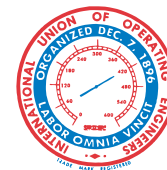


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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.

DUES REMINDER

DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 2009 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 jobsite.

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.

Quarterly dues are due on the first day of each quarter.

Mail Dues to: 16 Trotter Drive, Medway, MA 02053



BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I hope that you and your families are doing well, and that you are enjoying our beautiful New England Weather.

Thankfully, the work has begun to pick up. Many large jobs have either begun, or are on the verge of doing so. At our September Body Meeting, I asked each Agent to give a

report on their areas. I was very encouraged by the amount of work spoken about, and I look forward to full employment for all of our members. I am aware, however, that many of our members have had a difficult year, and I feel the pain of their unemployment, and will do everything in my power, each and every day, to seize every opportunity for work, for all of our members.

Individual jobs which hold much promise include the widening of Rt. 93 in southern New Hampshire (which is just underway), the Plymouth Rock Studio Complex, beginning soon, the CWC Job in Lowell, which is over one billion dollars. These jobs, plus a number of others, should provide our members with much needed winter work.

It is interesting to note, also, that many of our recently signed companies (such as C.J. Mabardy), have provided numerous opportunities for our members. Our Organizing Staff will continue to seek out and pursue good, legitimate companies, who will not only help us to increase market share, but also, and most importantly, provide work opportunities for our members.

I have said in the past, and I believe firmly, that Local 4's motto must be "Members First." Whether it be in the field, or at the negotiating table, our team of agents and organizers are second to none. The camaraderie that exists between the members, business agents, organizers and staff, is something that I am very proud of. Also, the enthusiasm and involvement at our monthly meetings serves as an inspiration to all of us.

Brothers and Sisters, as a third generation member, I have always been told that Local 4 is the "Cream of the Crop." I know that you all share that sentiment with



me. Although the last few years have not produced the amount of work we had hoped for, we have all stayed the course. We have endured the difficult time of this Nation's economy, and have held fast. I am optimistic that we have turned the corner, and I look forward to better economic times for all of us.

On a positive note, I am pleased to report that although hours have been down, our Health & Welfare fund continues to improve. Additionally, as I have stated, our Pension Plan is rated amongst the strongest in the Country. Brothers & Sisters, imagine what we can do when the economy rebounds.

In conclusion, I wish you and your families a safe, happy and productive Autumn Season. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and on the job sites.

Fraternally yours,
Louis G. Rasetta

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD M. KENNEDY



Lou Rasetta and Staff would like to honor Senator Kennedy for his friendship and support. He is pictured above as he spoke to attendees of Local 4's 110th anniversary celebration.



WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

With the fall season now upon us, I hope all is well with you and your families, and that you all enjoyed the summer. Entering the last quarter of 2009, I remain hopeful that it will be a busy one for the Operating Engineers. As we all know, the need for hours at this time of year is critical in maintaining benefit coverage for our members and their families. We will make every attempt possible to reach this goal.

I would like to mention a few of the ongoing projects in the north of Boston area. In Charlestown, Unified Contracting is in the final stages of completing a drainage project on the Rutherford Avenue overpass. Wes Construction is finalizing the construction of a transfer station for Boston Water & Sewer at Rt. 99. At Deer Island, the M.W.R.A. has signatories such as Daniel O'Connor, Bond Brothers and G. Donaldson present on a multi-million dollar utility project. Also, Baldwin Crane and J. Derenzo have just completed the construction of two wind turbines located on the Island. Three additional turbines are scheduled to follow. Many of our members are employed at these sites. In Cambridge, at Harvard University Law School, Koury Steel is in the midst of erecting a state-of-the-art education facility. J.F. White, J.L. Marshall and James Flett are also on this site with various applications of construction. Pihl Inc. has begun a \$17 million job on the reconstruction of the B.U. Bridge. Otis Eastern and Spectra Energy are working on a gas line maintenance project in the Medford/Somerville area. Bond Brothers has just completed the installation of a gas line for Spectra in the same location. Several Operating Engineers have benefited from these contracts.



"Support Rally" for Health Care Reform at Somerville High School Operating Engineers Frank Callahan (M.B.T.C), Derek Hamlin, Bill Gallagher, John Burke, Paul Santor and President Bill McLaughlin.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined me at Somerville High School to support the Health Care reform initiative. Your participation was important, and once again Local 4 stood out among our peers. Our late Senator Edward Kennedy fought very hard for this legislation and we must continue to keep his dream alive.

Just a friendly reminder that Business Representatives are available at our South Boston satellite office located at 147 W. Fourth Street. Telephone 617-269-1330.

