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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.

DUES REMINDER

DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2005, ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. Failure to maintain your good standing in regard to dues may cause your suspension from the Local Union and your removal from the job site.

Members are encouraged to remit dues payments on an annual basis (\$120). Quarterly dues may also be paid in three, six, or nine-month increments. Dues payments can only be credited to your account on a quarterly basis, and must coincide with the calendar quarters.

Please note that as stated in the International Union of Operating Engineers Constitution, Article XXIV, Subdiv. 7, Section (d):

“Members who have not paid their current dues or assessments within sixty (60) days after they shall have become due and payable may upon vote of the Local Union be barred from meetings or removed from committees or both, or suspended from membership.”

Local 4 S.A.C. Scholarship Winners

- \$2,500 - Elizabeth Crowley,
daughter of Timothy J. Crowley, Jr.
- \$2,500 - Michael T. Dangelo,
son of Michael B. Dangelo
- \$1,500 - Amanda Bucci,
daughter of James P. Bucci
- \$1,500 - Robert J. Cantwell, III,
son of Robert J. Cantwell, Jr.

The S.A.C. Committee Scholarships are for both the Freshman and Sophomore years of college. These Scholarships will be awarded at the AFL-CIO Banquet, to be held in May.



BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope that you are all well, and that we have seen the last of the harsh weather conditions of this past Winter. With the warming Spring temperatures, I look forward to a robust construction season, providing excellent employment opportunities for all of our members.

As many of you know, our General President, Frank Hanley announced his retirement at the Winter meeting of the General Executive Board. President Hanley has had a long and distinguished career with the Operating Engineers and had positioned the International Union of Operating Engineers at the pinnacle of the Building Trades. We wish Brother Hanley and his family all the best and thank him for all he has done for the working people of our great Union.

Our newly elected General President, Vincent Giblin is also a man of impeccable character and dedication. I look forward to working with him on the many issues facing our industry. Brother Giblin has assured me of the high regard and respect that he has for Local 4, and I am very proud that he feels this way.

Also elected at their meeting was Christopher Hanley, to be our new Secretary/Treasurer. Chris has been very helpful to Local 4 on many occasions, and I look forward to working with him in his new position.

On the local level, we have a number of large projects which are about ready to begin in earnest. For those of you who have not yet returned to work, I urge you to contact the Business Agents so that we can get you out to work as soon as possible.

We have scheduled a number of dates for our contract negotiations. I will be keeping the membership up to speed as to the progress of these meetings and I am confident that we can negotiate a fair and equitable agreement for the members of Local 4. Stay tuned . . .

On the organizing front, I am happy to report the signing of the Eastern Contracting Company. This large General



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Contractor is heavily involved in school and municipal construction and will be directly hiring many of our members. As I have stated, the signing of General Contractors is one of my highest priorities.

In closing, I'd like to mention how proud I am of the large number of members attending our monthly Union meeting. It is great to see the enthusiasm of our members. I truly consider it an honor to serve you and this Great Local Union.



WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

As I write this article, I hope to find you and your families with good health and happiness. After this long and record-breaking Winter in terms of snowfall, we finally made it to Spring. This Winter has obviously had a direct impact on our business. However, as we move into Spring and Summer, I am optimistic with regards

to the work outlook in the Route 128 perimeter.

The Leahy Clinic addition in Burlington is now in full swing. At the present time, A.J. Welch and Irving Crane are among a couple of contractors employing some of our operators. A proposed parking garage at the site should follow. The Waltham State Hospital demolition project is currently underway. North American Site Developers is the general contractor with W. L. French and Roads Corp. participating in site developing and road work, respectively. In Swampscott, OCS Industries, a newly signed outfit is constructing a large crushing and conveyer operation at the Aggregate Industries Quarry. Several more like projects may develop with Aggregate at other facilities in the future. Roberts Corp. is in its final stages at the Natick Mall demolition project. A.A. Will is present in Norwood with the site work for F.M. Global. Schnabel Foundation Company on Route 9 Brookline is underway with work on a private housing development. D.W. White is in the final stages of site work at its Phase II Project in Reading which when completed will include a number of retail stores. Pytko Construction Co. is in its final completion of site work in Walpole at the Preserve Apartment Complex.

