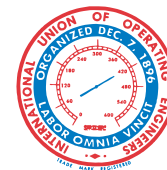


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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.

DUES REMINDER

DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2006, 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.



BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I hope that you and your families are all well.

After seventeen inches of rain had fallen in my town in only three days last month, the condition of my home's basement will attest to the fact that there is still a great need for "pump-men" in the New England area. But on a serious note, I hope that we have finally seen the end of the heavy rains, so that we can all get back to our long delayed job sites.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention how pleased I have been at the large number of members who have been in attendance at our monthly Body Meetings. It is a source of great satisfaction to me, and all of the other Officers, to know that there is such great interest and pride in the working of our Local Union.

I would like also to alert the membership to the fact that there will be seminars in each of our areas this fall, covering our Health & Welfare, and Annuity and Pension Plans. Please try to attend these meetings also, as there will be plenty of new and helpful information pertaining to our all-important Fringe Benefit Funds.

Also in the pipeline are plans to celebrate our 110th Anniversary. Brother Kevin Bennett and Brother Bill McLaughlin are chairing this event, which promises to be a gala celebration, commemorating 110 years of excellence by your Local Union. Initial plans are to have this event scheduled for next July. Further information will be forthcoming.

In closing, I would like to ask for your prayers for Brother Leonard P. Bucci, who passed away last week. Len was an inspiration to me throughout my career, a fine Local 4 man, and an exceptional person. Again, I ask for your prayers for him and also for all our departed members.

I wish you all a safe, happy, and productive Summer Season, and look forward to seeing all of you.

Fraternally yours,

Louis G. Rasetta





WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

Finally the summer is here. With a record-breaking wet spring finally behind us, I remain optimistic about the foreseeable future and work outlook for the Operating Engineer. Historically the second half of the year is usually our busiest. Let's hope that trend continues for 2006.

Avalon Bay, a major private housing developer, has a couple of housing projects underway in the area. R. Pompeo is present in Chestnut Hill as the site developer on a multi-million dollar apartment complex. North American Site Developers (NASDI) and Testa Corp. are at Danvers State Hospital. This is a multi-million dollar renovation project, which currently employs numerous Operating Engineers. Testa is also visible on Route 1 in Saugus at the demolition of the Palace Nightclub, which will be the future site of a Lowe's Home Improvement Store. Also, at the Square One Mall is Marois Bros. with the site work for a new Dick's Sporting Goods store. The Natick Mall expansion project on Route 9 is still moving along. Several of our signatory contractors are present at the site. J. Derenzo Co. employs several Operating Engineers at various site developments throughout the Route 128 area. Wayside Commons Retail Shopping Plaza in Burlington, Reservoir Woods renovation project in Waltham and at the Middlesex Turnpike in Bedford to name a few. Barletta Engineering Corp. has just begun a roadwork and utility project in Brookline. This multi-mile construction undertaking on Beacon Street should provide us with some opportunities.

Our paving contractors are keeping busy, as this is the height of their season. Signatories such as D&R General Contracting and Aggregate Industries are highly visible on many of our major highways.

Some upcoming projects include Gioioso Brothers Inc. who will soon begin the first phase of a water and sewer project in downtown Gloucester. This is a 50 million dollar contract. Lawrence Lynch Corp. has recently been awarded the Beverly Airport runway expansion project. Northshore Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital are teaming up on a 100 million dollar renovation project in Danvers at the site of the old Sylvania building. Despite fierce opposition from neighbors regarding traffic concerns, the hospital project will now move forward.

For those that may have missed the July 1st deadline for OSHA 10-hr. certification, please contact the Engineers Training Center at 781.821.0306 to ensure you enroll in the

next available class.

Hope you all enjoy the summer.



JOHN PANARO

I hope everyone is healthy and happy as we enter the summer season. Work continues on construction projects that are on-going from last year. However, new projects are slow coming for many reasons. Local and National politics are not helping our Construction Industry move forward.

The high price of steel has hurt our Building Industry. Let us not forget our Republican Governor who is more interested in campaigning for the White House than jump starting the Massachusetts economy, which should be his top priority.

On a positive note Cambridge has several new projects. Modern Continental has started the Millis River project. This is a small sheeting job that will employ five to six of our members. J.F. White has begun a 6 million dollar project in Harvard Square that will run into 2007. J.F. White is also doing the addition on the Buckingham Browne & Nichols School. The Mahoney Nursery in Cambridge is being converted into student housing. A.A. Will has the excavation and Allied Pile is doing the sheeting. Riverside Housing is in full swing with a pour-in place building. Moriarty is the General Contractor with Julian Crane's tower on site. Discovery Park has a phase two, but at this time the project is on hold. North Point Park continues to progress with steel erection of the third building of the proposed eleven buildings. A.J. Welch has all the excavation on this site so far.

Everyday is a battle to preserve our traditional work. Bobcats, forklifts, lulls and boom trucks are under attack by all trades. With the economy slowing the work opportunities for all the trades, it appears we have become a target of our fellow trade unionist. Maybe it is a sign of the times. Call it what you want but that doesn't make it right. Local 4 will continue to fight to preserve what is ours.

Again, I ask you the membership to help me police the North of Boston area. Call me and let me know if you're working in this area. A phone call informing me with the location of your jobsite helps me to better serve you the membership. I thank everyone for their help and support.

Work Safe in 2006.



KEVIN BENNETT

Greetings everyone! We've seen a slight increase in work in the Boston area, but the major projects I've reported on in past newsletters have not yet begun. The bid date for the South Boston Tunnel project has been extended again until late July. I

attended a pre-bid meeting for all contractors in May to ascertain the scope of the project. There will be a 65' shaft located in Conley Terminal and two miles of 17' soft ground tunnel with concrete segments. A second 65' shaft will be located behind the State Police station at Columbia Circle. Business Manager Lou Rasetta and I have met with some of the contractors bidding on the project and we eagerly wait the awarding of the job.

A second major project, Columbus Center, is scheduled for September/October. This project will cover 7 acres of the Massachusetts Turnpike with 9 buildings and a parking garage for 600 cars to go on deck — lots of mini piles and concrete work on this job. The Boston Building Trades and Winn Development have negotiated a Project Labor Agreement and this major project will be 100% union built.

The Bio Lab Building on Albany Street has begun with East Coast Slurry, Hub Foundation and A.A. Will. Simmons College is beginning foundation work with East Coast Slurry and A.A. Will, and McCourt Construction has been awarded a \$12,000,000 contract to reconstruct Commonwealth Ave.

There are several large projects in the planning stages in the Dodge Reports — Fan Pier (a \$1,000,000,000 development), the Dana Farber High Rise, an office tower covering South Station, the Museum of Fine Arts renovation and Mayor Menino is proposing a 100-story office tower in Boston.

We are planning a 110 year celebration of our great Union in the summer of 2007. Event co-chairs, William McLaughlin and I will be collecting photos of our 50th, 75th and 100th anniversary. If you have any photos that you would like to share, please contact us.

As always, thank you for your help and support!



DAVID FANTINI

As we get into summer, which seems to get shorter every year, the amount of rain we have received has really put a hold on most of the work that had been scheduled for this season. Having said that, work in the area has remained fairly steady. Quarries,

crane rental yards, paving and utility contractors are all busy. Seems like I have been reporting on Rte. 3 forever, but we still have 20 operators onsite. Seabrook Station has an outage scheduled for later this year, which will take thirty-five members or so for a 6 or 7 week period, plus a \$40 million-dollar fuel storage building to be constructed with a start date of sometime this summer.

Two issues that are of great importance for work in the area are the mall/interchange project in the Tewksbury /Andover area. After too many town meetings to mention, the interchange has been approved by the three towns involved, and has been sent to Mass Highway for final approval. With a P.L.A. already in place for the mall, the interchange is vital. It will open up an area for development that has been land-locked since Rte. 93 was built. If you live in Tewksbury, Wilmington, or Andover please be in contact with your public officials to let them know as a citizen (not a construction worker) you are in favor of this project. In New Hampshire we got the Governor to establish the "Public Works Procurement Study Committee". What this committee will do, if successful, will change the way public work is awarded in the State and in turn make our contractors more competitive, and eventually should turn New Hampshire around. I would ask any of our NH residents to be in contact with the politicians in NH and let them know this is something that is good for the State.

The 10-hr. OSHA course that was held in Portsmouth NH was, once again, very well attended. Between the June class and the class that was held last October, over 150 members of Local 4 were able to get their certification. The Business Manager saw a need to get our people trained and did what ever was necessary to get as many people certified by July 1.

