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month**

President's Piece

May 2026

Dear SBOC Members, Friends and Colleagues:

May is Building Safety Month, and I would like to encourage everyone to participate in any way possible. Go to the ICC website or contact Beth Goncher, our new ICC rep, to see how your Building Department can get involved. "International Workers' Day, celebrated annually on May 1st, is a global holiday honoring labor movements, workers' rights, and the historic fight for an eight-hour workday. Originating from the 1886 Haymarket affair in Chicago, it serves as a day for demonstrations, rallies, and international solidarity". That's something we all should be celebrating. May also has Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. It is Mental Health Awareness Month and Military Appreciation Month too.

I would like to thank Elizabeth Czekanski, Barry Kalian, Tom Lichtenstein and all the other staff at UL Solutions for their hospitality for our April field trip and our upcoming May trip. It was a great experience and something everyone should see. We also welcomed David Myers and Kelley Huscher to the Board. Thank you both for stepping up. We could sure use more of them so consider doing so if you can. It does not just mean joining the Board. We have committees for various needs which could be done on your time and help us out immensely. Contact us if you are interested. Visit our website at <http://www.s boc-7.com/> for this, questions, comments, or concerns.

Another related topic is our Socials. We are trying to become the Chapter of the Year for ICC so any way that you can tag ICC and SBOC when you are posting something would be helpful. For example, if you are volunteering for a cause, be sure to identify yourself as an SBOC and ICC member when you do so. This will go a long way in our campaign. We also encourage all members to connect on their socials so that we can promote our organization with our numbers. As you know, there is a lot of legislation in Springfield that we are for or against and we need our members to show their unity.



I am still transitioning to the role of Admin Manager so please be patient with delays. This newsletter will have a new format next month as well as updating items on our website as needed, such as meetings, photos, minutes, etc..... As mentioned earlier, the next field trip to UL is on May 21st in Northbrook. There is a lot of construction on the highways so allow yourself enough time to get there as the tour starts at 9 am. Our next monthly meeting will be June 18th at Ashbury's of Boughton Ridge in Bolingbrook where IBEW 134 will be presenting a topic on swimming pool code. Details will be posted soon on our website. We have our annual golf outing coming up as well so visit our website often to keep up to date on these events as well as others. If there are any events that are worth mentioning for our membership, pass them along to possibly be posted to our website or socials, including retirements, job changes, deaths, etc... We are always interested in our members' milestones along with any postings that other members may be interested in.

That's all for now folks. Next month's newsletter will mention all the relevant anniversaries for our area and country aside from SBOC's. Until then, stay safe out there.

Best Regards,

John O'Donnell

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