On the horizon, General Growth, a large national mall developer has plans to construct a \$150 million expansion at the Natick Mall. Legal challenges and permit issues between the Owners and the Framingham and Natick Planning Boards have split this new project into two phases. To stay on schedule, there are hopes to break ground this Summer with final completion in Fall 2007.

The Massachusetts Water Resource Authority will soon begin work in Winchester on the Cummingsville Branch Sewer Line Project. This is a two-year project which will

include upgrading an existing system which is almost 100 years old. The Salem Power Plant Station has recently been purchased by Dominion Energy. With this, previously projected upgrades/work determined by the previous owner have been delayed until Dominion completes their analysis of the plant.

Contract negotiations concerning our collective bargaining agreements are approaching. This process is extremely important with regards to our wages, benefits and working conditions. I can assure you that Business Manager Lou Rasetta and Committee will diligently represent all of us.



JOHN PANARO

Spring Fever has everyone eager and very anxious to get working. As we all know, it has been a long hard winter. Relentless snow storms along with cold temperatures have hurt our chances for an early start this season. On a positive note all signs point to a vibrant season for our dirt merchants.

Water & Sewer projects are a top priority in every city and town this year. It appears we will get the vast majority of this work and that will benefit our members. Private money is leading the charge on numerous large construction developments that we will see going forward this year.

Logan Airport has been at a standstill this past Winter, but Spring is now upon us. Barletta is gearing up to finish their on going project at Logan. Barletta was also the low bidder on the Neptune Road contract worth eight million dollars. McCourt has the 45 million dollar contract for the new runway. That is expected to start sometime this Spring. Our members are concerned that the Central Parking Garage is moving very slowly as far as manpower. East Boston will get a face lift for Maverick Square worth 30 million that J.F. White is slated to start this year.

Cambridge is busy with numerous construction projects. Roads Construction just started work on a section of Massachusetts Avenue worth seven million dollars. Marr Crane is erecting steel in Kendall Square on a 23-story high-rise. Harvard University is busy with several large projects. East Coast Slurry and Trevi Icos are involved in a joint venture that is the start of a 200 million-dollar project where Bond Construction Managers is the General. A.J. Welch is busy on a large excavation site for Turner Construction on Oxford Street. Dorians is doing the excavation at Discovery Park where Sterns has already set the steel.

Again I ask you, the membership to help me police the North of Boston area. Call me and let me know where you are working in this area. A phone call informing me with the location of your job site helps me better serve you the membership. Work Safe in 2005.



J. F. White's project (Cambridge)



NORMAN TEED

This winter's tough weather limited any new work opportunities for members who were laid off. It seemed to snow every week. Hopefully nice Spring weather will arrive early this year and it will be fairly dry to enhance job site startups.

Luckily work was ongoing at some job sites in the South of Boston area this winter, but certainly at a reduced pace. Projects such as the IKEA Home Furnishings Store, Stoughton, preliminary work for the Brayton Point Power Plant Emissions Reduction Project, Somerset and the addition to the Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro were among these. Some projects, such as the Greenbush Commuter Rail Extension, Sagamore Flyover and the General Motors Distribution Center at the Norton Commerce Park shut down for periods of four to eight weeks because of the extreme winter weather.

