

# BRANCH NINE NEWS

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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## Carrying the Torch of 1970 into 2026

by Tim Bash

March is Strike Recognition Month, and this year marks the 56th anniversary of Branch 9 members walking the line for better wages and working conditions. As time marches on we continue this fight, and while a transformational change such as the one resulting from the fight of 1970 is necessary, we find ourselves in the largest contract campaign NALC has launched in quite some time. The "Fight Like Hell" campaign kicked off nationwide rallies on Feb 22nd, with President Renfroe indicating that further contract related mass actions might be necessary to secure a fair contract. Our current contract expires on May 22, 2026, 14 months since arbitration of the 2023-2026 National

Agreement concluded in March of 2025.

The Minneapolis "Fight Like Hell" rally featured speakers from St Paul Branch 28, Hopkins Branch 2942, Minneapolis Federation of Educators (MFE), and Communications Workers of America (CWA Local 7250). Region 7 NBA Patrick Johnson also spoke, with speeches mentioning the "essential" quality of our job, the terrible weather and substandard working conditions we endure, the devastating impact of route adjustments, and the need for solidarity between workers of all stripes. The wind was really whipping around the tall buildings near the Main Office downtown, but roughly 100 people gathered to picket and make their demands known.



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In the October 2025 Postal Record there is an article highlighting the changing demographics of the letter carrier craft, with the surprising revelation that "46% of active members have been in the craft for less than 5 years [in 2025]," a 30% increase in that demographic group since 2007. That means almost half of regular carriers make \$26.95 (Step D Table 2) or less. The starting salary of a letter carrier in 1970 was \$6,176, which according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has the same buying power as \$53,141 in 2026. The current starting salary for a regular letter carrier in 2026 is \$51,631. The problem of staffing is one that hits all

our offices, some more than others, and has been an ever-present problem for decades. This data demonstrates how desperately we need to address wages in the bottom tiers of our pay scale, how difficult it is for our members to achieve the kind of standard of living a union job should afford, and how in some ways we are back to square one. As Region 7 NBA Patrick Johnson said at the 2/22 Fight Like Hell Rally, "Through harsh elements and conditions, civil unrest, safety concerns like physical threats and assaults, letter carriers are working harder

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# Welcome New Branch Niners

Armonia Balch

Belinda Burrell

Jacob Christianson

Dajah Hambleton

Tamera Holdsworth

Daniel Mellstrom

Preston Stoltman

Deanna Williamson

Join the NALC Veteran's Group



## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- The 47th Annual NALC Region 7 Training Seminar will be held from April 20-23 at the Delta Marriott Hotel 1330 Industrial Boulevard NE. Registration is due at the NBA office by March 21st. Training will be at least partially paid and is open to all active members. More details can be found on the Branch 9 Website and at the January 27, 2026 GMM.
- All proposed bylaws received by the Feb GMM will be voted on at the April GMM
- The Branch is seeking volunteers to valet at the Red & Gold Retiree Banquet. Please contact the branch if interested.
- The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is coming up on Saturday May 9th!

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## AFL -CIO Scholarships & Leadership Grants

### Martin Duffy Scholarships

The Martin Duffy Adult Learner Scholarship is a \$500 tuition scholarship awarded to Union members of Minnesota AFL-CIO affiliate unions (not high school graduating dependents).

### Labor Leadership Grants

The Tobey Lapakko Labor Leadership Grant is available to women who are union members in good standing; the Charles McKenna Leadership Grant is available to men who are union members in good standing.

For more information visit:  
<https://mnafcio.org/scholarships-awards>



## Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship



The program honors Nellie Stone Johnson, a long-time member of the system's board. The endowment is a permanent reminder of Nellie's contributions to civil rights, human rights, and the rights of workforce cultural diversity initiatives.

