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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to announce that we will have a new two-year contract with new wages and benefits. On December 6, 2021, the following rates and benefits will apply: Inside Wage Rate \$32.25, Local Pension \$1.88, Annuity \$4.50, Health Fund \$5.92/HR, 3% NEBF, and \$0.48 cents for the apprenticeship contribution. The total package will be \$46.00. In addition, Memorial Day has been added to the contract as a holiday. Dental benefit will change from \$500/year to \$1,000/year. The remaining increase of \$1.20 for the new contract will be discussed and a decision will be made at the Union Meeting on October 2022.

Upcoming Work: There will be a shutdown at the Nuke in April. Calls will start in February for pre-outage work. At this time, it is estimated they will need 90 Journeyman. Ordes Electric will need men at the PBF Refinery in January. Please get your Twic and safety cards, we need to fill all calls.

We are currently in negotiations with the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, more on the progress will be mentioned in the upcoming months. The Building Trades and Council will start their negotiations with ASM Global for the Superdome contract.

With COVID vaccines available, I encourage all members to get vaccinated. It is one effective way out of this pandemic. I have been fully vaccinated and recently received the booster shot with no side effects to protect myself, coworkers, family, friends, and community.

I would like to inform that Local 130 and the Home Association has agreed to a Consent Order of Judgement, where all funds being held by the Home Association will be transferred to Local 130's Building Association. The Home Association may organize and incorporate a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) social club or charitable organization that is independent from the union. The union shall remit \$30,000 from the funds of the former Home Association after forming the new organization.

By a vote of 69 to 30, the U.S. Senate approved a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. The bill includes \$110 billion to improve roads and bridges, \$66 billion for railroads, \$65 billion for power grid, \$65 billion for broadband, \$55 billion for water infrastructure, \$47 billion for cybersecurity and climate change, \$39 million for public transit, \$25 billion for airports, \$21 million for environmental clean-up, \$7.5 billion for electrical school buses, and \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations.

According to the AFL-CIO Daily Brief, "While many politicians have talked for years about rebuilding our physical infrastructure, it is the Biden-Harris administration and a pro-worker Congress that actually delivered the investments workers have been demanding for so long. And it wouldn't have happened without the power and persistence of the labor movement, winning the 2020 election for working people and keeping up the pressure on Congress to pass our highest priorities." AFL-CIO (8 November

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\$4.8 BILLION FOR ROADS	+	\$1.013 BILLION FOR BRIDGES	★ Will repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians.
\$470 MILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION			★ Will improve healthy, sustainable transportation options for millions of Americans.
\$73 MILLION FOR EV CHARGERS			★ Will build a network of electric vehicle (EV) chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options.
\$100 MILLION FOR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET			★ Will help connect every American to reliable high-speed internet.

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The Local 130 annual service pin night will not be held this year due to the ongoing pandemic; we hope for a better and healthier new year. Service pins will be mailed in December. Please make sure your contact information is up to date, should you have any questions or concerns, contact Stacey.

Open enrollment for Cornerstone is from now until December 10, 2021, with coverage effective 1/1/2022. These coverages allow you to receive benefit payments if you suffer an injury or critical illness (including cancer). If you are interested in signing up, please call Cornerstone directly Monday through Friday at 224-770-5305 or online 24/7 at www.Local130benefits.com.

As a reminder, the hall will be closed on November 25th-26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

On behalf of the entire staff of Local 130, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Please observe and enjoy the Season safely and thoroughly.

In Brotherhood,



Paul J. Zulli
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

