March 21, 2020

Brothers and Sisters,

On Friday Governor Pritzker issued a “Stay at Home” Executive Order for the state of Illinois. The order deems electrical workers and the contractors as essential businesses and operations, allowing us to be exempt from the “Stay at Home” provision of this order. The order doesn’t require job sites to be shut down but please understand, that neither the Local Union nor the electrical contractor can control whether a customer shuts down a job for the health and safety of their workers and ours. If your job is open for work remember the IBEW/NECA Emergency response agreement (NDERA) is in place.

Due to this order, on Monday March 23rd our hall will be closed to the public, except for referring members to work. This closure will be in place through April 7th which coincides with the duration of the Governors order. We will continue to evaluate the situation and extend this closure if needed. Our office staff will be working and ready to assist members by phone, email or fax but will not be open for walk in business. If you need to pay dues, please do so by mail or by phone.

Due to the order and our closer on March 23rd we will cease all in person registration of all lists until the order is lifted. At that time, we will allow in person registration of all lists. If you are working in local 461 and are laid off during this time have your severance slip sent in via fax (630) 897-7605, email (adminoffice@ibew461.com) or call us to work out a way to get us a copy. We will promptly put you on the proper out of work list in the order we receive the severance slips. If this order extends through the next resign period, please email or call to resign for April. Resign will go back to normal when the order is lifted.

• For traveling brothers wishing to sign the out of work list please fax your name, address, telephone number, drivers license and current dues receipt (630) 897-7605. Once the order is lifted, we will return to in person registration.

Thank you for your patience and understanding though these unprecedented times and know we are doing all this for the health and safety of all IBEW members and your families. We will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation with COVID-19 and keep everyone up to date as best we can.

In Solidarity,

Joel D Pyle II