Hopefully spring weather will arrive early this year and the anticipated start of projects in the South of Boston area will proceed. Northern Contracting, LLC, Aetna Bridge and P. Gioioso Co. have been awarded bridge repairs or replacements worth from one half a million dollars to more than four million dollars in value. Excavation job sites, such as the Keith Elementary School in New Bedford, the new Blue Cross-Blue Shield office building and parking garage at the Hingham Commercial Park and a new building at the Texas Instrument complex in Attleboro are just underway. There are many projects presently being bid which hopefully will be won by our signatory contractors. Our asphalt contractors look forward to having a busy year with many contracts in hand for the south of Boston area. Sewer and Water contractors are currently returning to previously started projects and have much work in front of them for this year. At this time the work outlook is encouraging for the South of Boston area.

If you return to work through an employer, please show the courtesy of calling the Business Representative in the area to inform him where the job site is located. Hopefully everyone seeking work opportunities will be employed as soon as possible.

As always, work safely and stay healthy. I look forward to serving our members whenever possible.



DAVID FANTINI

As we come out of what was our worst Winter ever, I know everyone is ready to get back to work. The year 2005 looks to be a good year.

I would like to thank Business Manager Rasetta for allowing me to attend the 2005 class at The Harvard

Trade Union Program. It was an intensive six-week course covering all aspects of unionism, collective bargaining, and labor history. Attending this program, as Lou did in 1998, was beneficial to Local 4. As the recipient of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO scholarship, all tuition was paid. I would also like to thank Organizer Paul DiMinico for his good work covering my area in my absence.

At the January meeting of the North Shore Building Trades Council, I was elected President of that council. The added responsibility that comes with this appointment is minimal in comparison to the benefits for Local 4. By being the contact person for all large projects in the area, I will be able to see that our interests and issues are first and foremost.

Work in the area has begun to pick up with a number of people being called back to jobs that they were on at the end of last season. Bond Bros. worked through the Winter with Irving Equipment and Marois Brothers on the site. This owner has historically used Columbia Construction for all its projects, but with Local 4 and the Laborers Local 175 working together we got our shot. This project is on schedule and on budget. Even with the Winter we had, and with the potential for two or three more buildings on the same site, it now looks good for future work.

Modern Continental has started back on Rte. 3 and expects to have a scaled down crew on site for most of 2005. J.F. White continues work on their Haverhill Bridge project. The bridge is down and the demo is almost complete. Trevi is scheduled to be on the site in May. Bridge and road reconstruction continue to be improving in the area with E.T& L, S&R Cont., MDR, and Unified Cont. all winning work over the Winter.

Business Manager Rasetta has made the decision to redistrict the areas along the MA/NH line. I have been given the responsibility for covering Rockingham County in southern NH. I thank the Business Manager for this opportunity. I will be reaching out to my fellow brothers and sisters in Local 4 to get up to speed and begin to regain a market share in this area.

I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous 2005.



KEVIN BENNETT

As you all know, this past Winter has been one of the hardest on the construction industry in many years. With winter behind us, hopefully, the spring will bring many new work opportunities.

The Boston area has several new projects scheduled to break ground.

The Marriott Renaissance Hotel with 450 rooms is contracted at \$37,500,000, Battery Wharf Hotel – Residential at \$50,000,000, Charles Street Jail Hotel at \$77,000,000, Brigham & Woman Center for Advanced Medicine at \$175,000,000, Kenmore Station Improvements at \$23,000,000, Ashmont Station Improvements at \$33,000,000, and a \$35,000,000 Sewer and Water project in West Roxbury. We are also waiting for bid results on a \$135,000,000 NSTAR project running from South Boston to Stoughton.

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending our General Executive Board Meeting with all of the delegates from Local 4. We were fortunate to have several workshops and lectures available to us. The most momentous part of the week was the breakfast hosted by the Northeast District. General President Frank Hanley surprised everyone when he announced his retirement. With a room full of Business Managers and Business Agents, General President Hanley singled out our Business Manager, Louis G. Rasetta and Local 4, noting that the future of the Operating Engineers is in good hands under his strong leadership. We wish General President Frank Hanley a happy and healthy retirement.

