy on our E-board.

The Utah Subcommittee for outside apprentices has been going well. Also, the Sub-Station apprenticeship is going well. Currently we have interviews scheduled for April. If you know of anyone interested, please feel free to call me.

I will be attending the IBEW Construction and Maintenance Conference in April and the AFL-CIO Convention in June.

Hope you all have a wonderful spring! Thank you for all that you do!

In Solidarity

Cory Facer
Card # D579694

449 Organizer

I was happy to help Salt Lake with an organizing blitz the first week in April. We hit just over 900 doors that week. I have been hitting job sites and doing house calls in our area as well.

On March 15,2024, Clay and I signed Cold River Electric. Erroll Gillman is the owner and one of our members. If you know of any members that are interested in becoming a contractor let us know. We can help them with the process of becoming a contractor. Any Member that is interested can sign up and attend the new contractor training. If you have any questions about the contractor training, please contact myself or Dan Green.

8th District Insurance History: The provided options to the trustees and then the trustees brought those options to the membership and then membership votes and the trustee take it back to the providers. With that being said, over the past few months we have received quite a few questions regarding the insurance. This is what I have found so far talking to retired members and former Business Agents. Between 1996 thru 2002 roughly, the 8th district membership voted to dropped our hour bank down to offset a \$0.30-cent increase,. They also voted to remove our 80/20% dental coverage instead of taking a \$0.30-cent increase. 4 years later the membership decided they wanted the dental coverage back and the 8th district voted to accept a \$0.35cent increase to get exams, cleanings and partial coverage back. In the time frame of 1996 thru 2002 the 8th district membership voted to drop our 80/20% optical insurance instead of taking a \$0.30cent increase. The 8th district membership voted a couple years later to drop our optical coverage. The 8th district membership decided they wanted optical coverage back. The 8th district membership voted to accepted a \$0.25 cent increase for new coverage that only covered optical exams. During those six years we have taken a \$0.60 cent increase to lose our hour bank and all but exams, cleanings and partial coverage on our dental plan and exams only on our optical plan. If we would have voted to accept the \$0.90 cents over that 6 years period. We would still have 80/20 optical and dental coverage as well as 6 month hour bank. It always costs more to get coverage back than to keep it.

Fraternally,

Craig McDonald
Card # D998707



449 Organizer

Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is finally here and with it the prospect of more work. We have been able to bring in some great new members recently both journeymen and apprentices and as the Western side continues to grow. I am sending out letters as well as reaching out in person to the small to medium sized contractors in the area to try and build a relationship with some of the new contractors in Twin. Speaking of new contractors, I would like to wish Tim Breland the best of luck and much success in opening Breland Electric and Solar here in Twin Falls. As I have mentioned before there is new contractor training about every three months between Boise and Salt Lake. It's a great class so contact the hall if you're interested in attending. The cost of the class is covered by the hall so please reach out if you have interest in starting your own shop.

The new hall in Twin is coming together nicely and we are looking forward to hosting an open house sometime in the coming months. We hope you can attend and see our new home in Twin Falls..

As always please feel free to call me with any ideas, suggestions or questions.

Fraternally,

Dan Green.



Local 449 President

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

I certainly hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. It has been a busy year so far and doesn't appear to be slowing down anytime soon. Here are a few dates and events to keep in mind:

- **June 16-23, 2024**
IBEW 55th Reunion, Indian Springs Resort and RV 3249 Indian Springs Road
American Falls, ID
- **June 18, 2024**
Reunion Ride
- **June 22, 2024**
IBEW Local 449 Picnic, Ross Park 2695 S 2nd Ave Pocatello ID
- **June 24-27, 2024**
IBEW 8th District Progress Meeting, Pocatello ID
- **June 25, 2024**
Solidarity Ride
- **August 10, 2024**
Chuckars Night Idaho Falls, ID

I would encourage any member to go and check out the IBEW Reunion. It is a very enjoyable experience. I had the opportunity to be at the 2017 reunion in American Falls and it was a great way to network and socialize with brothers and sisters from all over the country. The food is first rate!

I planning to get an information booth at the Portneuf Valley Farmers Market located in the Historic Downtown Pocatello on the corner of Center Street and Garfield Avenue at Look Out Point by the Marshall Public Library. The season begins May and concludes in October every Saturday morning beginning at 9 A.M. I will be looking for volunteers to help operate the booth. In the past, we handed out informational pamphlets about the JATC and benefit information from the hall. It is a great way to interact with the community and show what the IBEW has to offer. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

A union is as strong as the members who participate in its operations and activities.

Respectfully,

Ross Harrington





Brothers and Sisters

We currently have 85 apprentices in the program. We have taken on several in the last three months. If you have a opportunity to work with any of them, help them become the best they can be. It is everyone's job as an IBEW member to help all our members.

There are several more CEU classes coming up before this cycle. We will have another round coming up in the fall. The 5th year will be graduating this year on June 28th. If you can, come out and cheer them on.

The JATC is looking for a full-time instructor. We are also looking for people that would like to teach part time. If you are interested call the JATC.

Fraternally,

Chris Lochridge
Training Director
Eastern Idaho Electrical JATC

Registrar

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This session, we saw significant legislative achievements that will have a lasting impact on our community and our profession. Your ongoing support and dedication continue to inspire me to work hard in the Idaho State Legislature.

Proud Achievements:

I'm particularly proud of the legislation we passed to fund school facilities. This initiative is crucial for ensuring that our educational institutions, such as Highland High School, receive the necessary maintenance and upgrades to create safe and effective learning environments. Our schools are the heart of our community, and this funding will help prepare our next generation of students for success.

Another key victory was the continuation of funding for the Idaho LAUNCH program. As a tradesman, I understand the importance of vocational training for young people, preparing them for vital careers in our economy such as electricians and plumbers. This investment not only empowers individuals but also supports our local economy by readying skilled workers to fill essential jobs.

We also achieved notable successes in the defeat of two problematic bills. The rejection of House Bill 602, which was an attack on teachers' rights to bargain collectively, was a win for educators and their ability to advocate for fair working conditions. Additionally, we successfully stopped House Bill 704, which aimed to codify electrical code without many of the necessary GFCI and AFCI requirements in homes. Ensuring the safety of electrical work is a key part of our mission, and defeating this bill aligns with our commitment to safety.

A major achievement was the passing of Senate Bill 1299, sponsored by myself and Sen. James Ruchti. SB 1299 removed a portion of Idaho's right-to-work laws, specifically known as the Fair Contracting Act. This portion had been found unconstitutional in 2015, and its removal from Idaho code marks an important step forward. This change will contribute to fair labor practices and improved working conditions for our members.

Disappointments:

On the flip side, we encountered some setbacks. The failure of SB 1445, which would have funded the summer EBT program for low-income children, was a major disappointment. This bill could have provided essential nutritional support during the summer months, helping ensure children have consistent access to food year-round. Additionally, the failure of H393, aimed at increasing flexibility for mental health counselors and clients, was another blow. This legislation could have been instrumental in addressing our state's mental health crisis by improving access to care.

Looking Ahead:

In the upcoming interim, I am committed to focusing on several key areas in preparation for the next session. First, I will work on legislation to incentivize the use of American-made materials in state infrastructure projects. This supports local and national manufacturers while ensuring quality in public projects.

Additionally, I will continue to defend Medicaid and fight against any attempts to undermine this critical healthcare service. Access to healthcare is vital for all Idahoans, and we must protect it.

Lastly, addressing Idaho's shortage of skilled blue-collar workers is essential. By supporting educational and training programs and exploring incentives for careers in trades, we can build a strong workforce to support our state's economy.

Thank you for your unwavering support and trust. Together, we can continue making a difference in our state and beyond.

In solidarity,
Nate Roberts
Card #7475589

Motorcycle Club

Hello All,

Spring is upon us, and another year of riding awaits. This year we are supporting the poker run for the local IBEW reunion on June 19th and be supporting the 8th District ride on June 25th. Further information will be forthcoming as details are ironed out. We are planning an April 20th ride to start the year out. Dust your bike off, change the oil and come join us! If you need information, please call or text our leadership.

