



**Central Florida Chapter  
Local Union No. 3, I.B.E.W. Retirees Association  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, 2022, at 11:30 AM. It will be held at Houligan's Sports Grill, located at 1643 US Highway 1, Ormond Beach FL 32174. All brothers and sisters along with their spouses are welcome.

At the December "A" meeting there were 1354 AJ's out of work with a wait of 10 months. There are travel opportunities

There are currently 17 members serving active duty, let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

The furlough period for 2023 has not yet been determined

If there are any members that would like to attend our monthly meetings but do not have transportation please let me know and I will try to have someone in your area pick you up.

I was very happy to see that our letters that had gone out to retirees new to the area produced results. We added 7 new members to our chapter and I am hoping to keep adding members in 2023.

Dues for 2022 are still only \$15.00. Anyone who has not paid, please see Paul Dietrich at our next meeting or mail your dues to the address at the top of this page.

I would like to wish everyone a  
Healthy and Merry Christmas.

Fraternally yours,  
Michael Manfredi

# Minutes from the December A meeting

The latest General Membership Meeting on December 8 had vastly improved turnout and nominations were held for the Election Board for the Election of Local 3 Officers in May 2023. An informed membership is a strong membership, and an active membership demonstrates our strength to our allies and adversaries.

- General Membership Meeting business was temporarily suspended to nominate the Election Judges and Election Board for the 2023 Election of Officers to be held in May. An equal number of nominations were made for positions on the Election Board so one vote was cast in acclamation by Recording Secretary Michael J. Loreto.
- IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson retiring effective January 4, 2023. Congratulations on upcoming retirement and thank him for his service. Congratulations to current Secretary-Treasurer Ken Cooper who will succeed Lonnie Stephenson as International President.
- For members traveling for work in other IBEW Local jurisdictions: Local 3's online dues portal gives an unofficial receipt, so the official dues receipt must come from the Local 3 Dues Department for other locals when traveling. Remember to follow the rules and regulations of the IBEW Constitution. Notify the Employment Department if working in another jurisdiction so that the list is updated. Questions? Call the Construction Desk
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- Wage and Policy Committee meeting on December 20. Notices will be mailed to members on the committee.
- Currently there are 17 Local 3 members in active military service (U.S. Army, Army Reserves, Navy, Navy Reserves, Marine Corps, National Guard).
- JIB meeting on Wednesday, December 14 will confirm the number of weeks for the new period of the Furlough Plan that will start on January 3, 2023.
- Local 3 reached a new 3-year contract with the Jacob Javits Convention Center that went into effect last month.
- On occasion there is a demand for Street Light or Traffic repair personnel in the 'J' Division that requires 'A' journeypersons with a CDL to fill the calls. If you are unemployed and interested in working in the 'J' Division and currently hold a valid CDL please contact 718-591-4000 ext. 430.
- Safety Report: No safety incidents reported since the last meeting on November 10. 6,000 SST cards have arrived and are available on the 3rd floor of the JIB.
- [Champlain Hudson Power Express](#) will stretch 339 miles (546 kilometers) through New York state to deliver power produced by the company Hydro-Québec. Three PLA's are being negotiated, but there is a conflict with the Laborers' Union over conduits in the ground, whereas Local 3 and the IBEW usually has jurisdiction on this electrical work under the Outside branch of the IBEW.
- Harry Van Arsdale Jr.'s favorite sayings: "Help those less fortunate." "Be kind, everyone is putting up a hard fight." "When are people going to join the human race?" "You need to support the organization that supports you!"
- Electchester Tree Lighting on December 18 at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers decorated the tree and hung lights around Electchester on the morning of Saturday, December 3. Special thanks to the Sign Division, Apprentice Committee, Motorcycle Club, St. George Association, and union signatory contractors.