

## NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Local No. 1

Hi Brothers!

Our 80th Anniversary Dinner-Dance was held on November 9th at the Chateau Pelham in the Bronx. Although the affair was poorly attended by the membership (unemployed? recession? inflation? whatever) those that did participate had a memorable evening. Good food, dancing, entertainment and plenty to drink were enjoyed by all.

Local No. 1 was honored by the presence of many out-of-town guests, including representatives of our International, four Regional Directors and officers from five sister locals. Those



Members and guests attend Local #1 Annual Dinner-Dance



Special guests at Local #1's annual affair

not appearing in the photographs are Ed Smith—assistant to the General President, Edgar Simpson—Regional Director from Washington, D. C., Jack Boring, Business Manager from Local 2 Chicago, and Bill Heidman, B. A. from St. Louis.

Through the years quite a few fringe or splinter organizations have been formed by Local No. 1 members. They are either political, social or benevolent in nature, or a mixture of these. One thing in common to all these groups is their social attributes, since their members do get together for social functions. In this vein, I intend to report in the JOURNAL,

any of these functions or non-political activities relayed to me by any group consisting of Local No. 1 Brothers.

The "Big One" United Association will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Affair at Dantes' Restaurant, 75 Street and 31 Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens on Friday, March 14. For tickets call Charlie Novak 386-8823.

James Gurney retired in November. Good luck, Jim!

On the sick list this month are: Al Erickson, Roland Smith, Artie Keididji, Joe Curtis, Artie Mandick, Mike Mercadante, John De Vincenzi, Jack Nilson, Kurt Guthy, Jack Caci, Harold Fisher, Bill Strubing, Ed Collins, John Carey, Donny Guth, Tom O'Brien, Pete Ward, Ray O'Keefe, Frank Shallis and Joe Betty.

Three of our Brothers passed away in November—Edward A. Smith, Justin Buyes and Paul Slavik. May God rest their souls.

Larry Fitzgerald, Shop Steward for Otis repair in midtown and member of the Examining Board, is attending an advanced safety "Labor College" at Silver Springs, Maryland. Larry, along with unionists from other 1.U.E.C. locals, is representing the elevator construction trade.

Congratulations Jim and Mary Hickey on the birth of their little girl, Maureen, on October 11.

Karl Stork and his charming wife Yvonne are enjoying a well deserved vacation in Hawaii. He will still have his tan when you are reading this.

Vinny Watson and Tom Macchia would like to thank the officers and men of Local No. 50, Torton for the invitation to their Annual Dinner-Dance and the hospitality shown them and their wives.

I've just received sad news. Brother Edward A. Smith, Card No. 1, passed away today, December 1, 1974. He was 90 years old. Brother Smith was General President of the I.U.E.C. from 1955 to 1959. Prior to that he was Business Manager of Local No. 1 in New York City. In October 1959 Ed resigned for medical reasons and the I.U.E.C. Executive Board conferred on him the title of "President Emeritus".

Brother Smith was the father of our Ed Smith, Assistant to the General President and grandfather of our Ed Smith, present member of the Board of Trustees of Local No. 1.

Another of our brothers named Edward A. Smith, Card No. 2649, has passed away this month and is no relation to Ed but was the brother of Willy and Dave Smith, Otis Adjustors. Our condolences on his untimely death.

Ed Dempsey