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WELCOME BACK TO THE DIGITAL CARPENTER

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of The Digital Carpenter that we released in July 2017. We were so pleased with the positive response that we received from the inaugural edition of The Digital Carpenter.

From coast to coast, more than 7,000 carpenters, politicians and members of the general public read our new magazine and gave us great feedback about it. Hundreds of individuals have told us that it provided them with a ton of important information about the great work our carpenters are doing across our five-state region and detail on the vital federal and state issues that are impacting our workforce today and tomorrow.

In the second issue of The Digital Carpenter, you'll learn more about the elected official candidates that we are supporting, why we are supporting them and profiles of our carpenters who are running for elected office in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Throughout this edition of The Digital Carpenter, you'll see website links scattered throughout most articles that will take you to different websites, so you can view videos/photos of our work or increase your knowledge on certain issues. If you're reading the print version of this edition and would like to view these links, please visit our website at: northeastcarpenters.org/digitalcarpenter2

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John Ballantyne
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

We're interested in your feedback.
To share your comments visit: northeastcarpenters.org/nlfeedback
Dear Brothers & Sisters,

While big elections in Pennsylvania and Maryland are a year away, the major elections that we are focusing on at the Council this year include the Governor’s race in New Jersey and the Constitutional Convention question in New York. It’s imperative that you get out there on Election Day and vote for elected officials that represent Union values and stand up for the hardworking men and women of our region.

At the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, we are doing our part to grow our Union and protect your rights. I’d like to share with you some of the exciting programs we are rolling out to ensure that: we continue to provide best-in-class benefits and services to our members; continue to grow our Union to meet the demands of our contractors; and focus on bringing in local, diverse people into our Local Unions.

Fund Best Practices: We are now working on the development of a non-profit corporate entity to incorporate best practices and cost effectively manage all benefit funds. The target date for the launch of this new non-profit corporate entity is January 1, 2018. The corporate structure will be incorporated in Pennsylvania as a 501(c)5 Non-Profit organization. Our goal is to bring the administration of the Northeast Carpenters Funds, the Carpenters Benefit Funds of Philadelphia, the Mid-Atlantic Carpenters Funds and the Local 491 Carpenters Funds together. The new organization will implement world-class fund administration processes in order to provide participants and their families with stellar benefits and customer service in the most cost-effective manner.

New Carpenter Benefit: Starting this Fall, we are rolling out MetLife Basic Term Life Insurance to active carpenters in the amount of $2,500. This coverage will be offered at no cost to all active carpenters, with no medical questions asked and will be paid by our Member.
Assistance Program. This lump-sum payment will be made to our carpenters’ designated beneficiaries to help cover the cost of funeral planning and grief counseling. Our Council previously provided this death benefit to members with 30 years of service and we are glad to bring this benefit back to all active carpenters. To fill out a beneficiary form for this benefit, please visit our website.

**Ethics and Compliance Initiative:** In order to provide our members with a secure communications method to report unethical and noncompliant issues, the NRCC has developed an Ethics and Compliance Initiative. This initiative, which was rolled out to our members on September 11, 2017, will provide our members with a means to report unethical and non-compliant activity that may occur on the job site and in the Union environment. It is the responsibility of each of us to protect our Union, to take a stand and report any wrongdoing. I am requesting your help in keeping our union true to its founding principles and in rooting out unethical behavior, so that we remain a strong and effective advocate for our nearly 40,000 hardworking members. A hotline — (844) 368-8587 — and website have been set up to report unethical behavior. To view more detail on this program, please visit the Ethics & Compliance brochure on our website.

**Sisters in the Brotherhood Annual Conference:**
I’m pleased to announce that we are well on our way to reaching the goal of registered women apprentice carpenters through the efforts of our [Sisters in the Brotherhood program](http://example.com/). Led by Susan Schultz, this program has been a resounding success, as we are meeting our 10 percent goal specifically in Locals 253 and 254 and are working to roll out the program in other Locals throughout our region. To celebrate the five-year anniversary of this program, we are holding the inaugural Sisters in the Brotherhood 2018 Leadership Conference on April 13-15. The event will take place in our new 100,000 S.F. state-of-the-art training facility in Edison, NJ. We are currently planning the event and expect to have nearly 300 women carpenters, local organizations and local and State elected officials, including Ambassador — and hopefully our next New Jersey Governor — Phil Murphy in attendance. It is time to dismiss misconceptions about women joining the carpentry workforce. This conference is just one of the many steps we are taking to do just that.

**Shades of the Trade:** We are one craft with many faces and local unions should be made up of local people. At the NRCC, we are working each day to make this a reality in places like Philadelphia, Newark, Jersey City, Camden and Baltimore. I am pleased to announce the formation of “Shades of the Trade,” a committee that will help us to increase the recruitment and retention of people of color and women in our Union. This committee will specifically focus on: developing solutions to overcome the challenges presented by our workforce demographics; engaging in community involvement/coalition building to reach our diversification goals; reshaping the Union’s public image to show our commitment to all working people; and rebranding ourselves to show communities and elected officials that our Union represents them and people who live there.

It’s always a pleasure to serve you as the NRCC’s Executive Secretary-Treasurer and I look forward to serving you in the years ahead.
The crime of payroll fraud is the single biggest threat that our Union and law-abiding construction companies face today. Companies who commit this crime are exploiting their workforce, cheating our carpenters out of an honest day's pay and willfully cheating all taxpayers and the government when they fail to pay their fair share of payroll taxes.

In August, the Burlington County, NJ Prosecutors Office announced that three men in connection with a $100 million money laundering scheme had been arrested. Authorities said that companies along the East Coast had used MAIA Consulting in an illegal check cashing operation in Cinnaminson, NJ to: hide money paid to undocumented construction workers; violate existing labor laws; and evade state and federal taxes.

This November, I'll be giving a presentation at the UBCJA Eastern District meeting about what we are doing to combat payroll fraud. We'll be discussing State laws and developing a plan to work with elected/appointed officials to advance stronger laws and fines/penalties on unscrupulous contractors.

The sad fact is that there are payroll fraud laws in every state that we represent. When it comes down to it though, these laws are not enforced. In many cases, State agencies tasked with enforcing existing laws aren't adequately staffed or don't communicate across agencies or State lines when payroll fraud occurs.

This needs to change as workers, our signatory contractors, the government and all taxpayers throughout the country are being cheated by criminal companies. We hope you support Ambassador Phil Murphy in the New Jersey election for Governor, as he is one elected official who will enforce existing labor laws and tax laws and prosecute companies that commit payroll fraud.

All taxpayers should know that this kind of crime is being committed on a daily basis and that they are being cheated by nefarious shell companies and greedy developers. We are doing our part and recently launched the website Unscrupulous Contractors to call out the companies that are breaking the law. We hope you will visit the website and join us in educating your elected officials about payroll fraud.
As you may have read about in the last edition of The Digital Carpenter, throughout our Council, we are dedicated to investing in our apprentice and journeymen carpenters and in our future.

I'm pleased to announce that on October 11th, we held a groundbreaking for our new Syracuse Training Center. The event was attended by Council representatives, Local 277 staff, elected/appointed officials from the City of Syracuse and other community members.

The new 17,000 square foot, two-story facility, located at 6920 Princeton Court, will feature three state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with the latest technologies, A/V equipment and skilled instructors. It will have 12,000 square feet of workshop area training space to give our apprentice and journeymen carpenters hands-on training in scaffolding, welding and other carpentry specialties. In addition, 5,000 square feet of space will house Local 277, Council and research department staff.

Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters’ Local 277 currently has more than 2,600 members, with approximately 10 percent of them being apprentices that will benefit from this new facility.

This training center — that we envisioned in partnership with the Construction Employers Association of Central New York — will help us to fit the needs of our members and contractors ensuring that area carpenters are building Central New York for the next generation.

The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Training Fund is investing $5 million for the construction of this new facility, so that we can continue to provide highly skilled and quality carpenters to our signatory contractors in Northern and Central New York.

The new Syracuse Training Center, built entirely with union labor, is expected to be completed in Summer 2018. We encourage you to visit the new training facility — after it’s completed — as we believe it will be a significant showpiece for our Union and for our contractors.

Every vote counts. That's why it's so important for you to take the time on Election Day and GET OUT TO VOTE. Please don't be complacent and assume that the man or woman working next to you will vote and you don't need to vote. There are a number of important elections this November and we need our carpenters to support officials who will preserve and protect workers' rights.

Here are a few important election races and issues that you should care about:

New York State Constitutional Convention: The New York State Constitution safeguards workers' rights to organize, bargain collectively and it requires that prevailing wages are paid on public works projects. In today's anti-union environment, there is the strong likelihood that if the State Constitution is opened up that conservative, right-wing organizations will campaign to degrade workers' rights like prevailing wage rates, collective bargaining and workers’ compensation. Don't let that happen and Vote NO on the re-opening of the State Constitutional Convention.

