

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

AUGUST 14, 2025

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That Branch 343 donates a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the NALC Branch 343 Softball Tournament.
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- MSC That the branch purchase a pair of Blues tickets for 10 games at a cost of no more than \$1,500. These tickets will be given away as attendance prizes at the October through February branch meetings.
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- MSC That the branch purchase two seats, not to exceed \$605, for half the St. Louis Billikens men's basketball 2025-2026 season to be given away as attendance prizes at the branch general meeting.
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- MSC That Branch 343 sponsors two holes at \$50 per hole for the Charles W. Cook Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit MDA to be held Sunday, September 21.
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- MSC That Branch 343 purchase a printer for the recording secretary desk for scanning and printing, at a cost of no more than \$650.
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New Members

Danitra BranscombAffton.....7/16/2025
 Kenzion Brown.....Chouteau.....7/26/2025
 Ron Camper.....Carrier Square8/2/2025
 Keara Clinkscale.....Oldham.....7/11/2025
 Shayla EdwardsWentzville7/26/2025
 Danielle Fitzhenry Jr.....Arnold.....7/26/2025
 Kevin Jones Jr.....Fenton8/2/2025
 Jeremy Kirch.....Creve Coeur7/26/2025
 Adam Knight.....Washington.....7/5/2025
 Brian Pearson.....Coyle8/2/2025
 Michael Petty.....Normandy7/11/2025
 Larissa RandleSappington8/2/2025
 Quinesha Shannon.....Kirkwood.....7/18/2025
 Aliceshia Taylor-Young...Normandy8/2/2025
 Tionne ThomasCarrier Square7/26/2025
 Quinton WinesClayton.....7/15/2025

Recently Retired Members

Sharon BentleySappington6/30/2025
 Steven Gaines.....Creve Coeur6/30/2025
 Edward Johnston Jr.....Creve Coeur8/15/2025
 Lemora McGruderMaryville Gardens ..7/31/2025

Deceased Members

Raymond E. Breakfield....60-Year Member...7/20/2025
 Samuel R. Cox.....Gold Card8/8/2025

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

1. Cardinals vs Pittsburgh Pirates
2. Cardinals vs Pittsburgh Pirates
3. Cardinals vs Oakland Athletics
4. Cardinals vs Oakland Athletics
5. Cardinals vs San Francisco

August 26

August 27

September 2

September 3

September 7



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Pamela Stepney, Retired

Jyron Johnson, Weathers

Adrenia Sargent, Maryville Gardens

Rance Hope, West County

Michael Goheen, Creve Coeur

Jyron Johnson, Weathers

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: If you know any retirees, remind them that the retiree picnic will be on Wednesday, October 1 in Creve Coeur Park, at the Tremayne Shelter. Tom also announced that we have in attendance James Goheen who is a 65-year member. He was unable to make the Ole Timer's celebration, so the branch presented him with his pin at this meeting.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: Pam spoke about the Labor Celebration Parade and Festival which is Sunday, August 24 at 9 a.m. The parade starts at James Eagan Center in Florissant and ends at the Knights of Columbus Park. Pam encouraged all to attend, in clean uniforms. Boeing is on strike as the employees voted their contract offer down twice.

Health Benefit Report, Barry Linan: Barry spoke about the "Maven Network" which is part of the NALC Health Benefit Plan. It provides for expecting mothers to receive free special treatments that may be needed.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Tom reminded us of nominations for 2026 National Convention and 2027 State Convention will be September 11. He also advised that in order to qualify as a paid delegate, you must have attended at least 16 meetings prior to the convention. The rotating day calendar for 2026 will be in the September issue of the MCC. The golf tournament is still in need of teams and volunteers.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Applications for both the John Haake Scholarship (\$1,500) and the Charles Coyle Scholarship (\$1,000) will be in the September issue of the MCC. These are available for high school seniors only.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: The Postal Service has approved a vehicle to be issued to SD sites. They have cameras throughout and around the vehicle, in addition to sensors around the vehicle, which send notifications back to the scanner. Some of the vehicles have already been damaged and management has sent Letters of Demand to the carriers responsible for the damage. We recently had a child run over, due to a carrier backing up in the customers driveway. Finally, there will be teams on the street next week, so be safe out there.

OWCP Report, Barry Linan: Barry reminded us that those who get injured on the job must complete a CA-1, and should also create an

account on ECOMP. He advised that you are not required to file your claim on ECOMP, as management has incorrectly informed carriers.

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

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Mike read the name of the most recent contributor.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: The projected COLA is 2.7 %. Mike spoke on the resolutions currently before Congress and asked us to contact our senators asking for their support to get the bills passed. Producer Price Index is going up, which affects the cost of goods.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: The State Convention will be held September 26-28. All qualified delegates will receive a call soon, to confirm if you will be attending. The golf tournament will be at Rolling Hills again, and the food will be at the same caterer's place. We have finally been able to get Step A stewards remote access to the database. Post office back pay should be on your August 29 paycheck and the branch backpay should be on the August 20 paycheck. Audits have been carried out by the OIG at several offices and the P&DC and they found many deficiencies. If you return mail at the end of the day, complete a PS Form 1571 upon returning. Also, make sure you get cleared at the end of the day for your arrow key. Finally, scan the parcels at the address in which they belong.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Marvin read his financial report for July 2025. He thanked Richard Brown for sitting in for him during his vacation period. Marvin said that if you cannot be cleared of your arrow key at the end of the day, put it in a blue collection mailbox and inform management in the morning where you put it.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: The NALC at the national level is supposed to monitor and ensure that people who go over 12/60 work hours are paid the proper amount. We will have water and soda for our attendees of the Labor Celebration Parade. The three different offices, Southwest, West County, Maryville Gardens all filed grievances due to the inspections. The branch tried to give management an opportunity to minimize the problems that come with bidding city wide by reducing the bidding to the stations affected only, but management has not responded with any certainty. They are now planning to inspect Fenton and Kirkwood.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary