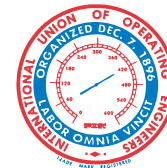


# Local 4

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## NOTIFIED MEETING

**THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011, 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, 2011 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.

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

*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.



## BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy autumn! I hope that you and your families all enjoyed our beautiful New England summer. It is also very encouraging to see that our fall

construction season is in full swing, and that many work opportunities are materializing for our members.

I am happy to announce that our Casino Gaming Bill has cleared another hurdle. We look forward to the abundant amount of jobs that the building and maintenance of these structures will provide. Also on the horizon is the Cape Wind project, which will be another major source of employment for our members. These two projects, along with the many other jobs I have mentioned hold great promise for work opportunities for our members now, and deep into the future.

At our September Body Meeting there was mention made of a meeting of our 4E Brothers. I would like to say that I thought this meeting was very productive. I have scheduled a number of future meetings in an attempt to re-insert this valuable group of members into our industry.

On the apprenticeship front, we will not be accepting new applicants this fall, as we have a large backlog of quality applicants from last year. We are hoping to put together a new class (or two) this spring, to accommodate the upswing in work.

For our retirees, I have good news. In working with our trustees (both management and labor), and our administrator, we have voted to allot a 13th check for all of our retirees (subject to approval by the body). This 13th check, in the amount of \$1,000.00 represents my commitment to all of our retirees, now and always.

In closing, I urge each and every one of you to remain strong and proud of your Union Heritage. Never let the nay sayers and union bashers bring us down. These haters are simply jealous of our long history of dignity, professionalism and good works. If we do remain strong and united we will prevail, and we will continue to bolster the "middle class" of American workers: The most productive, honorable workers of all time.

Fraternally,

Louis G. Rasetta





**WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN**

With fall now upon us, I hope all is well with you and your families and you all enjoyed the summer. Entering the last quarter of 2011, I continue to remain hopeful that it will be a prosperous one for the Operating Engineer. 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. I will make every attempt possible to reach this goal, despite the current state of our economy.

Here are some ongoing projects in the north of Boston area. In Revere, Suffolk Construction, A.A. Will, Blakeslee Prestress, Bay Crane and NASDI are currently underway on the construction of a \$50 million M.B.T.A Wonderland parking garage. At Logan Airport, Construction Management and Consulting (C.J. Mabardy) and James Flett are in the early stages of building a state-of-the-art Massport Authority bus terminal. J. Derenzo Co. and Valley Crest Landscaping are finalizing the reconstruction of a roadway improvement project. Many Operating Engineers are currently employed at these sites. In Charlestown, Baldwin Crane is present at Route 99 finalizing the erection of a 400 foot mega wind turbine for the M.W.R.A. MacKay and NEFCO were also at this location. Work at the Partners/Spaulding Rehab continues to move forward. This ten story hospital facility is located in the heart of the historic navy yard. Barletta, G. Donaldson, Bay Crane and Shumacher Landscape are currently constructing a \$25 million pedestrian footbridge at North Bank. Several Operating Engineers are also employed at these sites.



J.F. White's Runway Safety Improvement Project at Logan Airport

Finally, it looks as though we will have casino gaming in Massachusetts. Our Legislators have come to their senses in putting the citizens of this Commonwealth back to work. This will offer hope and opportunity for our members and also provide economic potential for our cities and towns.

Providing assignments for members can be somewhat challenging due to the lack of appropriate licensing and certification requirements. I highly recommend obtaining the 40 hour hazmat, 10 hour OSHA and the forklift certification and for our crane operators, the National Certificate for Crane Operators (NCCO). For further information please contact the Engineers Training Center at 781-821-0306.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta on his recent appointment by General President Vincent Giblin to Chairman of the Board of the IUOE General Pension Plan. This highly regarded position is well deserved and undoubtedly in great hands.

