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From the Desk of Business Agent ED BROWN

Commercial Set Construction

shops for years. Over the last few is a great way to do that. years, things have changed. We have been successful in organizing several One of the best ways to encourage Property Master and Set Decorator. Business Agent

Thank you Kathleen!

shops. I want to remind everyone who made her transition from the future and great happiness in all of these shops are and encourage our Callboard to my office assuming her her endeavors. There are no words to Coordinators to take builds to them. new position as Executive Assistant express how much she has meant to In no particular order: All Sets Design to the Business Agent. Over these me and I thank her from the bottom & Construction, CBS Studio Center, years, Kathleen has been my right of my heart. Goodnight & Co. Paramount Studios hand. She has served not just me but I have chosen, Stacie Rowat to fill Mill and Special Effects, Scenic the entire Business Agent staff, not the Executive Assistant position. Express, Walt Disney Studios Mill always an easy task as we have varied Stacie has been with the Local for ten and Special Effects, Warner Bros. Set personalities and demands and I years and has a vast knowledge base of Construction and Design Center, and have been told I can be a bit neurotic. everything Local 44. She has proven to newly signed DahlHouse Scenery Inc. Kathleen has been that pleasant and be professional and dedicated to the This list is not complete but highlights helpful voice at the front line for membership. I have confidence that shops for their ability to provide Union Studio Executives, Attorneys, the she will do a great job. I say thank you Labor for Set Construction in all areas International, Contract Services, to Kathleen and wish Stacie success in of production, Film, TV, Reality and potential members, retirees and her new endeavor. Commercial, A full list of Local 44 members in need, Kathleen has In Solidarity, Signator companies is in this Newsreel. been a member for over 30 years as a Ed Brown

companies to become Union is to show She has served my office and this s you know, the Local them how much being Union will union in a professional manner with has been pursuing non- benefit their company. Supporting our dignity and grace. It is with mixed union Set Construction current Union Set Construction shops emotions that I announce that Kathleen will be moving on to a new phase in her life's journey. She will Eight years ago, Kathleen Hughes be sorely missed. I wish her a bright

ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

We recognize and congratulate the following individuals for their years of membership with Local 44.

MAY 2016

OVER 50 YEARS

Jason Bond - Coordinator (69)
France Story - Propmaker (69)
Alton Wright Jr. - Special Effects (65)
Arthur Lipschultz - Property Master (56)
Raymond Wright - Propmaker (56)
Thomas DelGenio - Special Effects (52)

50 YEARS

no members

35 YEARS

Hugo Gonzalez - Floorcover

25 YEARS

Caesar Bijou - Coordinator
Clifford Carothers - Coordinator
Robert Clack - Coordinator
Sean Conlin - Propmaker
Jason Hadley - Property
David Long - Propmaker
Alfredo Lopez - Upholsterer
Don Miloyevich - Property Master
Vincent Montefusco - Propmaker
David Touster - Property Master
Anthony Vitagliano - Greens

10 YEARS

Samuel Berrini - Property
Christopher Branan - Propmaker
Jeremy Deal - Greens
Ryan Donahue - Property
Ronald Fernandez - Propmaker
Karen Ipock Hodgin - Property
Christopher London - Property
Brian McArthur - Propmaker
Joseph Noguera - Propmaker
Catherine Pryor - Property
William Roberts - Property
Adam Santana - Property
Jenna Sylvester - Property
Dante Thomas - Propmaker
Humberto Varela - Propmaker

JUNE 2016

OVER 50 YEARS

Douglas Pettibone - Special Effects (71)

50 YEARS

Louis Cooper - Special Effects Alfred Johnson - Special Effects

35 YEARS

no members

25 YEARS

John Bankson - Property Master Horacio Blanco - Propmaker Chris Langevin - Property Richard Monak - Propmaker Sherman Singletary - Propmaker Kirk Tarouilly - Propmaker

10 YEARS

Sean Amborn - Propmaker Roxanne Brooks - Property Jeremiah Cooke - Propmaker Alex Coronado - Draper Michael Derry - Propmaker Richard Gonzalez - Property Chad Holmes - Propmaker Kevin Hummel - Property Master William Maloney - Greens Darin O'Neill - Propmaker Lewis Obermeier - Propmaker Joe Perez - Propmaker Ashley Peterson - Property Ryan Rostine - Property Steve Sierra - Draper Lindsey Sjoberg - Property

