



**Lincoln Nebraska Central Labor Union Honored General Chairman Kyle Loos For His Outstanding Leadership in The Labor Community with the 2019 Albert W. Bauer Award**

Compassionate, dedicated, respected and generous were just a few of the words that IAM Local 612 President Pat Fredrick had to say about Kyle Loos when he was presenting the 2019 Albert W. Bauer Award to him. This is an annual award created by the Lincoln Central Labor Union in 1975 to honor excellence in the Labor Movement. Kyle was nominated to receive this award because of the “in the trenches” work that he does day in and day out for District 19 Members.

The presentation came at a perfect time since Kyle had just finished negotiating and ratifying an agreement that will protect the jobs of over 400 local residents of the Lincoln, Nebraska area. In his acceptance speech, Kyle explained the gruesome task of negotiating with BNSF over a possible closure of the Havelock Wheel Plant. This consumed all of Kyle’s time for at least two months in negotiations. Then, for most of the week before the award banquet, Kyle, Pat Frederick, Heath Jacobs and Kenny Krause spent twenty hours a day talking and explaining the agreement to our Members. In that time, they didn’t even stop to eat but once a day, Kyle went on to explain how happy he was with the results of this vote. In fact, if the agreement was not accepted Kyle stated that he would feel very uncomfortable receiving this award.

We found it humbling to watch and listen to the speakers such as Nebraska State AFL-CIO President, Sue Martin and LL 612 President, Pat Fredrick explain how deserving Kyle is of this great honor. Brother Loos is well known and respected in the Labor Community, not only with IAM Members and Leadership but with all other Unions in the surrounding area.

In attendance were, Kyles Family including his Wife Shelley,

Daughter Kacy and Son Caleb, Father and Mother In Law, Denis and Joanne Fettinger plus two of his Brothers, Paul and Dave. Several IAM Local 612 Members along with Members and Leaders from other Unions were also there. Lincoln, NE Mayor Chris Beutler, State Senators, Kate Bolz and Matt Hanson along with several other City Council Members and other politicians were in attendance as well. It is always a good thing for elected officials to hear the struggles of working men first hand.

Kyle Loos has risen from the ranks of his home Local in Lincoln, NE, he started working for BNSF as a Machinist Apprentice in 1998. Shortly afterward in 2001, Kyle was elected Recording Secretary of LL612. Just three years later Kyle was elected to the position of Local Chairman followed by an Executive board appointment in 2006 and several times, he was elected as a convention delegate. It was in these early years that Kyle found a love for helping his brothers and sisters not only at work but at several community organizations as well. To date Kyle remains dedicated to his members and other Members of the Labor Movement. These days, as a General Chairman Brother Loos has broadened his horizons while working with Union workers across the country, he also continues to engage in the most up to date training so that he can provide the best representation possible.

This quote from Walter Reuther explains the vision and character that Kyle has “There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow Members, and no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.” Thank You for your Leadership and Dedication Kyle, this award was well deserved!

**Kyle with his Beautiful and Supporting family, wife Shelley, Son Caleb, Daughter Kacy**



Local Lodge 612, Lincoln NE President Pat Frederick presenting General Chairman Kyle Loos with the Lincoln Central Labor Union “Albert W. Bauer Award”