



From the Office of
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LOCAL 399

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Local 399 Brothers and Sisters,

On February 1, 2021, Local 399's Officers met and chose me to complete Brian Hickey's current term as President & Business Manager of this great organization.

I have been a member of Local 399 for over thirty years and never imagined myself reaching this level. I am humbled and proud to continue the path set by those who came before me. Our Local has always been on the cutting-edge by leading the way in training, organizing, wages and benefits. With the continued support of you, our members, our team of Officers, Agents and Staff will enable our Union to remain at the top. In my time I have been lucky to watch, listen and learn from our past leaders – Lionel Gindorf, Tim Phelan and, of course, Brian Hickey. I used the time I spent with these leaders as a valuable learning opportunity and, I thank them for it. A special thanks to Brian for being a mentor and friend. Under the leadership of each of these men we have seen our Local not only grow, but thrive!

It's clear to me that none of the growth our Union has experienced would have been possible without the continued support and dedication of our loyal membership. You, the membership, is what makes this Local great. Your skill, professionalism and commitment to your craft keeps our Union respected throughout the industry and moving forward into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead Local 399. I look forward to the day (post COVID) when we can meet again at our union meetings and events across Illinois and Indiana.

Fraternally,

Patrick J. Kelly