

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*

### **Understand Terms of the New Contract – Triple Time Edition (RESEND)**

*This blurb was sent out last September without the following context from the Basic Agreement, Paragraph 11 (a) (3) “Golden Hour Provisions”:*

*“For “on production” employees only who are employed on television productions..., Golden Hours...shall be based on hours worked, rather than elapsed.”*

We now have TRIPLE TIME (3x) for all hours worked after 15 hours consecutive or elapsed so this would be inclusive of lunch (except where better conditions exist). You do a half hour lunch, it's after 14.5 hours and an hour lunch, triple time starts at 14. Additionally, triple time would be paid at 4.5x on a sixth day and 6x on a seventh day.

#### **What does this mean?**

Triple time shall be paid after 15 elapsed hours worked for the first 5 days in a workweek. Four and a half time shall be paid after 15 elapsed hours worked on the sixth day of the workweek. Six time shall be paid after 15 elapsed hours worked on the seventh day in a workweek.

Put together with the rest invasion improvements of a minimum 30 minutes at triple time, we now have Triple Time K-Rails around the day to secure rest on long days.

Be safe and be well,

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

## **Keep California Rolling: Support for Bills AB1138 and SB630**

Take a moment to write a letter today (letter included in the link which you can personalize).

Click on the [Action Network link](#) and help us spread the word!



**Join the fight to save film & television jobs in CA!**

[www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org](http://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org)

[Sign and share our pledge](#) to get targeted action items and updates to get involved or go to <https://keepcaliforniarolling.org/>



### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

The Unions and Guilds in the Entertainment Union Coalition stand with Governor Newsom's inclusion of an expanded \$750 million annual California Film & Television Jobs Program in the 2025-2026 budget.

Unlike other economic incentives, this program is directly tied to the creation of jobs for California workers, strengthens the economic future of California, and supports a healthy and viable motion picture industry by creating jobs where workers live.

**JOIN US TO PROTECT AND CREATE JOBS & SAVE OUR INDUSTRY.**



- GET INVOLVED
- SHARE YOUR STORY
- TAKE ACTION



[www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org](http://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org)







SECOND QTR 2025 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website.

Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at [www.iatse728.org](http://www.iatse728.org)

Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1



## **Workers Memorial Day – Moment of Silence**

Join us on Monday, April 28th to honor workers who have died, were injured, or ill due to their job on Workers Memorial Day.

**When:** Monday, April 28th

**Time:** 10AM - 10:15AM

**Register:** [HERE](#)

**April 28, 2025**  
Worker's Memorial Day (U.S.)  
National Day of Mourning (Canada)



Join us as we honor workers who have died, were injured, or became ill from their job, and together we will renew our commitment to workplace health and safety.

1 – 1:15 pm Eastern Daylight Time  
12 – 12:15 pm Central Time  
11 – 11:15 am Mountain Time  
10 – 10:15 am Pacific Time



Register at  
[iatse.co/2025workersmemorialday](http://iatse.co/2025workersmemorialday)



**IA TSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!**  
**WEAR YOUR IA TSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS**



## **Save the Date: International Workers Day**

Join the IATSE Thursday, May 1st, 2025 at 9AM in DTLA for a Massive Mobilization on International May Day!

**When:** Thursday, May 1st

**Time:** Between 8AM and 8:30AM

**Location:** Olympic and N. Figueroa and Chuck Hearn St. (11th St.), in front of the Kobe statue, at Crypto Stadium

**Dress:** Union Swag

Once our group has assembled, we will walk over to the starting point of the event. Please wear your Local swag!