Jack Martins for Nassau County Executive: Martins is the right candidate for Nassau County and for our Union carpenters due to his support for laws that protect the rights of hardworking men and women. We have worked successfully with Jack in the past when he was a New York State Senator and believe he has the right experience to lead Nassau County.

Kathy Sheehan for City of Albany Mayor: We are supporting Kathy Sheehan for City of Albany Mayor, as she supports our Union and believes in building construction projects in Albany that meet the highest possible standards. In July, led by Mayor Sheehan’s efforts, the City passed Ordinance 32.62.17 which requires all construction contractors and subcontractors, working on projects valued at greater than $100,000, to have established apprenticeship programs approved by the New York State Department of Labor.

Yonkers City Council: In Yonkers, we are endorsing a number of candidates, including Mike Khader (Council President), Corazon Pineda Issac (2nd District), Anthony Pagano (6th District) and Maev Scott (4th District). Our Council is supporting these candidates because they share the same ideals as we do in working to preserve fair labor standards and fight for capital construction programs which create jobs and stimulate the economy.
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Voting is one of the most important responsibilities we have as Americans. It’s equally important that as carpenters, we show our strength and solidarity at the voting booth to ensure the rights of your carpenter brothers and sisters are represented.

Each election, the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters only endorses candidates who support Davis-Bacon, encourage the use of Project Labor Agreements, fight 1099 Worker Misclassification and support fair wages and benefits.

We recently released a candidate survey questionnaire to ensure that anyone who wants our endorsement also shares our ideals. The survey questions candidates on their viewpoints on topics like workers’ rights, job investments, prevailing wage, project labor agreements, worker misclassification, responsible bidder language, apprenticeship programs, healthcare benefits, social security and immigration.

Additionally, we are approaching our political organizing differently than in the past. Now, we are building our coalitions from the ground up and including community-based organizations in our political and organizing efforts. All politics are local and we are embracing the viewpoints of communities to drive home the message that strong Unions make strong communities.

Nationwide, workers’ rights are under attack at all levels of government. At the Council and nationally at the UBCJA, we remain vigilant in protecting the rights of hardworking men and women carpenters.

In Congress, House Republicans are pushing hard to pass H.R. 785: The National Right To Work Act. As of the end of September, 82 Republicans have co-sponsored this bill which would prohibit “union security” clauses in collective bargaining agreements. These clauses require non-union members who are covered by the agreements to pay representation fees.

New Jersey is one of the two States with governor races on the docket this year. We are putting our support behind Ambassador Phil Murphy for the next Governor as he is pro-worker and pro-union and believes in strong enforcement of companies that are breaking the law, misclassifying workers and employing out-of-state workers.

In New York, we are encouraging our members to Vote No on the State Constitutional Convention question. Every 20 years, New Yorkers have the opportunity to vote on the opening of the State Constitution. The New York State Constitution safeguards fundamental workers’ rights to organize, bargain collectively and it requires that prevailing wages are paid on public works projects. If the State Constitutional Convention is approved, it can have serious ramifications for all workers. No is the right choice for our members and all New Yorkers.

We're also pleased that our endorsed candidates won their primaries — including Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown — and we encourage you to vote for them in November as they share our union ideals and beliefs. In 2018, we will be gearing up to support the re-election of Governor Andrew Cuomo, whose policies have brought hundreds of thousands of manhours to our carpenters.

Pennsylvania is busy on the local front this year and we are endorsing a number of local candidates for election, including progressive District Attorney Candidate Larry Krasner. Next year, we’ll be gearing up for re-election of Governor Tom Wolf, as well as beating back the call to turn Pennsylvania into the 29th Right To Work State.

In Maryland, there will be a big Governor’s race in 2018 and we will be working hard to support the Democratic candidate for governor, once the dust settles in that primary race.

In Delaware, we will be pushing back against the Republicans’ efforts in the State Legislature to roll back the prevailing wage. We are currently monitoring legislation and will be educating legislators about why prevailing wage is a good thing for Delawareans.
Peter J. McGuire, the first president of the UBC, had the foresight and courage to create the Labor Day holiday.

In many ways, you could consider Peter J. McGuire, the founder and first general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America (UBCJA), as our first carpenter politician. He was the first to understand what many of us now know in the Brotherhood, that if you want to impact change in local, State and Federal Government and influence legislation and policies that protect the hardworking carpenters, you have to be involved.