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Peter V. Angles

Propmaker Born: July 27, 1933 Joined: January 17, 1972 Died: November 8, 2015

William Balles

Special Effects Born: January 14, 1922 Joined: January 14, 1960 Died: March 29, 2016

Douglas Devine

Property Born: January 21, 1961 Joined: February 6, 1997 Died: April 3, 2016

Devlin W. Lerew

Propmaker Born: February 24, 1964 Joined: February 27, 1991 Died: April 5, 2016

Ricky McArthur

Propmaker Born: November 22, 1952 Joined: April 20, 2001 Died: March 6, 2016

Brian Tipton

Special Effects Born: September 26, 1953 Joined: November 8, 1976 Died: May 24, 2016

Scott Mizgaites

Propmaker Born: November 15, 1963 Joined: February 22, 1990

George Crawford

Propmaker
Born: March 26, 1939
Joined: September 1, 2000
Died: May 25, 2016



From the Desk of SECRETARY-TREASURER ANTHONY PAWLUC

up, putting members back to work period, we lost seven Callboard that companies and members after the typical March through May Stewards from the Department alike have come to expect from the hiatus. As I typically do, I want to who were Local 44 members. Five Callboard Department. Many of remind everyone to be sure their work decided to resign and/or not return you have already met and/or talked

at the Hall.

only 12 Propmakers and 130 Property Callboard programs and procedures. Secretary-Treasurer

status and contact information is up to their posts in the Callboard with our newer staff and enjoyed that to date in the Callboard which you can and pursue more lucrative Motion introduction. do on-line, over the phone or in person Picture, Television and Commercial We continue to display "The every day. We filled over 700 calls with computers and training look GREAT! in those twenty-seven weeks seeing within office organizations allowed Best, unemployment numbers dropping to them to catch up very quickly with Anthony Pawluc

s you read this article, Persons. That is A LOT of work for any Personnel stability is imperative to many productions have staff member or department to fulfill. maintaining the consistently highstarted or are starting Unfortunately, during that same level professionalism and service

opportunities. One member was Answer Corner" in our Newsreel so I want to give everyone a follow promoted and our Joanne passed be sure to catch up on this editions up status report since last summer / away. This was a difficult challenge outline for Special Effects and the winter 2015. As you recall, I reported to overcome. Obviously, we must featured article on The Conjuring that we began cross training existing have a fully staffed and functioning 2. We had a great time on set with staff from the office in the Callboard Callboard department to provide the crew. As you will read, this was since that department was busting necessary and often urgent service a California Film Incentive Movie loose from June through December for our members and Union made in Los Angeles that put a lot 2015 averaging 6-12 individual Productions. My search immediately of Local 44 members to work here productions or shops requesting brought on several administrative at home. I congratulate all of our anywhere from 2 - 6 employees professionals whose familiarity departments who made this movie

MOTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

IATSE Local 44 invites and D. Loeb in support of the AFL-CIO Union's business. One of the best of \$1k." Local's Executive Board Meeting minutes. All you need to do is follow Article VIII, Powers and Duties Michael Cappello: "I would like to Section 4 Secretary/Treasurer paragraph K (I) Minutes and Log of Agent's report as presented." Motions of Local 44's Constitution and By-Laws. The article states: "Any member in good standing who submits a written request Anthony: "I would so move a \$500.00 to schedule an appointment to review a copy of the minutes or the log of motions may do so." This allows members to draw their own conclusion on the entire meeting, not just highlights that someone else considered important to print. Contact the Secretary Treasurer to schedule an appointment so we can accommodate your request. The following are motions/actions of past Executive Board Meetings.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 03-09-16

Michael: "I would like to make a motion that the Board approve the regular Executive Board minutes of March 9, 2016 as amended/ corrected."

Dutch seconded the motion. The motion was carried without burying his son." opposition.

Michael Cappello: "I move to accept the Land Management Committee report as presented."

Anthony seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: "I motion that Local 44 sponsor the Motion Picture & Television Fund renovation in the amount of \$5k."

Emily seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

and congratulate President Matthew without opposition

encourages all members in good Annual Awards Reception reserving standing to take interest in their a Local 44 full-page ad in the amount motion that the Board approve the

> The motion was carried without corrected." opposition.

make a motion to accept the Business

The motion was carried without Hollywood in the amount of \$5k." opposition.

donation on behalf of Michael Proscia opposition. to the Walsit, Ditdula, Spivak Fund." Michael Cappello seconded the motion. The motion was carried support and attendance of the 2016 without opposition.

behalf of the passing of Mr. Wood's mother (Mabel Wood) to the Walsit, Ditdula, Spivak Fund."

was carried without opposition.