Applications Due by June 1st, 2026

For more information visit:  
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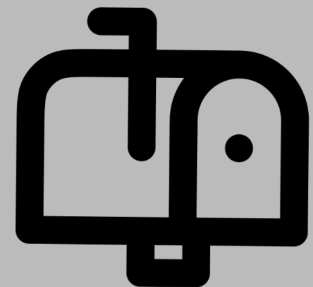
## Retirements



Pete Schilling retired from West Edina station with over 30 years of service

## IN MEMORIAM

**Gerald Arold  
Timothy Kivela  
Thomas Quale**



## MOVING?

**Please notify the branch directly when you move, we are not notified otherwise!**

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Joe Rian

This month I would like to acquaint you with what I think is the most important long-term legislative issue for letter carriers. It will take persistence and determination to win this one. Every station I go to, someone asks about this issue.

More than 65 percent of the current letter carrier craft began their USPS careers as casuals, transitional employees (TEs) or city carrier assistants (CCAs), all of which are non-career positions.

The Federal Retirement Fairness Act (HR 1522) would modify what is considered creditable federal civilian service under FERS workers. This bill would allow these employees to make catch-up retirement contributions for time spent as non-career employees after Dec. 31, 1988, making such time creditable service under the FERS, and for other purposes.

This legislation would allow letter carriers, and other affected employees, the opportunity to purchase retirement credit for the time they spent in these non-career positions, providing greater retirement security.

LCPF and PAL 9 political contributions and energies should be directed toward candidates and elected

officials that support HR 1522 and who are willing to encourage their colleagues to also support this issue. Minnesota had 3 co-sponsors of HR 1522 in 2025. Let's get to work on convincing US Representatives Finstad, Emmer, Morrison, Stauber and Fischbach to support us in 2026.

March is Strike Recognition Month in Branch 9. When I started coming to meetings in the mid-1990s, it was very common to have carriers who participated in the 1970 strike address us at the monthly General Membership Meetings. Most of them were older, retired gents, and it often was very emotional to listen to how much of their hearts they put on the field to make that strike happen and win collective bargaining rights for us all. They did it all for free, and it was clearly a gut-wrenching decision for family breadwinners to risk their jobs, and possibly jail time, to go on strike so that the letter carrier jobs could provide wages that folks could raise a family on in the future.

When I became a steward, I vowed that I would spend one hour of volunteer union time for each hour of paid 613 time that I received at the station. And I kept it up for over 25 years as a

steward. It was a way for me to remember and honor the strikers who sacrificed their time to give me the opportunity to make a good living working as a letter carrier. It's been fun and more financially rewarding than I ever thought it would be. Thank you, 1970 strikers, wherever you are. You were real freedom fighters.

Moving on to the current National Agreement. Yes, it expires May 25, 2026. National negotiations began on February 25, 2026. Just a reminder, only active letter carriers vote on the contract. I think it would be great if a settlement could be reached and we went right to vote nationwide on the new contract before May 25th arrived. Go for it Brian Renfroe and the NALC Executive Board.

I learned at the recent National Rank and File Contract meeting that as of January 2026, we had approximately 178,660 career carriers on Table 2 (55,505 of which are at Step P), 27,730 CCAs and 170 carriers on Table 1 below Step P for a total of 206,560 active carriers. Just for the fun of it, take your calculators out and estimate what you think we should be paid for the next 3 to 5 years under a new national agreement.



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than ever, working longer hours, and carrying more parcels making the job more physically demanding.” Our wages and working conditions simply aren’t attractive in the current labor market, and we will have to fight with USPS to create positive change.

The “Fight Like Hell” campaign represents a change in tactics at the top of the NALC which has engaged rank and file members and branch leaders over the last year. While the bargaining environment continues to be challenging, and NALC national leadership aims to temper member’s expectations, we should take a long view of this contract campaign and its potential to build rank and file power. The Great Postal Strike of 1970 didn’t happen overnight; it was preceded by walk-outs in the Bronx in the summer of 1968, and ultimately it didn’t require the participation of every letter carrier in every station across the country to be successful. The actions you take on the shop floor to educate yourself and your fellow carriers about your rights, and the actions we take together to fight for better wages and working conditions, can culminate in real change in the lives of our members. Remember that many of our fellow carriers are struggling, many of whom might wish they had the time and energy to show up to a rally but can’t miss out on overtime or the chance to spend time with their scarcely seen families. If you have the capacity, please get active in the union whether it’s becoming a steward, joining a committee, or just attending the GMMs, it all builds union power.