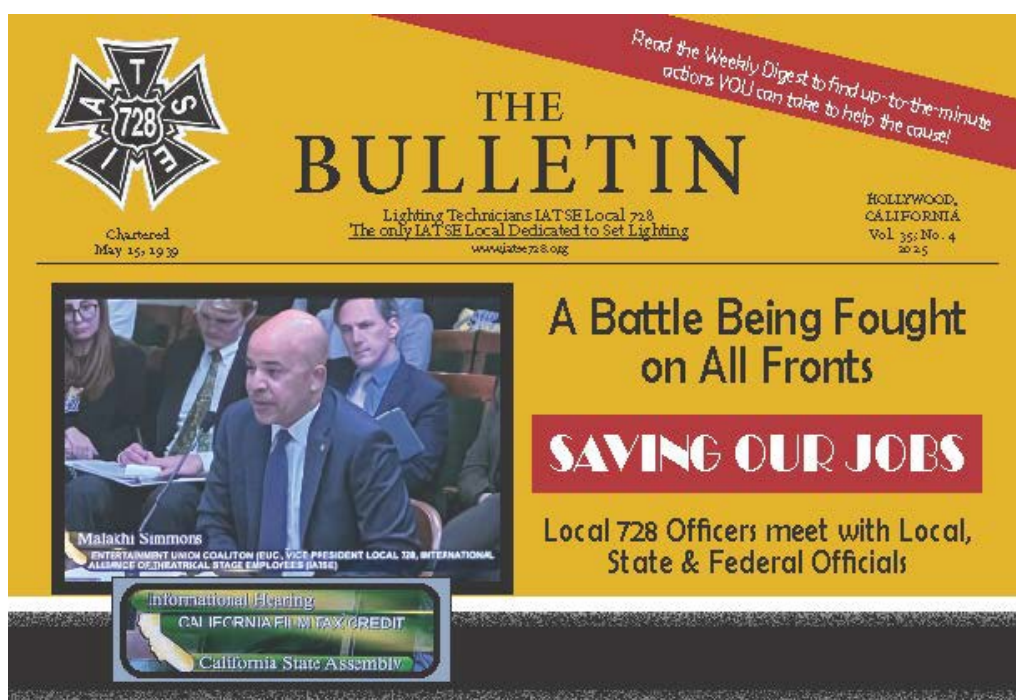
## **IATSE Local 728 Bulletin**

The Bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- A Battle Being Fought on All Fronts
- Part II: Cryptocurrencies, Bitcoin-Understanding the World of Digital
- LA March & Celebration, "Hands Off" Rallies in LA and Santa Clarita
- Lobbying, Fighting, Supporting & Relaunching
- Course Schedule Ramps Up/Training Improvements
- Cine Gear Expo LA

**Log in to access: [The Bulletin No. 4](#)**



**THE BULLETIN**  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728  
The only IATSE Local Dedicated to Set Lighting  
www.iatse728.org

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Read the Weekly Digest to find up-to-the-minute actions YOU can take to help the cause!

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**A Battle Being Fought on All Fronts**

**SAVING OUR JOBS**

Local 728 Officers meet with Local, State & Federal Officials

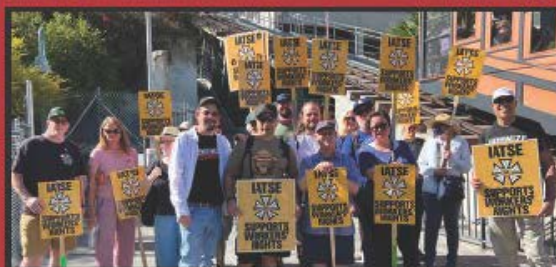
Malachi Simmers  
ENTERTAINMENT UNION COALITION (EUC, VICE PRESIDENT LOCAL 728, INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES (IATSE))

Informational Hearing  
CALIFORNIA FINANCE CREDIT  
California State Assembly

### **HITTING THE STREETS**

*Thousands Gather in Two  
"Hands Off" Rallies*

*Members Celebrate Cesar Chavez Day  
and March with United Farm Workers*



#### **INSIDE YOUR LOCAL BULLETIN**

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## **Safety Advisor Training – Contract Services**

Contract Services and the Industry-Wide Safety Committee is launching a pilot program for a new (non-union) industry career path called “Safety Advisor,” a position which will oversee the safety of all departments on set, from construction to medics to operations and everyone on set. This position is mandated by state law for any film or TV production receiving a tax incentive.

For those interested in exploring other work opportunities within the industry, please visit:

[Safety Advisor Training](#)

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Techquity Showcase #2 – This Saturday, April 26**

Come out for a mini Cine Gear Product demo this Saturday! Anton Bauer, Instagrid, Aputure, BB&S, Jagotech, Inner Circle, and AC Lighting.

Event sponsored by [Inner Circle](#) and [Instagrid](#).

**When:** Saturday, April 26

**Time:** 10AM- 2PM

**Location:** IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506



# TECHNOLOGY

2025

February 22

April 26

August 16

October 18

EMERGENCY



 IATSE Local 728



## **Spring Into Homeownership – Hosted by First Entertainment**

Join us for a Homebuying Workshop for Entertainment Industry Professionals  
Hosted by First Entertainment Credit Union.

Open to all IATSE union members and entertainment industry professionals.

**When:** Saturday, April 26

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** 6735 Forest Lawn Dr., Hollywood, CA 90068

**RSVP:** [Spring Into Homeownership Eventbrite](#)



## **Love and Solidarity Film Screening**

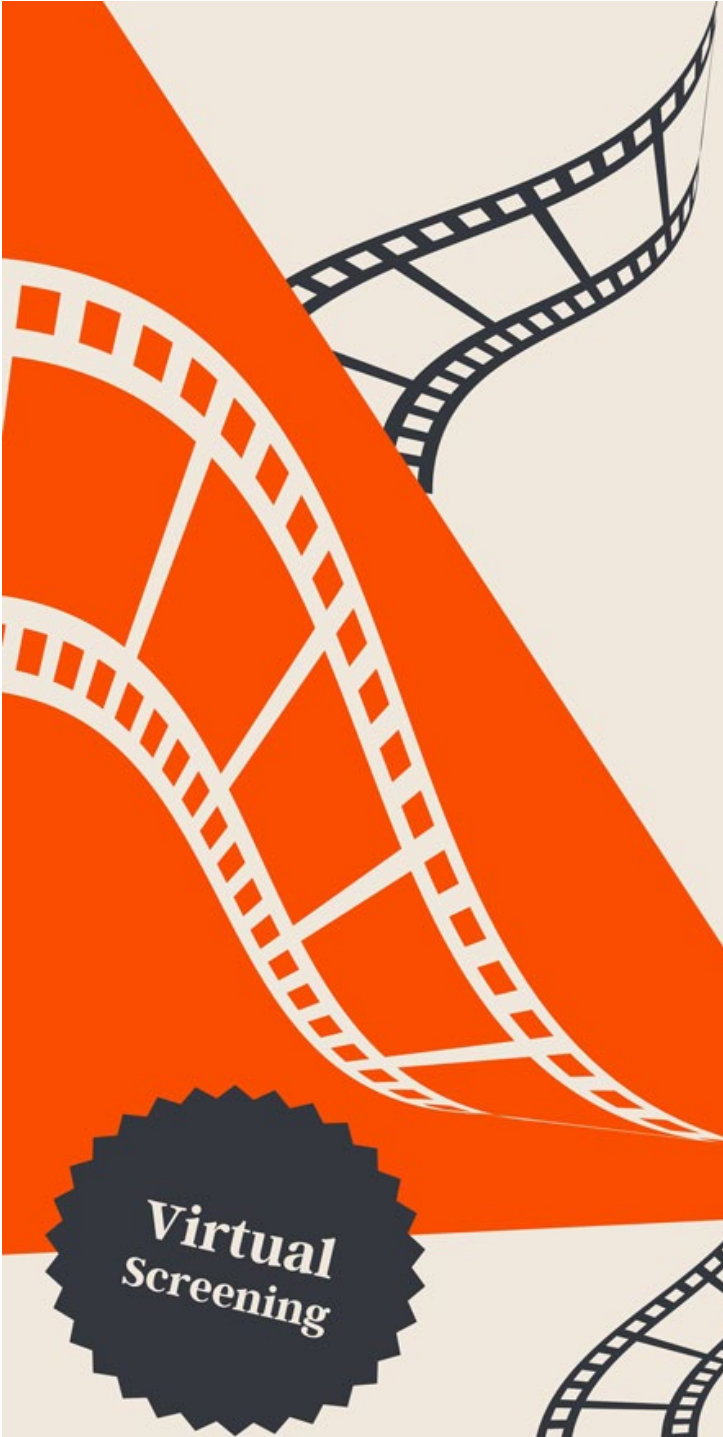
The Animation Guild (TAG) is having an online screening of *Love and Solidarity*, a short documentary introducing nonviolence in the civil rights movement. Reverend James Lawson Jr. and Unite Here Local 11 - impact in the Los Angeles labor movement.