Hours: 6:30 am– 8:30 am

Monday – Kevin Bennett

Tuesday – Tom McCormack

Wednesday – closed (refer to Medway)

Thursday – Chris Fogarty

Friday – Bill McLaughlin

In solidarity, as always, I thank you for your continued support.



KEVIN BENNETT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters: Despite the rainy weather and the recession, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

Work in the Boston area has been steady but certainly not robust. East Coast Slurry is working on a new Pump House in South Boston. Walsh of Illinois, LM

Holdings and Barletta are all participating on the Pump House project. LM Holding is also working on two other projects in South Boston; a water and sewer project and a Boston Housing Utility contract. Russia Wharf had their “Topping Off” ceremony of 30 floors by Stearns Steel Erection, while A.A. Will continues to excavate the parking garage for six floors underneath. Stearns and A.A. Will are also working together at Massachusetts General Hospital. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum has broken ground on a new addition with Allied Pile, A.A. Will, NASDI, and Shawmut Design serving as the construction manager. In the Brighton/Allston area, work has started again on the Harvard University Science Center with the pouring of a huge concrete slab. This will produce crane rentals and concrete pump work for our members for the next two months. Albert J. Welch has the site package for the Boston College Student Housing project in Brighton, and James W. Flett is handling the site work on the new \$90,000,000 Salvation Army Youth Center in Roxbury.

There are several big projects still on hold because of bank financing – Filenes, Joslin Clinic, South Station, two high-rise towers at North Station, the Boston Public Parking Garage takedown with two new towers and a shopping mall, the

garage at the Aquarium takedown and two new towers, and the covering of the Massachusetts Turnpike at Fenway Park with eight new buildings.

I congratulate the Class of 2009 apprentices on their graduation and hard work over the last four years. I wish you luck and prosperity in your careers as Operating Engineers.

With regard to the passing of our great Senator Edward M. Kennedy, I thank all our members who stood in the pouring rain with Business Manager Louis Rasetta and his staff to honor Senator Kennedy on the day of his funeral. We had a great turnout of the Building Trades holding signs, “Building Trades for Kennedy.”

I would also like to thank our members for supporting Mayor Thomas Menino in his campaign for re-election. Many members held signs at WBZ radio and television and at Hibernian Hall in Roxbury.

As always, I thank you for your help and support.



DAVID FANTINI

As we get into the fall season, the work outlook is as good as it has been since I took over the area two years ago.

Barletta is just finishing up a large water tank job in the Blue Hills and has started moving equipment into South Weymouth Airbase. Work

has not begun yet, but it looks like this much anticipated project will begin shortly.

Aetna Bridge is a Rhode Island based company that we signed last year. They have eight on-going jobs in our area. They do not perform a lot of the work themselves, but by signing them it makes sure they have to use union subcontractors and puts Local 4 members to work.

Kiewit continues work on the Brayton Point Cooling Tower Project. They have just finished the concrete piles and have begun pouring concrete. We have a good number of members on site and look to add more in the future.

After much delay, it looks like the Plymouth Rock Studios project is finally going to get started. They have secured a \$550 million construction loan, and their plan is to get started this fall and work through the winter.

We are entering a very important political season and there are several local races, such as Brockton and Quincy, so we have a chance to get some of our friends elected. I will be reaching out to you for help getting these people elected. As always, Local 4 will be there doing everything we can to help our friends. We will also be electing a replacement for Ted Kennedy. Whoever has the honor of filling Ted's Senate seat has some huge shoes to fill. Local 4 and Organized Labor as a whole have lost a good friend.

As the Treasurer of Local 4, it was great to hear the auditor tell the Executive Board that once again, not a penny was found to be out-of-place, and that compared to other locals, our expenses are some of the lowest.

As always, I wish everybody a great up-coming season and hope to see you at a meeting!



THOMAS MCCORMACK

Dear Brothers and Sisters – As sad as it is to see our short summer season end, we can all look forward to the upcoming holidays, which we all love to spend with our families and friends.

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the great loss we have all endured with the passing of Senator Ted Kennedy. Organized labor has lost one of its strongest supporters and he will be sadly missed.

Although I was hoping to see a greater increase in job opportunities in my area over the last few months, work still remains steady and seems to be gradually picking up.

Here is an update on some of the ongoing projects in my area. In Dedham, Newport Construction is working on Washington Street, widening the road and moving utilities. Ernest Guigli and Sons remain onsite at the Newton North High School Project and have also started site work at the new Norwood High School Project. The new facility is being constructed right behind the existing high school. Once complete, demolition will begin on the old building.

In Waltham, at the new BJ's Wholesale Club on Seyon Street, NASDI has just completed demolition and J. Derenzo Corp. has moved in to start the site work. Marois Bros. remains onsite at the Hobbs Brook Office Building Project in Waltham. They have also just been awarded the site development package for the new Wellesley High School and are just getting underway.

James Stearns Co. has just completed steel erection at the Weston Corporate Center Project. Further down Rt. 128 in Salem at the new Courthouse Project, Zichelle Steel has almost finished erecting all the steel.

Barletta Co. has just been awarded a \$50 million dollar repair project for the Hultman Aqueduct, consisting of inter-connections between Metrowest Water Supply Tunnel and Hultman Aqueduct, which runs from Weston through Framingham. This project is scheduled to get underway within the next month.

In closing, I continue to seek any and all work opportunities for those of you who are unemployed, and would like to thank you all for your continued support.



MICHAEL BOWES

As we move into the fall season, I hope that all is well with you and your families.

Work in the area has been slow this year, but with that said, here is a look at some of the jobs that have been on-going in the area. The Dow Company is still working at the Worcester State Hospital project, and Capco Steel is getting ready as I write this to start hanging iron. J. Derenzo is now working on Phase 3 at Genzyme in Framingham. Borggaard Construction has just started Phase 2 at Avalon in Northborough, with Second Generation in to do the land clearing. LM Holdings is still going strong with the pumping stations they are doing in Framingham. The Delta Gulf Company has finished the 5.1 mile natural gas line in Lunenburg. This job gave a lot of members from the hall a good jump on their hours. A.A. Will has started the site work in Franklin at Dean College's new Performing Arts Center. J.H. Lynch has had several jobs in the area and is starting to slow down now. Zichelle Iron set all the steel at the new Wal-Mart on Rt. 146 in Worcester. P.J. Keating and Aggregate are still going strong with the paving in the area also. W. L. French Corp. is still at work at UMass Hospital in Worcester.

Here's a look at some up and coming work. Berry Construction has been awarded the Albert Sherman Center, a \$405 million job that is going to kick off at UMass Hospital in Worcester. Borggaard Construction looks to be the low bidder on Waste Management's new cell at the Shrewsbury Fly Ashe Dump. This is a 3-year job that will keep them busy. The City Square job has had many delays but looks to start demo late fall or early winter this year. This is a \$564 million job.

Marois will be able to finally start the \$5.4 million access road job in Southbridge, and this will help get back a lot of their regular men who have been looking for work. LM Holdings has also been awarded a bridge job in Clinton.

I would like to remind you that if you are out of work, make sure you call all the Agents to seek work opportunities.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future, and wish all of you and your families a safe fall season.



ROD GILLESPIE

As I said in my report to the body meeting on September 16th, the work in Maine is as slow as it was seventeen years ago when I started as Business Agent. The paper mills and power plants are doing maintenance work on an as-needed basis, with no capital improvements scheduled in the near term. I know that times are hard like in the early 90's, especially if you are among the unemployed, but work will improve as it always has as the economy improves.

There is work on the horizon with Maritimes Northeast's plan on expanding the pipeline system, with the looping of 35 miles of 36" in Washington county, and 5 miles of 36" in Richmond. No start date has been given as yet. We have several operators chasing pipeline work out in the mid-west and in the deep south looking to work in Maine for a change, and hopefully this will happen soon. The \$750 million Calais LNG facility, along with 42 miles of 24" pipeline to the Baileyville compressor station, has been put in the hands of FERC, (Federal Energy Regulation Commission) for approval, which could take several months for an answer. Also, the \$1.7 billion Wiscasset Tidal Storage Generation facility near the old Maine Yankee site has also been submitted to FERC for approval. This project includes 15 million cubic yards of rock excavation and up to five years of work. If one or both of these jobs are approved, we will have plenty of work for years to come.



Lane Construction's new state-of-the-art facility in Washington, Maine

The 100-plus operators employed by Lane Construction, with plants in Presque Isle, Bangor, Hancock, Belfast and Washington have been very busy this year, with some areas working day and night to get caught up from the rain delays in June and July. Lane also is just starting the \$10 million reconstruction of Rt. 1A from Ellsworth towards Bangor, a much needed improvement. In the early 1990's Local 4 and Local 877 (Stationary Engineers) teamed up to try and organize the trash-to-energy plants in Maine. Of the four in operation today, we jointly represent three plants: Maine Energy & Recovery in Biddeford, Ecomaine in Portland and Mid Maine Waste in Auburn. Between them there are approximately 135 members represented by both Locals. Starting in October, we will be sitting down with the management at Maine Energy and begin negotiations on another agreement for those 65 members.

In closing, years ago when I started as Business Agent, I found that Maine was a lot larger than I originally thought. When you travel from Bangor to Fort Kent, or to Kittery in the south, down east, or to the west and other corners of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, the miles add up quick on the old automobile. I have always kept track of the miles on all auto's I've driven for Local 4. So after seventeen years and seven autos later, I have just gone over one million miles. Now that's a few trips around this great earth. Work safe and drive carefully.



Operating the new plant is Local 4 member Donald Bass



PAUL DiMINICO

As the fall season is upon us, I hope everyone had a great summer. There are a few projects in the area starting up.

Pihl Inc. has a bridge job in Lawrence on Rt. 28 that had a slow start but is making progress. S&R is just beginning the Tyngsboro Bridge and the Lawrence

Duck Bridge. They are moving right along on the Rt. 28 & Rt. 213 Bridges in Methuen. MIG has just begun a bridge in Lowell on Rt. 110 that will have Testa Corp. moving in soon for the demo.

The quarries are all working hard making stone for all the paving going on in the area. Brox Industries, Aggregate Industries and P.J. Keating have all been moving right along with extensive re-paving jobs in the area.

Albanese Bros. just won another sewer contract in Portsmouth, N.H. Baltazar Contracting was awarded the next Chelmsford contract, both to begin shortly. Newport Construction has a job in Newburyport that will also be starting soon, plus there are more contracts being let out in the area over the next couple weeks.

There are also a few large jobs that will soon be getting our members out to work. Trinity Financial is still planning on starting the downtown Lowell job on Oct 1st. CWC from Newton, MA has been given the job as construction manager. This is a revitalization project of buildings, roads, and canals with a price tag of \$1 billion in a six-year time frame. Cairns has just been given the green light on the Rt. 93 Exit 3 expansion, a \$27 million job that has already taken some of our members off the bench. Seabrook Station is in the beginning stages of a shut-down which should help a few more of members get some hours. Testa is in Lowell demolishing a large storage building and a couple of smaller buildings to make room for the new Court House that has a price tag of \$180 million which is going out to bid shortly.

If there is anything I can do for you, don't hesitate to call. As always, I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and safe fall season!



Testa Corp. demo job in Lowell making room for the new Court House



CHRIS FOGARTY

With the end of the season in sight, I hope all is well and you have enjoyed the short window of warm weather we had and are looking forward to a bit of Indian Summer this fall.

The last few months have been much better for the Equipment Industry in some key sectors that have an impact on the work front. General Rentals (excavators, dirt equipment etc.) has picked up some, resulting in some longer term rentals. This is a direct reflection on the construction industry as a whole, and really the best indicator as to what is really happening out there. When the dirt stuff starts to move it means some projects are starting to ramp up, and although these are traditionally the busiest months, the "better late than never" theme seems to be the watch words for now.

The Aerial Lift Industry has been steady all year and looks to continue to be busy as the year starts to wind down. This industry has been feeling the affects just like everyone else, but what separates it from most is that it is not tied completely to the construction industry. The competition for this market is measured in pennies, yet there seems to be enough around to keep our members working steady in trying times.

Dealerships are having a rough go of it at the moment, with no incentives to buy new equipment, and with construction companies tightening their belts, older equipment is staying online a lot longer than usual. On the plus side, companies have been dumping money into machines that needed fixing years ago, and that should make any operator happy with some of the iron I have seen out there.

The operators in the Concrete Pump Industry that have been working report that although things have been slow and steady, they are also anticipating some of the work is about to get going. Field Engineers are also hopeful that some of the projects mentioned as of late will need their services when things get rolling. The Business Manager and all of the Agents are working hard to make sure that the services of the Operating Engineers are being utilized to their full potential.

Two companies I would like to mention that recently re-signed with Local 4 are: Babfar Equipment and Casey and Dupuis Equipment. Local 4 has had a relationship with these companies collectively for over 70 years. In an era of large corporate companies dominating the industry, it is great to see these family-

owned entities thrive and continue to work in partnership with Local 4.

In closing, I would like to comment on the passing of Senator Edward Kennedy. Whatever your thoughts are as to what the Senator's personal life, and positions he took that you may not agree with, there is no denying that he stood with Labor. He took the time to give an eloquent speech at our 110th Anniversary to recognize Local 4's accomplishments, when other of our so-called "friends" didn't even show up. The bottom line is he brought jobs to all of us, and finding someone to champion our cause with such effect will be difficult.

Thank you for your help and support. I wish all of you well and hope to see you in the near future.