## 2026 BRANCH 9

### RED AND GOLD BANQUET HONOREES

#### 50 YEAR RETIREES (JOINED IN 1976)

Joseph Bedor  
Steve Boice  
Gregory Frank  
William Hoffman  
Mary Knoss  
Philip Pearson  
Michael Ryan

#### 55 YEAR RETIREES (JOINED IN 1971)

Glenn Lindfors  
Michael Mrosla

#### 60 YEAR RETIREE (JOINED IN 1966)

Dennis Bahn  
Ronald Barker  
Gerald Broman  
Richard Hansen  
Robert Moening  
George Skrbich  
Herman Weidner  
Vernon Zierman

#### 65 YEAR RETIREES (JOINED IN 1961)

Larry Blesi  
Anthony Kruse  
Robert Logelin  
Robert Masuda  
Francis Rice  
David Thompson

#### 70 YEAR RETIREES (JOINED IN 1956)

Arthur Heikkila  
Marlin Holm  
Kenneth Johnson



# EXEC VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Chris Pennock**

It's an exciting time here in the NALC. There are many opportunities for us to have our voices heard on various issues that deeply affect us. We have collective bargaining that has just begun with our next contract, we have our yearly Branch 9 bylaw meeting and once our national contract is settled, we will have local negotiations over our LMOUs.

As I write this, we are still preparing for our National Day of Action on February 22nd but I'm sure it will be a big success. There are over 130 actions planned throughout the country. These kinds of mass actions will make the national news, and they will send a message to Postal Management (and to any eventual arbitrator) that we are more determined than ever to get what we deserve in our contract. Thank you to all those who spread the word and came out to demonstrate in support of a fair contract for letter carriers.

This National Day of Action is a success story of how we can get involved in the national union. Many of us in Branch 9 and elsewhere were unhappy that we had no national strategy of collective action around our contract negotiations. We teamed up with union activists from around the country and built-up momentum for the open bargaining resolutions that called

for transparency in the bargaining process and for a contract campaign. Now we are seeing the fruits of that work. But the work is not over.

There is more that we could do to run a successful contract campaign, including having the credible threat of a strike. Of course, we have to push to make it legal for us and other federal workers to strike. If we can do that, we will have untied our hands that are currently tied behind our backs to make it a fair fight against Management in our negotiations. It will take all of us to get what we deserve.

Every year here at the Branch we go through a process of looking at our bylaws (kind of like our constitution) and deciding what needs to change. The deadline for the submission of new bylaws is the February GMM which will have already closed at this point, but everyone is welcome to come participate at the April GMM where we will discuss and vote on each bylaw submission. The proposals are also printed in the current issue of the BNN. I encourage you to review these proposals and participate in the process.

Once our national agreement is settled, we will have the opportunity to negotiate over our local agreements, also known as LMOUs. Our LMOUs cover different topics including AL bidding, short term AL, light duty, holiday pecking

order, and more. We'd like to go on the offensive this round and try to make some gains on these topics. If you have ideas on what you'd like to see in your LMOU please let us know.

In other news, the January 28 bid cycle was unilaterally canceled by Management. They didn't get the list of routes to go up for bid processed in time to make the cutoff from HRSSC. We have told Management that this is unacceptable in our last Labor/Management meeting and our stewards have filed many grievances over this issue to hold them accountable.

One final thought on Postal Management. USPS HQ recently declared two "interpretive issues" over the remedies for grievances on denied steward time and 8.5.F work hour limits (over 10 in a day, over 8 on an NS day, and 5th day of OT for non-ODL carriers). What they're saying is that they don't think the contract requires them to pay out grievances on 8.5.F cases nor to pay any additional fine for steward time cases. This is an assault on our contract. It is despicable how frequently Management violates our contract, and they need to pay the price when they do. Our glorious District Manager Angela Bye may rightfully be the most hated person in the

district, but keep in mind that she is a symptom of the larger system. The National Union must deal with these disputes swiftly, but we also must look at ways to build power on the workroom floor so that we don't need to file these kinds of grievances.