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



**KEVIN BENNETT**

As the leaves begin to change, the outlook for work in the Boston area has become much brighter. Some of the major projects we have been waiting for are now well underway.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has completed the slurry wall foundation by East Coast Slurry, and Accord Steel has erected the first tower crane with another one to follow. Children's Hospital also has a new tower crane working for Walsh Brothers Construction and Derenzo Company. At 800 Huntington Avenue, a third tower crane is scheduled to be erected shortly with Prime Steel. Fan Pier is going strong with A.A. Will excavating a massive hole for two new buildings on the waterfront, which will have four tower cranes on site. Other contractors at Fan Pier are Allied Pile, Donaldson, Hub Foundation, S&F Concrete and G&C Concrete, using Baldwin's Crane, a triple 888 Manitowoc. At UMass Boston, Walsh Brothers Contracting is proceeding with the new science center with A.A. Will, Semper Diving & Marine Corporation, D.G.I. Menard and S&F Concrete. Suffolk Construction broke ground on a new apartment complex at North Station called The Victor – a twelve-story building – and is scheduled to break ground on two more large projects in the city shortly. I attended a ground-

breaking ceremony for another mega project in the city on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Avalon Exeter Residences is a twenty-eight story tower on top of Copley Place Mall with two tower cranes. Hayward Place and Kensington Place on Washington Street are two more buildings that will have tower cranes in the near future. With all these new, large construction projects in the city there is a much better outlook for jobs for our members.

Thank you to brothers Jack Giordani, Bobby LaFlamme and Eric Tran for volunteering their time to help with Mayor Menino's favorite charity, Cradles to Crayons. This charity helps thousands of underprivileged kids get a head start on the school year by providing them with a backpack full of new school supplies. Here's a funny story; I was asked by the Mayor's Office to get four operating engineers to run four fork trucks at City Hall Plaza, unloading the tractor trailers that held the school supplies. When we arrived, the tractor trailers were there, but there were no fork trucks. I asked the woman in charge where the fork trucks were. She replied, "Right over there," and pointed to four Hand Pallet Jacks! Of course, being the great Operating Engineers we are, we unloaded the trucks by hand and had a great day.

You all know how important this Casino Bill on Beacon Hill is to us. Please contact your state senator to voice your support for this bill. You can find your senator at [www.malegislature.gov/people/senate](http://www.malegislature.gov/people/senate). As I am writing this letter, the Massachusetts House of Representatives has approved this bill, which moves it on to the Senate. I'm sure we will be reaching out to you for rallies on this. There will be many job opportunities for the Operating Engineers if the Casino Bill passes.

Congratulations to Business Manager Lou Rasetta on his recent appointment as Chairman of our International's General Pension Fund, by General President Vincent Giblin. As a Pension Trustee of Local 4's pension, I see firsthand the amount of work Lou devotes to the Local 4 pension fund. Clearly, General President Giblin sees the same.

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



**DAVID FANTINI**

As we get into fall it's hard to believe another summer has passed.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Rasetta on his appointment as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees on the General Pension Plan. It is obvious that the International has taken notice of the condition of Local 4's pension! I know Lou will bring the same dedication to the General Pension that he has brought to Local 4 for the last 20 years.

Work in the south shore area continues to be decent, but not great. Kiewit is still working on the cooling towers at Brayton Point. They have begun tying into the plant and should be coming to an end soon. They have started the next project, and are well underway. J.F. White is putting the finishing touches on the Old Colony rail job. This is another job that exemplifies the skills of Local 4. The job by all estimates is 10 weeks ahead of schedule! McCourt's work on Rte. 128 in the Canton stretch is coming to an end, but they have begun the next piece of work a little further north.

Future work prospects look good, with some jobs just getting started. Several large projects that have been proposed for the south shore have not panned out. The two that still have a chance are the Brockton Power Plant and Cape Wind. Brockton continues to fight through the permitting process, and Cape Wind is in need of funding. Both owners are committed to building these projects and building them 100% Union. Also, there are several communities in the south shore that are trying to get a casino built.

Which leads me into my next topic. It is once again a political season, and we have numerous elections that we will be working on. If you are able to help, please contact me. It is vital that we get our people elected.

Pictured at left are Congressman William Keating and myself on a site visit at Rockland High School.

It has been four years now for me in the south shore area. The support I have received has been tremendous and I just want to say Thank You. I hope you and your families enjoy health and prosperity and I hope to see you at a meeting!





### **THOMAS MCCORMACK**

With summer winding down and the fall season approaching fast, I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the best of health. It seems like summertime is getting shorter each year or I'm just getting older!!

I would like to begin by congratulating our Business Manager Lou Rasetta, on his recent appointment by General President Vincent Giblin to Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the General Pension Fund.

As trustee for the Training Center, I recently had the opportunity to attend the I.U.O.E. National Training Fund Safety and Health Conference. I accompanied Coordinator John Gaffny, instructor Bill O'Neil and fellow trustee Steve Tappin. This was a very informative and rewarding seminar. It was a great opportunity to meet other instructors and coordinators from different locals across the country and discuss the different types of training aids they are utilizing in their programs.

Work remains steady in the Rt. 128 perimeter and some of the ongoing projects are as follows: In Beverly on Routes 128, 62 and 35, D.W. White is in full swing on the road widening and bridge work in that area. W.L. French is still onsite at the new Middle School in Lynn. Pihl Co. remains working down at the Nahant Beach Reservation Rehabilitation Project. RDA has just completed the new sea wall there.

In Burlington, on Middlesex Turnpike, Newport Construction is currently onsite with the road widening and drainage project. In Brookline on Beacon Street, the micro-tunneling project is still ongoing with the Michaels Tunneling Co. Atlantic Dismantling and Site Corp. are still actively involved with the Natick High School project.

In Dedham on Route 128, the McCourt Construction Co. is well underway with the road widening and bridge project. This looks to be a steady project for the next few years, hopefully providing more work opportunities for our members.

Just recently, MIG Corp. started construction for the River Widening-Dredging & Site Improvement Project at the Aberjona River in Winchester.

In closing, I would like to again thank you for your continued support and remind everyone to please keep all your dues and licenses up to date.



### **MICHAEL BOWES**

As we move into the fall season, I hope that everyone had a great summer. The work outlook for the Worcester area is still strong.

Here is a look at some of the work that is ongoing in the area. Marois is still working at Southbridge High School.

Bond Bros. is working for National Grid in Worcester on the underground electrical line, along with some help from Taibbi and Mattuchio. D.A. Collins is working on a hazmat job in Acton at the old W.R. Grace site. Also still going strong is the CSX job in Worcester. Marois has all the site utilities on that job, while William Charles has all the site grading. Vermont Lumber, Schnabel, and Terralogic have all the retaining wall construction, and Railworks has the entire rail portion of the job. The Albert Sherman Center job is still going strong, with the Flett Company just starting the site work for the new parking garage. ET&L has just started a new bridge job in Fitchburg and are also still working on the six bridges over CSX rail. Sam's Club has started building their new store in Worcester, and Marois is in there working along with H.B. Welding who is setting the iron. Daniel O'Connell's Sons is still working at the Gateway Project, and the iron is going up with H.B. Welding. Framingham State College is still moving with Guigli and Schumacher working there. The City Square job is still moving forward with J.H. Lynch, Marois and S&F Concrete all having work to do. There are many other jobs also going on in the area. I am actively seeking jobs for members that are still looking for work.

Last week I had a chance to meet with the Apprentices in Canton, along with all of the other agents. I can tell you that it looks like we have a fine group of men and women down there looking to learn our trade. I wish them all the best of luck.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the General Pension Fund.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that there are elections this year in the City of Worcester, and as usual Local 4 will help those candidates that are willing to help us secure work for our members. We will be doing stand-outs for them, and if you can help it will be appreciated.

In closing, I look forward to working with you now and in the future. As always I appreciate your support.



**PAUL DIMINICO**

With the fall season just around the corner, work in the area has picked up.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta on his appointment to Chairman of the General Pension Plan for the International Union of Operating Engineers.

There are a few jobs in the area that have put some of our members to work. UMass has their Nanotechnology Building with NCI doing the site work, and a couple of our crane rental companies have been in and out on a steady basis. Dow is working on the Lowell General Hospital and the Rt. 97 Groveland Bridge. The Lawrence Duck Bridge and the Tyngsboro Bridge are both being restored by S&R. Barletta has a Manitowoc 888 clamming on Hynes Bridge in Amesbury, and Donaldson has just moved it to begin the caissons. Cairns is moving along on Rt. 93 exit 3 in Londonderry, NH. This project is on the down swing as they are getting closer to completion with Brox doing the paving and Pihl is on the tailend of their Lawrence Rt. 28 bridge job. D.W. White has a good sized road job in Tyngsboro that has recently begun. ET&L has a landfill in Groveland that has a few operators on, and they also have the Marston St. Bridge job going in Lawrence.



Donaldson's drill rig on Barletta's Hynes Bridge job in Amesbury

The quarries in the area are all operating to their potential. There are several paving jobs going in the area, and we are all hoping that with the upswing in work it will require them to stay open later in the season.

Shaw has now taken over the Seabrook contract, which had been held by Williams. So far, this has been a smooth transition and they have held on to a few operators.

Walsh Northeast has just begun the University Bridge in Lowell. This is a \$31 million job. They have put a couple machines to work so far. Walsh Northeast has Testa coming to demo a couple of multi-family homes. They tell me the job should get going once this is complete. The Methuen High School job has just started, with NASDI removing part of the current high school, and shortly Construction Management & Consulting (C.J. Mabardy) will be moving in to begin site work.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you and your families please do not hesitate to call.

I hope all of you enjoy the fall season!



**ROD GILLESPIE**

Work around the state of Maine and New Hampshire is starting to show some improvement as of late. On September 29th we are having a pre-job conference with Babcock Wilcox regarding the rebuild of the Berlin, NH power plant. This project was originally set to start last December, but due to lengthy delays and funding problems, it has brought us to this point. We have a ground breaking date of October 6<sup>th</sup>, so it appears this project is a go. By the time you read this, hopefully we will have operators on site.

C.R. Myers, a union company from the mid-west, is looking to expand in the northeast, and is looking around the area for a place to set up shop and bid paper mill and power plant work in Maine and New Hampshire. This is great news for the operators as well as all trades, to have a union contractor move into the area and chase the big projects - something we have lacked since the Wade & Searway days. Good luck to them.

The crews with Lane Construction are busy in most areas, but this is the first year I can ever remember operators getting laid off in September due to lack of work. It's been a tough year for the operators in the paving business. We just recently finished negotiations at the Mid-Maine Waste and Action Corp. in Auburn. This trash-to-energy facility employs 22 operators. We secured another three year contract with yearly wage increases and working condition improvements.

Irving Crane crews and riggers have been busy this month off-loading wind mill components from railcars in Auburn, and reloading onto trucks for shipment to a wind mill farm in western Maine. This is work we have been trying to secure for some time, and we expect to see more of it down the road.

I want to remind you that if you do not have a Certified Crane Operator (CCO) License yet, please get in touch with me as soon as possible at the Clinton office. Most companies are now requiring the license and it is becoming law nation wide very soon. Without the CCO license, you may not be able to operate cranes in the very near future.

Enjoy the fall, winter is fast approaching. Work safe and drive carefully.



***CHRIS FOGARTY***

With summer drawing to a close, it is good to finally see work and equipment moving along with some regularity and steadiness that has eluded us for far too long. I am hopeful that this trend will continue on through fall and into the winter months. Many of the equipment

houses have hired new employees that include our current members seeking work as well as new people now joining the ranks of Local 4.

The Worcester area has seen a rise in business that has been driven by a few different key factors that has put equipment at a premium. On the positive side, the amount of new construction that has been on the books has finally gotten the money to move forward on many projects. By a strange twist of fate, the amount of work that has been generated out of two recent, unfortunate weather related disasters is also giving a large boost to the area economy. Although based in the Worcester area, the equipment has been needed all across New England, and as always our members have answered the call in these hours of need to service these hard hit places. The rest of the equipment industry, including crane sales, large heavy earth moving equipment, general rental and aerial rental are moving along much better and are projected to continue this trend.

The Business Manager and the Business Agents recently attended a meeting with many of the 4E Field Engineers to discuss some of the recent developments with the prevailing wage laws pertaining to the Field Engineers. Thanks to the leadership of Business Manager Lou Rasetta, Local 4 was able to lobby and win a decision by the state. This will include a prevailing wage for Field Engineers on all road work or as they say, horizontal work. For years this was only on vertical work, (buildings, etc.) and as we know, Local 4 is not exclusive to this work and the state saw it the same way. Also, the meeting brought forth plans for the future of rebuilding and strengthening the ranks of 4E through certification and education that will be done through the Training Center.

Every year we have a night when we get to meet the new apprentices at the Training Center and answer any questions they might have. We as agents get to give the new class advice on how to survive in this industry. I am impressed with the enthusiasm of our new apprentices and wish them the best of luck.

There is also one group that I feel needs to be recognized for their overwhelming generosity that wants to remain anonymous. Recently and suddenly, a Brother member's wife passed away, leaving two small children at home and an uncertain future. Our Brothers from a few different locations (in one company) sacrificed their sick and vacation time to this one individual to help him in his hour of need, and should be commended. It is the brotherhood that this great local has and should continue into the future for many years to come. Be safe out there!

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

*What is the difference between Membership Dues and Member Working Dues?*

*Members' dues for the current term shall be due and payable on the first day of the calendar quarter. (January, April, July and October) Members are encouraged to remit dues payment on an annual basis. Quarterly dues may also be paid in three, six, or nine month increments. Payments can be made by mail or walk-in to the UNION HALL OFFICE (16 Trotter Drive, Medway, MA 02053) or at the monthly Body Meeting.*

*Working Dues (as opposed to Member Dues) are deducted from your check and funds are remitted by the Contractor, along with all other Funds provided by the contract, to the HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICE on a monthly basis.*



**DAVID SHEA**

Fall is here and I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. So far this year we have seen an upswing in hours worked by our members. Although there is still room for improvement, there have been more jobs for the men and women of Local 4, especially during the summer months. It is critical to keep track of your hours worked and to stay in touch with all the Business Agents.

I would like to begin by congratulating Business Manager Lou Rasetta on his recent appointment as Chairman of the General Pension Plan. Obviously, the great job Lou has done overseeing our local pension has not gone unnoticed. Our funding status has remained firmly in the green zone and we have recently increased our accrual rate. These are impressive accomplishments in these difficult economic times. I know Lou will succeed in this new appointment.

I recently attended Orientation Night at the Engineers Training Center. It was nice to see the talented group of men and women enrolled in our apprenticeship program. Coordinator John Gaffny and the instructors do a great job providing a wide variety of training for our apprentices and journeymen. I urge any member who does not have all the licenses and certifications to take advantage of the classes available.

On the organizing front, there have been several new signings since the last newsletter. Supreme Industries, an out of state contractor, is working in Maine on the power line project. Terralogic Drilling Solutions has been working in Boston and Worcester. Some other recently signed companies are Minuteman Power Sweeping, DGC Highway LLC, and Fialkosky Irrigation.

Thank you for all your calls with information on non-union contractors.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

**Safety Corner**

**OSHA Sling Update**

On July 8, 2011, the Final Rule went into effect for the update to the OSHA Standards for the use of slings.

OSHA has aligned itself with the ASME B30.9 Standard, which requires manufacturers affix labels to slings by means of wire or chain or, in the case of synthetic type slings, by sewing it onto the fabric. This also includes natural rope, synthetic fiber rope, and manila rope type slings. In general, employers must ensure that all rigging equipment has permanently affixed and legible identification markings prescribed by the manufacturer that indicate the recommended safe working load and they shall not be loaded in excess of rated capacities indicated on the sling which is prescribed by the manufacturer. It is also the employer's responsibility to ensure that slings without affixed and legible identification markings be removed from service.

The update also includes shackles and hooks and states: "Employers must not use shackles with loads in excess of the rated capacities (i.e., working load limits) indicated on the shackle by permanently affixed and legible identification markings prescribed by the manufacturer".

This "Final Rule" affects the OSHA standards of 1910.184 in general industry, 1915.112, 1915.113, and 1915.118 in shipyard employment, and 1926.251 in construction by removing the load capacity tables found in the old standards and replacing them with the requirement that prohibits employers from loading slings in excess of the recommended safe working load as prescribed on permanently affixed identification markings.

Please "THINK TWICE" and 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:

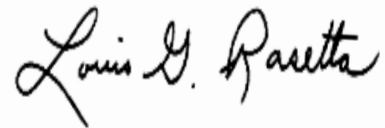
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| Raymond Pinardi    | William J. Thome      |
| George D. Richburg |                       |

**IN RETIREMENT**

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

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| Scott F. Bain        | William T. Magsam        |
| Leo Bartolini, Jr.   | David A. Mucciarone      |
| Michael A. Bottalico | John G. Mullen           |
| Richard J. Bouley    | Stephen A. Nardone       |
| Wayne Carpenter      | Chester A. O'Brien       |
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| Neal Kingsbury       | Donald J. Trites         |
| Richard C. Laurie    | Paul E. Trubiano         |

**Fraternally yours,**



**Louis G. Rasetta  
Business Manager**