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NOTIFIED MEETING

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THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007, 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 2007, ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. Failure to maintain your good standing in regard to dues may cause your suspension from the Local Union, your removal from the job site and will affect your good standing status.

Please note that we do not bill for dues payment. Notices are sent out after 6 months in arrears. To avoid this expensive procedure, please remit dues in a timely manner. Suspension will affect your good standing status.

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:

As this long New England winter finally draws to a close, I know that you are all eager for the spring construction season to begin.

As I have stated in previous communications, this coming season promises to be a very busy one for our members.

The much-heralded Project Labor Agreement at the Fort Devens site, for Bristol-Meyers Squibb, has been signed, and members are presently being sent out to work there. I was told at the signing ceremony that they expect upwards of fifty Operating Engineers will be employed on this job by the summer. This project will be a much-needed boost for our Worcester Area.

Also, the work in Boston has started, and we anticipate many work opportunities coming about very shortly.

Generally speaking, in all of our areas, I am hopeful, and confident, that we will all have a very productive 2007.

As many of you are aware, our general elections will be taking place this year. All of the information pertaining to these elections is contained in this newsletter. Please take the time to look over this material.

Also on the agenda for this year is our 110th Anniversary Celebration. Plans are progressing on schedule for what promises to be a grand evening, celebrating our pride in Local 4. I very much look forward to seeing everyone there.

I would also like to mention the retirement of Brother Joe Dart, who is the President of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Joe has been an invaluable asset to all working men and women in Massachusetts, and he will be missed by all of the Building Trades. On a personal note, I have considered Joe a friend and mentor for many years, and on behalf of all of Local 4, I wish Joe a long and happy retirement. Joe brought a wealth of integrity, intelligence and respect to the Building Trades and his legacy will inspire all labor leaders well into the future.

In conclusion, I wish everyone a safe, happy and productive year.

Fraternally yours,
Louis G. Rasetta





WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

Finally, with the winter now behind us, we can all look forward to spring and a new chapter in the 2007 construction season. Based on our preliminary projections, I am optimistic about the work outlook and opportunities for the Operating Engineer in the Route 128 area.

In Gloucester, Gioioso Brothers and RDA are both continuing construction on a vast water and sewer line which currently employs several operators. Maxymillian Inc. remains in Salem on a hazmat cleanup for Massachusetts Electric/National Grid. Northeast Contractors, Inc. is present in Dedham at the Hebrew Life Center. They are in the beginning stages of developing the site for a major elderly life-style community. This project should provide ample opportunities for Local 4. At the Natick Mall Expansion Project work remains steady. This billion dollar undertaking at Route 9 hosts a number of signatory contractors which employ several members. At the Burlington Mall construction continues with D.W. White, New England Foundation and Universal Steel on the addition of a Nordstrom Department Store and other retail shops. These types of mall/retail projects are vital to the economic development for our cities and towns. Builders Resource Inc. is presently constructing a pre-cast parking garage at the Children's Hospital in Waltham. J. Derenzo Co. is doing site work on a 50 million dollar science laboratory at Brandeis University.

The City of Newton has been given the green light to move forward on a 160 million dollar new Newton North High School with Dimeo Construction Co. as the construction manager. The Lahey Clinic Northshore in Peabody and the Children's Hospital Boston are teaming up on the construction of a \$50 million expansion to their existing facility. In Burlington, the Nordblom Company is planning a proposed \$500 million redevelopment project at Northwest Park. Located near Middlesex Turnpike, it will include shops, restaurants, office and residential space. The proposed construction of the Interstate 93 and 95 interchange highway project is now in the early planning stages. Upon approval, this multi-million dollar undertaking in the Woburn, Reading and Stoneham area appears to be promising for future employment opportunities.

As previously mentioned by Business Manager Lou Rasetta at our last Union Meeting, I would like to remind everyone to save the date for Local 4's 110th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the Sheraton Boston on Saturday, July 28, 2007. It is an honor and great privilege for me to be co-

chairing this event along with Kevin Bennett. This promises to be a special evening with great food, entertainment and above all, your company. It will be a night to remember for all. Hope to see you there.

As always, thank you for your support.



JOHN PANARO

Winter appears to be gone and spring is right around the corner. The winter of 2006 was very mild and relatively snow free. Spring fever has everyone eager to get back to work. Work opportunities are slow at this time but the future looks bright for work this year. On a positive note there are several large private developments that are expected to go forward in 2007. Our dirt merchants have given every indication that the 2007 construction season will be strong.

J.F. White continues to go forward on the Oxford Street project. McCabe is working on a pipe job for Harvard on Oxford Street as well. North Point Park is almost completely shut down because of weather this year. The \$67 million Cambridge Public Library is just starting with Consigli as the General Contractor. Flett continues to work for Bovis on the Third Street project. The Mount Auburn Hospital is about ready for the steel erection. Sterns should be erecting the steel as soon as the weather permits. J. Derenzo has the excavation on the site. The good news is that MIT is going forward on a \$750 million expansion project that will get started this year.

Logan Airport is very slow now. Barletta is completing three projects at various locations at the airport. There are only three operators total on site at this time. McCourt has a \$21 million contract airside that will begin this spring. Terminal B is planning a \$39 million rehab that will require limited Operating Engineers due to the fact that the work is interior.

The City of Chelsea has begun hearings on the proposed power plant called Chelsea Peak Energy. Only time will tell if this power plant will be built.

I renewed my hazmat certificate at the Training Center last Saturday. I also renewed my forklift license the following Monday night. These licenses are required to increase your work opportunities. Make good use of the Training Center, it is there for you.

Call and let me know when you are working in the area. A phone call informing me with the location of your jobsite helps me better serve you, the membership.

I wish you and your family a safe and prosperous 2007.



DAVID FANTINI

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health.

Work for this coming season looks better this year than it has in awhile. There are a number of good projects that are on track

to begin this season. In Massachusetts a new court house in Lowell, two new facilities at U-Mass Lowell, a gas fired power plant in Billerica, reconstruction of and addition to the Billerica Mall, and more mill work in both Lowell and Lawrence. In New Hampshire the widening of Rte. 93, a hotel in downtown Portsmouth, work at the gas fired plant in Portsmouth, and building work in Pease Airbase.

Cashman has been secured to assist an out-of-town company to begin construction of a 9-mile off-shore LNG pipeline and terminal. The project is about \$300 million and is slated to begin in April. Manpower projections have not been worked out, but, I was told that because the work is so far out, workers might have to stay up to 42 days on the barge.

The \$100 million Lawrence High School, which was moth-balled last year, is once again under construction. The school is almost complete, but there is still a lot of site work to do and one of our signatory contractors has been hired to perform this work.

There are also a number of projects that I have written about in previous newsletters that have been bid and will begin this season.

I hope anyone that has been looking for work has taken the time to get all of his or her licenses and certifications taken care of. There is nothing more disappointing to a Business Agent than to call someone you know that has been out of work for a long time, offer them a job, and not be able to send them because they don't have their hazmat or 10-Hour OSHA. So please, if you have not already, contact the Apprenticeship Office and get these things taken care of.

I wish everyone and their families a healthy and prosperous 2007 and if there is anything I can do to make that happen please don't hesitate to call.



NORMAN TEED

We are into the first week of March with a bitterly cold few days of weather assaulting us at the moment. Hopefully this month's remaining weather will mellow out, allowing the frost to thaw out of the ground with

many stalled site jobs getting back into operation, shortly thereafter.

As you will read from all of the Business Representatives articles, we are optimistic that this will be a good year for work opportunities for our Brother and Sister members. What we need now is an early start to some of these anticipated projects. Reasonable weather will certainly be an incentive for our contractor/employers to go to work.

Cashman/Balfour/Beatty is expecting to rehire some of their laid-off operators before the end of March on the Greenbush Rail Line rehab project. Derenzo Company is slowly calling back operators at their Hingham Shipyard jobsite and Lennox Farm, Braintree housing jobsite. ET&L Company is looking to get busy at their Rt. 18 Weymouth Road rehab project and Sagamore Flyover jobsite.

Ernest Guigli Construction Co. notified our local union last week that they have been awarded the site work for two new schools in Brockton for the Agostini/Bacon Co. This took a concerted effort from the Laborers and Local 4 aggressively applying their Cooperative Trust Funds along with our contractor/employer sharpening their pencil to win these two good projects.

There is much work in the permit process for this year's construction season. I know many of our unemployed Brothers and Sisters are frustrated waiting for things to start, but it is still early spring, late winter.

Massachusetts Highway is still in disarray as far as budget commitment from the Governor's Administration because of the deficit left by the outgoing Romney Administration. Governor Patrick's team is trying to get a handle on what revenue can be projected to fund his budget, in turn funding highway and bridge work. Our quarry and plant contractors along with the asphalt contractors are nervously awaiting news from the State on what projects will be put out to bid and allowed to start. This is late in the process to be at this point at this time of the year.