I would like to thank President Bill McLaughlin and Organizer Paul DiMinico for their help in putting these classes together. One thing I did find during this process was a number of members that do not have a proper address or phone number on file with our office. If you have recently changed your address or telephone number, you must call the Union Hall and the Benefits Office. Please note that giving the information to the agent when

you call does not change your record at the offices.

Although work opportunities have been slim the first half of the year, I expect to have a strong finish and help as many of my Brothers and Sisters as I can. I hope everyone has a great summer.



NORMAN TEED

As we enter the heart of our regions construction season, there is much on-going work on numerous jobsites in the South of Boston area. The problem has been that calls from our employer/contractors for new help have been spotty at best.

July 1st is the start of the State's new fiscal and budget year. Many projects scheduled to start in this area will get the green light but unfortunately that won't happen overnight. Among these projects are a lot of asphalt lay down contracts. It has been a slow start for this work because of all the wet weather we have endured over the last six to eight weeks.

After years of permit problems, J. Derenzo Co. and NASDI Co. have finally started work at the former Hingham Shipyard. Letourneau Products Co. is finishing what land clearing was necessary at their usual expedient pace. NASDI is demolishing all buildings and structures, while J. Derenzo is starting site work. This is a large development project with the majority being condos and apartments, retail space and marina development. It will be an open-shop project but our contractors have been aggressive and successful to date.

The Cashman/Balfour Beatty Green Bush Line project continues at a very busy pace with rail being laid on parts of the right-of-way. Many Operating Engineers are employed on this project.

A.A. Will and Borggaard Construction companies are employing about twenty to twenty-five operators and apprentices at the 50-acre parking expansion for Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. A second project of retail space and hotel construction, worth an estimated 50 million dollars, beside the stadium is being bid presently. Hopefully our signatory contractors will also be successful bidding work on this project against stiff non-union competition.

This season, the developer, L.N.R., Co., hopes to start construction of some 500 Senior and Assisted Living apartments at the former Weymouth Naval Air Station. Hopefully this work will be put out to bid soon.

E.T. &L. Company is continuing with steady progress at the Sagamore Flyover project, in Sandwich, MA. The estimated 103-million dollar Brightman Street Bridge superstructure contract bid has been held up for many months, because the plans have not been completed by the State. The latest date projected for the plans to be available is September. The problem then is to get the Trades involved to assist our Contractors, who are bidding this project, to be competitive. This will not be an easy task.

Sevenson Company will not be permitted to start the New Bedford Harbor cleanup project this year until the 2nd or 3rd week of July because funding to the Corps of Engineers has been cut way back by our Federal Government.

I hope that the second half of this year will be busy so that we can have employment opportunities for our Brothers and Sisters who have continually called looking for work.

Keep the faith and continue calling.

SAFETY CORNER

SAFETY OFFICER & CONGRATULATIONS

ACCIDENTS WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME BUT THE OTHER GUY. We never want to think about ACCIDENTS. However, no matter how much we are made aware of JOB SITE CONDITIONS, ACCIDENTS do happen to the best of us.

This is why the Local Union has a Safety Officer available for you to call. There are many reasons, but the important one would be in case an accident happens on the job, whether it is a major or minor situation, ALWAYS call 781-821-0306 and I will be available to report to the jobsite under the direction of the Business Manager or answer any and all your questions or concerns.

You do not need to be alone and feel isolated. Make the call first before you speak to anyone when you are involved in an ACCIDENT.

Also, on behalf of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee and the Local Union, I want to publicly acknowledge and congratulate First Year Apprentice Francis White for receiving the John Joseph Moakley Scholarship Award, June 22, 2006. He and his family members attended the Awards Ceremony and we wish to recognize this honor.

Thank you and be Safe,
Bill Mooney
Safety Officer



ROD GILLESPIE

Work in the state of Maine is slowly picking up after a very wet spring with over ten inches above normal rainfall in some places. Lane Construction operators are scattered from Fort Kent to Vinalhaven with the majority of work this year in Northern Maine. The highway budget problem in Augusta is going

to create a rather slow year in the paving industry. Hopefully our legislators will get their act together this coming winter session and get a bond before the voters so we can fix our highways and bridges. That in turn will put Operating Engineers to work.

In Westbrook, at Sappi Paper, we have North American Site Development taking down several buildings and one of the boilers, which will be shipped to India for reconstruction. I am sure some of you remember years ago, as I do, when we took paper machines from Georgia Pacific in Woodland and Great Northern Paper in East Millinocket, boxed them up and shipped them to third world countries. Now they are putting our Maine paper companies and our workers out of business.

Precision Pipeline Construction has a small crew in Southern Maine doing some work for Columbia Gas. We also have several operators chasing pipeline work across the country in places like Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia. Hopefully in 2007, Maritimes Northeast will begin their long awaited pipeline and compressor station expansion here in Maine. The LNG projects down east are moving forward with the permitting process with a FERC decision expected in September 2007. As of this date, the contract for twenty-eight windmills planned for Mars Hill has not been awarded, but we hope this job goes the right way. Another thirty windmills are planned for the area just beyond Sugarloaf on Nubble Mountain. Both of these projects would put several operators to work and help reduce our dependence on foreign oil supplies.

In closing, I want to send condolences out to Brother Terry Leavitt and his family with the passing of Terry's father Ray Leavitt who was a fifty-seven year member of Local 4.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer days ahead, work safe and drive carefully.



RON BURNAP

Good news and bad news. The bad news is that not everybody is working in the Worcester area yet. With the lack of snow and frost last winter and the work on the books, I thought everyone would've been back to work in March and April. That didn't happen, maybe because of the rain, the lack of State money, or just delays in starting jobs. Waiting for these jobs is like watching paint dry. Some of our dirt contractors are just now starting to get busy.

J. F. White on the Rt. 146 project is well underway. We used the Bridge Agreement to get this job. Sometimes we have to do a few things that we are not used to doing in order to remain competitive. If you take a ride down Rt. 495 or Rt. 128 you will see non-union companies, S.P.S. or Middlesex, doing millions of dollars of our work. Not all the Trades sign-on to the Bridge Agreement or use Cooperative Trust money to get these jobs. If they did, we would all be there. It seems like some of them would rather train their people to operate our equipment, get the right license, and steal our work.

The good news is pharmaceutical giant Bristol-Myers Squibb has plans to build a 1.1 billion dollar, 750,000 square foot manufacturing facility at the old Fort Devens. Along with a water treatment plant and new infrastructure, that work is scheduled to begin in late summer or early fall. The Building Trades are working to make this a Project Labor Agreement. City Square project in downtown Worcester, which has not started, is still moving forward. That job includes the demolition of the Worcester Common Outlets, new roads, condos, and new stores. These two jobs alone will make Worcester County very busy.

This election year we have a good chance to put one of our Democratic candidates in the State House when Mitt Romney leaves. We have not endorsed anyone yet, but that will probably happen soon. We are still in the early stages of the election cycle. The Mass. AFL-CIO has asked us to help. The first thing we have to do is register to vote. We have had Republicans for sixteen years: this is the year, with our help, that can change. If you have not registered to vote, please call the Union Hall, Mike Bowes, or myself. It is very important that we get involved! We will need everybody's help.

Work safe and hope to see you all on the jobsite this summer.



CHRIS FOGARTY

Spring started with a bang this season and has landed with a thud. The long awaited start to the season has been delayed by multiple influences. The rain, economy, interest rates, gas prices, sagging stock market (and whatever else you can think of) has put a damper on the work early on.

But, there seems to be a definitive positive outlook to the forecasted work ahead. Multiple projects are on the verge of starting very soon.

The part of the Equipment Industry that seems to be shining right now is the aerialift companies. Most of the lift companies report that they are extremely busy right now, which is a very good indicator of the amount of work that lies ahead. The aerial industry has always been a good gauge for the work environment as a whole, because they are not completely tied to the construction industry. This has been very good for the 300 plus hard working aerialift members. I would like to recognize them for their good work.

The concrete pumpers are feeling the effects as well with the slow-down in the economy and the fuel costs on the rise. Their outlook closely resembles what is happening across the board in the "new" construction area. The housing market and private industry stalled a bit, leaving a slow but steady market for the pumpers. Once again I will tell you we are continuing to work on the addendum for this industry with the changes that are on going.

Most of the Field Engineers have been busy finishing up projects that have been on going for several years. The Business Agents and I are trying to have the Field Engineers included in many of these projects that are planned to go forward. The practice of not including these fine members is being reversed as much as possible.

I am encouraged by the participation of the 4D members in the shops that are actively getting involved by going to meetings and being part of the Local. That is what makes us a strong Union and brotherhood.

I will close by giving my condolences to the Bucci family on the loss of our Brother Leonard P. Bucci, a fifty-year member of Local 4. May he rest in peace.