Michael Cappello: "I would like to make a motion to accept the Secretary-Treasurer report as presented."

Andrea seconded the motion. opposition.

Michael Cappello: "I would like to motion that the Board donate \$2k in catastrophic relief for the family of the year of which they serve." Ronnie McManus in assistance with

Anthony seconded the motion. opposition.

the Board donate \$2k in catastrophic relief to the family of Christopher Jones."

motion was carried without opposition.

Tim: "I would like to make a motion motion to adjourn." to adjourn."

Michael Cappello seconded the Ed: "I so move that Local 44 support motion. The motion was carried motion was carried without

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 04-13-16

Michael: "I would like to make a regular Executive Board minutes ways to do so is by reviewing your Anthony seconded the motion. of March 9, 2016 as amended/

> Tom seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: "I move that Local 44 approve Andrea seconded the motion. a sponsorship for the Heartbeat of Anthony seconded the motion.

The motion was carried without

Ed: "I so move Local 44 reserve 2 seats in the sum of \$400.00 in UCLA Labor Banquet."

Anthony: "I so move a \$250.00 on Erin seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Tim: "I would like to make a motion Ed seconded the motion. The motion to accept the Business Agent's report as presented."

> JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

JD Streett: "I make a motion that The motion was carried without we add a stipend to the Election Committee for meetings attended in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting, in addition to their reduced dues for

> Timothy seconded the motion." The motion was carried without opposition.

The motion was carried without Ray: "I would like to make a motion to provide catastrophic relief Armando: "I would like to motion that funds in the amount of \$2k to the surviving family of craft Property member, Doug Devine."

Eric seconded the motion. The Erin seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

JD Streett: "I would like to make a

Timothy seconded the motion. The

opposition

2016 Officers and Representatives Sworn In



Front Left to Right:

Michael Cappello, Anthony Pawluc, Mike Miller (IATSE V.P.), Ed Brown, Michael Diersing, Erin Hennessey

Middle Left to Right:

Sandra Stewart, Paul Ahrens, David Elliott, Timothy Graham, Andrea Joel, Ray Schrefel Jr., Tom Bowen, Bill Elliott

Back Left to Right:

Eric Hulett, Victor Reyes, Tobey Bays, Vincent Hammond, Colin Dennis, Steve Rostine, Andrew Moore, Dutch Merrick, Alexander Hernandez, Mike Loomer, J.D. Streett



H. B Aaris, Rosemary Brandenburg, Bob Carlyle, Emily Ferry, Grande Gonzalez, Jeannie Gunn, Charli Jayson, John Richardson



THE ANSWER CORNER

LOCAL 44 ANSWERS A QUESTION MOST REGULARLY ASKED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

How do I apply for the Prop Shop or Special Effects craft?

With the industry thriving, the need for Local 44 Prop Maker members with welding skills and Prop Shop members with Special Effect skills in feature films, television and commercials productions are increasing. Although our membership currently holds several skilled and talented Prop Shop members and Special Effects cardholders, the demand for those with these particular skills is still rising. We would like to look within our own membership to fill these important positions.

What do I need to do so I can move up in classification from Prop Maker

to Prop Shop or Prop Shop to Special Effects?

The qualifications for the advancement for Prop Shop qualified personnel is as follows:

(1) A qualified Prop Maker must log in 1,200 hours with IATSE signator employers in areas classified as Prop Shop duties. The list of working skills include 25-100 hours of experience with sheet metal, arc welding and cutting, machinist, working with glass (glazer), break-away glass, plastic, rubber, electrical fixtures, miniature builder, and rigging. The qualifications for

advancement for Special Effects qualified personnel is as follows:

- (1) A qualified Prop Shop candidate for Special Effects must hold a Prop Shop card for four years; and
- (2) Fulfill list of working skills for Prop Shop Person (listed above).

Investing time into your skill set and engaging in new motion picture prowess not only creates more options for you the member, but also creates opportunities making you more versatile and employable.

If you are interested in applying for either Prop Shop or Special Effects, please call your Local 44 Assistant Business Agent for more information.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME...

BYASHLEY SCALLY

ith Ed and Lorraine reprising their roles as paranormal investigators in the highly anticipated sequel of the hit horror film, The Conjuring; The Conjuring 2: The Enfield Poltergeist brings our brothers and sisters back home for a feature right here in Hollywood, Ca exactly where it should be. Having this feature filming at home encompasses the exact victory we collectively sought out for with the passing of AB1839, bringing film production and families back to California. From the construction crew replicating the original house from London, England, to the Set Decoration department adding unique and haunted artifacts to the Warren artifacts room, to the Prop crew creating the zoetrope, to the Special Effects team developing incredible rainstorms, some of the most talented Hollywood crews came together to help bring this true and unsettling story to life.

The moment the crew stepped on set there were bizarre and unnerving events taking place! Leadman Brett Von Shirley explains that at Warner Bros, "On the first day of shooting they



Back Left to Right: Frank Camara, Charles Righetti, Scott Loughran (871), Larry Ketchum II, Perry Batchelor

Front Left to Right: Christine Eyer, Set Decorator Sophie Neudorfer, Lead Man Brett Von Shirley

had a demonologist priest come bless the set. The entire cast and crew was there." Brett adds that he told gang boss Jose Castillo "to go over near the guy so I could get a photo of him and the priest". Jose edged in a little too close and the priest basically stopped what he was doing and asked Jose if he wanted a blessing. Jose said "yes please" and the priest put his hand on Jose's head and blessed him while the cast looked

on". Adding to the excitement of the horror film's ambiance, is the basement, a "creepy" set that constantly gets flooded, and the artifacts room is full of possessed items including the hero props from the first movie. Working on a horror film is very challenging but quite exciting the crew explains.

CONSTRUCTION

The construction crew had many difficult tasks and obstacles to accomplish, but with the high level of talent on this crew they built beautiful sets that take you deep into the 1970's of London, England to tell this troubling story of The Enfield Poltergeist. The hardworking team built a total of 15 sets here in California and had a challenging task as Foreman Colin Dennis describes, "of replicating the actual two-story house which is located in London by using just photographs as a point of reference". Construction Coordinator Anthony Syracuse explains that "the main house was great. We did an interior/ exterior engineered structure that was shot for five weeks. We tied that set into several facades making up almost a city block. We did amazing greens work in the front and backyards. The best part about this set was that we were matching the real thing from England. Feels good to do something like this at Warner Bros. Our local crafts did a spectacular job matching the textures and colors". That is an understatement! The amount of work these crews did in a short amount of time is astonishing and shows true talent at its finest. The most unique and challenging set the construction crew shared with us was the construction of a water set at

SCV studios. The fact that they had to build the basement of the house inside a pool! Which Prop Master Doug Fox describes as his favorite set, "It was the quintessential spooky basement; which gets flooded and actors had to wade through four feet of water". The talent from the construction crew will surely blow you away when enjoying this sequel, and possibly result in nightmares from the authenticity of the sets!

SET DECORATION

The Set Decoration department worked hard to make these sets come alive on screen for us all to enjoy. Set Decorator Sophie Neudorfer was ex-

cited to reunite with some familiar faces from the first Conjuring movie as well as new refreshing talent. Sophie explains that the main characters house also known as the Hodgson house, "was built on stage and we purchased most of the items through local consignment and antique stores, craigslist, etsy, and e-bay as a lot of it ended up being tossed around plus we were shooting on that set for six weeks. We also had a whole bunch of items shipped from the UK to get the original British look right. For the other sets we rented most of it from the local prophouses and their amazing

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LEFT TO RIGHT: SET DECORATOR SOPHIE NEUDORFER,
COORDINATOR ANTHONY SYRACUSE,
PRODUCTION DESIGNER JULIE BERGHOFF,
LEAD MAN BRETT VON SHIRLEY

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vintage collections." Sophie goes on to describe another set stating that the bedrooms for the DeFeo murders were a bit more "outrageous 70's- especially their wallpaper and shag carpets". Sophie and her team also had a great time picking up new pieces for the Warren's artifacts room that was in the previous movie, stating that "legal approved a lot more cool artifacts for us to use, there are lots of interesting and weird objects" and she further exclaims "I am sure it will be a crowd pleaser!" Working alongside Sophie was Leadman Brett Von Shirley and the set dressing crew which had the daunting task of redressing the Hodgson house every morning which was difficult he explains because "being a nearly complete house, the stage lights do little to light the interior of the house and it is creepy in there!" Brett and the crew also had to encompass the true nature of the house by "installing European plugs and switch plates which was a new one for me. Then all of the fixtures had to be rewired by Local 728/40 so they could be plugged in the set outlets." With the combined efforts of these artistic forces and passionate crews, every scene will surely chill you to the core.

PROPS

What would a horror film be without its props? Thank goodness for the creativity and drive behind Property Master Doug Fox and his crew for not making us find out! This team worked diligently to come up with the most unique items for this sequel. Since the movie was set in 1977, Doug tells us, "most of the props were rented from ISS and HPR. Although the tricky part was the location (London) so I spent a lot of time on UK eBay and UK amazon acquiring props." Doug expresses that one of the challenging aspects of acquiring the props were "the turnaround times buying items in the UK and worldwide and getting them shipped to the US in time for shooting". Fox came across another obstacle when he had "to come up with working flashlights from the UK, which were waterproof, while meeting the DP's requirements for light intensity and color and having multiples" which were used by the actors in the flooded basement scenes. He goes on to explain, "the most interesting prop was a child's zoetrope, it had to be custom made with images of the movies antagonist on the outside and working strips on the inside. It was a little challenging since there was only a few weeks to put it together". Doug was excited with the outcome of the prop and stated that the producer even made the comment "the zoetrope will be an iconic prop in horror movie history, kind of like the Anabelle doll from the first Conjuring movie". Doug emphasizes that he has spent a lot



Left to Right: Eloy Fernandez, Property Master Doug Fox

of time doing horror movies in the early years of his career "but The Conjuring 2 was the crowning achievement in this genre". When you pair ingenuity and passion the outcome will never disappoint, and we are all excited to witness these creations in their full realm of horror.

SPECIAL EFFECTS

Special Effects member Richard Jacobs tells us that he knew it would be an interesting feature to work on when people started telling them that the stage they were on was known to be haunted! Richard paints a vivid picture of the hard work the Special Effects crew put into this feature by explaining that there were so many rain scenes which required them to drill holes through the stage so that all the water could drain into big drums and not flood everything, he stated that the sets were amazing above the stage, but underneath the stage was even more mind blowing. Richard also exclaims "this was an effects heaven! We got to smash so many tables and chairs and break so many things!" he also lets us in on one of his favorite effects scenes in the movie which was when they had to use air mortars to blow out a closet, "it looked so good!". Matt Kutcher added, "it has been 8 years since I worked on a feature at home!" The department included Special Effects members Richard Jacobs and John McLeod amongst many other talented crew members to make this story come alive on screen. Special Effects provided all the rain gags and items flying across the room! It takes hard work and dedication to make the Special Effects of a horror film believable and truly disturbing. The crew worked meticulously to make sure the audience will enjoy every moment of this spine-chilling sequel.

This feature is a perfect example of how hard work does pay off, we are finally seeing the results of the tax incentives coming back to California and bringing families back home. When asked the question "What was your favorite part of working on this feature?" the consensus was clear and universal across the crew, "Being home every night and back in California with our families and seasoned talent!" Construction Coordinator Anthony Syracuse goes on to say that "it is so refreshing for my team and I to have the opportunity to work locally and go home each night. There is nothing that compares to the experience, attitude and effort of our California based

crews, it's good to be back!" Anthony also adds, "The entire experience on The Conjuring 2 was fantastic! Working for a production company that gave us every resource and an art department that challenged us was so refreshing. We had almost a hundred California based crew members in the construction department doing what they love every day. That's a great combination!" Sophie Neudorfer, Set Decorator, had some challenging hurdles when finding certain pieces for the film but she states that "I really hope the tax incentive in Los Angeles will keep work in town and not just TV and small tier movies. Decorating a film in LA is a pleasure. One can find anything here and fast plus there is amazing, seasoned crew". Doug Fox, Property Master agrees by stating, "I want to say that working on this movie was a blessing due to the fact that this was one of the most experienced and talented crews I've worked with in my career. I've been on big budget, low budget and no budget movies but this movie had top notch talent which I'm sure is related to the fact that it was shooting in Los Angeles". This is the start of a new year and endless possibilities of bringing jobs back to California.



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Ed Brown, Business Agent

From the Cover, Left to Right

1st Row: Brett Von Shirley, Joe Wick (729), Billy Guerrero (729), Isaac Sandoval (724), Greg Campbell, Kaiser Clark (399)

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