LOCAL ROUNDUP



Local 1, New York, New York

Valued members of the Local One Union.

We at Local One wish you a happy Labor Day. If you don't have a getaway planned, we hope that we will see you at the Labor Day parade. Last year's parade was a lot of fun. We had clowns for the kids and food tables set up. So come out with your family and march with us.

I received a letter in the mail from one of our retired members, Brother Jim McGinniss. It contained a package of pictures and articles of Brother Jim's sculpture "Stairway to Dedication." Besides being an elevator mechanic, his passion for art has always been in his life. After 9-11, Jim was very taken by the firefighters that were running up those stairs, while people were running down to get out of the Trade Centers. The feelings that he had were put into his sculpture. This piece, which is made to scale, shows several people running down a building staircase, while the firefighters are walking up. The timing on receiving this information means a lot to me, and all of our brothers and sisters, due to the anniversary of 9-11. We all hold a lot of feelings from that day. Most of us had some connection to the men and women that perished on that terrible day. Brother Jim has won many awards for his sculpture "Stairway to Dedication." He has been kind enough to offer it to any members that are involved in any firehouse that would like to exhibit it there. If interested, you can contact me and I will forward the information to Brother Jim. We ask all of our members to take a moment for all the people lost in 9-11, and never forget our fellow Brother Charles Costello, who perished trying to help other people get to safety.

What's Happening/Happened

I see that some large projects have broken ground: the new Mets baseball stadium in Flushing, Queens and the Freedom Tower in downtown Manhattan. It is only a matter of time before we will be in there and installing state-of-the-art equipment for these two huge ventures.

Brothers and Sisters,

It is late July as I am writing and it is hot as ever. Work is a little better than it was last month. We have 39 mechanics and eight apprentices out of work. The mechanic's exam will be administered in late

The Twenty-Ninth International Convention will be held on September 15. Local One's delegates and alternates will be working very hard to get our resolutions heard.

"The labor movement is organized upon a principle that the strong shall help the weak. The strength of a strong man is a prideful thing, but the unfortunate thing in life is that strong men do not remain strong. And it is just as true of unions and labor organizations as is true of men and individuals. And whereas today the craft unions of this country may be able to stand upon their own feet and like mighty oaks stand before the gale, defy the lightning, yet the day may come when those organizations will not be able to withstand the lightning and the gale. Now, prepare yourselves by making a contribution to your less fortunate brethren... Organize the unorganized!"

—JOHN L. LEWIS

Sadly Departed

We, at Local One, would like to give our deepest condolences to the family of retired Brother Donald Reardon. Brother Donald worked tirelessly as a shop steward at Armor. He was one of the first members to help run the Local One school at its inception. Donald will be missed.

We at Local One would like the family of Brother Willie Washington to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of retired Brother James Hearne. Brother Hearne will be sorely missed.

Local One would like to give their deepest sympathy to the family of retired Brother Joseph L. McKenna, Jr.

Work safe. Stay involved. Lee Pirone Leeunion1@optonline.net



Shown are Local 1 retirees Jerry Kostyzhyn, Bobby Adams, John Soutar, Stephen Dziuma (wannabe retiree), Dick Stoveland and Ed Lowe, representing over 210 years of elevator experience, enjoying 4th of July and their fine union pension.



Union members at non-union construction site, fighting the fight. We shut the job down for the day



Brother Jim McGinniss' 9-11 sculpture.



Retired brothers on a fishing trip in Cancun, Mexico, from left, Brothers Frank Cervone, Bill William and Dennis Sullivan

Bill caught this 320-lb., 7 ft. bull shark. Now that is a fish

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