Have a happy and safe summer.

IN RETIREMENT

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

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| Elliott L. Avant | Thomas H. Joy, Jr. |
| Timothy F. Bailey | Daniel E. Kerr |
| Leonard Bonome | Jean B. LaVergne |
| James J. Cavanaugh | Joseph A. LeClerc |
| Steven Cilley | George S. Markham |
| John R. Civitarese | Robert T. Marshall |
| Richard Coulombe | Francis A. Papasadero |
| Robert E. Crouch, Sr. | Lawrence J. Pizzano |
| Richard B. Crowley | George W. Rogers |
| Joseph E. D'Ambrosio | Bernard P. Rotti |
| Richard H. Doherty | Ronald A. Saccone |
| Roger A. Ferreira | Aram Sarkisian |
| Michael L. Frost | Seraphin S. Silva |
| Robert G. Garvey | David J. Slater, Sr. |
| Walter L. Gasset | John J. Tingley |
| Robert S. Gilmore | Walter A. Willis |

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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| Roland A. Alexandre | Randy K. Iozzo |
| Lawrence Ashe, Jr. | Ray S. Leavitt |
| Roger J. Blais | Victor Pandolfi, Jr. |
| Leonard P. Bucci | James P. Ruggiero |
| Frank S. Carideo | Robert K. Silvia |
| Frank Cattani | Frank L. Sivret |
| James R. DeLorenzo | Theodore H. Vozzella |
| James J. Falco | |

Fraternally yours,

Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS - LOCAL #4

Wage Settlement June 1, 2005 - May 31, 2008
WAGE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE 06/01/2006

MASSACHUSETTS

	<u>6/1/2005</u>	<u>*12/1/2005</u>	<u>*6/1/2006</u>	<u>*12/1/2006</u>	<u>*6/1/2007</u>	<u>*12/1/2007</u>
GROUP I	33.31	33.81	34.11	35.51	36.51	37.91
Daily Rate (Per Hour)	37.87	38.54	38.97	40.56	41.70	43.28
GROUP 1a (Boom Length)						
Over 150 Feet	1.66	1.70	1.74	1.79	1.83	1.88
" 185 "	2.92	2.99	3.05	3.14	3.21	3.30
" 210 "	4.11	4.21	4.29	4.42	4.51	4.64
" 250 "	6.23	6.38	6.51	6.70	6.83	7.03
" 295 "	8.63	8.84	9.02	9.28	9.47	9.74
" 350 "	10.04	10.29	10.50	10.80	11.02	11.33
GROUP 1b	37.87	38.54	38.97	40.56	41.70	43.28
GROUP 1c	34.31	34.81	35.11	36.51	37.51	38.91
GROUP II	33.05	33.55	33.84	35.23	36.22	37.61
GROUP III	25.21	25.42	25.48	26.55	27.30	28.37
GROUP IV						
a. Fireman	28.91	29.25	29.42	30.64	31.51	32.72
b. Other than TC/Gradall	20.53	20.58	20.50	21.37	21.99	22.86
c. TC or Gradall	22.80	22.93	22.91	23.88	24.57	25.53
d. Daily Rate (TC)	25.04	25.24	25.30	26.35	27.11	28.16
e. Scow Rate	24.92	25.12	25.17	26.22	26.97	28.02
<u>Daily Rate Differential</u>						
GROUP II	3.25	3.33	3.39	3.49	3.56	3.66
GROUP III	2.05	2.10	2.14	2.20	2.25	2.31
<u>Tunnel Differential</u>	2.52	2.58	2.63	2.71	2.76	2.84
Health & Welfare	7.38	7.58	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98
Pension	5.10	5.50	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80
Apprenticeship	0.35	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Annuity	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Labor Management Cooperative Trust	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53

OTHER:

- * Dues Assessment: 1 1/4% deducted from total Wage and Benefit Package;
- * Social and Political Action Committees, \$0.05 per hour.
- * The Local may, at its option, utilize parts of these increments for increases to Health & Welfare, Pension, Annuity, Social and Political Action Committees, Dues Deduction and the Foundation for Fair Contracting.
- * Of the 53 cents payable to LMCT, 2 cents will be remitted to the Foundation for Fair Contracting, and 5 cents will be remitted to the Industry Advancement Fund.
- * **HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Engineers required to work in the HOT ZONE will receive a \$2.00 an hour wage differential.