**When:** Wednesday, April 30

**Time:** 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM

[Register Here](#)





# LOVE AND SOLIDARITY FILM SCREENING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

6:30PM - 7:30PM

A DOCUMENTARY ON NON-VIOLENCE  
AND LABOR MOVEMENTS

Virtual  
Screening



the  
animation  
guild

IATSE LOCAL 839

## **IATSE Blood Drive**

IATSE Local 871 and Costume Designers Guild are proud to host a blood drive on Sunday, May 4th.

**When:** Sunday, May 4

**Location:** Costume Designers Guild | 3919 Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91505

**Appointments:** <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

**Sponsor Code:** IATSE871

**Contact:** Sharron Enriquez (IATSE Local 871) [community871@ialocal871.org](mailto:community871@ialocal871.org) for more information or trouble scheduling an appointment.

To schedule your  
lifesaving appointment:

Visit: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Sponsor Code: IATSE871



American  
Red Cross

# IATSE BLOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025**

**COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD  
3919 W MAGNOLIA BLVD.  
BURBANK, CA 91505**

For more information or if you have trouble scheduling online, please contact Sharron Enriquez (Local 871): [Community871@ialocal871.org](mailto:Community871@ialocal871.org)

Picture ID Required to Donate

Download the Blood Donor App | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Sponsored By:



COSTUME  
DESIGNERS  
GUILD

## **IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting**

Save the date for Local 728's Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 10th. RSVP details coming soon!

**When:** Saturday, May 10

**Location:** IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MAY 10, 2025**



*Details on the website & the  
Weekly Digest coming soon!*

**9AM**

**IATSE Local 728  
Membership Hall or Zoom**



## **Heartbeat of Hollywood – June 2nd**

The 47th Annual Heartbeat of Hollywood Golf Classic will be held on June 2, 2025 at Moorpark Country Club and Las Posas Country Club. Awards Reception will follow at MPTF's Wasserman Campus in Woodland Hills, CA.

The membership approved an Eagle sponsorship, and IATSE Local 728 will be fielding two teams for the upcoming Heartbeat of Hollywood. If you're a golfer and you'd like to be in one of those foursomes, ***sign up using the link below or call the Hall for assistance. If you registered before using the volunteer database, please use the new link and register.***

**The deadline to sign-up for the drawing is Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*New Registration Link for this Event\***

**When:** Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Location:** Wasserman Campus

**You must be logged in to register, use the link below:**

[Register for Heartbeat of Hollywood Here](#)



**MPTF | IGO**  
Caring is Infinite



MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

**Heartbeat of Hollywood  
Golf Classic**

Presented by  
**NKSFB**  
LLC



**Moorpark Country Club**



**Las Posas Country Club**

## **CineGear EXPO LA**

Registration for Cine Gear Expo LA is now open! Don't miss the early-bird registration now through April 30.

**When:** Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Location:** Universal Studios Lot | 3900 Lankershim Blvd., Universal City, CA 91608

Check the [Venue Parking and Map](#) section for attendee and Rideshare Drop-Off Information.

**Registration:** [Register Here for LA EXPO](#)



# *Union Resources*

## **Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions- EHISCA**

While we at the Local are hopeful that 2025 will bring an uptick in work for the members of the Local we are aware that this uptick might not be enough for all members to be able to maintain their MPI health insurance.

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

<https://ehisca.com>

## **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

The IATSE and the Locals of the West Coast have combined resources into this link that will be updated regularly.

<https://iatse.net/socal-fires/>

## **Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)**

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

## **MPTF/ECF Insurance Services**

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

## **Mental Health Tools and Resources**

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.



MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

## **IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits**

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

Log-in required to view content: [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

# *IATSE PAC*

## **IATSE PAC**

The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)

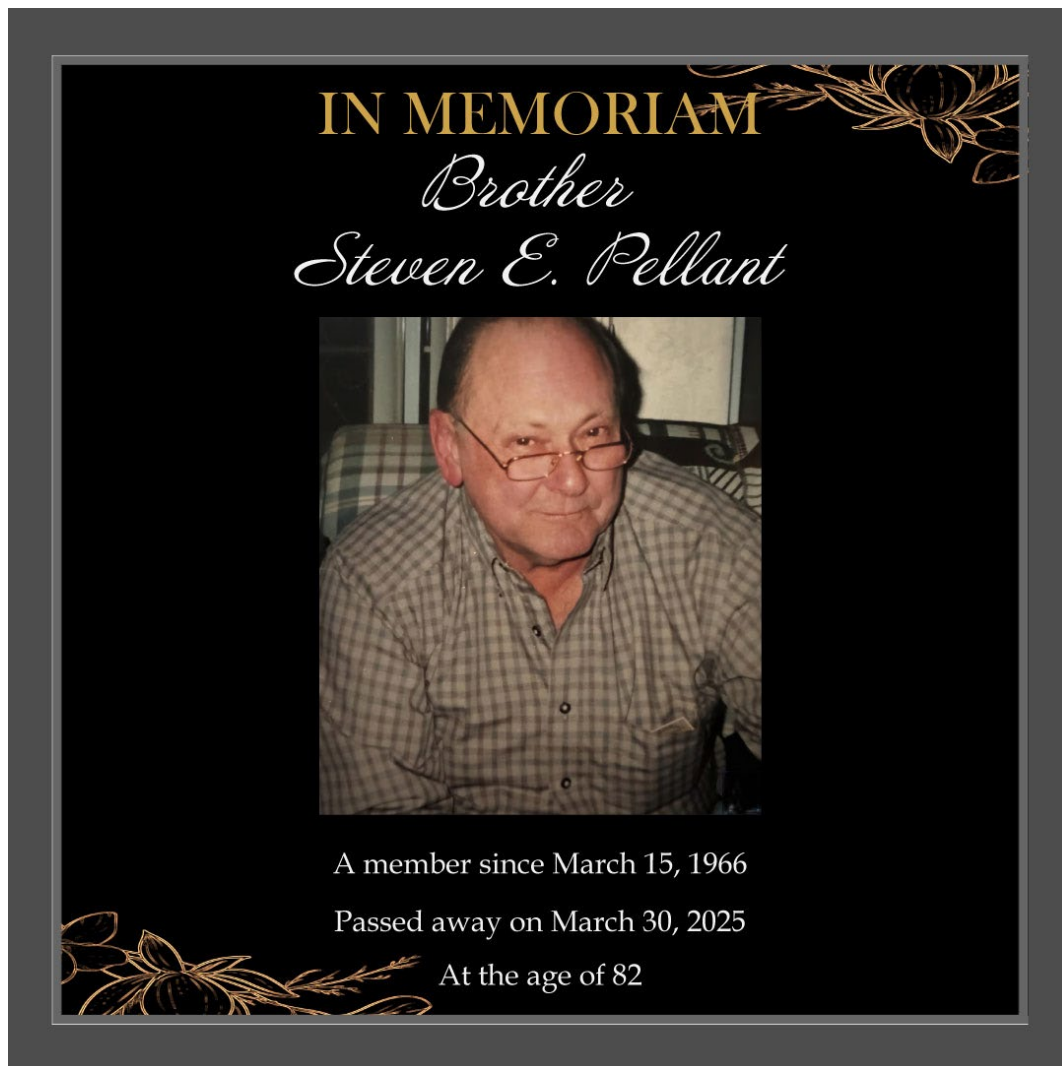


# *In Memoriam*

## **Brother Steven E. Pellant**

A 59-year member of Local 728, Brother Pellant passed away on March 30, 2025.

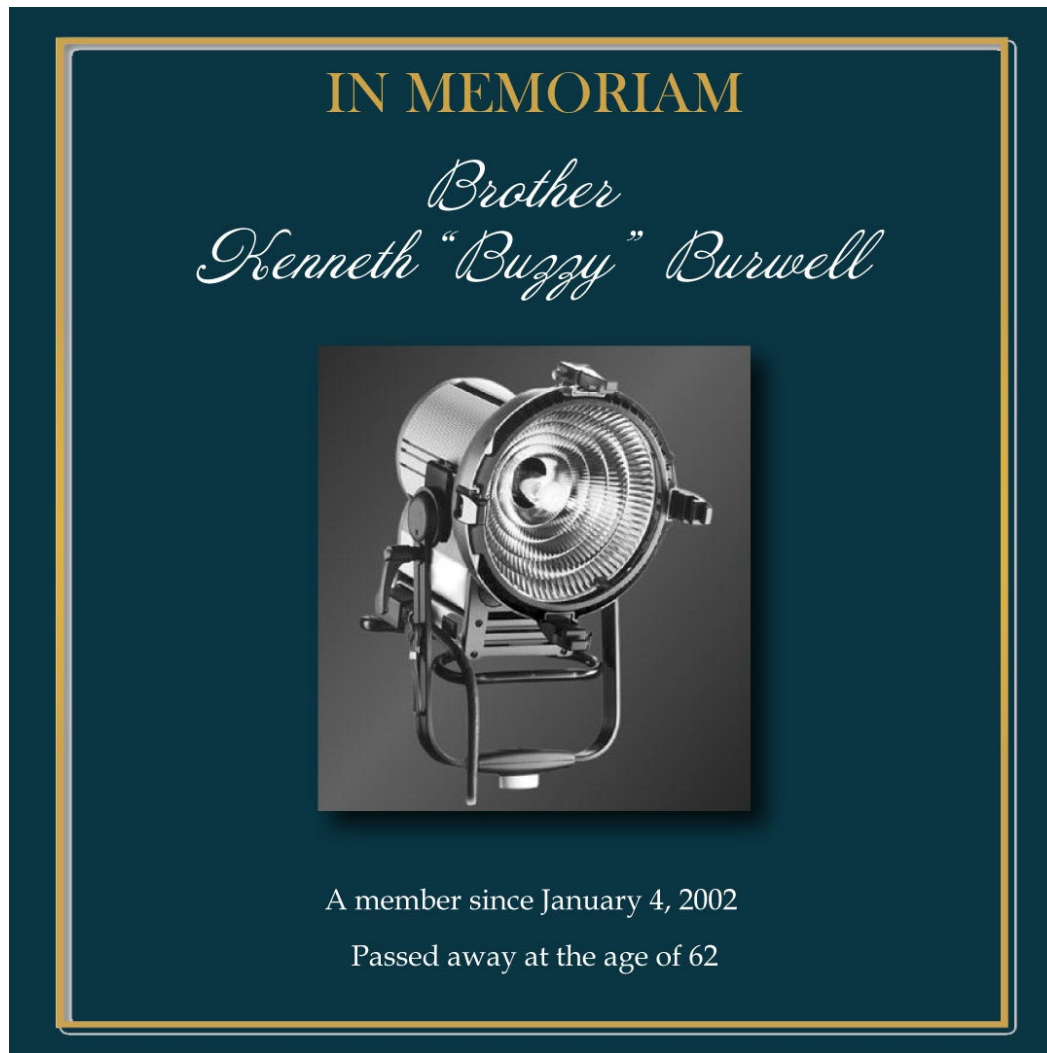
[Notice of member passing: Brother Pellant](#)



## **Brother Kenneth “Buzzy” Burwell**

A 23-year member of Local 728, Brother Burwell passed away at the age of 62.

[Notice of member passing: Brother Burwell](#)



**The SUPER SOFT LAUNCH of the website continues.  
If you notice a bug, or other issue, here's where to send it:**

<https://forms.gle/EaprTnGAARSDRcKk8>