

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

Call to Order:

- President - Steve Willinghurst (7:00 PM)

Invocation:

- Mark Yates

General Business:

- Approval of the minutes from the April 14, 2025 General Membership Meeting as posted on the ECHL website and emailed to the members. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
- A correction to the May 2025 Wire was announced by David True. On page one, 2nd column, under the heading Mark You (sic) Calendars, 4th sentence, should read “Membership also includes an option for a Saturday class in February to obtain the credit hours to renew your contractor’s license”. The current price for the February class is \$70.00, if you are a member.
- Steve Willinghurst referenced a letter, received last month, from Darryl Morgan, Kentucky State Electrical Division Director, about water damaged equipment, given that the state of Kentucky had some severe flooding in the recent months. He again stated that the guide for reconditioned equipment is attached to the ECHL website.
(<https://echlky.com/links.html>)
- Steve also commented on the coalition (Bluegrass IEC, ECHL, NECA, IBEW and others) that was formed to express displeasure with Kentucky Representatives House Bill 54 (HB 54) and House Bill 29 (HB 29) that were introduced in committee, but did not make it to a House vote. Steve stated that the work was not finished as there are plans to introduce these bills again during next years’ legislative session.
- Steve spoke again on the one of the topics from last month about Emergency Disconnects (NEC 225.41, NEC 230.85 and Surge Protection Devices (NEC 230.67(A)) and how, if replacing an electrical panel, it could affect the need for both an emergency disconnect and/or a surge protection device.
- The President opened the floor for monthly meeting topic suggestions on how to keep the ECHL up-to-date for its current membership and possibly to attract new members. There were several suggestions from the floor including a possible announcement for new innovations and/or tips for making the contractors and electricians work easier or thing to watch out for.

At this time, Mark Yates brought topics to the floor about two items he has had issues with. One was dealing with arc-fault breakers after the device had been tripped on an overload. The arc-fault breaker he dealt with had to be replaced because the arc-fault electronics in the breaker had been damaged and would not perform as needed. The second instance had to do with electrical panel surge protection. Mark has a customer that had been plagued with lightning strikes near his home with his electrical panel suffering damage. After installing surge protection that did protect the home, Mark followed up and found out that some add-on panel surge protection devices need to be updated or changed out approximately every five years. Steve agreed this was the type of information that needed to be shared on a monthly basis.

- A discussion of all of the presented topics was an important part of the meeting.

The code questions included in the May 2025 Wire newsletter were answered by Steve Willinghurst.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing (\$50.00) was Travis Yates

Attendance: 38 Members and Guests

Respectfully Submitted: David True