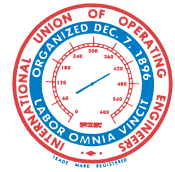


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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006, 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 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.

Local 4 S.A.C. Scholarship Winners

\$2,500 - Nicole McGowan,
daughter of Kenneth McGowan
\$2,500 - Joseph J. Gravellese,
son of James A. Gravellese
\$1,500 - Jillian Elizabeth Jardine,
daughter of James Lloyd Jardine
\$1,500 - Michael Bernazzani,
son of Peter Bernazzani

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 on May 11, 2006 at the IBEW Local 103's, Freeport Hall.



BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings and well wishes to all of you. As we approach the construction season of 2006, I am happy to report that prospects are bright for another good year for

Local 4. Although a number of projects have been put off temporarily, due to weather, many of these jobs are now finally beginning. My hope is to have every single member of our union gainfully employed as soon as possible, and I consider it my solemn duty to do everything in my power to make that happen. Again, if you are out of work, be sure to contact all of the Business Agents and make them aware of your status.

As I announced at our March meeting, we have opened another satellite office. This new location is in Lakeville, Massachusetts, so as to provide our many South Shore members with a convenient weekly meeting location. Business Representative Norman Teed will be in attendance on Tuesday Mornings from 6:30 on to meet with the members there. I am happy to announce that Local 4 now has an office presence in each of our areas.

Although I will be out of town for our April body meeting, I would like to note that a representative from Mass Mutual and our Funds office will be present for an informative program concerning our Annuity programs. President McLaughlin will be presiding over the meeting and Officers will give their reports. Please try to attend.

The situation concerning our involvement with the National Building Trades and the AFL-CIO is as follows: Our International has disaffiliated from the National Building and Construction Trades Department, but has remained with the AFL-CIO. We, as a Local Union, have been given the option to remain affiliated with the Local Massachusetts State Building Trades, and we have decided to continue to be affiliated with these groups.

President Joe Dart of the Massachusetts Building Trades has done much good work for all the Building Trades people and he deserves our continuing support. He and his staff render great service to us, including much legislative work, formation of P.L.A.'s, etc. Again, I feel that our members benefit greatly from our local Building Trades Councils.



In closing, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the members who conveyed their condolences to me and my family upon the death of my mother, Elizabeth. Your kind words, prayers, cards, donations and flowers helped us through this sad and difficult time, and I again thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Fraternally,

Louis G. Rasetta



WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

As I write this article, I hope to find you and your families with health and happiness. After this very long winter, which has made a significant impact on our business, we have finally made it to spring. As we enter this new season, I am optimistic about the work

opportunities for the Operating Engineers within the Route 128 perimeter.

Some of the current happenings within my area include the continued construction at the Natick Mall Expansion Project which is still in full swing. Local 4 has been very successful with work opportunities at this site. Signatory contractors such as Marois Brothers, North American Site Developers, Builders Resource and Hallamore Crane have been prosperous in the bidding process considering this is an open shop development without a signed Project Labor Agreement. Work continues at three hospital expansion projects in the area. J. F. White and James Flett at the Beverly Hospital, A. J. Welch at the Leahy Clinic in Burlington and Northeast Construction at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. These sites have had several employment opportunities continuously throughout the past winter. The outlook for additional employment looks positive for the upcoming season. The \$125 million NSTAR utility job throughout greater Boston is near completion. This 18-mile state-of-the-art oil cooled electrical line has employed several of our members. J. Derenzo Co. is still present at the Wayside Commons retail shopping plaza in Burlington.

Two local builders are currently teaming up to construct a proposed \$2 billion development just off Route 128 in Westwood. This mega-project would feature retail shops, restaurants, upscale condos and office space. This could have a large impact for us in terms of job creation. Also, Neptune LNG is moving closer to gaining approval for constructing an offshore LNG deepwater port terminal 10 miles off the coast of Gloucester. This \$900 million proposed project would also create opportunity for Local 4.

It has recently come to my attention that providing assignment for members can be somewhat challenging due to the lack of appropriate licensing and certification. I

highly recommend the 40-hour Hazmat, 40-hour OSHA and forklift certifications, just to name a few. These will help increase your eligibility for future work opportunity. For additional information regarding these courses, please contact the Engineers Training Center at 781-821-0306.

As always, I would like to thank all of you for your support.



JOHN PANARO

Brothers and Sisters:

Winter is gone and spring is right around the corner. The winter of 2005 was certainly the mildest winter that I can remember. Spring fever has everyone eager and anxious to get back working. Work opportunities are slow at this time

but the future looks bright for work this year. All signs point to a vibrant season for our dirt contractors. There are several hotels and private developments that will break ground this spring.

Logan Airport has several ongoing projects that will be completed this year. The Central Parking Garage is moving toward the finish line. The mild winter has helped move this project forward avoiding weather delays. Barletta Corporation should complete their three ongoing projects at the Airport this year. McCourt Construction has resumed work on the new runway project. Testa will be doing a demo job on Harborside Drive this spring. J. F. White has a \$7.6 million project to build two buildings at North Cargo. Maverick Square will get a \$30 million face lift by the J. F. White Company this year. Construction on this site has been off to a very slow start so far.



North Point Park, Cambridge
Capco is setting steel with the help of their two tower cranes. Builders Resource Inc. is setting steel on another building as this project goes forward.

Cambridge is busy with numerous construction projects. A. J. Welch is busy on the excavation at the North Point Project. This large site could have construction ongoing for several years with as many as twelve buildings to be erected. Harvard Square will get a \$6 million renovation this summer by J. F. White. Flett is pushing hard to complete the site package at the Blackstone Power Station. Derenzo looks to finish the site work at Draper Lab and Riverside Housing this year. Capco erected two tower cranes at Harbor View Point in the Charlestown Naval Yard. The steel is out of the ground at this site as A. J. Welch moves to complete the excavation work. Walsh of Illinois will complete their \$10 million Storage Conduit project this year. Severson Environmental Services, Inc., a large environmental company is just starting a \$30 million project in Everett at Island End River. This ten-month Hazmat project will provide benefit hours for many of our members.

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 the area. A phone call informing me with the location of your job site helps me better serve you the membership.

I wish you and your family a safe and prosperous 2006.



KEVIN BENNETT

From the end of last season to Opening Day, it has been a busy off-season for our members in the crane rental yards at Fenway. The photograph below shows operator and shop steward, Scott Brooks of Marr Equipment hoisting the new Fenway Park sign, completing this year's major improvements to the

park.



Now that we are entering the spring construction season, the work outlook is becoming brighter. Turner Construction has broken ground on two fourteen-story condominiums in the west end with A. A. Will and Hayward-Baker on site. The Mandarin Oriental Hotel on Boylston Street (another set of two fourteen-story buildings) is in the foundation stage with Raito Foundation and Derenzo Excavating. Steel is being erected on Charles Street Jail Hotel and the Marriott Hotel in South Boston, and J. F. White has completed the excavation for Brigham & Women's Hospital with Daniel Marr and Sons starting steel erection. East Coast Slurry, Hub Foundation and A. A. Will are all working on Black Fan Circle, a new research high rise in the Hospital district.

There are several projects slated to begin late spring to early summer. Columbus Center, a \$600,000,000 project covering seven acres of the Massachusetts Turnpike will produce three distinct properties. Parcel one will be a thirty-five-story glass and stone tower hotel with condominiums. Parcel two will consist of four eleven-story buildings with private homes opening directly onto two new parks, and Parcel three will be four six-story low-rise condominiums with two new parks and a parking garage for 600 cars.

The new MWRA sewer system tunnel in South Boston, which is scheduled to go to bid in late April, will have a 200' shaft, two miles of 36' tunnel and two pumping stations. Pihl/RDA Construction has been awarded a \$4.5 million pipe job on Spectacle Island to be started in May, and Bio Square Lab on Albany Street has East Coast Slurry breaking ground in April.

Last year, many of you attended several public hearings with me on the Bio Square Lab project. As a result of your efforts, construction will start soon, bringing many job opportunities to our Operating Engineers. Many thanks for your commitment and support.

BILL MOONEY'S
SAFETY OFFICER'S CORNER

O.S.H.A. Reminder

Commencing July 1, 2006, all employees working on publicly funded jobs more than \$10,000 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required to have a 10 Hour O.S.H.A. Safety card in their possession. Ten Hour O.S.H.A. classes have been ongoing at the Training Center since 1996.

Now that the deadline is near, our classes are filling up quickly. If you are in need of an O.S.H.A. 10 Hour, please call the training center immediately so we may schedule classes accordingly to accommodate our members.

REMEMBER YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2006. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE JOB WITHOUT YOUR O.S.H.A. CARD!



DAVID FANTINI

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

Work in the area was a little off last year. With Rte. 3 just about finished there are currently no large jobs in the area. But the work has remained pretty steady and with the mild weather there were several jobs that

have continued through the winter. This however did not translate into any job opportunities out of the Hall. The work outlook for 2006 is promising with some of the jobs listed in my last newsletter going out to bid. The smaller jobs that have been the bread and butter of the area are still abundant with site, paving, utility and road reconstruction ongoing and more scheduled for this season.

The 10-hr. O.S.H.A. course that was held at the Portsmouth Laborers' hall was a success with about 80 members in attendance. If you were unable to make the November class, we will be holding another one in the very near future.

The Mass Mutual seminars that the Local held throughout the area in October were also well received and very informative.

The benefits conference I was able to attend in November was a real eye opening experience. The steps the Business Manager and the Trustees have taken over the last year to stabilize our funds have us in a better place than most of the other pension and health plans around the country.

I would also like to give all the 50-year members that were recognized at the November meeting a belated congratulations. You are the ones that made us what we are today and for that we all owe you a debt of gratitude. Without you we would not have the working conditions or the benefits we enjoy today.

I wish everyone and their families a healthy and prosperous 2006 and if there is anything I can do to make that happen please do not hesitate to call.



NORMAN TEED

Winter is waning and spring is around the corner. Although in hindsight his winter has been fairly mild, our Contractors have been hesitant on starting new work and employing any new help. Hopefully the weather will continue to cooperate and our construction season will start early this year.

There is a lot of work being bid presently, both private and prevailing wage projects. It looks to be a good year in the South of Boston area. As I have suggested in the past, network with our members and employers. Many employers call their Operators back and also will hire friends of their employees when adding help before reaching out to a Business Representative for competent operators. Members have always been allowed to solicit their own employment.

E.T.&L. Company is close to being on schedule at the Sagamore Fly Over project where Rt. 3 approaches the Cape Cod Canal. They are waiting for the Massachusetts Highway Department to allow asphalt binder lay down before some laid off operators are to be called back to augment their work force for this season.

Cashman, Balfour Beatty's Greenbush Commuter Rail Line Rehab. project has been going strong all winter and will continue through this year employing many Operating Engineers.

Sevenson Environmental will start up again on their 5-year New Bedford Harbor Cleanup contract, but not until about mid June because of the Corp. of Engineer's budget constraints. I encourage interested members to get the 40-hour Hazmat certification because much of this type of work will be done in the future.

When this newsletter is received, an 8-week repair of Unit 3 at the Brayton Point Power Plant will be well underway along with the ongoing environmental improvement project being done there. This project has kept quite a few members employed through this winter.

There are many excavation projects ready to start in the South of Boston area and hopefully our signatory site contractors will win the lion's share of these. Many sewer and water contracts have been won or are being bid by our signatory contractors in this area. Also Guigli Construction Co., has started the site work at the Milton Collicut School. The South Eastern Massachusetts Building Trades Council has been granted a P. L. A. for five (5) schools by the city of Fall River. The Kuss School is being bid now and is scheduled to start this year. The Merit Shop Alliance challenged this P.L.A. in court and lost. They appealed this decision and lost again, so the P.L.A. should stand. We thank the Mayor and City Councillors of Fall River for their confidence in The Building Trades and Organized Labor.

Keep in contact with all of your Business Representatives.

NEW SATELLITE OFFICE
ON THE SOUTH SHORE

**International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers Local Union No. 223 Union Hall
111 Rhode Island Road
Lakeville, MA**

**Tuesday Mornings from 6:30
Business Representative Norman Teed**

We hope to get all qualified Operating Engineers out to work as soon as possible. I look forward to serving you in the future. Just a reminder: Stay off your cell phones while working. I get many complaints over this issue from our employers. You can get fired over this issue. It is a safety concern. Good luck, stay healthy and have a good year.



ROD GILLESPIE

This winter will go down as one of the most snow-less years in memory. As of this writing we have received less than half our normal snowfall of 80 inches. But even this type of winter was especially hard on the roads with the annual showing of potholes and yes mams. Hopefully the Maine Department of Transportation will get

started early this year with their paving program. Lane Construction has called back to work many operators to start getting the plants and equipment ready for another hopefully busy year in paving.

On March 21st the Maine Building Trades Council had a very informal meeting with Governor Baldacci at the Pipefitters Hall in Augusta. We had approximately 85 trades people in attendance, including 14 operators. This was a great turnout for the Governor and we expect to have a couple more events like this in other areas of Maine as we get closer to the election in November. It gives you members the opportunity to talk and ask questions one on one with the Governor.

Hearings are starting with FERC regarding the proposed LNG facilities down east. While these projects are still a long way off, it is something the state of Maine and the people of Washington county need for true economic development. The Maritimes Northeast pipeline project is moving along with a kick off date in the spring of 2007. This will include 147 miles of 36' pipe and five compressor stations. Mercy Hospital in Portland is going to break ground in May for the new hospital on Fore Street. Gilbane is the construction manager and we are looking to get our union contractors to aggressively go after this work. The first phase is \$90 million with more to follow. The Maine Medical Hospital expansion will get rolling this spring with the bids coming on the nine story parking garage and a seven-story addition to the hospital with a helicopter pad on the roof.

I want to thank the Training Center, Bill Mooney and Staff for coming to Maine in February to get our forklift operators re-certified for another three years. I know work has been slow, but it's beginning to look like things are starting to turn around.

In closing, I want to send out condolences to Brother Bill Johnson who lost his father Reid in early March and to Brother Larry DeMerchant who lost his father Donald. He was a thirty-three-year member of Local 4. Enjoy the warm spring days and work safe out on the job.



RON BURNAP

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy, holiday season. The winter has been a little unusual with 50 degree days and very little snow. Cold weather and frost has not been a factor for those contractors with work. Most jobs that kept going have done so with small work crews.

Last year, we really didn't get back to work until the end of April. This year, with the absence of snow and very little frost, it seems like we will be ready to get started in March. Although, March can be a very frustrating month, waiting for things to start, the only thing we can hope for an early spring.

One of the keys to the work in Worcester is the completion of the Rt. 146 interchange. Work on that job is well underway and the spin-off from that job will continue to spread downtown. Plans for a new parking garage behind Union Station and rebuilding of Washington Square rotary will lead to the demolition of the old Galleria Mall, with its seldom used and outdated parking garage. New streets will reconnect the old downtown with 600 upscale condos, three new office towers, restaurants, theaters and shops. When these projects are complete, they will tie downtown with Shrewsbury Street, which has had its own rebirth, making that section of Worcester an easier place to live, work and play.

The new court house and hotel are well underway and when the new sky bridge is built, that will connect the parking garage, the hotel and D.C.U. center. Together, it will have the same effect as the new city square project making Worcester the place to be in Central Massachusetts. The north end of the city by the old Worcester Voke has plans of its own to rebuild.

Work this year seems like we should be very busy with sewer and water, road reconstruction and private jobs. We should have plenty of work for our skilled operators with all the proper certifications that we need. The right licenses are: Hazmat, forklift and the very important O.S.H.A. 10-hour training. Please call our Training Center as soon as possible to get in the next available class.

Be safe and see you on the job in the spring.

ELECTIONS ARE COMING SOON

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PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!



CHRIS FOGARTY

I would like to begin by giving my condolences to Business Manager Lou Rasetta and his family on the passing of his mother, Elizabeth. May she rest in peace.

There was another tragedy amongst us that I would like to acknowledge. The sudden deaths of Michael Zammiti, Jr. and Chester W. Roberts, Jr. of the Allstate Concrete Pumping Company. May our heartfelt sorrow be expressed during this time of tragedy.

Although the winter has been kind to us this year, the work has been a bit slow to follow. The Equipment Houses had their best year in a long time seeing stronger than usual sales and rental revenues at all time highs. A very good sign with this trend in mind the prospects for a follow up year looks optimistic.

I would like to applaud the participation of the 4D members on their input into a dozen new shop agreements. Without input from these members on terms and conditions of the environments in which they work, successful agreements would be more difficult. There is a cohesiveness growing between this group and I see it as long overdue. The shops cannot exist without the skills, talent and dedication of these hard-working members.

The revision of the Concrete Pump Addendum is in the works. Although not perfect in design, the Addendum created opportunities that were otherwise lost. We will continue to address the idiosyncracies of the industry and make it work for all of us.

Work on the Field Engineers training and certification continues to be narrowed down to a few choices that will best suit the need of the members, stay tuned. Work for the Field Engineers is starting to trickle in at best right now, with the anticipation of several large projects, one can only expect opportunities will follow.

If the rain stays away this spring and strong summer months of last year continue, indications are that the Local should thrive and prosper this season. In closing, remember 10-hour O.S.H.A. requirement is almost here, please check your dues and continue to be safe every day.

IN RETIREMENT

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

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| Charles Borge | Harold J. Malloy |
| Lawrence W. Brown | Charles H. Nease, Jr. |
| Anthony D. Caprigno | Richard T. Noons |
| William F. Corey, Jr. | Martin J. Poulin |
| John P. Cunningham | Robert B. Pouliot |
| Nicola DiMartino | Dennis A. Pressey |
| Thomas P. DiVincenzo | Ronald P. Rego |
| Charles D. Duff | Louis A. Segrini |
| Ronald A. Duquette | Richard L. Staples |
| John F. Fenton | James R. Sullivan |
| Richard E. Graham | Michael Swabowicz |
| Frank H. Grahn, Jr. | Edward A. Witkum |
| Joseph H. Lowe | Paul Zilioli |
| James E. Lynch | |

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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| John E. Burke | Robert E. LeMay |
| Thomas P. Byron | Chester W. Roberts, Jr. |
| Donald C. DeMerchant | John J. Stephens |
| Jeremiah P. Grady | Stephen J. Winn |
| David Hall | Michael A. Zammiti, Jr. |

Fraternally yours,

Louis G. Rasetta

**Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager**