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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, 2022, 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.

With the passing of Joe Steinbeck we still need to fill the Vice Chairman position. If anyone is interested please see me at the next meeting or reach out to me before then. I would like to have this position filled by our October meeting.

There are currently 19 members serving active duty, let's keep these brothers and sisters in our thoughts and prayers.

For those of you who are not signed up for the Rank and File emails, Stella Fafalios was named Business rep for the ADM and Expeditor divisions. One of my sub foreman from Adco, Sascha Swanson was appointed to fill Stellas remaining term on the Examining board. I am certain that they will both do an excellent job in their new roles and wish them the best of luck.

If there are any members that would like to attend our monthly meetings but do not have transportation or would like to carpool with someone in your area, please let me know and I will try to have someone in your area pick you up.

Dues for 2022 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.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day and I am looking to seeing everyone in September.

Fraternally yours,  
Michael Manfred

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The latest General Membership Meeting took place on August 10th. Some of the news updates are listed below:

- Reading of the notes from the July 13th General Membership Meeting, where the membership voted to shift \$2 hourly annuity contributions from the Target Fund to the COBRA Fund (\$0.50) and the Welfare Fund (\$1.50).
- Reading of the minutes from the Executive Board Meetings held on July 10th and July 24th.
- Moment of silence for victims of wildfires in Hawaii (three IBEW local unions are located there)
- 'A' Construction dues (\$295) are due by September 30th for the period of October 2023 - March 2024.
- The Biden Administration has announced the restoration of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards and modernizing new efficiencies in enforcement on federal projects.
- Labor Day Parade posters are available for job sites and offices.
- Currently, there are 19 members of Local 3 who have been recalled into active military service (U.S. Army, Army Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Air Force, Marine Corps, Department of the Army, and National Guard).
- Stella Fafalios stepping down from the Examining Board to fully serve as Business Representative of the ADM and Expeditor Divisions. Business Rep. Fafalios addressed the General Membership Meeting from the podium.
- Sascha Swanson was appointed to the Examining Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Business Rep. Fafalios. Oath of office administered by Business Manager Christopher Erikson.
- Jobs report delivered by Business Manager Christopher Erikson.
- Market expansion has netted 75 projects totaling \$100 million worth of job opportunities and employing 344 electricians and more in teledata.
- On June 16th, the JATC met to decide on accepting 50 new apprentices in the September class, plus another class in February, and then reopening recruitment beginning [October 16th](#). Recruitment notices are available with detailed information for applicants.
- Next AJ/MIJ exam is scheduled for November 4th.
- Business Rep. Sean Fitzpatrick says that New York City is looking for electricians and supervisors to hire in the new year.
- The Supply Division has successfully negotiated all contracts.
- Safety Report: no incidents since the July 13th General Membership Meeting.
- Assembly District 27 special election on Tuesday, September 12th. Local 3 has endorsed Democratic candidate Sam Berger.
- BCTC Executive Board meeting held on Wednesday, August 9th.
- Battery storage project in the Bronx to be developed and operated by [Hecate Grid](#).
- [Transco](#) transmission line will run 90 miles from Long Island to Westchester County.
- Agreement on PLA for the Champlain-Hudson transmission line, but disagreement between Laborers Union and IBEW on the underground work.
- Prevailing Wage Committee is being reconvened by NYC Comptroller Brad Lander.
- PLA's at JFK Terminal, Gateway Tunnel, NYCHA, and Amtrak.
- Work has started on constructing the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, which will be a staging location for offshore wind turbines.
- Sold development rights and property owned by the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund adjacent to the LI Educational Center ("Santorini") in Cutchogue, NY to the Town of Southold.
- WGA (writers) and SAG-AFTRA (actors) are still on strike nationwide.
- A potential strike by the Teamsters at UPS was averted with a fair contract agreement ratified by members of the union.