Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

For the past 26 years I have been a proud member of the United Association. I’ve been fortunate to serve my local in many capacities throughout the years on a local, state, and national level. I am honored and proud to serve as Business Manager and will continue to strive for our success as leaders in our industry in the Mahoning Valley.

The Lordstown Energy Center held its Ground Breaking Ceremony on June 6th. Speakers at the event were Barry Brits, General Manager of LEC, Mayor Arno Hill for the Village of Lordstown, Congressman Tim Ryan, 13th District, Bill Siderewicz, President Clean Energy Future, John Gibson, Senior Vice President Siemens Energy, and David Kirkwood, Manager of Macquarie Infrastructure Partners III.

Lordstown Energy Center will be a 940 megawatt combined cycle gas turbine electric power generation facility. Approximately 450 union workers will be employed over the approximate two year construction phase. Power produced at the plant will supply the equivalent of roughly 800,000 homes with clean reliable power.

General Contractor Kokosing has begun site work including clearing, grading, foundation and footer work. Local 396 currently has six members on site working underground H.D.P.E. pressure mains. Additional workers will be added to this underground crew as more underslab gravity piping and carbon and stainless pressure piping work opens up.

As always it is important for our members to acquire, develop, and maintain our skills required to build a plant of this magnitude. Heavy rigging and heavy wall welding skills will be a requirement. I continue to stress that training is a significant benefit that is key to the survival of our future. This is important not only in our large industrial projects, but is also a factor in our day to day commercial, institutional and HVAC work as well. We must continue to expand our market share in all facets of our industry and training plays a vital role in this.

Our local was involved with the Regional Chamber’s Victory for the Valley economic development campaign held in Cleveland on July 19th. As in past times this event placed us in the forefront to meet and interact with industry leaders of the Mahoning Valley and site consultants from California, Arizona, and Texas. Development in the Mahoning Valley continues to peak and we look forward to being on the forefront of it.

Due to Medical Mutual of Ohio directly handling our medical claims we have experienced calls regarding their Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement. I have arranged for a representative from Medical Mutual of Ohio to give a presentation and answer questions our members may have prior to our October 6th union meeting. The presentation will start promptly at 7:00 pm at the Operating Engineers Hall with the regular union meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

Election News
Not only is the temperature heating up this summer but so is this election season. I encourage you to vote on November 8, 2016. Please keep in mind issues and candidates that support labor and our concerns; ie: prevailing wages, Davis Bacon, strong pensions, anti right to work.

Once again the Youngstown Community Bill of Rights Committee is making a sixth try to ban shale gas development within city limits. This is a job stopping amendment that effects jobs directly and indirectly in shale development in our area.

Rules for Ohio
Voter registration deadline: 10/11/16
Absentee ballot deadline: 11/5/16
Mail in person absentee ballot deadline: 11/8/16
If you want to vote early contact your county board of elections for early voting locations and hours for your specific county.
Columbiana County: (330) 424-1448
Mahoning County: (330) 783-2474
Trumbull County: (330) 369-4050
Hancock County (304) 564-3311

Fraternally,
Tim Callion
A Word From the Business Agent

“Our labor unions are not narrow, self seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor” - John F. Kennedy

We held our latest union meeting on July 7th with the installations of the new officers at that meeting. I would again like to thank the membership who came out to vote and attend the meeting. We will be working for our local by strengthening ties with community leaders, sister locals, and the United Association, our international union.

Some of our contractor’s work in Local 396’s jurisdiction consists of: Morrow Mechanical is still continuing on at Akron Children’s Hospital and the Inn at Poland Way, Prout will be finishing up air handler work at St. E’s on Belmont and will finish the YMCA in downtown Youngstown by the end of the year. Komar has light commercial work at Chipotle and Starbucks. Conti will be starting the new Mahoning County Dog Shelter soon. Stateline will be finishing up at Edge Dormitories and also working on Shepard of the Valley. Antenucci is working at the City Hall Annex Building in downtown Youngstown and Howland Ambulatory. Underground work has begun at the Lordstown Clean Energy Plant. Equipment is expected to ship in the fall. Kokosing will be self performing most of the work. A few subcontractors will have the remaining parts.

Kokosing, Lordstown Clean Energy, and the Western Reserve Building Trades held our first tripartite meeting on July 13th. These meetings are designed to put the owner, contractor and labor in the same room to hash out any problems or concerns at the job site, what is expected of all parties involved and a resolution process. As you all know this project is working under a project labor agreement and the meetings were part of that agreement. They will be held quarterly or as needed to ensure a smooth job.

Work in some locals outside of our jurisdiction is hit and miss. Some of the locals that had shut down work are almost complete. There are some opportunities that are beginning to shape up. If you would like to travel, please let me know.

Within the last week I have contacted locals from the East Coast to Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and New York inquiring about work for our membership. I will continue to pursue all leads for any member wanting to go to work.

Lastly, I would like to take a minute to reflect on our training program. I have had the great fortune of being associated with training for the last 24 years, some as a JATC Trustee, some as an instructor, and the last nine years as your Training Coordinator. Our instructors have continued to excel at teaching our membership the ways of the trade. This is evident by our members going to work in other jurisdictions and being very comfortable with all tasks they are asked to do. We must continue to support OUR training programs. This is what separates us from the non-union factions.

Congratulations and thank you to Butch Taylor Jr.!

Fraternally,
Marty Loney

On the Training Front...

Brothers and Sisters,

I am very proud to be selected by the JATC as our Local’s Training Director. I give my personal thanks to those members who have contributed in building a great foundation for our training program. We are blessed to have such a great facility in which to learn right here in our own backyard, it is first class. I encourage you, as my brothers and sisters, to take full advantage of what our program has to offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Stacey, Tim and Marty for all their support and kindness as I progress in learning the operational procedures.

A journeyman rigging class started on July 19th and is held two nights a week for seven weeks. Another sign up sheet is quickly being filled for the next rigging class to be offered. A date will be determined soon and the class will be limited to no more than twelve people. Journeyman welding continues on Thursday evenings and the weld test sessions are held on the third Saturday of each month.

A new school year will start in September for apprentices that will include welcoming the new first year class selected by the JATC.

Our instructors along with myself will be attending the annual United Association Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor, Michigan in mid-August. I am humbled to be a small part of such a great team of members who are dedicated to giving their best for the betterment of our local.

Congratulations to our newest Journeymen who officially topped out on June 1st. Continue to represent yourself and our local with pride.

With the start of the Lordstown Clean Energy project underway the local work picture is getting brighter. Along with the HDPE underground there is also carbon steel underground piping. The weld process will be a combination of carbon steel and stainless. With that we must be prepared to man our work with our people! That means getting the proper training and certifications required to man these jobs. I again encourage you to get full use of our training facility.

Better market yourself and you will better market your brothers and sisters of Local 396.

Work safe, be proud!

Fraternally,
Jeff
Hello my Brothers & Sisters,

For those of you who do not know me, I’m Jimmy Nolfi, and I would like to thank you all for electing me as President of Local 396.

A brief personal history, I was initiated into Local 87 in 1995. In my fifth year of apprenticeship we were merged with our sister Local 225 and I am proud to say I was part of the first journeyman class of Local 396. I worked locally as a plumber for about eight years then went back to class to change my book over to a pipefitter/welder. I enjoy the heavy industrial jobs and being able to meet pipefitters from all over the country.

In 2013 I was elected to the Executive Board and now I am proud to be the President of Local 396. I would like to give a special thanks to my predecessor, George Popovich. You have always been a role model in my eyes to what a journeyman should be. You are active with our local, our community, and took great pride in your work. Thank you for all you have done. I’m proud to have worked with you and for having the privilege of being your friend.

In closing, I’m excited to take on this new endeavor and move forward to better Local 396. Thank you all again!

Fraternally,
Jimmy Nolfi

Please mark your calendar with these important dates and upcoming events:

**YSU Football Tickets**
Tickets will be available at the union hall for the upcoming fall season.

**Upcoming Union Meetings**
- September 1, 2016
  - Nominations for Recording Secretary
- October 6, 2016
  - Medical Mutual Presentation (7:00 pm)
  - Election for Recording Secretary
- November 3, 2016

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**
Local 396 Family Fun Day has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**
Local 396’s 18th Annual Golf Outing
Bedford Trails Golf Course
Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM
See enclosed flyer for more details.

**Friday, October 28, 2016**
Building Trades Fish Fry
Time: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Location: Operating Engineers Hall
291 McClurg Road, Boardman
*Tickets will be available at the union hall

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**
General Election Day

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**
Local 396 Christmas Party
Save the Date...Details to follow

Reminder: Please be advised effective immediately once your dues become more than three months in arrears your membership will be suspended. You will be expelled if your dues become six months in arrears. This is in accordance with the United Association Constitution Sections 156 to 159.

**~IN MEMORIAM~**

Local 396 remembers its members who have recently passed:

Ronald Springer, initiated 1968, died 06/15/2016;
John Fritz, initiated 1998, died 06/27/2016;
Sam Fiumara Jr., initiated 1959, died 06/20/2016;

"O God, Who has called hence the soul of our Brother/Sister who has departed this life. You who alone Knowest the secrets of each heart, with all its trials, sorrows and temptations we beseech Thee to have mercy upon him/her, and also upon all those, our brothers and sisters, who have gone previously; pardon each sin that they have committed and give them rest, light and peace in Thy everlasting Kingdom; all of this we beg through you our God and Savior."

**~RETIREES~**

Ahhh, Retirement....the time to enjoy all of the things you never had time to do when you worked! Congratulations are extended to our retirees, and we wish you the best.

George McNary, 43 years of service
Clyde Widener, 22 years of service
Ralph Collier Jr., 44 years of service

William Giles, 34 years of service
Thomas Crogan, 12 years of service
Stephen Yanovich, 19 years of service

Nicholas Ghinda, 32 years of service
George Popovich, 29 years of service
Congratulations to our 2016 Apprentice Graduating Class

Don Hall competing at UA District 2 Contest held in Washington, DC
Don placed 4th overall. Congratulations!

Lordstown Mayor Arno Hill
Lordstown Energy Center Ground Breaking
Congressman Tim Ryan

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