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2008 Annual Conference

*Hosted by the
Oahe Chapter/Board of Directors
April 18-19, 2008
Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD*

*Bill Buss and Mark Shapiro
are scheduled to speak at the
Annual Conference*

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Mike Miller

I would like to take this opportunity to greet all members of the SDEC as the president. When you participate in your chapter's activities you help build the largest electrical consortium in South Dakota. Our organization is not just comprised of electricians. Membership also includes engineers, educators; power vender representatives; wholesaler representatives, Electrical Inspectors, and students.

Presently our state wide membership is a little over 1000 members. I have set a goal of reaching a member-

ship level of over 1200 by April of 2009. The South Dakota Electrical Council's strength has enabled us to provide some of the best National speakers on Code and other cutting edge technology. Let's take this to the next level! There are a number of ideas we can pursue to add to the already good chapter and State functions that a lot of people work hard to promote. Additional membership in each chapter will bring new ideas and enable the continuation of "Support in the Past - Strength in the Future". Good luck and have a great year!

2007 Person of the Year — Tom Kelly



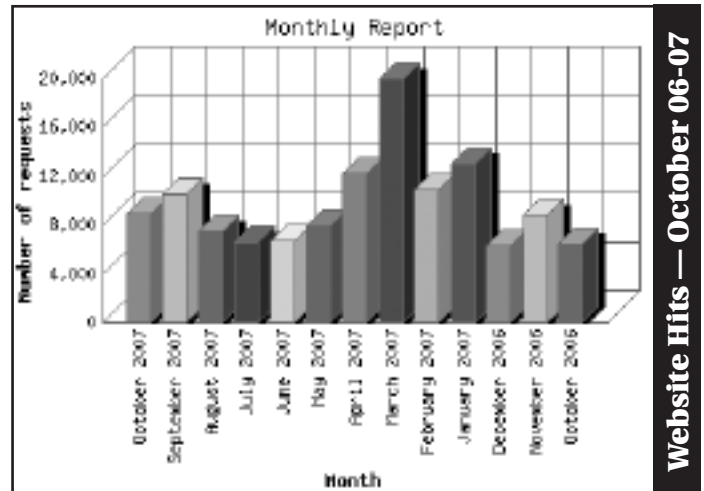
Thomas Allen Kelly was born June 29, 1950 in Linton, North Dakota to Edward and Hermina Kelly. He is the third oldest of nine children. When Tom was six the family moved to Aberdeen, and has resided here since. Tom graduated from Roncalli High School and attended Northern State University before moving to Mitchell to attend

Mitchell Area Vocational Technical School. There he received his training as an electrician and graduated in 1973. In 1974, Tom married Winnie Schumacher and together they have raised four sons, Ryan, Ross, Paul, and Travis (deceased).

Tom began his career as an electrician working for Mac's Electric. He went on to work for Schwan Electric, and in 1979 started his own business, Kelly Electric, which he owned for over ten years. In 1980 he started working for 3M in Aberdeen and is presently still there as a maintenance technician. Tom graduated from NSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology in 1999, and since then has worked part time as an electrical inspector helping Dan Larson in District Six.

Tom is a member of St. Mary's Church. He has volunteered many hours for Habitat for Humanity and his

church. Tom has been an active member of the SD Electrical Council, Hub Area Chapter, for many years, and is also a member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.



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SDEC Advertising Rate Sheet

The "Watts Current" is a semi-annual (8 1/2 x 11) publication that is mailed to our membership, and advertisers. The current mailing list exceeds 800 people. We mail the publication in March and September. Ads and articles are due to our office by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Advertising Rates

Full Page	\$325.00/year
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SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COUNCIL WEB SITE ADVERTISING CONTRACT 2008

Since the launch of the SDEC Web-site in early 2005, activity has increased to an average of over 1000 visitors per month. This year, with the implementation of online RSVP for monthly meetings, even more people in the electrical industry will be visiting the site. Please review the following advertising rates, and ad formats, for the calendar year 2008. Current website hits information is listed on page 2 or contact us @sdec@sdec.org

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SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COUNCIL

Person of the Year Requirements and Nomination Form

1. The person must have been active in the electric industry for a period of at least fifteen (15) years.
2. The person must be recognized as an authority in his segment of the electric industry in South Dakota.
3. The person must be recognized for his/her sincerity, willingness, tactfulness, sobriety in connection with his/her approach to the advancement of the electric industry, and for having devoted time and energy above and beyond that of the normal course of his/her work.
4. He/She must have made contributions to the practice of electric education, safety, generation transmission or utilization within the State of South Dakota.
5. He/She must be recognized as one who over the years has also made significant contributions outside of those within the industry and one who has been active in the general public interest.
6. One other consideration should be to someone with fewer years in the electrical business but who has done outstanding work in promoting electricity. (Amended - December 16, 1966)
7. An effort shall be made to award this achievement to the person in the proximity of the annual conclave. (Amended - December 7, 1987)
8. The president of the SDEC shall present an award, to the achievement winner along with a lifetime membership to the SDEC. (Amended - April 7, 1987)

Name: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____

Nominee Local Chapter: _____

Submitted by: _____

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Gillette, WY	Holiday Inn Express	Oct. 19 – 20, 2007	2005 NEC Code Update
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Rapid City, SD	Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn	April 11 – 12, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Sioux Falls, SD	Best Western Ramkota	May 15 – 16, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Gillette, WY	Holiday Inn Express	May 19 – 20, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
Casper, WY	Holiday Inn on the River	May 22 – 23, 2008	2008 NEC Code Update
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Rapid City, SD	AETech Conference Room	June 20 – 21, 2008	Exam Prep

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Rapid City, SD	AETech Conference Room	Mar. 29, 2008	Master Commercial Calculations
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Calendar of Events

April 18-19, 2008

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"Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has the moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."

-Theodore Roosevelt

Mission Statement

Founded on December 3, 1952, the South Dakota Electrical Council's purpose is to promote and improve the electrical industry within South Dakota. The council strives to promote technical and product knowledge, continuing education, and better communication among its members through trade shows, joint utility training, newsletters, awards and individual chapters of the South Dakota Electrical Council. The SDEC and its membership are committed to building cooperation, fostering goodwill, and developing pride among all segments of the electrical industry.

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