In 1881, McGuire organized the Chicago convention where he gathered 36 carpenters from 11 cities across the country to form the UBCJA. As one of the greatest labor leaders in the 19th century, McGuire fought for a variety of worker rights, including the eight-hour workday and higher wages.

At an 1882 meeting of the New York Central Labor Union, McGuire introduced a resolution calling for workers to lead a festive parade through the streets of the city on the first Monday of September. More than 30,000 marchers participated in the event. That’s when Labor Day was first born.

In 1883, thousands again lined the parade route and the New York group decided to urge other central labor bodies around the country to sponsor simultaneous celebrations the following year. Only a handful of cities joined the celebration in 1884, but in 1885, turnout again was broad and official support for the holiday followed. In 1887, Oregon became the first state to recognize the day. The U.S. Congress followed suit in 1894.

It is Peter J. McGuire, our first carpenter politician, that we have to thank for ALL workers having an eight-hour workday, higher wages, the Labor Day holiday and so many other worker rights that we enjoy today.

This Labor Day, the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and local elected officials remembered Peter J. McGuire:

1) U.S. Rep. Donald Norcross, a Democrat from Camden, who represents New Jersey’s 1st Congressional District wrote a Courier Post opinion editorial on Labor Day that detailed McGuire’s vision of protecting and rewarding the rights of hardworking Americans.

2) On September 1, Local 255 President and Council Representative, John Robinson, received the 22nd Annual George E. Norcross Jr. Humanitarian Award for outstanding community service. The award ceremony, a part of the 123rd Annual Peter J. McGuire Labor Day Observance, provided scholarships to students of labor union families in the Southern New Jersey area. Immediately following the scholarship presentations, event attendees visited the Arlington Cemetery in Pennsauken for a wreath laying ceremony at the Peter J. McGuire Memorial. Congressman Donald Norcross, New Jersey State Senate President Steve Sweeney and Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Phil Murphy were among the dignitaries who attended the event.

“Receiving the Humanitarian Award is one of the highest honors that I’ve received as a Union Carpenter and a member of the community,” said Robinson. “Being in the Brotherhood is not only about being a Carpenter, but it is about advocating for important issues and being a voice within the community.”

3) We released a number of videos on Labor Day weekend to remember McGuire and some other important labor leaders from the 1800s:
   - NRCC Celebrates Labor Day
   - Carpenters Hall Video
   - Labor Day Press release
   - Then & Now

The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters is dedicated to honoring the memory of our brother Peter J. McGuire and our Council’s leaders are strident in their efforts to follow in his footsteps of protecting the rights of hardworking men and women carpenters in the Northeast.
The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters fights each day in State Legislatures, school board rooms and Township Council Halls to protect and preserve your rights on the job site. Working with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBCJA), we are doing everything in our power to work with elected and appointed officials to fight for the working rights of all carpenters and all hardworking Americans.

Here’s an update on some of the important issues that impact you:

"RIGHT TO WORK" LESS

The term “Right To Work” is a fallacy that is being sold by right wing groups and some national elected officials to mislead hardworking Americans that all people literally have the “Right To Work”. In reality, “Right To Work” is literally the opportunity to work less, with fewer benefits and less representation for you vs. multi-million dollar companies that care only about their bottom line and not your future.

There are 28 Right To Work states in the country and a number of other States are on the precipice of becoming Right To Work. In our own region, Pennsylvania Republican lawmakers are pushing hard for the Commonwealth to become the 29th Right To Work state. In June, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf rallied with local unions to protest Right To Work from becoming law in the Commonwealth. Governor Wolf is up for re-election in 2018 and his likely Republican opponent State Senator Scott Wagner has expressed his support for Right To Work laws and compared labor unions in the Commonwealth to notorious world dictators.

According to a 2015 report by the Economic Policy Institute: “Right To Work laws seek to hamstring unions’ ability to help employees bargain with their employers for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. Given that unionization raises wages both for individual union members as well as for non-union workers in unionized sectors, it is not surprising that research shows that both union and non-union workers in Right To Work states have lower wages and fewer benefits, on average, than comparable workers in other states.”

EPI further stated that: “Wages in Right To Work states are 3.1 percent lower than those in non-Right To Work states, after controlling for a full complement of individual demographic and socioeconomic factors as well as state macroeconomic indicators. This translates into Right To Work being associated with $1,558 lower annual wages for a typical full-time, full-year worker.”

