

MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
B. P. O. E Lodge #8, 2824 Klondike Lane, 40218
January 12, 2025

Call to Order:

- President - Steve Willinghurst (7:00 PM)

Invocation:

- Jerry Curry

General Business:

- Approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2025 General Membership Meeting as posted on the ECHL Facebook page. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes. Why the minutes were on the FB page and nowhere else was discussed.
The membership expressed its displeasure with not being able to read and/or print the Wire as they desired. David True will attempt to resolve this problem in the future with follow-up notifications to those responsible for posting.
- The 2026 NEC should be available before the end of the year. The Housing, Building, and Construction Advisory Committee met on Tuesday December 16, 2025. A motion was made by Ed Devine, Business Manager of IBEW Local Union 369, to begin the process of adopting the 2026 National Electrical Code. The Department will set up a task force to review the 2026 code and make a recommendation to the Advisory Committee.

Electrical Code Program

- Steve Willinghurst and Dennis Steier were the presenters for the NEC program tonight. Steve and Dennis are a long time board members of the ECHL. Dennis is the Secretary / Treasurer of the Kentucky Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and Steve is president of the ECHL and code educator for several organizations.
- The 2026 National Electrical Code was discussed as far as adoption by the state of Kentucky. Some of the issues that may hinder the adoption were referenced to past code cycles where the legislature and the Kentucky Home Builders objected to some of the changes, especially in the code that affected the residential housing market. And the impact of the electrical code on electrical contractors as far as first generations of ground-fault circuit breakers (GFCI) and arc-fault circuit breakers (AFCI) was discussed. As of this moment there is no way of noting if the 2026 NEC will have an adverse effect on the electrical contractors.

A useful discussion was an important part of this presentation. Questions were taken from the members to clarify parts of the presentation tonight.

The code questions included in the January 2026 Wire newsletter were answered by Dennis Steier.

The 50/50 drawing winner was David Schell

Attendance: 44 Members and Guests

Respectfully Submitted: David True