I would like to congratulate Business Representative David F. Fantini on his recent graduation from the Harvard Trade Union Program and his election as President of the North Shore Building Trades.

Joseph Nigro, General Agent of the Boston Building Trades has decided to retire. He has been instrumental in obtaining Project Labor Agreements on jobs such as Deer Island, The Big Dig, Mystic Station, and many more. Thank you for all your hard work.

Many of you have called looking for work this winter. If you have returned to work, please leave a message on my answering machine at (978) 667-3097 so I can update my list. I would also like to remind everyone to obtain the required OSHA ten-hour certificate. Please call the training center at (781) 821-0306 for information on classes.

Many thanks for your help and support.



ROD GILLESPIE

With spring fast approaching, the Lane Construction crews are starting to open up the plants around Maine and get ready for another busy year paving the roads in central, northern and eastern Maine. On March 8th, Business Manager Rasetta, Chris Fogarty and myself met with Lane Construction management and had

the first meeting on another three-year contract extension. We hope to get a decent raise and will be in contact with the Lane operators for a meeting when we are ready to discuss the agreement.

Regarding our power plants, Business Agent Dick Draper, Local 877 and myself wrapped up another three-year contract extension with Portland Regional Waste and we are going for contract ratification on April 12th with the Maine Energy & Recovery trash to energy plant in Biddeford. Also, Dick and I met on March 23rd with the Mid-Maine Waste unit members in Auburn to discuss their contract extension that will expire this June. In Maine, this is a busy time for our jointly organized and represented trash to energy plants.

The work around Maine this winter was sparse at best. We are watching with great interest the purposed Racino planned for Bangor. This is a ninety million-dollar project that includes a 100,000 sf. building and a 1500 car parking garage. Which will be followed up by a thirty million-dollar convention center for the city of Bangor to replace the old auditorium. Also, Maritimes Northeast Pipeline may be getting ready to announce the expansion of the 31-mile loop line down east and the four compressor stations in Maine. This is due in part because of the ground breaking on the LNG facility in Nova Scotia. The purposed LNG plant at Irving Oil in Saint John is expected to go as well. I am sure everyone read the news on the town of Perry who voted down the LNG facility purposed for Pleasant Point. Once again a multi-million dollar project was axed by voters in Maine. At this point it does not appear that there will ever be an LNG plant along the coast of Maine. International Paper in Bucksport is looking to spend upwards of eighty million dollars to convert the wood yard over to using only chips. I will keep you posted as time goes along.

On April 2nd the Training Center staff came to Clinton to do the HazMat refresher for operators who had the HazMat 40 hour certification. Our thanks go out to Director Bill Mooney and his staff for coming to Maine.

In closing, I want to send our condolences out to Brother Steve Cilley and his family on the tragic loss of their son and brother member Josh. He was a great young man and will be missed by all who new him.

Work safe and drive carefully during your travels.



RON BURNAP

Spring is almost here. The end of 2004 had a lot of early layoffs, starting around Thanksgiving. The weather this winter has not been that severe, unless you live on the Cape. Paving, Sewer and Water, and our site contractors have all had their normal layoffs. Very few projects in

Central Massachusetts have worked through the Winter and those that have only used a few of our members. There are many jobs that have to be finished in the up coming year.

This year looks like the Worcester area will have a lot more work than in 2004. The steel is going up on the Worcester Court house. Marois Brothers has some site work left to do. With some warm weather, that job should be very busy soon. The masonry should be starting in April.

J.F. White is on the RT 146 Brosnahan Square project. They have cleared the trees and are getting ready to start the last section of RT 146. Without the efforts of the Building Trades, our Contractors, and the commitment our leadership made with the Cooperative Trust, we could have been left out of this very important project. Those are only two of many jobs that will be going strong this Spring. Road construction, schools, demolition of the Worcester Common Outlets, hotels, sewer and water, and jobs in the private sector should make for a good year.