According to Arthur Wheaton, a labor specialist at Cornell University’s Industrial and Labor Relations School: “Unions have to be concerned about the possibility of more states adopting Right To Work laws that prohibit agreements between employees and labor unions that
mandate all workers pay union dues. He said the Trump administration could push for a similar prohibition at the federal level.”

In February, the National Right To Work Act (H.R. 785) was introduced by Republican Congressman Steve King from Iowa. The legislation would prohibit union security clauses in collective bargaining agreements, which require non-union members who are covered by the agreements to pay representation fees. This bill continues to gain support from Republicans in Congress with 82 co-sponsors (all Republicans) as of the end of September.

In an interesting twist of irony, in September, Canada has demanded that the United States rescind State Right To Work laws as part of the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). In a Globe and Mail article, Canadian negotiators said that: “Canada believes that lower labor standards in the United States and Mexico, including Right To Work, give those countries an unfair advantage in attracting jobs.”

DAVIS-BACON IS UNDER ATTACK

The Davis-Bacon Act, signed into law in 1931, requires that contractors must pay workers no less than the prevailing wage on publicly funded construction projects.

In addition, the Davis-Bacon Act: encourages fair market competition by ensuring that law-abiding contractors – both Union and non-union – can bid competitively for work; increases worker productivity by encouraging investment in training; and protects communities and workers from allowing out-of-area contractors to underbid local prevailing wage levels. It also requires that contractors: submit certified payrolls; pay wages and benefits on a weekly basis; and pay overtime as the law dictates.

Unfortunately, this 86-year-old law is constantly under attack of repeal by the Republican majority in the U.S. Congress. During this Congressional Session, the U.S. House of Representatives have held multiple votes to attack the Davis-Bacon Act.

On July 13, Congress voted on an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would have reduced prevailing wages on federally-funded construction projects. That vote failed 242 to 183, with 183 Republicans and ZERO Democrats voting in favor of it.

On July 26, Republican Congressman King proposed an amendment attached to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act to prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis Bacon Act. The amendment failed 249 to 178, with 178 Republicans and ZERO Democrats voting in favor of it.

The attacks against the decades-old Act aren't likely to end anytime soon, as some conservative groups, like the Americans for Tax Reform, have called for a suspension of the Davis-Bacon Act after hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

Our Council will continue to work with the UBCJA to educate our federally elected officials how the Davis-Bacon Act protects all workers and should not be repealed.
VOTE NO ON THE NEW YORK CON-CON QUESTION

Strong workers’ rights to protect your hard-earned paycheck and benefits are constantly under attack these days by special interest groups.

At the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, we are working each and every day in the legislative halls of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware to preserve and protect the rights of our nearly 40,000 men and women carpenters.

While there’s not a major U.S. Presidential or New York Gubernatorial election this year, it’s an extremely important year for voters in the State of New York, as the public will have the opportunity to vote on the opening of the New York State Constitution.

WHAT’S AT STAKE FOR YOU

Every twenty years, New Yorkers have the opportunity to vote on the opening of the State Constitution. The last New York Constitutional Convention vote occurred in 1997 and an overwhelming number of New Yorkers (62%) voted No on re-opening the Constitution. The last time that New York voters agreed to open up the State Constitution occurred in 1967.

The New York State Constitution safeguards fundamental workers rights to organize, bargain collectively, and it requires that prevailing wages are paid on public works projects. If the State Constitutional Convention is approved, it can have serious ramifications for all workers.

In today’s highly charged and anti-union environment, there is the strong likelihood that if the State Constitution is opened up that conservative, right-wing organizations will raise millions of dollars and campaign hard to degrade a number of important workers’ rights issues that impact members of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, such as prevailing wage rates, collective bargaining and workers’ compensation.

We need you to Vote No, to ensure that the State Constitution is not re-written by special interests. That's why we've joined a coalition of groups, including the AFL-CIO to raise awareness for why the State Constitution shouldn’t be opened up.

IF NEW YORKERS VOTE YES

In April 2017, the Empire Center for Public Policy released in a study saying that: “publicly funded construction projects in New York [are] inflated up to 25 percent by the state’s outdated “prevailing wage” mandate.” The report went on to say that: “The public works pay mandate effectively serves as a taxpayer
subsidy to shore up underfunded construction union pension and welfare plans.”

This group and other conservative think tanks are calling for New Yorkers to Vote YES on the rewriting of the State Constitution this November.

If New Yorkers vote yes in 2017 to the rewriting of State Constitution, three delegates from each of our 63 Senate Districts, plus 15 at-large delegates will be nominated - likely existing elected officials and political insiders. Nominees would then be elected by the public in November 2018. The delegates would meet in 2019 and be paid a salary of $80,000/year to discuss changes to the Constitution. Any changes agreed to by a majority of the delegates will then go to the public for approval, no earlier than 2020.

OUR UNION IS ENCOURAGING YOU TO VOTE NO THIS NOVEMBER 7TH

IF NEW YORKERS VOTE NO

No is the right choice for our members and all New Yorkers.

Even if the No vote passes, it doesn’t mean that aspects of the State Constitution cannot be changed over the next two decades.

Since the State Constitution was written in 1894, there have been 222 amendments to it through bills passed by the New York State Legislature and then voted on individually over the years by New Yorkers. Most recently, a number of ballot Constitutional amendment questions were voted on by New Yorkers in 2013.

This way is the most appropriate and democratic way to change the State laws: through a vote by people who live in the State and not by the unilateral decisions of unknown delegates who are nominated by special interest groups.

Join your New York carpenters brothers and sisters in voting NO on the New York State Constitutional Convention this November 7th.

PREVAILING WAGE: A CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE

"Labor of human beings is not a commodity nor an article of commerce and shall never be so considered or construed. No laborer, worker or mechanic, in the employ of a contractor or subcontractor engaged in the performance of any public work, shall be permitted to work more than eight hours in any day or more than five days in any week, except in cases of extraordinary emergency; nor shall he or she be paid less than the rate of wages prevailing in the same trade or occupation in the locality within the state where such public work is to be situated, erected or used"

—Article I § 17 - NYS Constitution
Former Ambassador Phil Murphy, the Democratic candidate for New Jersey Governor, is the right choice for the State of New Jersey and has proven to us time and time again that he will fight for union worker rights and enforcement of existing labor laws.

After eight years of failed leadership and lack of Department of Labor enforcement under Governor Chris Christie, we believe that Murphy will bring back to the Statehouse a focus on progressive, pro-union issues that are so important to us.

At many of our Council events, Murphy has stated that: “The door to the middle class was first opened by the labor movement. As Governor of New Jersey, I will work to ensure that the door stays open.”

He has continued to back up that sentiment at the various events that he has attended over the last six months to support our Union.

In July, Murphy spoke at our Structure Tech picket line at 75 Park Lane, near the corner of Park Lane and Washington Boulevard, in Jersey City. During the visit, Murphy spoke of his support for hiring local labor, paying workers the area standard wage and penalizing companies who are exploiting middle class workers. Since July, our carpenters have raised awareness for the business and employment practices of Structure Tech, the subcontractor responsible for construction of the concrete super structure, on the new 37-story Park and Shore residential/retail development at 75 Park Lane in Jersey City.

The NRCC was one of the first organizations to endorse Phil Murphy for Governor because we believe in him and how his perspective and beliefs will help to strengthen our union.

We hope you will join us during the upcoming election season in supporting Ambassador Murphy through Council activities and a vote for this pro-union candidate on November 7th!
Other City building trade organizations and the media were surprised when we decided in May to endorse Larry Krasner in the crowded Democratic primary for City of Philadelphia District Attorney.

While Krasner put together a group of diverse endorsements – including Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity and various City Council people – no other building trade organizations in the City of Philadelphia supported his candidacy.

But if you know anything about where our organization is headed, you know that we throw our endorsements behind candidates that represent the local community, support laws and policies that provide middle-class workers with a livable wage and benefits for their families and are strident in their enforcement of labor laws.

Larry Krasner for City of Philadelphia District Attorney checks all of those boxes for us.

"We are pleased to endorse Larry Krasner for District Attorney in the upcoming election as he believes in protecting and defending the people of Philadelphia," said John Ballantyne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters. "He talked during his primary victory speech of seeking justice. We want justice too on the job site and for the people of Philadelphia and we think Larry Krasner will deliver that as the City's next District Attorney."

Krasner has visited our City of Philadelphia offices on various occasions and talked to our council representatives about his belief that existing labor laws and payroll fraud/worker misclassification need to be enforced.

We welcome that sentiment as there are various contractors throughout the City that exploit their workforce by paying workers under the table and not paying healthcare or retirement benefits, while shirking the City and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania out of local and State tax revenue.

"As contributing partners to the economic, civic and social vitality of the City of Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania, we believe in taking an active part in the political process," added Ballantyne. "Our involvement in endorsing candidates lets our members know which candidates share our values and support our vision for the continued economic growth and expansion of our region."

Krasner will face Republican Beth Grossman in the November election.
VOTE FOR JACK MARTINS FOR NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE

On September 12, the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters announced its endorsement for Nassau County Executive candidate Jack Martins.

Martins is the right candidate for Nassau County and the right candidate for our Union carpenters because of his support for years for the creation of laws that protect the rights of hardworking men and women.

“On behalf of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, I am pleased to announce our endorsement of Jack Martins for Nassau County Executive,” said Bill Banfield, Southeast New York Regional Manager, “We have worked successfully with Jack in the past, when he was a New York State Senator, and believe he has the right experience and vision to lead Nassau County in the years ahead. We are endorsing Jack in his upcoming election for Nassau County Executive as he shares the same ideals as our Union does of strengthening and enhancing middle class worker wages and benefits.”

As Mayor of Mineola, Martins developed balanced, fiscally responsible budgets and debt management plans that substantially reduced Mineola’s debt and returned the village to a sound financial footing. He also led the effort to create Mineola’s award-winning master redevelopment plan that expanded the village’s economic base through smart growth principles.

As a State Senator, Martins chaired the Labor Committee, and enacted a historic series of balanced, on-time state budgets while cutting state taxes on middle class families to the lowest level in 50 years and expanding state property tax relief programs.

“I am honored to once again have the endorsement of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters,” said Jack Martins. “Labor built Nassau County and the Carpenters continue to play a critical role in building state-of-the art projects that are making the people of our county — and our state — proud. We must make it easier for everyone to be able to afford to live, work and raise a family here in Nassau County, and I know that working together with NRCC we will do just that and get Nassau back on track.”

Jack Martins is the Republican, Conservative and Reform Party nominee for Nassau County Executive. Jack is a former three-term New York State Senator, the former Mayor of Mineola, and he lives in Nassau with his wife and four daughters. Jack Martins is focused on making Nassau County a better place to live, work and raise a family. As Nassau County Executive, Jack is committed to ending the corruption that has compromised the public’s trust in government, protecting local property taxpayers and creating an economic renaissance to provide a brighter future for the middle class.
TROY SINGLETON

Troy Singleton, Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters’ Director of Operations, has served in New Jersey’s State Legislature as the District 7 State Assemblyman since 2011 and is running for State Senate in District 7 for a four-year term.

Since he started work in the State Assembly in 2011, Singleton has been one of our Union’s strongest advocates through his introduction and sponsorships of various State bills that have led to hundreds of millions of dollars of construction development, workforce development and prevailing wage standards.

“As a State Assemblyman, I’ve done what I could to make sure New Jersey is responsive to the needs of working families,” said Singleton. “My work for the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and in the State Legislature has given me a deeper perspective and understanding of how our State laws are intertwined towards achieving that goal.”

Singleton was the prime sponsor on the Economic Opportunity Act (A3680), which was signed into law in 2013 and led to major developments, including the construction of the Paulsboro Port and the Subaru Facility in Camden County. He was the prime sponsor on the Higher Education Bond Act (A3139), which was signed into law in 2012, and led to the construction of new school buildings at Montclair University, Rutgers University and Rowan University, among others.

He has also pushed for the State to provide dedicated funding for the promotion of apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund (A334).

Singleton has also been a strong advocate for prevailing wage standards and pushed in the 2017 legislative session for a prevailing wage bill (A2863) to require workers subject to prevailing wage requirements to complete registered apprenticeship programs. Singleton said he will continue to educate Statehouse representatives about expanding prevailing wage to construction projects for the Housing Mortgage Finance Authority.

Most recently, Singleton was the prime sponsor of the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act (A222). The bill, which New Jersey voters will vote on in November, would appropriate $125 million in general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance on the State’s library system.

“It’s the old adage that you’re either at the table or on the menu,” said Singleton. “For us to have a true stake in the direction of our communities, we have to have carpenters at the table. That’s why we always aggressively advocate for our members to run for public office, get involved in their community and become citizen carpenters.”

While Singleton has served as a State Assemblyman for six years, as a commissioner at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and on the Rowan University Board of Trustees, he said he didn’t win over his father Elijah Singleton, Jr. until he joined the Union.

“I come from a union family,” said Singleton. “My grandfather James was a union longshoreman and my dad was a union teamster. My dad came up in an era when it wasn't easy for a minority to join a trade association, so he was very proud when I continued that union lineage and got my card. Being a member of the Union has given so many benefits to me and my family.”

