



Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
Metropolitan Local No. 28 Retirees' Club
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members

By now you should have received a copy of Local 28 new 3 year contract. We voted for this new contract ? How did that happen ? Many of our retirees are unhappy with the way our Local is being managed, and rightfully so. How about our new General President Joe Nigro coming to our meeting ,and explaining to our membership just why we do not have an answer to our President Mike Belluzzi being removed from his duties. There were charges, but do we really know if there was just cause ? Our Local has to get back on track for self control. If in fact we need an election for new leadership, let us get on with it. Next month will be one year that we have been under the control of I.A. Trusteeship. Our Local is in a new low as far as morale is concerned. With this new contract there should have been a provision for sharing the work that is out there. Too many of our active members have been out of work for long periods, and that has to be priority NO.1. When you loose your health benefits, and welfare you are in a bad situation, never mind pension credits that will never be made up.

In our booklet on the International Constitution, and Ritual,article three section 2 it describes the general duties, and authority of the General President. When we are ~~are~~ under the Trusteeship of the International, the General President has complete authority over the affairs of that union. It is unfortunate, but it is in there,and fully explained.

Our Treasurer Martin Burton has resigned ,and we have to get his replacement A.S.A.P. to become our new treasurer, Martin has said he would help out our new treasurer. It is time for the members to take an active role in our retirees club, and I have said this many times. I would like to take the opportunity at this time to thank Marty for the excellant job he has done for the past 6 years, and in keeping our club solvent.

At our October meeting we will pick our scholarship winner, good luck. Please mail your checks for the Holiday Party at the Westbury Manor to Martin Burton.

We would like to welcome new member William Leonhardt. Keep our Business Agents informed if you see any new jobs starting ,and renovations going on.