Stay in the fight brothers and sisters.



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## Adult Learners Scholarship Leonard A. Larson / Barry J. Weiner

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The following rules apply to the two scholarships:

- A. Any member active or retired in good standing of Branch 9 is eligible for one of the two scholarships.
- B. The scholarships may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university. The Adult Learner Scholarships may also be used for any community, county or state adult educational program.
- C. One name will be drawn for each scholarship. The first name picked will be the winner. The winners of any drawing will not be eligible for the other drawings.
- D. The application for the drawings will run in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News. The drawing will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. The applications shall contain the following information:
  - 1. The applicant's name, address, and home phone number.
  - 2. Whether active or retired.
- E. Payment to the winners will be made after they have enrolled and can show proof of payment towards their tuition.
- F. Benefits under the Adult Learner Scholarships expire one year from date of drawing.

Members who plan to attend an accredited education institution should complete the application and return it to the Branch Office by May 26, or bring to that night's General Membership Meeting.

### Adult Learners,

**please submit your scholarship application to Branch 9 by May 26th, 2026 or bring to that night's General Membership Meeting.**

### Leonard A. Larson/Barry J. Weiner Adult Learner Scholarship Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Active or Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Work Unit \_\_\_\_\_



**J. Wesley Woods  
\$1,000 Scholarship Application  
Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member parent's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 School to attend (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Jerome J. Keating/Austin B. Carlson  
\$2,000 Scholarship Application  
Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member parent's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 School to attend (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Walter E. Couillard/Eugene P. McNulty  
\$2,000 Scholarship Application  
Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member parent's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 School to attend (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Seniors, please submit  
your scholarship applications to  
Branch 9 by May 26, 2026**

Every spring, Branch 9 awards three scholarships to graduating seniors: **the J. Wesley Woods Scholarship (\$1,000); the Jerome J. Keating/Austin B. Carlson Scholarship (\$2,000); and the Walter E. Couillard/Eugene P. McNulty Scholarship (\$2,000)**. These awards have made it easier for many students to begin their post-secondary education while honoring the sacrifices and contributions of important Branch 9 Leaders.

The following rules apply to all three scholar-ships:

- A. Any senior graduating from high school and is a dependent of a Branch 9 member is eligible for these scholarships.
- B. The scholarships may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university.
- C. Three names will be drawn for each scholar-ship. The first name picked will be the winner, then first and second runner-up respectively. The winners of any drawing will not be eligible for the other drawings.
- D. The application for the drawings will run in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News. The drawing will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. The applications shall contain the following information:
  1. The applicant's name, address, and home phone number.
  2. The name of the applicant's parent or guardian who is a member of Branch 9.
  3. The intended school of choice, if known.
- E. Payment to the winners will be made after they have enrolled and can show proof of pay-ment towards their tuition.

**Members with dependents who graduate from high school this spring and who plan to attend an accredited educational institution next fall, should complete the applications and return them to the Branch Office by May 26. All three forms should be submitted as there are three separate drawings for each scholarship. Please enter the three scholarship drawings only once.**

## What it's Like Delivering in Times Like These

We are in an unprecedented and polarizing time in the world, and in the city of Minneapolis. The large ICE presence in the last months has affected people's everyday lives. This has meant families are living in fear, schools are closed, people are afraid to leave home to go shopping and to go to work, and not knowing what is going to happen to them. Right now, there is a lot of anger, trauma, grief, anxiety, sadness, and depression in the world. But there is also a lot of love, solidarity, and reflection around the community.

As an active letter carrier who loves delivering in South Minneapolis, the last several months or so there have been so many tragedies in the metro. Dating back to last June, with House Rep Melissa Hortman's assassination, the Annunciation school shooting last August, and two recent ICE related shooting deaths of Renee Good and Alex Pretti. One thing to think about and always remember is, where were you on those days?

For me, I was out delivering my route in the Minnehaha zone, around 38th Street, and I got a message from the station on the scanner about the killing on that Wednesday, January 7th. I was anxious going through the day, having the radio in my car throughout the day to hear the updates. My number one goal that day was to make sure I got back to the station and back home safely. Two weeks later, on a Saturday after the coldest day of the year, I was out on my route mainly thinking about what I'm going to do that day to be able to survive the cold. My station's group chat heard the news about ICE activity over on

Nicollet Ave, and during those moments I felt a lot of emotions. My heart sunk, the morale for the day for me and a lot of others was gone. That day I thought, "here we go again." During these times I felt angry, sad, distracted, confused, and anxious about what would happen next, knowing it could happen anywhere. I just had to remember in that moment that I wasn't alone, and others were feeling the same way. For weeks now, I've heard and seen several helicopters flying over me. Over the next few days after the shootings, I saw a lot of love shown around the community while out delivering. I saw several signs demanding justice, many "ICE Out" signs, and other expressions of solidarity.

For the last several weeks, workers and businesses have been feeling the ripple effect of the ICE operations in the city. Businesses are closing their doors to the public, with customers afraid to go out, and more people ordering essential items online. I've seen several community donation drives going around during these times to help people stay inside their homes.

Three days after Renee Good was killed, the day of the big rally in the park, I was delivering to an apartment on my route and I heard noise and whistles going on, and a lot of commotion, and heard neighbors gathered outside. I went inside the apartment to deliver, and I saw a lot of residents in the lobby gathered around. I asked them what was going on. They said that ICE was around a block away from me. Once I finished the apartment, I bolted out of the building, turned the truck



around a three point turn to avoid the scene and drove away to another block further away from the action. I delivered to a few businesses on 38th street, and the owners at the businesses really felt for me and were able to understand what I was going through during the day. As soon as I knew that I had to change plans for the day, I called the station to let them know what was going on and had to reorganize my route, which is the safest thing to do in those situations.

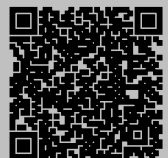
During times like this, coming to work every day, seeing my coworkers, and delivering my route is a good way to help me take what's going on in the world off my mind. While the job can

### Reveal

from The Center for Investigative Reporting

Branch 9 members Bianca Sonnenberg, Emmett Bongaarts, and Luke Ferguson from Lake Street Station were featured on a segment airing on MPR about their experiences delivering during these times.

Follow this link to listen



be stressful at times, especially in the winter with the longer hours, I am proud and thankful to have a great crew around me. As essential workers, civil unrest is another obstacle that we must deal with, and the community is counting on us during tough times. I deliver to people on my route from all walks of life and deliver to a community that really cares about the city and wants to make it a better place. I know each day when I'm delivering, I'm making a big impact on people's lives and providing a service. The way Minnehaha Station has been handling this is by having daily stand-up talks where we talk about the current events going on, as well having a group text to keep others informed of where there is ICE activity in our delivery zone. A moment like this is a good way for us as workers is to connect

with each other about what is going on throughout the job.

I know it's a dark time right now, but we can't lose hope. We just need to take things one day at a time. This is an unpredictable strange world we are living in right now, and we must continue to show empathy, have some of these tough conversations with others, and in our spare time find ways to donate. I know at work is not the best time to have them, but it's always important to support our coworkers when they are going through tough times. Remember that EAP is always available to us, moments like these can affect our mental health. The Food Drive this year will be important to the immigrant communities, as well as supplying items to families who are scared to go out and are struggling in times

like these.

The rally we did a few weeks ago was a good way for us as a union with other local groups to come together and reflect with each other and let the media and public constituents know how we're feeling. It was great to see a large turnout that day show out to stand up for what's right and exercise our first amendment rights, as well as some good speeches and chants to get the word out on what we want. As essential workers who are out encountering events every day, this was important and a step that we need to take and to continue to fight. As a union, we need to continue to stand and support our immigrant neighbors.

In Solidarity, Andrew Truckenmiller. Minnehaha Station

## 2026 Proposed Bylaw Additions and Changes

### Article II SECTION 2

#### Current

The monthly dues of this Branch for all active and associate members shall be equal to 2 hours base pay of a Carrier Technician Step P, payable biweekly. **The pay increase will NOT take place until November 19, 2022 (11/19/22).** This ratio between the current minimum dues structure of the NALC National Dues would be maintained as the permanent dues structure for Branch 9. Members retiring after December 31, 1960 shall pay \$12.00 per annum. Members retiring after December 31, 1977 shall pay \$18.00 per annum. Members retiring after December 31, 1987 shall pay \$24.00 per annum. Members retiring after December 31, 1996 shall pay, per annum, an

amount equal to two hours City Carrier pay at Step D letter carriers pay at the time of their retirement.

#### Proposed

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amount equal to two hours City Carrier pay at Step D letter carriers pay at the time of their retirement. **Members retiring after December 31, 2026 shall pay, per annum, an amount equal to two hours of City Carrier Step D table 1 on January 1 in the year of their retirement.**

Submitted by Joe Rian

### Article II SECTION 4

#### Current

As of January 1, 2023, **thirty-five percent (35%) of every pay period dues**, per year, per active and associate member shall be placed in a fund to be known as the Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 Building Corporation. These funds to be transferred to the Branch Building Corporation monthly as accrued.



## Jerome J. Keating Local Branch 9, National Association of Letter Carriers **P. A. L. 9 (Political Action League)**

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February 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"It's that time of year again!" Each year we ask Branch 9 members for financial contributions to support the work of PAL 9 NALC, your Branch 9 Political Action Committee. It is our job to identify, engage and support elected officials and candidates who are worker friendly and support US Postal Service letter carriers that provide delivery services to the American people 7 days a week.

Although 2025 was an off year in the election cycle, a few special elections for Congress did provide encouraging success for pro-labor candidates across the country. 2025 also saw the passage of H.R. 82 The Social Security Fairness Act. This law provided the restoration of paid-for Social Security benefits to nearly 3 million retired workers, many of whom were letter carriers. Affected workers monthly benefits increased an average of \$360.

In 2026, while still a non-Presidential election year, we will see one third of US Senators up for election, as well as all members of the US House of Representatives. 2026 will also give the 119th Congress the opportunity to act on several postal-related bills that we need your help in supporting:

#### **POLCA Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 1065/S. 463)**

#### **The Asunción Valdivia Heat Illness, Injury, and Fatality Prevention Act (H.R. 4443)**

**The Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 1522)**, would benefit more than 65% of current letter carriers by allowing them to make catch-up retirement contributions for time spent as non-career, making it credible service under FERS.

#### **Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (H.R. 3170/S. 3296)**

You can learn more about these bills by entering their bill number at congress.gov, at nalc.org, under the "Government Affairs" menu or scan this QR code.



Your continued support for PAL 9 is greatly needed and much appreciated.

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President, PAL 9

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Secretary, PAL 9

Darwin "Joe" Rian  
President, Branch 9

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\_\_\_\_\_ Very Concerned Membership (\$50.00 or More)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Carrier (Station) \_\_\_\_\_

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Shakopee, MN 55379-9438

\_\_\_\_\_ Retired Carrier



## Proposed

As of July 1, 2026, **thirty-five percent (35%) of one month's dues**, per year, per active and associate member shall be placed in a fund to be known as the Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 Building Corporation. These funds **are** to be transferred to the Branch 9 Building Corporation **within 4 days of receipt of each per capita check from NALC HQ.**

Submitted by Joe Rian

## Article II SECTION 6.A

### Current

Any active member on the USPS rolls who is in a non-pay (no-deduct) status for reasons of; members on OWCP, members in non-pay status pending removal, members in non pay status for medical reasons must pay full membership dues directly to the Branch 9 Financial Secretary each month. If an active member exceeds a period of ninety (90) consecutive days without having contacted the Branch or paid membership dues, **they will be dropped** from the Branch 9 NALC membership. Active members may, for extenuating circumstances, appeal to the Branch 9 Executive Board to have their membership dues waived and thereby retain their NALC membership. The Executive Board will rule by majority on all such appeals.

