

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JANUARY 9, 2020

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC Branch 343 send up to 12 officers and/or stewards to the Region 5 Rap Session to be held on February 22 and 23 of 2020 in Overland Park, Kansas and pay their expenses.
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- MSC Branch 343 send up to seven people to the Labor Law Institute Conference to be held on March 27, 2020, here in St. Louis and pay their registration fees which would total \$1,925 maximum if registered before January 15.
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- MSC Branch 343 send the branch president and one of his officers to the committee of presidents meeting held on April 4 and 5, 2020, in Anchorage, Alaska, and pay their expenses.

New Members

Eugene Jones..... Jennings 12-06-19
 Lynika Moore Jennings 12-14-19
 Robert Swift..... Mackenzie Pointe.. 12-06-19
 John Thomas Southwest 12-06-19
 Diamura Whitlock..... Gravois..... 10-26-19

Recently Retired Members

Robert F. McCollum Sappington 11-30-19
 Timothy S. Brennan..... Affton 12-31-19
 Colleen D. Derby..... South County 12-31-19
 Sandra M. McClanahan .. West County..... 12-31-19
 Joseph W. Tipton..... South County 12-31-19
 Carolyn L. Wonsewith.... Sappington 12-31-19

Deceased Members

Charles L. Blechle..... Gold Card..... 12-16-19
 Al Henske..... 60-Year 3-11-19

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report, LBA Brian Litteken: The USPS intends to investigate the use of autonomous delivery vehicles with a contract awarded later this year. A contract for the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle is anticipated late in the summer this year. New vehicles are expected by the end of 2020. The second day of the hearing on the national level consolidated casing arbitration was held on December 18. The decision isn't expected until five months from now.

Labor Council Report, Mike Chenot: The Labor Tribune has an unfunded pension liability of \$3.7 million and needs \$1.3 million to clear its legal obligations. The Labor Tribune is asking every St. Louis and Southern Illinois union to contribute \$25,000.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: The NALC CCA Retirement Savings Plan is a retirement income plan for CCAs to supplement their pension.

Mound City Carrier Report, Brian Litteken: The delegate election results for the 2020 national and state conventions are published in the January issue.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Eight applications for the scholarship have been received.

Health Benefit Report, Chet Drain: Go to the HBP plan website (www.nalchbp.org) and peruse the myriad of programs designed to assist you in staying healthy.

OWCP Report, Chet Drain: When a CCA gets injured on the job the Postal Service only wants to pay four hours/day for COP. This is incorrect. The CCA is paid COP based on the number of hours scheduled to work or average hours worked in the past 12 months.

Safety & Health Report, Richard Thurman: One distracted slip, trip or fall can have long-term complications for any individual and their family.

Political Action Honor Roll

MIKE WEIR★	LAURA KEIM★	JOHN H. HAAKE★	JOE POLITTE★
GENO IBERG★	TOM SCHULTE★	ROBERT FLAHERTY★	DON CHARTRAND★
BILL LISTER★	KEN MEYER★	ROBERT RAPISARDO★	NICKI L. PRADO★
TOM HARMAN★	CHARLES SEXTON★		

DERRICK WILLIAMS	MICHAEL JENNINGS	JAMES GOHEEN	MICHAEL "THUMPER" THARP
ROY HATCHARD JR.	MARION HARRIS	SARONDA SUTHERLAND	CATHERINE CIARAMITARO
GUS FRANK			

The above honor roll gives special recognition to those members who give \$50 or more. Each star represents \$100

Mike Chenot Loren Loerch

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Trustees Report, Tina Hunt: The books were audited and found to be in good order.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin: The arbitration decision on the 2016-2019 LMOU was received. The award increases the percentage of carriers allowed off each annual leave period from 14.5% to 15.5%; defines a procedure for posting and filling holddown assignments; and grants a carrier a vacation selection for a union convention or training during second phase if the carrier did not receive that selection during first phase. The award denies changes to carrier parking and choice vacation selection in December.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Brad Layton: Read financial report for November. 2020 branch union buttons are available.

President's Comments, Robert Rapisardo: The cost of lodging for the 2020 national convention in Hawaii will cost between \$26,000 to \$38,000. A hearing on an unfair labor charge occurred on January 9.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES JANUARY 9, 2020

1. Blues vs. New York Rangers	Saturday 1/11 @ 7 p.m.	Tamiaka Mays, South County
2. Blues vs. Carolina Hurricanes	Tuesday 2/4 @ 7 p.m.	Ramona Droege, South County
3. SLU Men's Basketball vs. Fordam Rams	Sunday 1/26 @ 2 p.m.	John Perulfi, Gravois
4. SLU Men's Basketball vs. Dayton Flyers	Friday 1/17 @ 6 p.m.	Tiffany Hager, South County
50/50 Winner	\$33	Derrick Williams, Retired