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**ANTHONY
GONSIEWSKI, JR.**
*President /
Business Manager*

President/Business Manager Report

Dear IUOE Local 25 Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost, I would like to wish you and your family health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year, 2023. As you can see from this Dredgeman Report of Local 25, our Union simply wouldn't be here without our members. Our brothers and sisters work continuously around the clock, in all conditions, supporting their loved ones from a distance. We, United as One, continue to work for what we need and to win our battles. In 2022, our work situation was tremendous as we had 2.9 million man-hours.

Our future looks bright for 2023, predicting over 3 million man-hours. As for our benefits, they are doing exceptionally well. Meghan Brodowski, your administrator, and her team have done an outstanding job managing and assisting members in an efficient manner, on an everyday basis. Despite all the renovations to the New Jersey Union Hall, our treasury fund continues to move in the right direction as well. The North Carolina Training Center continues to offer high quality training and currently on board is HazTek, along with our sister Local Unions, for any additional training needed for the membership. For any members who may need training, please do not hesitate to call Devin in the Jersey Union Hall (732-446-6262 ext. 0). Brothers and sisters, please take the time to get your Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), as I foresee it being a requirement to work on the water, within the changes implemented by the Coast Guard.

I would like to personally thank my staff and Executive Board members for their constant support and dedication. Throughout the election, you have continued to stand behind me, work countless hours, and always found a way to an agreement. I could not have done it without each of you. Also, congratulations to Denis Moran and William Appleman; two of our new Executive Board members. We are excited to have you join our team and look forward to your input as we succeed in 2023.

Lastly, to my entire membership, Thank You! Thank you for electing me as your President/Business Manager of Local 25. For the last 46 years, you have been my family away from my family. I have been an active member since 1977 and am a third generation Dredgeman, as I followed in my father's and grandfather's footsteps. I fully believe in this Union and the Team we have in place. We are professional, loyal, and do not give up. With this strength, I am certain we have a bright future.

As I always say... "We work for the members; you pay our salaries." This is YOUR union!

Team United

Fraternally,
Anthony "Ski" Gonsiewski
President/Business Manager

Business Agent Reports



SCOTT REEVES, SR.
*Vice President, Trustee,
& Business Agent*

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work throughout the past year. You are the reason Local 25 is the success we can be proud of today. Through your support, I have the pleasure to serve as your Vice President and Trustee while continuing my work as a Business Agent. I have been splitting my time between the Millstone and Philly halls and making it to jobsites as much as possible. Our main focus and priority are YOU, the membership. This is your Union, and we are proud to represent you and this Local. Work has been steady in my area with Great Lakes Dredge and Dock, Co., Norfolk Dredging Company, SumCo, JPC Group, Inc., and Mobile Dredging handling

most of the nearby projects. We are pleased to maintain our positive relationships with our sister Locals to stay involved in work and get the jobs done well and efficiently. We are seeing the demand for Merchant Mariner Credential, specifically AB & Lifeboat endorsements, throughout the industry. Take advantage of reimbursement through the end of this year to obtain these certificates as well as all other training opportunities offered. With experience and education, we are unstoppable. Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy rest of the year!

Fraternally,
Scott Reeves, Sr.



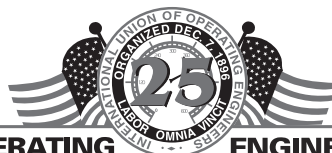
JAMES (RED) MCDONNELL
*Recording Corresponding
Secretary & Business Agent*

Brothers and Sisters of Local 25,

Hoping this New Year finds everyone in the Local 25 family doing well. Last year was a very good year for our Members. We are coming in close to 3-million-man hours which is a reflection of the hard work and the dedication of Local 25 Members and your families. Looking ahead to 2023, it has the appearance of another good year and more opportunities for our Membership. With the passing of the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, it's a once in a generation investment in our Ports and Infrastructure. That Bill will bring work to signatories and employ our Members into the future. We encourage all our members to get their MMC cards and take advantage of any training offered by the JUETF. We are the greatest Maritime Local Union in the United States, and we want our Membership to be ready to fill any position that comes available. With the work forecast and the already working man hours, things will only get better for our Members and their families. Thanks to Tony Gonsiewski's leadership and vigilance, along with our Trustees, our Plans are in great shape. Ski has been successful working with the Trustees in getting enhancements for our Benefits. This is what Unionism is all about. All our Members working for one common cause. Making life better for each other and our families and having the ability to retire with dignity one day. I would like to thank the Membership for the opportunity to serve as a Business Agent and the

Recording Corresponding Secretary of Local 25. I am grateful for the chance to try and give back a little from what my family and I have gotten over the many years from Local 25. We have a great team working for the Membership in our Administration. Looking forward to seeing you all on our jobsites throughout the year.

Best Regards,
RED



Business Agent Reports



ANTHONY STEWART
*Financial Secretary
& Business Agent*

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

If you don't know, we have moved the Florida office from Tampa to St. Augustine and have been at the new location for a little over a year. Our new address is 1725 Masters Drive, St. Augustine. We are not far off I-95 on HWY 16. We made the move hoping for better accessibility for the membership. If you are in the area, please stop by and say hello. Our new phone number is 904-547-2697. We also have a new secretary, Noura Filat. She is new to the industry, but she is learning fast.

The work has been slow in Florida and Georgia this past year, but I think and hope it will pick up soon. The storms we had this past Hurricane season did a number on the beaches, so now we wait on the USACE to figure out when they will get started filling them back up. It is my pleasure to serve as your Financial Secretary once again and as Business Agent for Georgia & Florida. Feel free to reach out any time with questions or concerns.

Fraternally,
Anthony Stewart



MELSON GOODLOE, JR.
*Treasurer &
Business Agent*

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year to everyone. I look forward to another busy year in 2023. You all have done a great job over this past year and have shown how good Local 25 dredgemen are with all the hard work and commitment to get the job done under any conditions as well as your knowledge and skills that make Local 25 successful. I have several jobs going on in my area and look forward to more work coming out in the Carolinas and Virginia in the future. I would like to remind everyone

that we continue to have training at the North Carolina Hall. If you would like to get some seat time, give me a call. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get some time on a bulldozer and front-end loader or lattice boom crane to expand your skills in our industry. Be safe everyone and let's have great year.

Fraternally,
Melson Goodloe



Swearing In Our Newly Elected Executive Board Members



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Scott Reeves, Sr.

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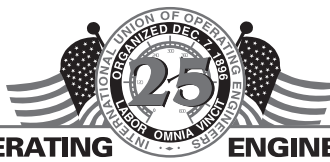
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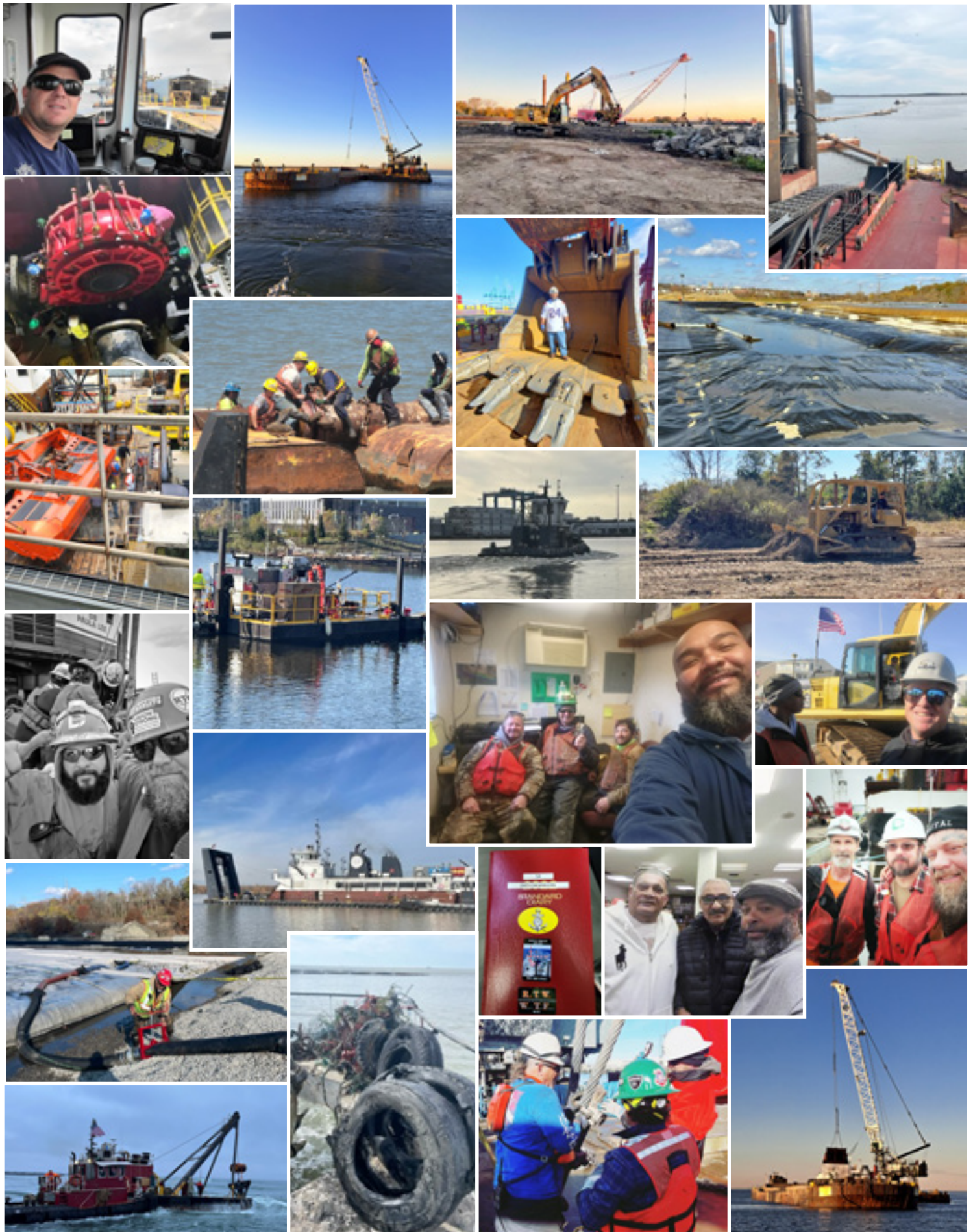
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Richard Starling

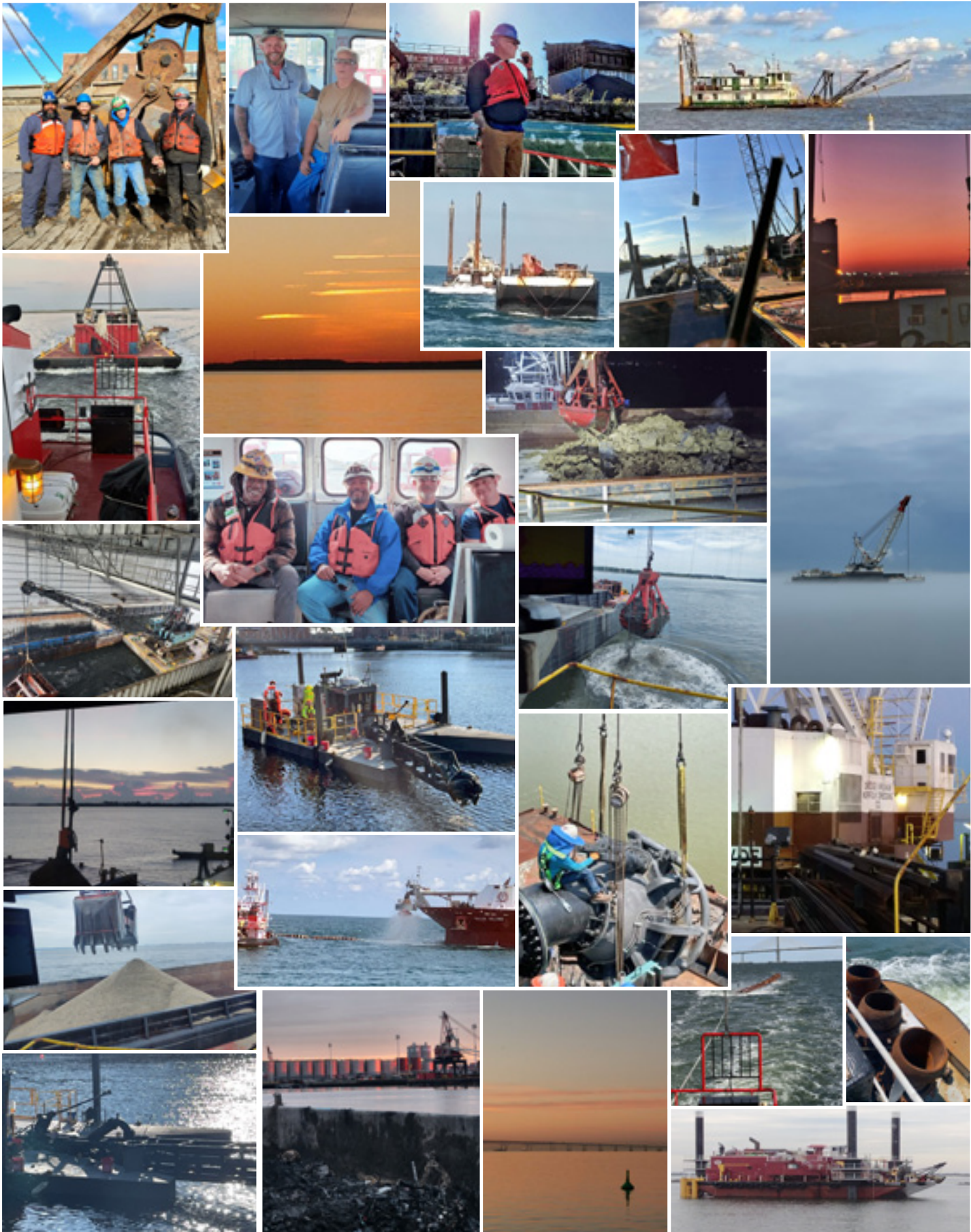
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John Huftalen