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

FROM: THE ENGINEERS TRAINING CENTER

DATE: September 2009

SUBJECT: **2009 – 2010 APPLICATION PERIOD IS CLOSED**

This is to inform you that the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee decided not to open the Application Period this year due to the unemployment situation and the list of eligible applicants that are on our current list.

If you call 781-821-0306 or e-mail office@local4training.org your name and address, we will keep your name on file and notify you when to apply in person.

Thank you for your interest in the Operating Engineers.



DAVID SHEA

As summer comes to a close and cooler weather arrives, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

In my last newsletter I wrote that we were very close to signing a major site contractor. In July, Construction

Management & Consultants Inc., the site work division of C.J. Mabardy, signed an agreement with Local 4. This was a significant signing which will benefit the members of Local 4 and Construction Management & Consultants Inc.

C.M. has many on-going projects, including jobs in Westford, Burlington, Framingham, Natick and Hyde Park. They are also aggressively bidding new work, and have recently won a parking garage job in Lawrence and a school in Haverhill. Organizing is a vital part of keeping our

Local strong but it is most rewarding when we see it result in jobs for our members. At this time, ten of our existing members have gone to work for C.M. Many of which have already made their hours. I'd like to welcome C.M.'s operators who have become members of our great Local and I'd also like to thank all those involved in this lengthy organizing campaign.

We also signed Entech Corp., an out of state contractor specializing in pipe relining and vacuum excavation. They are currently working for L.M. Holdings and have also won a relining job in Belmont. They are looking to set up branch in our market and could potentially put several of our members to work this year. Some other recent signings are Barrett Construction Co. and A. Cardillo Excavating Contractors. As always, our goal is to create work opportunities for our members by signing growing contractors looking for the skills of our operators.

Thank you for your continued support.



JOHN GAFFNY

Fall is here and I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good spirits. In the area of organizing, David Shea and I have signed many new companies. One of those companies is Construction Management and Consultants, Inc. This specific contractor performs both prevailing wage and private work. They currently have several site, building and utility jobs on-going. We have been able to place several out of work members with them, and will provide them with more in the future. Another company that we signed is New Way Construction. They are also a utility contractor that is aggressively bidding work in our area. Conway Construction is another company that has become signatory. They have done work at Logan Airport and continue to pursue work in our area.

I would like to thank all the members who came out in the rain to hold signs in support of the late Senator Kennedy. He was certainly a friend of organized labor and will be missed.

Organizing would not be as successful as it is without the help of our members. Thank you for the continued help and support.

SAFETY CORNER

I am sure that, from the extensive media coverage, you are aware that the flu season is expected to be significant this year. While the number of cases is expected to increase, this year's flu strains, including the H1N1 virus are not currently being seen as more dangerous than those typical of any flu season. However I am writing to share some information regarding preparations for the flu season that have been underway. While H1N1 may prove alarming, like any other influenza virus, there are simple precautions we can practice to protect ourselves at home and at work. The best strategy to reduce the risk of becoming ill with pandemic influenza is to avoid crowded settings and other situations that increase the risk of exposure to someone who may be infected. If you must be in a crowded setting, minimize your time there. Some basic hygiene and social distancing precautions that can be used in every workplace include the following:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Purchase baby wipes or hand sanitizer and leave it in your vehicle
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or with a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available before coffee and lunch breaks.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve. Dispose of tissues in no-touch trash receptacles.
- Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Avoid shaking hands and always wash your hands after physical contact with others.
- If wearing gloves, always wash your hands after removing them.
- Keep frequently touched common surfaces (for example, telephones, equipment controls on your machine, etc.) clean.
- Remove work site clothing before entering the house (boots, jackets etc.)
- Wash work clothing separately in hot water.
- Try not to use other workers' phones, or other work tools and equipment.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, exercise and relaxation helps maintain physical and emotional health.

BE SAFE!
BILL O'NEIL
CO-SAFETY OFFICER

IN MEMORIAM

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

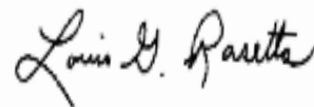
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Belford D. Kinney	Philip L. Trapasso
Albert Lazaro	Cesidio Zafferano
Roger B. Levasseur	

IN RETIREMENT

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

Frederick S. Biola	John F. Marble, Sr.
Keith Blackwood	John R. Maynard, Jr.
Roland Cantin, Jr.	Lewis E. McAlister, Sr.
Jeffrey M. Chestnut	Donald B. McDonald
Edward Correira, Jr.	Leo McNichol
William Dicenso	Manus Pierce
John M. Duff, III	John A. Sena
Norman A. Lawler	Warren C. Whiting
Carl J. Lloyd	

Fraternally yours,



Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager