March 16, 2020

RE: **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to reach out and help with some up to date information. In these challenging times, many of us will find ourselves grappling with new problems and concerns while we all work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. We are actively monitoring updates and guidelines from the CDC, state and county to help guide us through. The following is a list of items to keep you updated about the shelter-in-place order for the counties of Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa, Marin, and Alameda until April 7, 2020.

- The April 7th General Membership Meeting has been canceled, per the I/O.
- All committee meetings are canceled indefinitely.
- Electrical Contractors have begun temporarily shutting down non-essential jobsites.
- All checks will be mailed to the addresses on file with the contractor.
- **THERE IS NO NEED TO SIGN THE BOOKS TO COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT.**
- The local hall will remain open for information during business hours, with staff on hand to answer questions by telephone (as long as the law permits). The front doors will be closed to walk in traffic.
- Dispatch office will remain open for essential business only.
- Please visit the following websites for information about unemployment:
  
  
Due to the rapidly changing information regarding the virus and its effects, we will utilize our website and e-mail system to publish regular updates and information. Please check the website (www.IBEW332.org) and your email regularly.

- Please be patient when calling the hall at (408) 269-4332. Due to reduced staff and increased calls, we expect the call volume to increase significantly. Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed for lunch from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm).
- IBEW RENEW has offered to help any retirees who live locally and need assistance with errands or shopping. Please contact Javier Casillas at jcasillas@ibew332.org or (408) 506-7585.

Above all else, from my family to yours, please take care of yourselves and your families. Our members’ personal safety and well-being is of the utmost importance.

In Solidarity,

Dan Rodriguez

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