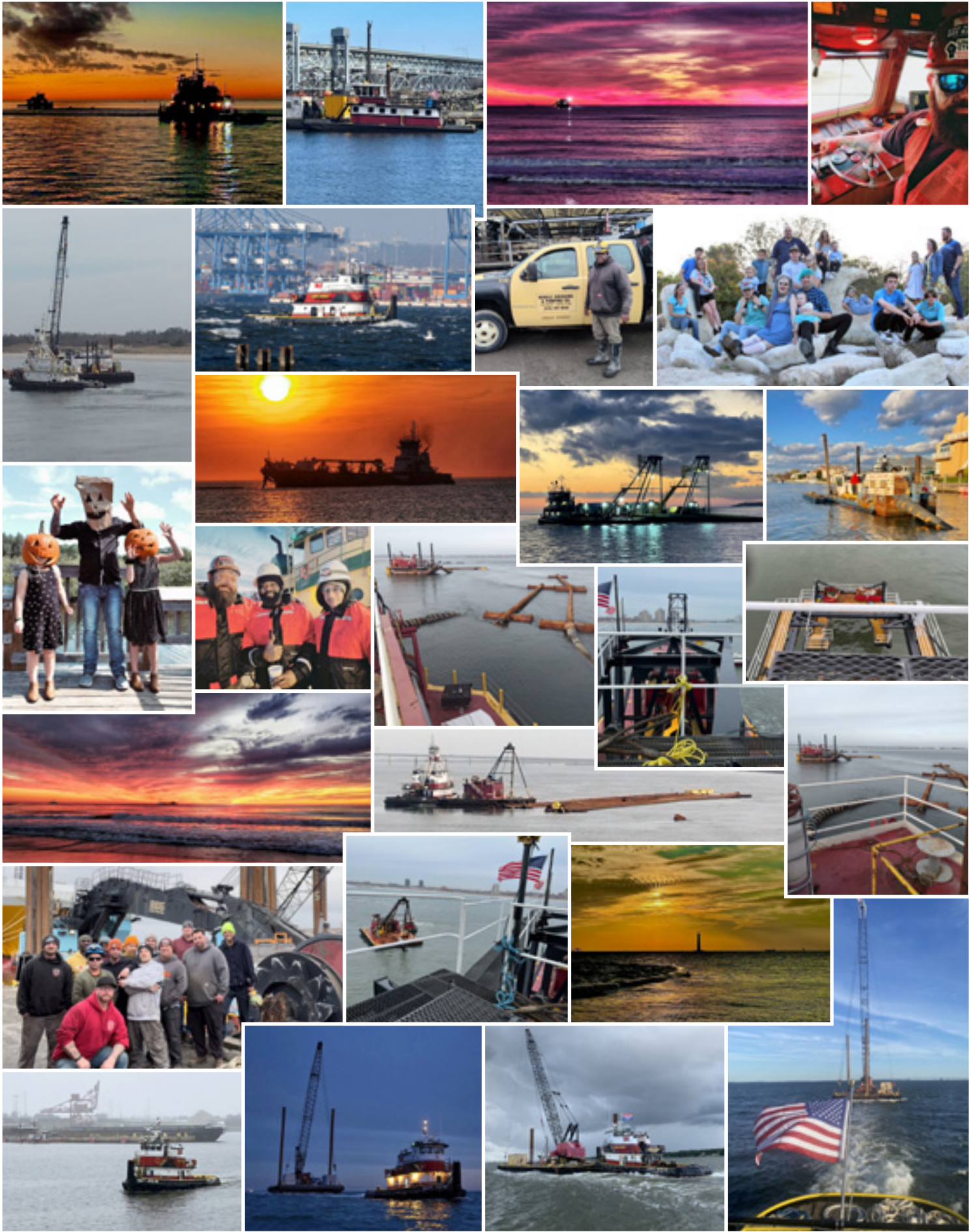
Executive Board Member
Denis Moran

Executive Board Member
William Appleman











Administrative Reports

MEGHAN BRODOWSKI
Plans Administrator

As the new year begins, IUOE Local 25 Plans Office continues to address all the new challenges and legislative changes to the benefits industry. We continue to serve you, the membership, and your families to the best of our abilities and keep you up to date in this ever-changing world. IUOE Local 25 takes great pleasure and pride in offering the membership and their families the very best benefit packages in the industry.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce a benefit enhancement for 2023. Effective January 1, 2023, the Optical Benefit for both single vision and

bifocal vision will now be \$500, payable every year.

The yearly dental benefit has been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. These increases, as always pertain to you, the participant, as well as your dependents.

Wishing everyone a happier and healthier New Year ahead!

Meghan Brodowski
Plans Administrator



*****REMINDERS*****

In case you or your dependents are in an automobile/motorcycle accident, you should check to make sure your automobile and motorcycle insurance policies are the PRIMARY insurance for medical expenses for injuries sustained in an accident and that your policy meets the Plan's minimum criteria for medical related expenses. The specific criteria can be found on pages 42 & 43 of the SPD (Summary Plan Description) booklet or please call the Plans Office at (732) 446-0394.

If you get DIVORCED, it's your obligation to promptly notify the Plans Office at (732) 446-0394 or email us at claims@local25plans.com within 60 days of the date of your divorce. Your former spouse's coverage will be terminated retroactive to the date of the divorce, and you will be responsible for reimbursing the Plan for any benefits incorrectly paid after the divorce.

Also please make sure to update your beneficiary! Contact the Plans office to request a new form to make sure your life insurance benefit and annuity/401K go to the right person!

DEVIN SHERESHEVSKY
*Bookkeeper,
JUETF Approval &
Out of Work List*

Please remember to call the office every 60 days to remain current on the Out-of-Work list. If you currently have down time and want to excel your career by taking training courses and earning incentive pay, the JUETF is willing to reimburse you for those classes! Just be sure to get pre-approved before signing up for any of the approved courses to ensure your eligibility in the program. If you have any questions regarding this, please be sure to give me a call at the NJ hall so I can assist you through the process. International's training center is also an option that I can walk you through, so just give me a call so we may discuss the process. Do you have a son or daughter who is graduating

high school this year? Luckily for your child, Local 25 has the Stephen J. Leslie Scholarship Fund. Please call me for details and an application for them to complete!

I hope the membership and their families are staying safe and healthy and I appreciate all the work everyone does!

Devin Shereshevsky
Bookkeeper, JUETF Approval & Out of Work List



Administrative Reports

GABRIELLA BASELICE
*Member Relations
Coordinator &
Out of Work List*

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you and your families are all staying safe and enjoying a happy, healthy new year! 2022 was another success for the books, all thanks to you! Looking forward to an even brighter 2023 to come. As my time with Local 25 carries on, I continue to look for new ways to assist the membership and grow professionally with all of you. I have taken on more responsibilities through assisting a few of the agents with dispatching, participating in the LAP Program and connecting members in need to the correct resources, to attending the monthly General Membership meetings to take the minutes and assist with general inquiries, and working on our planners/calendars to showcase the reason we are all here, YOU! In addition to our phone and email communications, you can now find me on the other end of the Local 25 Facebook page and website. Please feel free to take advantage of these networks

to get in touch with us and keep up to date with what's going on in your Union! Be sure to keep your information updated in our system to ensure you're receiving pertinent information and to allow us to get in touch with you throughout the dispatching process. Don't forget to keep your name updated on the Out of Work List every 60 days. You can always contact me with any questions or concerns via phone, email, text, or Facebook message. We are all here for you and always remember this is YOUR Union! You work so hard and dedicate your life to this Local and your job and we are so proud of you and to be a part of this. It is truly a pleasure to work with and for all of you, thank you so much for all you do! Looking forward to talking soon!

All the best,
Gabriella Baselice
Member Relations Coordinator &
Out of Work List

ADAM REEVES
*Dues Manager/
Out of Work List*

It's been a great first few years at Local 25 getting to know all of our members. Please know that if you ever have any questions regarding your dues to give me a call at the NJ office. I'd also like to remind everyone that we now have an online method of payment for quarterly dues. We at the office are always trying to improve and make things for our members as easy and seamless as possible. I'm looking forward to many more years of working with and getting to know everyone.

Adam Reeves
Dues Manager/Out of Work List



NOURA FILAT
*Administrative
Assistant/Out of
Work List*

Happy new year everyone!

My name is Noura! I've been Mr. Anthony Stewart's secretary for about a year in the St. Augustine office and I can confidently say I've learned so much! I love my job and hope to continue to work at this Union and do my best to help make this organization succeed. I'd like to thank Mr. Anthony for giving me this amazing job opportunity and for being an amazing boss and to the membership for all you do! Look forward to talking soon.

Noura Filat
Administrative Assistant/Out of Work List



Welcome Ashore Retirees!

To our members who retired this year, thank you for your years of hard work and dedication.

Ronnie Wyche
Initiated 08/25/1980

Thomas Coffey
Initiated 12/27/1999

Tommy Mathis
Initiated 10/30/1995

Jake Lazarus
Initiated 09/11/2015

Stewart Gillette
Initiated 02/25/1991

David Lee
Initiated 08/27/1973

Winston Horton
Initiated 10/30/2000

William Kelly
Initiated 09/30/1996

Norwood Floyd
Initiated 04/12/2002

Samuel Starling
Initiated 09/29/1980

Michael Reynolds
Initiated 06/13/2017

Joseph M. Simpson
Initiated 07/30/1990

Scott Murray
Initiated 10/26/1987

Kenneth Waterfield
Initiated 08/13/2010

William G. Hill
Initiated 09/24/2014

Clarence E Lancaster Jr.
Initiated 11/30/1998

Mike Oriente
Initiated 06/29/1981

Clifton R Hammack
Initiated 06/25/2001

Emilio Guedes
Initiated 03/27/1995

Michael Bernard
Initiated 06/17/2002

Hervey Martinez
Initiated 01/09/2003

Samuel Brooks
Initiated 01/30/2008

Arthur Medecky Jr.
Initiated 03/28/1988

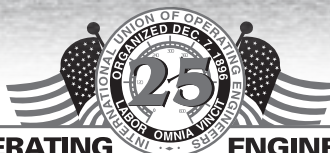
Georgia Hicks
Initiated 08/05/2013

In Memoriam

Fair Winds and Following Seas to the Brothers & Sisters we have lost this year.

Name	Date Passed	Member Since
Clarence Rivers	01/14/2022	12/10/1962
Milton Gore	02/06/2022	12/27/1971
Jack Church	01/21/2022	06/30/1969
Harry Eastburn	02/12/2022	02/07/1955
Frank Parker	03/07/2022	03/07/1960
Cleveland Hutson	04/05/2022	09/28/1970
David L. Ward	01/28/2022	08/28/1972
Roddie Smith	01/18/2022	03/30/1992
Edmond G. Midgett	04/07/2022	05/21/1962
Patrick Dakin	04/11/2022	11/20/1967
Jack Lemunyon	04/20/2022	06/16/2005
Emilio Olabarriaga	04/15/2022	05/29/1972
Justino Roca	12/19/2021	12/19/1966
Olaf Johnsen	06/04/2022	10/09/1961
Preston Morgan	07/07/2022	07/10/2007
Larry Ragas	07/03/2022	05/19/2015
Raul Pina	07/18/2022	06/11/2014
Michael Kennedy	08/12/2022	08/01/2022

Name	Date Passed	Member Since
John Taylor	01/23/2022	08/14/1967
Tullio Ferrara	06/13/2022	02/07/1966
Steven Croy	07/13/2022	11/29/1999
Bobby Guy	11/25/2017	04/26/1999
Josh Nelson Sr.	10/02/2022	01/30/1989
Johnny Johnson Jr.	09/23/2022	03/12/2020
Jimmie Williams	10/26/2022	10/29/2001
Curtis Whaley	08/24/2022	01/23/2009
William Snyder	12/30/2021	03/09/1959
Stuart Hardison	04/25/2019	08/23/2006
Bobby Smith	11/27/2022	12/28/1981
Edwin House	11/23/2022	11/27/1995
Louis Krembrenk	10/17/2022	09/15/1969
Gerald Collins	10/31/2022	02/12/2003
Michael Pritchard	10/06/2022	11/18/2014





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