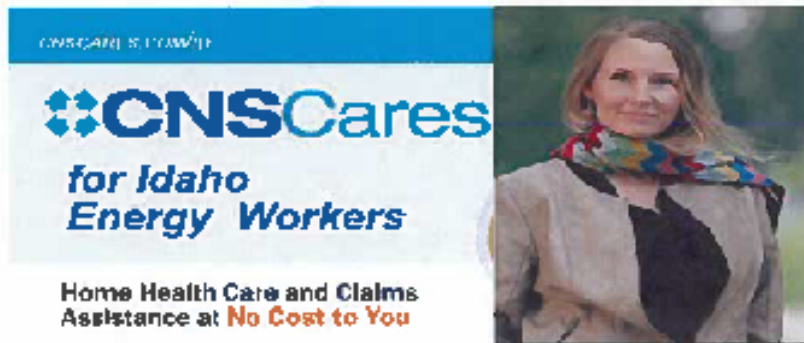
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CNSCares is growing

CNSCares
for Idaho
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Home Health Care and Claims
Assistance at **No Cost to You**

Meet Jenetta Serrano, the newest addition to the CNS Cares team in the Ammon, Idaho office, where she assumes the role of Business Development Manager. Hailing from Idaho Falls, Jenetta is deeply rooted in her community, where she is raising four remarkable boys while nurturing her love for football.

With a keen understanding of the profound influence of organizations like the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) on local communities, Jenetta brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Previously serving as a Community Relations Director within the Assisted Living sector, she developed a profound passion for elder care, recognizing its vital importance in our society.

Jenetta takes immense pride in joining an organization dedicated to providing top-tier healthcare and guidance to those in need. In her own words, "CNS Cares embodies the perfect fusion of my professional expertise and personal passions." The CNS Cares Idaho office will be holding monthly events each second Tuesday of the month. The first event will be March 12th at 11:30 a.m. and is held for former Idaho National Laboratory workers. To learn more, contact us: 208-360-1318 or CNSCares.com/ID.



Get help from a claims expert!

My name is Melissa Byrd and I am an authorized representative for the EEOICPA. I have over 6 years of experience in helping former & current workers from the Idaho National Laboratory and many other Department of Energy sites Nationwide file their Dept. of Labor EEOICPA claim. As most Government programs, navigating the required forms, paperwork and government lingo in a timely manner, I realized how difficult this process was for claimants. I have had the pleasure of helping hundreds of former and current DOE Nuclear site workers from across the Nation who have developed a chronic illness due to their occupational exposures gain access to their benefits under the DOL's Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. I have great expertise in linking illnesses to toxic chemical exposure(s) and pride myself for possessing great passion in helping this specific population! It is a passion of mine to help those who have helped secure our Country's Freedom!

An Authorized Representative is a person a claimant legally appoints to act on their behalf in dealings with the Department of Labor for EEOICPA claims. There are a small number of EEOICPA Authorized Representatives who are true experts and focus solely on EEOICPA claims, such as myself. As your Authorized Representative, I handle all of the necessary research, documentation, and paperwork needed for successful and timely claim processing.



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Important 2024 Dates

New Dues Starting July 2024

2024 Union Dues—Classification	
Jryn. Wireman/Inside Wireman/Wireman/Jryn. Technician/Secretary/ CE	\$48.00
Jryn. Lineman/Lineman/Equipment Operator/Mechanic	\$47.00
Apprentice Wireman/Groundman/Apprentice Lineman/ CW	\$46.00
Metal Trades	\$45.45
<u>Utility members</u>	\$22+1/2% Gross Wages

Zack Sievers Baby Boy 3/15/2024



William T Irving JW December 1, 2023
Robert Chandler JW December 3, 2023
James Kondel JW December 22, 2023
Terrance Fitzpatrick December 2023
Gary J Triplett JW January 29, 2024
Richard D. Long JW February 6, 2024
Michael McKay Tree Trimmer 2/26/24

IBEW Local 449 Retirees

Garland Smith Terry Jensen
Carl Shearer Emil Hintermaier
Marty Cobrun David Craig
Mark Reed
Jeff Jenkins



April 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Regular Meeting 7:30	5	6
7	8	9 E- Board Meeting 7:00 P.M	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 E-Board meeting 7:00 P.M	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

June 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 Regular Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 Executive Board meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Picnic at Lower Ross Park
23	24 79th An- nual 8th District	25 Progress meeting	26	27	28	29
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