

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JULY 9, 2026

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC That the branch purchases the usual black and white 1/8 page (3 5/6" x 5") ad in the 2026 Labor Day Issue of the Labor Tribune at a cost of \$439.

New Members

- Michael Burgdorf.....St. James.....6/27/2026
Daniel Campbell.....Union.....6/13/2026
Tyler WrightPark Hills.....6/13/2026

Recently Retired Members

- Robert AlexanderClayton..... 6/29/2026
Michael Carranza.....Des Peres 5/29/2026
Dino Dimercurio.....Des Peres 6/30/2026
Sharon GardnerSappington 6/30/2026
John RohlfingKirkwood..... 5/29/2026

Deceased Member

- Donald DoebberGold Card7/4/2026

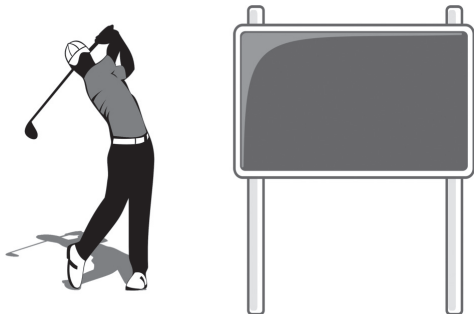
2026 Branch 343 Calendar Correction:

Please be aware of a correction to the Pay Periods in the month of December.

Pay Period 01 on December 12, 2026, should be Pay Period 27.

Accordingly, December 26, 2026, should be Pay Period 01.

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Branch Meeting Attendance Prizes

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| 1. Cardinals vs Colorado Rockies | Aug 9 |
| 2. Muny: Newsies | July 21 |
| 3. Muny: Ain't Too Proud | July 28 |
| 4. Muny: Meet Me in St. Louis | Aug 11 |
| 5. Muny: Something Rotten | Aug 18 |



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- Michael Goheen, Des Peres
Charles Kell, Des Peres
Frank Enlow, U-City
Brian Gray, Southwest
Pamela Stepney, Retired

Deon Littejohn, Gravois

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 and accepted.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: There were 38 in attendance. Bernie Ryan from AFL-CIO spoke about Amendments 4 & 5 in Missouri and the importance of voting no on both. All August meetings will be moved back one week due to the National Convention.

Labor Council Report, Frank Enlow: There is still no decision on who is going to run the Labor Council in St. Louis. Republicans have raised \$8 million dollars to give to those who want to learn a trade, but only if the trade school is not supported by unions. Labor Day festival probably will not happen this year as they did not secure a permit. Data Centers are real and there seems to be no regulations against them.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Retirement Seminar will be Sunday, July 23, at the Union Hall hosted by Mike Weir. Nominations for branch officers will take place at the regular branch meeting September 10. The term for officers shall be three years. The 39th Annual Golf Tournament for MDA will be October 11 at Rolling Hills.

Haake Scholarship Report, The three scholarship winners were announced and their bios were read. They were also presented with their award along with photo ops for each.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: This past weekend we had another fatality. A rural carrier in Springfield, Missouri, was driving an LLV with no seat belt on and the doors open. She was hit on the left side of the vehicle while making a left turn and killed on impact, being ejected from the vehicle. Another rural carrier was hit from the left side and ejected from the vehicle, and he is paralyzed from the chest down. If you are injured and not wearing a seat belt, it will void your insurance claim.

Trustees Report, La'Tecse Litteken: The books were audited for May and June and are in good standing.

Political Action Committee Report, Mike Weir: Read the name of contributors. Inflation has not gone away. It started at 2% in March and now it's at 3.6%.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: The Supreme Court struck down the executive order eliminating Birth Right Citizenship, upholding the 14th Amendment. Trump refuses to sign the bipartisan bill geared toward improving housing affordability, unless they enact the Safe Act. Vote no on Amendment 4 and 5 on August 4. Contribute to the PAC and LCPF.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: Delegates to the National Convention can vote in mid-term election in person starting July 13 with an excuse, and July 21 without an excuse. All branch officer's nominations will be on September 10. There will be a 31-day Moratorium starting July 25 due to the National Convention. No medical note obligates the post office to provide you with an air-conditioned vehicle nor to give you eight hours of work. If you can't complete your assignment, management could tell you to go home after doing what you can, unless you have been approved for Reasonable Accommodation or light duty.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker: Read his report for June. He was contacted by Wesley Bell's office regarding their viewing of the dog out video. We will see where it goes.

President's Comments, John McLaughlin: Management claimed they could no longer buy water at the stations. Contact Richard Thurman if this is happening at your office. Take breaks as needed and stay hydrated. The NALC website has training videos mostly useful to new stewards, located in the members only portal. Josh Hawley wants answers by July 21 regarding investigations into St. Louis mail issues. If you see mail piled up at your office, take pictures in case investigators come in and it's cleaned up. That way you can show them what was there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary