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Important Election Update

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

District 142 has received approval from International President Brian Bryant for a special dispensation that changes how absentee ballots will be handled during the upcoming District Officer Election endorsement and General Election.

Instead of absentee ballots being sent to election P.O. Boxes at each local, all absentee ballots will now be sent directly to the District 142 Election P.O. Box.

This change was made to address challenges we've experienced during past elections and to ensure a more reliable process across our 43 locals. With absentee voting continuing to increase, centralizing ballot collection will help protect election integrity and reduce the risk of ballot-handling issues.

If you have any questions, please contact the District 142 office.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John M. Coveny, Jr.
President/Directing General Chair

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Office of the International President

District 142

July 21, 2026

Subj: Special Dispensation

Mr. John Coveny, Jr.
President/Directing General Chair
IAM District 142
Sent via email to: jcoveny@iamdl142.org

Dear Sir and Brother:

General Vice President Richie Johnsen has recommended we grant the dispensation requested in your letter dated July 15, 2026, regarding absentee endorsement and election ballots. This has been carefully reviewed, and I am in agreement with GVP Johnsen.

Therefore, by authority granted to this office by the IAM Constitution, special dispensation is hereby granted to District 142 to waive Article 9, Section 7(c) and Article 9, Sections 9(d) and (e) to allow all absentee endorsement ballots and absentee election ballots to be returned directly to the District 142 Secretary-Treasurer rather than the affiliated Locals.

The dispensation granted by this letter is valid for the 2026 District 142 Officer elections while the District considers a permanent bylaw amendment.

Should you have any questions about the terms of this dispensation, please do not hesitate to contact the Bylaws Department at 301-967-4722.

In solidarity,

Brian Bryant
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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cc: GST Cervantes
GVP Johnsen
COS Fraser
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