Stay in contact with all of the Business Representatives and be available for any work opportunity. Keeping current certifications and licenses is crucial in hiring.

I look forward to working with you this year. Stay healthy and work safely.



KEVIN BENNETT

As we enter the spring construction season in Boston, the outlook for work is encouraging. Many long awaited jobs have recently begun, and a number of new projects are scheduled for the near future. The long awaited MWRA Sewer System

Tunnel in South Boston has broken ground. Currently, East Coast Slurry and Barletta Engineering are working on the shafts. Delivery of the tunnel boring machine from Japan is scheduled for late July.

Turner Construction has started work on several major projects including Massachusetts General Hospital, a thirty-story hospital addition located next to Mass. Eye and Ear, and the West End Residence, two fourteen-story condominiums. Russian Wharf, another Turner project located on Congress Street, has Hub Foundation, James Stearns Company, and North American Site Developers working side by side. Turner is also looking forward to starting on the new Harvard Science Complex in Allston. The Dana Farber Hospital has Trevi-Icos and J. Derenzo working on site on slurry walls. J. Derenzo is also working alongside Allied Pile on four large buildings at Northeastern University, near Ruggles Station. Boston University has a twenty-seven story dormitory currently underway with Marr Steel Erection slated to begin erection shortly. Suffolk Construction is rebuilding the McCormack Federal Court House and United States Post Office in Post Office Square, employing eight of our members. Uptown on Providence Street, Suffolk also has J. Derenzo, Moretrench, and McKinney Drilling working on a new thirty two story tower. Additionally, Suffolk has started foundation work for a new retail residence multi-story building on 1330 Boylston Street. Lastly, Walsh Brothers broke ground on three new building sites recently.

In January, I attended a pre-job meeting with J. F. White on the six hundred million dollar Columbus Center job which will cover the Mass Turnpike. This job is ready to start shortly, having a project labor agreement, financing, and permits all in place. Boston's Mayor, Thomas Menino, is also planning some big changes in the city. He plans to place City Hall Plaza up for sale to private developers, and build a new world-class city hall building on the waterfront. The Mayor's plans also include building a new one thousand foot skyscraper in the Financial District.

Save the date – Many members are inquiring about tickets and rooms for our 110th Anniversary Celebration on July 28, 2007. Ticket information will be mailed to you in early April. Rooms can be reserved now at the Sheraton Boston

Hotel at a negotiated rate of \$184.00. To register online, go to <http://www.iuocal4.org> and click on Hotel Reservations, or call Sheraton Boston at 617-236-2000.

As always, many thanks for your help and support.



RON BURNAP

This spring the work outlook in the Worcester area is very promising. The biggest news is the signing of a Project Labor Agreement at the Bristol-Myers Squibb job in Devens.

The Building Trades have met with the construction manager through the winter, and now we have an agreement with all our conditions in place. Marois Brothers has been awarded the site work, which includes footing and foundation work for four new buildings, a waste water treatment plant, and security fencing. With all the Building Trades from the Worcester/Fitchburg area, there will be 800-1000 employed. This is the first phase of two planned by Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Assumption College, Becker College, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, and W.P.I. are all planning major expansions this year. The total price tag for this work is around four hundred million dollars.

D.W. White has been awarded a Super Walmart and Lowe's in Leominster. Walmart also has plans to build another store off of RT 146.

J.F. White probably has another season left at the RT 146-RT 290 interchange. J.H. Lynch is working at the UMASS Medical Center and Washington Square. Gilbane has the Union Station parking garage, work at W.P.I., and at Tufts in Grafton. There has been no news on the demolition of the Worcester Common Outlet Mall that is also supposed to happen this year. With these jobs and road reconstruction, the Worcester area is looking at a very good year.

Please call the Training Center to get all the certification needed to increase your work opportunities. Have a safe and healthy season.



In closing, I would like to leave a quote by someone famous "All that serves Labor serves the nation. All that harms is treason...If a man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar...There is no America without labor and to fleece one is to rob the other." - Abe Lincoln



PAUL DIMINICO

As the winter season is coming to an end, I hope everyone is looking forward to a prosperous season.

The water and sewer contractors are ready to get their main line crews back in full force. They are waiting for the cities and towns to give them the go-ahead. There will be some opportunities for those of you that have experience in pipe work and trenching. If you are interested please feel free to contact me.

Albanese Bros, Albanese D&S and Revoli Construction all have ongoing jobs in Tewksbury. They were shut down for the winter and were told that March 15th is the back to work date. There will be roughly eight crews going between all three contractors. Each contract is roughly \$5 million and about 2 years of work with more to come in the town.

Albanese Bros has had a \$9 million sewer job in West Roxbury, which has been going through the winter with three crews and will be adding a fourth shortly.

Albanese D&S has had a crew working on a cemetery expansion job in Bourne and has other jobs for which they have contracts signed and will be starting shortly.

There are also many other utility and bridge contractors gearing up for a busy season - Cardillo & Sons, Defelice, MIG Corp., Newport, L.Perina, and Unified Contracting to name a few.

On to the Organizing:
We are vigorously hunting down contractors to secure our market share and find more jobs for our members. There have been some great opportunities for our veteran members through organizing. I would like to thank them for their help in getting these new contractors accustomed to the union way and showing them the talent we have to offer them. This is a tough job for all of us, but well worth it to secure Local 4's existence in the future for our children. We are always looking for leads, so don't hesitate to call.

SAFETY CORNER

CHAPTER 146 of the MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS

SECTION 67. Licenses; duration; fees; expiration; renewal; revocation.

"Licenses not renewed at expiration date shall become void, and shall after one year be reinstated only by re-examination of the licensee."

It is my understanding that there are operators under the impression that if their license has expired they are still able to operate for one year after expiration. THIS IS NOT TRUE. When your license expires, there is only a one year time frame in which you may renew your license without taking the test. After the one year extension, you will have to take the test again.

If you are caught operating without a valid license under SECTION 54A, you may be "punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than three thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than three months, or both such fine and imprisonment."

If you have any questions or are not sure of the Hoisting License Law please call the Training Center.

BE SAFE.

Training Director

Bill Mooney



MIKE BOWES

I hope that this article reaches all of you in good health. We are preparing for what looks to be a great season for our members.

Let me take a little time to explain what has been going on the organizing front. I will start by mentioning some of the newly signed companies we have been working on.

New England Excavation & Demo. (Quincy), with three new members from the company, owner James McGinness tells me he has \$6 million in work thus far and plans to hire several members from our hall. Also, **Seascape Environmental Corporation (Raynham)**, which has a large piece of the runway demo at the old Naval Air Station in S. Weymouth, and has plans to hire five of our members as soon as an asbestos problem is taken care of. We also have an agreement with **Nine Island Construction (Fall River)**, which is a small curbing company that is looking to expand and contract with members from our hall. These are just a few of the opportunities that organizing has produced.

I would also like to mention that the sewer and water contractors that I handle report a fair amount of work for the up coming season. As always they will be looking for operators who can do deep cut utilities in the street (boxes & plates).

As we move forward with organizing it is the hope to select viable strong contractors who will survive in our market. We will look to put the men and women of Local 4 to work for those contractors as needed.

I would like to end by reminding everyone that you, our members, and the talents and work ethics you possess are the best tools for organizing a company.

AIG & DEATH BENEFIT BENEFICIARY

Please make sure that your Union Hall membership record has the correct beneficiary on file for your AIG (American Group Insurance) and Death Benefit Fund. For information call: 508-533-1433, extension 400.

IN RETIREMENT

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

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| Carmelo Brienza, Sr. | Thomas J. Pals |
| Leon S. Buzzell | Paul E. Pepin |
| Edward P. Costello | Joseph A. Read |
| Gerald A. Glidden | Vernon W. Roberts |
| Ralph A. Gower | Francis Sarno |
| James G. Hanning | Stanley W. Sikorsky |
| Edward P. Harmon, III | Frank P. Silvestris |
| Daniel R. Lennox | John R. Sutton |
| Daniel A. Mendes, Jr. | Robert N. Taft |
| Arthur H. Mullen, Jr. | Raymond L. Thompson |
| Thomas S. Murphy, Jr. | William J. Walsh |

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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| Joseph Aries | Robert E. Mahoney |
| Harold A. Campbell | Leslie C. Mason |
| Leo Coughlin | George Medeiros |
| William P. Doherty | Delman Morgan |
| Robert L. Dutton | John F. Parks |
| Richard Dufour | Stephen F. Ruta |
| Robert L. Graves | Clifford S. Silveira |
| Douglas P. Leeman | Joseph H. Wilson |
| Fred Locke, Sr. | |

Fraternally yours,

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