

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JANUARY 9, 2025

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC: That Branch 343 donates a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the 2025 MDA 29th annual Reel in the Cure, Buddy Bass Tournament which will be held this year on April 5-6.
- MSC That the branch send an additional officer with the branch president to the committee of presidents' meeting in April and pay expenses.



New Members

Ahmedin Becirovic ... Kirkwood..... 11/30/2024
 Taynia Bennett Warrenton 12/6/2024
 Michelle Moser Warrenton 11/30/2024
 Demetria Phillips Maryville Gardens .. 11/30/2024

Recently Retired Members

Horatio Bryant Clayton 12/31/2024
 Keith Hamilton Coyle 12/27/2024
 Andrea Pearson West County 12/31/2024

Deceased Members

William Grau..... Gold Card..... 11/13/2024
 Thomas Harman 75 Year Member.....01/04/2025
 Corey Nelson Active 01/06/2025
 Tom Seifert..... Retired 12/30/2024



BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

1. SLU Billikens vs La Salle	Jan 22	Nate Markovich, Southwest
2. Blues vs Calgary Flames	Jan 16	Mustafa Alshalabi, Kirkwood
3. Blues vs Chicago Blackhawks	Feb 8	Kelly Steinbecker, Kirkwood
	\$26	Nate Markovich, Southwest

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read by Recording Secretary Richard Brown and accepted.

NBA's Report, Dave Teegarden: Safety teams are out looking for carriers with headphones on and seatbelts off. If caught, they are putting carriers on 16.7. Dave advised carriers to take the headphones off and to put seat belts on. Dave stated that at least three carriers were robbed at gunpoint in 2022 and that the thieves were caught and recently sentenced to 21 years and three months in jail. Dave spoke on the passing of President Jimmy Carter and his lifetime of work, specifically, that he created FEMA.

Labor Council Report, Frank Enlow: Frank reported that the council has done a lot to restructure itself. They have created some new committees, mainly trustees. The grades of kids in the public school system have gone up.

Mound City Carrier Report, Matt Gleiforst: Matt spoke on the upcoming events in the MCC. He also referred to the page in the MCC which advises what to do when an active or retired letter carrier dies.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: We received 23 applications. Packets will be sent to the applicants, and they will be due back March 1. Hoping for three winners.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: He echoed the NBA regarding the safety teams coming out. They are contacting your management to come out and put you off the clock. You can't be in the parking lot driving with headphones on and no seat belt on. The service is behind 6,000 street observations (PS 4584) in the district. They should identify themselves, notify you of the deficiency and you should get a copy of the PS 4584. You should ask if their stoppage of you can result in discipline, if so, you should ask for a steward. The wildfires in California have affected letter carriers.

Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken: Books audited and found in good standing.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: The branch is still receiving calls about not receiving ballots to vote on the Tentative Agreement. The deadline to return them has been extended to 1/27/25. You can call 202-393-0614 to request a new ballot. SWIP is about two weeks from completing the database and will begin beta testing.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Marvin read his financial report for December. He advised that second phase still has not been released, partly because management downtown has not been reporting to work. Once it is posted, if there is an issue, please verify your bid card for accuracy first, then call the Union Hall if there is a problem.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: John advised that ballots are due to be received by January 27. He advised that you should probably round stamp it if it's close to that date. He commented on the article in the MCC regarding the carriers who were robbed and the person that was arrested. John believes that we will file an installation wide Act of God grievance for carriers being sent home and not paid for Monday and Tuesday, January 6 and 7, 2025. John referenced the RAP session scheduled for January 31-February 2. He also spoke of the route inspections scheduled for March and that he will try to have two training sessions on route inspections. Finally, he thanked Pam Stepney for reminding the carriers that the meeting was still on for tonight.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary*