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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, at 11:30 AM. It will be held at Houligan's Sports Grill, located at 1643 US Highway 1, Ormond Beach FL 32174. All brothers and sisters along with their spouses are welcome. This will be our last meeting before the summer break. There will not be any meetings in the months of July and August.

We have photos from the March luncheon posted on our website.

By now you should have received a letter explaining some changes coming to our medical in regard to co-pays.

2025 is a contract year. I encourage all retirees to write letters to Chris Erikson and the negotiating committee with the needs of the retirees. If we don't express our needs, we will be overlooked. **All letters are read!**

Everyone should have received their annual **Pensioner Status Form**. This must be filled out, notarized and mailed back to the pension department. Failure to do so will result in having your pension deposits suspended.

Dues for 2023/24 are still only \$15.00. Anyone who has not paid, please see Paul Dietrich at our next meeting or mail your dues to the address at the top of this page. The dues year begins every September.

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Fraternally yours,  
Michael Manfredi

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The latest General Membership Meeting took place on Thursday, May 9th. Some of the news updates are listed below:

- The 37th Spring Arts Festival exhibit was presented in the auditorium.
- A moment of silence was held in memory of Thomas Van Arsdale (February 16, 1924 – May 20, 2018).
- Armed Forces Day was observed on Saturday, May 18th. Veterans stood up to be recognized.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.
- [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) stickers were distributed at the meeting.
- Annette Rivera is the Director of Substance Abuse Services & Mental Health Referral Guidance at the Joint Industry Board. Please call (718) 591-2000 ext. 1396 or (929) 816-1409.
- IBEW Construction & Maintenance Conference was held in Washington, D.C. on April 19th. The IBEW has grown to 870,000+ members.
- NABTU Legislative Conference was also held in Washington, D.C. on April 21st.
- Currently, there are 16 members of Local 3 who have been recalled into active military service.
- A number of Trial Board Reports were delivered by Recording Secretary Michael Loreto.
- Senior Assistant Business Manager Chris Erikson Jr. delivered the Safety Report and Legislative Report.
- 14th consecutive month without any serious incidents reported to the Safety Department.
- The New York State budget (\$237 billion) was passed on April 20th. Here is a summary from the [NYS AFL-CIO](#).
- The Port Authority of NY/NJ ratified a new labor contract on April 24th.
- Apprenticeship interviews start on May 28th, and aptitude testing will continue through the summer.
- The next MIJ and A exams are scheduled for June 22nd.
- NYSERDA granted \$3.3 million to the Educational & Cultural Trust Fund to purchase GWO (Global Wind Organization) training equipment to be used at a new facility at Camp Redwood in Walden, NY.
- [MIJ Racquel Hazlewood](#), who entered Local 3 through the NEW program (Non-Traditional Employment for Women), was awarded Tradeswoman of the Year at the NEW Equity Leadership Awards.
- Building & Construction Trades Council Executive Board met on May 10th. NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli was the guest speaker.
- Cirrus Workforce Housing has plans to build 3,000 new units on Staten Island, 5,000-6,000 new units near Flushing Airport property in College Point, Queens, and 5,000-6,000 new units at Fordham Landing in the Bronx.
- MTA's Park Avenue Viaduct will be extended under a PLA.
- Renovation project at VA hospital on 23rd Street is under a PLA, because of President Biden's Executive Order on federal construction projects.
- Flyer handouts are ongoing at 55 non-union worksites.
- Handout was distributed of "Biden's Accomplishments for IBEW Members" from [IBEW Government Affairs](#).
- The Executive Board of Local 3 voted on April 22nd to endorse Joe Biden for President and Kamala Harris for Vice President. Members unanimously approved the endorsement and approved a \$100,000 contribution by Local 3 towards Biden's re-election.