

Brother Knierim First In Local to Receive 60-Year Pin

L.U. 400, ASBURY PARK, N.J.—Our last meeting turned out to be an eventful one indeed. First of all, Brother Ernest Knierim received his 60-year pin, the first 60-year recipient in our local. Ernie became a member of our local in 1919, following his discharge from World War I. There were 20 men in the local at that time. He served as president from 1923 to 1925 during which time our local grew from 20 members to over 100. He is still a very active young man, serving as president-secretary of Company H, a group of World War I veterans from New Jersey who meet every year and answer roll call. Their number has now dwindled to 15. He is a 65-year member of the Asbury Park Volunteer Exempt Firemen and a past president of the Asbury Park Firemans Relief Association. He also is a 65-year member of the Knights of Columbus. We wish Brother Ernie continued good health and we are looking forward to presenting him with his 65-year pin. He is now 85 years young.

The second event was the swearing-in of 17 new members. Congratulations go out to Arthur Ackerman, Bill Pringle, Dave Miller, Kirk Van-Sickle, Ron Napoli, Joe Neebe, Charles Lasko, Dave Banks, John Neebe, Jim Gervolino, Sol Gincel, Mike Jahn, Bob Wefjen, Eric Olving, Bob Stanley, Tim Moynihan, and Jim Rutledge.

The third event was the approval of the application for retirement of John Malley, Sr. John entered the IBEW in 1941 and has served as vice president, Executive Board chairman, Negotiating Committee member, Entertainment Committee member, apprentice instructor for 15 years, and was instrumental in forming the first class and was foreman in charge of Monmouth Park for 35 years. John has two sons, Tom and John, who are following their father's footsteps as electricians. We wish John happy fishing and golfing.

The final event of the evening was watching the Holmes-Shavers bout in the recreation room, with refreshments.

Business Manager Jim Gratton's report was much the same as last month; many Brothers are out of town and on the bench. Here's hoping for an improvement this winter.

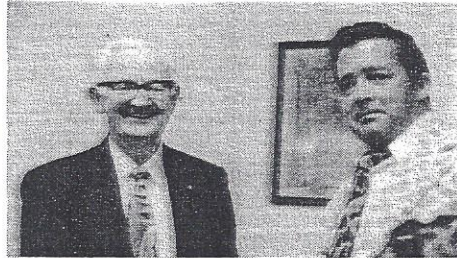
Did you know that Brother Claus Faller, besides being a graduate of our apprenticeship training program, is also a graduate of the Electrical Workers Guild in Germany? He started his training there at the age of 14. It takes three and one-half years to complete an apprenticeship and consists of a four-day work-week plus schooling. The final test is a major project such as the complete piping and wiring of a house.

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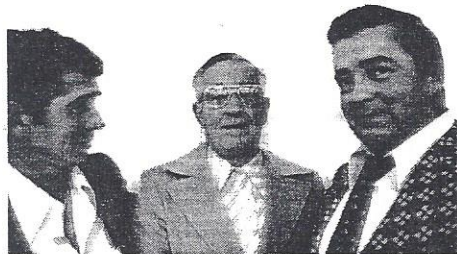
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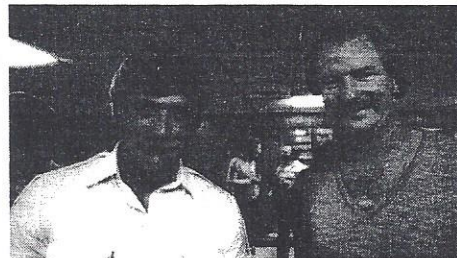
Seventeen new members were sworn into Local 400, Asbury Park, N.J., at its recent meeting.



Ernie Knierim is congratulated by President Frank Van Dusen after presenting a 60-year pin to Brother Knierim.



Left to right are Tom Malley and John Malley with President Frank Van Dusen.



Bob Cushman, left, and Charley Aladyka enjoying the Holmes-Shavers bout in the recreation room.