The OSHA ten hour training will be mandatory next year. Please call the training school for any certifications that you might need for the upcoming year. Please take advantage of all the equipment at the training center. Rubbertire excavators, dozer, and blacktop rollers Operators are always in demand.



CHRIS FOGARTY

We hopefully can say goodbye to one of the longest and snowiest winters in recent years. Spring is here and just in time to slide into the mud season. Don't you just love New England? The pressure of the inclement weather and a lackluster economy has had a strange and

profound effect on the equipment industry. The rental houses have been hit the hardest this winter with service and rental revenue dropping well below average. Work hours had been cut back by most yet some new opportunities were created in other areas. Sales of new equipment and refurbishing of old equipment seem to be carrying the bulk of the workload for most right now. The upside to this is the anticipation by most for a brisk construction season which should generate service and rentals giving us all a boost.

The meeting at the training center last month with the 4E members was well received and long overdue. I would like to thank those of you who braved the elements to attend and came on such a bad night. There were many good suggestions and ideas on how we could begin to implement some sort of training classes. I was most impressed by the number of you willing to volunteer time to helping brother members learn and master the craft. I need to remind you that I need your resume on hand so when work opportunities do arise I can forward them to people seeking your talents. Please fax or send them to the Medway office, Attention Chris Fogarty. It will be a long road to straighten out all the ills that befall all the 4E Brothers, but I assure you of my diligence and commitment in these matters.

The concrete pump industry has seen a hot and cold jump start to their season. Right now the secondary market seems to be fueling most of the work. For the second year in a row it has shown how much regular construction seasons have affected this industry. The concrete pump addendum has proven its value in these tough times. The time has come to revisit the addendum. Input from members working for the concrete pump companies is needed and welcomed. I'd encourage those members to contact me.

As we gear up for a new Spring season remember that safety has no season. We work in the most dangerous environment in the world, so please be vigilant in caring for yourselves and those around you.

**ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL
REASSIGNMENT FOR
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES**

**NH - Rockingham County
to David Fantini**

**MA - Bedford, Danvers, Beverly,
Manchester, Gloucester and Rockport
to William McLaughlin**

IN RETIREMENT

We wish a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement to the following:

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| Ronald A. Andrews | Lynn F. Juckett |
| Eugene T. Beckward | Russell D. Langford |
| Joseph F. Borselli | Edward Magiera, Jr. |
| Ralph Carbone, Jr. | Frederick T. Mullett, Jr. |
| Nicholas J. Carengo | Wilfred W. Ouellette |
| Carl E. Chick | Jeffrey L. Palmer |
| Augustine C. Correia | Robert E. Pires |
| Paul J. Davis | Carroll E. Poulin |
| Richard J. DeCosta | William T. Prince, Jr. |
| James E. Dewing | Dale F. Sanborn |
| David A. Diorio | Daniel J. Simonelli |
| Charles C. DiPietro | Tom J. Spadoni |
| Robert E. Dunbrack | Gregory T. Sullivan |
| William Frink | Ronald Taylor |
| Anthony J. Gentile | Jean N. Theroux |
| Kenneth J. Hayes | Maurice Therrien |
| Randall A. Hurley | Edwin C. Ware |
| Bryan Jewell | |

IN MEMORIAM

The Officers and members of the Local offer their sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following:

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| William H. Barboza | William I. Horigan |
| Kenneth Bardsley | Thaddeus W. Juszczak |
| Augustus A. Bartoli | Charles F. McCluskey |
| Robert R. Biron | Raymond R. Morse |
| Josha S. Cilley | Emelio Pagliuca |
| James F. Concannon | Raoul Pechey |
| John J. Curley | Hebert C. Pritchard |
| Donald F. Daddario | Maurice J. Ruby |
| Brian K. Durkin | John J. Shields |
| Anthony L. Francioso | Douglas M. Silvio |
| Kenneth C. Hicks | Paul L. Sousa |

Fraternally yours,

Louis G. Rasetta

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