### Proposed

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Submitted by Joe Rian

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Branch 9  
Ron St. Clair MDA Bowl-a-thon

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**LOCATION**

NEW HOPE BOWL  
7107 - 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North  
New Hope, MN 55427



**TIME**

5:30 – 8:30PM



- ◆ 30 lanes of bowling available
- ◆ Teams consist of 4 – 6 bowlers
- ◆ FAX 612.781.9849 **OR** e-mail [joerian@branch9nalc.com](mailto:joerian@branch9nalc.com) your stations team registration (including each player's name)
- ◆ \$50 per bowler – checks made out to Branch 9
- ◆ \$25 per non-bowler – checks made out to Branch 9
- ◆ Bowlers will receive 2 games, shoe rental and pizza
- ◆ Cash bar and restaurant on site
- ◆ Silent auction baskets – created and donated by each station
- ◆ Raffle ticket drawings
- ◆ 50/50 raffle drawings
- ◆ Three (3) stations with the "Best Theme" silent auction baskets will receive donuts at their station
- ◆ Deadline for registration is PRIOR to **Friday, April 24, 2026**
- ◆ **All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association**

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Chris Pennock at the Branch office 612.781.9858.

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Submitted by Joe Rian

## Article III SECTION 6

### Current

The Financial Secretary shall perform the following duties: The Financial Secretary shall keep a record book showing the names of members, **when admitted, and places of residence,** collect dues and all other monies due the Branch, **keep a regular account thereof, and at each meeting (or prior thereto whenever the prompt payment of the National per capita tax or other necessity may require same) pay the same to the Treasurer, take his/her receipts and retain them as vouchers in settlement. He/She shall personally, or through duly authorized deputies appointed when necessary for each**

**station, and who shall whenever practicable be the station delegate or representative selected or appointed to represent the station, solicit payment from all members in arrears, and on the day of election and before ballot is taken, furnish the President with a list of members not entitled to vote. He/She shall semi-annually furnish the National Secretary-Treasurer with a list of names of all the members of the Branch in good-standing-and-shall notify the National Secretary-Treasurer monthly of the election of new members, all those suspended, expelled, deceased or resigned. He/She shall publish a monthly report of Branch receipts.** He/She shall keep account of all properties, investments, and funds of the Branch which at all times shall be open for inspection, and at the end of his/her term **make a report, and** deliver to his/her successor in office, when qualified, all books, papers and property in his/her possession belonging to the Branch. The Financial Secretary shall receive receipts for all monies of the Branch **and keep a regular account thereof. The Financial Secretary shall receive receipts for the Branch 9 Building Corporation and keep a regular account thereof. The Financial Secretary will reconcile all Branch accounts and all Building Corporation accounts-per the account statement schedule. The Financial Secretary shall maintain and-coordinate the insurance policies-of-Branch-9-and the Branch 9 Building Corporation.** To ensure the faithful performance of their duties, the Financial Secretary and his/her deputies shall be bonded in such amount and in such manner as the Branch may direct. The Financial Secretary shall be paid

the sum equivalent to 20 hours of Carrier Technician Step P pay each month.

**Proposed**

The Financial Secretary shall perform the following duties: The Financial Secretary shall keep a record showing the names of members, collect **past** dues and all other monies due to the Branch. **He/She shall receive all payments to the Branch and/or Branch 9 Building Corporation to include but not limited to NALC per capita tax for active and retired members and any other monies that are given to the Branch. On the day of election and before ballot is taken, furnish the President with a list of members, not entitled to vote based on who owes the Branch monies.** He/She shall keep account of all properties, investments, and funds of the Branch which at all times shall be open for inspection, and at the end of his/her term deliver to his/her successor in office, when qualified, all books, papers and property in his/her possession belonging to the Branch. The Financial Secretary shall receive receipts for all monies of the Branch and the Branch 9 Building Corporation and keep a regular account thereof. The Financial Secretary will reconcile all Branch accounts and all Building Corporation accounts **at the end of every month. He/She shall publish monthly report of receipts for the monthly General Membership Meeting. The Financial Secretary shall be allotted the I.R.S. current year's allowable standard mileage for the use of his/her car.** To ensure the faithful performance of their duties, the Financial Secretary and his/her deputies shall be bonded in such amount and in such manner as

