

MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
B. P. O. E Lodge #8, 2824 Klondike Lane, 40218
April 13, 2026

Call to Order:

- President - Steve Willinghurst (7:00 PM)

Invocation:

- Mark Yates

General Business:

- Approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2026 General Membership Meeting as posted on the ECHL Website and Facebook page. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
- The new KY state electrical license data base use was demonstrated by Dennis Steier.
- The Task Force reviewing the NEC 2026 has met and is on schedule to send its recommendation to the Code enforcement agency.

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.
- Written questions (in-the-field applications) with focus on the NEC were available on the ECHL webpage and at the ECHL General Membership Meeting for members. These questions were presented by Dennis & Steve and discussed with answers and articles in the NEC being referenced.
- The NEC code sections that were referenced were:
 - NEC Article 422.31(B) – Appliances / Disconnection of Permanently Connected Appliances / Appliances rated on 300 Volt-Amperes
 - NEC Article 210.8(B) – Branch Circuits Not Over 1000 Volts AC / Ground Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection for Personnel / Other Than Dwelling Units
 - NEC Article 225.31(A) Part II – Outside Branch Circuits and Feeders / Building or Other Structures Supplied by a Feeder or Branch Circuit / Disconnecting Means
 - NEC Article 250.122(F)(1) – Grounding and Bonding / Size of Equipment Grounding Conductors / Conductors in Parallel / Conductor Installations in Raceways...

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 April 2026 Wire newsletter were answered by Dennis Steier.

Code Questions in the April "Wire" Newsletter:

- 1) Can a 400 amp transfer switch be reconditioned? Where would you find this answer in the 2023 NEC? ■ No: NEC 702.2 – Optional Standby Systems / Reconditioned Equipment
- 2) Rating of a service disconnecting means for a two-circuit installation shall have a rating of not less than how many amps? Where would you find this in the 2023 NEC? ■ 30: NEC 230.79(B) / Services / Rating of Service Disconnecting Means / Two-Circuit Installations

- 3) Can you use a cast iron fitting when installing stainless steel IMC conduit? Where would you find this answer in 2023 NEC? ■ No: NEC 342.14 / Intermediate Metal Conduit / Dissimilar Metals
- 4) Can a switchboard instrument circuit be protected by a 20-amp overcurrent protective device? Where would you find this answer in 2023 NEC? ■ Yes: NEC 408.52-Exception 1 / Switchboards, Switchgear and Panelboards / Protection of Instrument Circuits
- 5) Can a general use disconnect be used on a 100 horsepower on an air conditioning compressor? Where would you find this answer in 2023 NEC? ■ Yes: NEC 430.109(E) / Motors/ Motor Circuits and Controllers / Type / Isolating Switches
- 6) Can the neutral conductor feeding a column width panelboard originate from the pull box feeding it? Where would you find this answer in 2023 NEC? ■ Yes: NEC 303(B)(4) / General Requirements for Wiring Methods and Materials / Conductors / Conductors of the Same Circuit / Column Width Panelboard Enclosures

The 50/50 drawing winner was Sean Shelton

Attendance: 37 Members and Guests

Respectfully Submitted: David True