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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday March 11th, 2025, 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.

Our contract is up in April of 2025. A negotiating committee was chosen, and they are asking for recommendations. I encourage all retirees to send letters to the negotiating committee in regard to anything that you would like to see in the next contract. Your pension dollar is worth less and less every year. Without a pension raise you will have approximately 30% less buying power than you did in the last contract. When you combine this with the new medical deductibles the situation gets even worse. If we ask for nothing then that is what we will get, nothing.

I have attached the full unemployment numbers on the back of this newsletter along with some of the highlights from the last A meeting. Thanks to our Pension Director, Maureen Steiger.

If you missed it, there is a picture of some of the retirees from our chapter in the December Union World. It was taken at the luncheon in March of 2024 down in Hollywood Florida.

Our Sergeant at Arms, John Rechis is moving out of our area. We are going to need to replace him if anyone is interested.

Dues for 2024/25 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 new dues year begins every September.

Fraternally yours,
Michael Manfredi

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Union Meeting Highlights Feb 13th 2025

THE EMPLOYMENT REPORT FOR THE NORTH

A-689 OUT TOP 100 190 DAYS

A-TEL-9 OUT TOP 100 90 DAYS

M-8 OUT

M-TEL-3 OUT

M-HELPER-CALL FOR 15

APP- CALL FOR 134

RE-49 OUT

RW 6 OUT

THE EMPLOYMENT REPORT FOR THE NORTH

A-124 OUT TOP 100 119 DAYS

M J-18 OUT

M HELPER- 8 OUT

MIJ-1 OUT

THERE WERE 2 SERIOUS INJURIES SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND ONE MEDICAL EVENT.

SERIOUS INJURY;

JOSE RODRIGUEZ WHO IS EMPLOYED BY ACE CABLE AND WIRE.

HE WAS LOADING MATERIAL WORKING WITH A FORKLIFT DRIVER. THE OPERATOR MOVED FORWARD AND THE IN REVERSE HITTING JOSE. HE WAS TAKEN TO ELMHURST HOSPITAL AND IS BEING TREATED FOR INJURIES TO HIS RIGHT AND LEFT LOWER LEGS ANKLES AND FEET

5-STAR EMPLOYEE GEORGE TENCIC WAS DRIVING A SCISSOR LIFT TO HIS WORK AREA. AS HE PASSED THROUGH ADOORWYA, HIS EAR WAS CAUGHT AND LACERATED. THE PLASTIC SURGEON GAVE HIM 75 STITCHES AND HE IS HOME CONVALESCING. HE IS EXPECTED TO BE OUT FOR 4-6 WEEKS.

THE LAST EVENT HAPPENED YESTERDAY. A MEMBERS SUFFERED A STROKE ON THE JOB. HE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL AND IS BEING TREATED

PENSION LUNCHEON INVITATIONS HAVE GONE OUT. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ONE, YOU CAN CALL THE PENSION DEPARTMENT TO RSVP.

MARCH 10 SHERATON HOTEL NYC

EGWP PROGRAM IS IN EFFECT. IF YOU DO NOT ENROLL YOU WILL NOT HAVE A PRESCRIPTION PLAN THROUGH EXPRESS SCRIPTS.

DEDUCTIBLES ARE NOW \$750 FOR ALL MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WHO ARE COVERED UNDER JIB MEDICAL, \$1,000 FOR NON-MEDICARE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING MEDICAL, CALL HOSPITALIZATION AT EXT 1350