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Submitted by

Stacey Ellingson

Article III SECTION 15.D

Current

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Proposed

Stewards may be immediately **removed** from their position by the Branch President for failure to perform their duties or for cause **as per Article 6, section 1 of the NALC Constitution for the Government of Subordinate and Federal Branches. Any appeal of a decision of the branch president must conform with Article 11 of the NALC Constitution for the Government of Subordinate and Federal Branches.**

Submitted by Christopher Pennock

Article III SECTION 17

Current

The President shall, at the beginning of each term, appoint as many legislative Co-chairpersons as he/she deems necessary, with no more than six and no fewer than three, representing the third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts, respectively. The co-chairpersons shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month.

Proposed

The President shall, at the beginning of each term, appoint as many legislative Co-chairpersons as he/she deems necessary, with no more than six and no fewer than three, representing the **second**, third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts, respectively. The co-chairpersons shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month.

Submitted by Connie Beissel

Article III SECTION 19

Current

In the event of a strike or work stoppage, no full-time officer or part time officer of Branch 9 shall draw any salary.

Proposed

In the event of a strike or work stoppage, no full-time officer, part-time officer **or any employee** of Branch 9 shall draw any salary.

Submitted by Joe Rian

Article III Section 26

Proposed New Section:

If the National Agreement between USPS and NALC is not settled in a timely manner, there

will be no retroactive pay or backpay for full-time officers, part-time officers, or stewards unless a motion was approved at a general membership meeting providing such pay.

Submitted by Christopher Pennock

## Article VIII

### Proposed New Section:

All Branch 9 employee contracts will be attached to the Branch 9 by-laws and at the expiration or termination of the employee contract it will be removed from the Branch 9 by-laws.

Submitted by Andrew Hagan

## Article VIII

### Proposed New Section:

#### CHARGES AGAINST BRANCH 9 OFFICER(S)

In case of neglect of duty or violation of the NALC Constitution or Branch 9 Bylaws, the following procedures will be strictly adhered to.

The charging party(s) will submit their claim in writing via Certified Mail to the Branch 9 Officer(s) affected.

A retired representative for the Charging Party, and a retired rep-

resentative for the Branch Officer(s) charged, will meet at a neutral location as soon as possible and select an agreed retired third party, who will head, with both party representatives, an investigation into the charges filed, and within Fifteen (15) days submit their findings to both parties.

The investigative findings will be read at the next general membership meeting. This panel will recommend or deny any penalty towards the Branch 9 Officer(s). The general membership in attendance will vote by numbered secret ballot to uphold charges or exonerate the Branch 9 Officer(s).

For their duties, the investigation team, upon completion and report to general membership, will be paid by branch 9 check, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) each.

Submitted by Chuck Glover

## Article VIII

### Proposed New Section:

Any Minnesota AFL-CIO or Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation (MRLF) or St Paul Regional Labor Federation endorsed or sanctioned labor movement action may be endorsed by the Branch via a majority vote of the Executive Board when the announcement of

the action and the action itself falls in-between Branch 9 General Membership Meetings.

Submitted by Christopher Pennock

## Article VIII

### Proposed New Section:

The Executive Board, upon majority approval, shall have spending authority of up to \$5000 per month for any motion made during monthly Executive Board meetings

Submitted by Joe Rian

## Article VIII

### Proposed New Section:

The Branch 9 Treasurer, with Executive Board majority approval, shall have the authority to reallocate budgeted funds between budget categories, up to a limit of \$5000 per category.

Submitted by Joe Rian

If you've made it this far, congrats! Please note that every attempt is made to represent the bylaw changes as clearly as possible, but please reach out if further clarification or correction is needed. Thank you.



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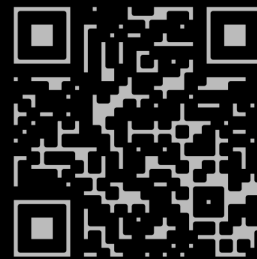
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