Singleton has served as NRCC’s Director of Operations since 2015. Prior to that, he was the assistant to Executive Secretary-Treasurer from 2013-2015, President of the New Jersey Carpenter Contractor Trust from 2011-2014 and Director of Policy and Planning for the New Jersey Regional Council from 2007-2011.

As the Director of Operations, he is responsible for the implementation of special projects including: the NRCC Scholarship Fund that provides school scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Union carpenters; Citizen Carpenter Program, which annually recognizes carpenters who contribute to their community; and overall Council operations, such as ensuring NRCC facilities are outfitted with the latest technology. Singleton also provides administrative oversight and is a trustee of Local 491.
BRUCE GARGANIO

Bruce Garganio, Senior Council Representative with the Mullica Team Room/Local 255, is running this year for re-election as Burlington County Freeholder. Garganio has been a freeholder for seven years and is running for a new 3-year term.

Garganio said that he is working hard to bring jobs, new businesses and an increased business tax ratable base into Burlington County to ensure that regular citizens will not be burdened by significant annual tax increases.

"Since I became a freeholder, I’ve been working with my colleagues on the Board to make Burlington cost effective and affordable for our citizens,” said Garganio. “We’ve made Burlington County into one of the most cost-efficient county governments and spend less money per person than any other county in New Jersey. It’s our goal to make it cost affordable for families, so you can be born in Burlington County, go to school here, raise your family here, retire here and not get forced out by high taxes and fees.”

One initiative that Garganio is particularly proud of is the County’s direct hire program. For it, the County has the ability to hire tradesmen directly out of Union Halls. Through this initiative, the County has been able to build a number of buildings, including the Burlington County Animal Shelter. Garganio says that it is a way for local people to work on local jobs and pay taxes in the community.

“Being involved in politics is the lifeblood of our organization,” said Garganio. “Decisions that are made every day at the local school board, Township Council or County Freeholder level impacts our carpenters and our future jobs. We need to be out there so people know who and what we are. Ultimately, if we are on the outside looking in, our carpenter values won’t be discussed. When you are involved, you can educate people about how Unions give people good wages, good healthcare and a sound retirement, so they can have a career and retire one day with dignity. If you’re not in the room and involved in government, you can’t do that.”

Garganio has been a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America since 1982 and began his career as a Burlington County carpenter for the former Local 1489. Some of the notable projects that he helped to build include the Burlington County Special Services School in Westampton, NJ and Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. After working in the field for 28 years, Garganio became a council representative in 2011.

“Being involved in government really fits into what we do as carpenters,” said Garganio. “We build. We build new hospitals, businesses and other facilities. Being a carpenter has taught me skills that I use every day in politics. On a construction site, you are going to deal with people who are strongly opinionated. You need to learn how to deal with people, work with them and get something done. The same happens every day in government. The training you get as a carpenter makes you truly qualified to serve in the political realm.”
as the president of the Lindenwold Zoning Board, commissioner for the Camden County Utilities Authority and trustee to the Camden County One Stop and Workforce Development Board.

“My father was a public servant and served as a deacon at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia,” said Young. “He was a man of action and politics was certainly introduced to me at a young age. I have always had a vested interest in politics, so when the opportunity came up for me to get involved, I decided to run. As a Freeholder, you have an opportunity to be at the table and be part of the decisions that impact people's jobs and people's lives. The more that we as carpenters stay involved in politics and are at the table, the more we control our destiny and future as a Union.”

Young has been a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners for 23 years and served as a Council Representative for the past 12 years. He is the first minority member of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Executive Board and serves as a delegate for the organization. Young began his career as a carpenter in 1995 and worked in the field as a framer on residential projects from Trenton to Camden.

“Everything I have, own and have accomplished is because of this organization,” said Young. “They have given me the tools, given me the drive and given me a very good sustainable life. It is all owed to them. I had to put work in, but I wouldn't have had the opportunity if it wasn't for the Brotherhood.”

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Dave Gannon, Team Lead in the Allentown Team Room and Local 167 Council Representative, is running for Ward 1 Councilman in Plymouth Township (Montgomery County) this upcoming election.

Gannon is running against Republican Jim Saring, who is the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Republican Party, for a four-year term limit.

“I think I’m different than my opponent because I’m moderate and tend to see both sides of an issue,” said Gannon. “I’m not just going to make a decision based on what party I am. My position at Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters has really prepared me to run for public office. Being a Council Representative for the last 15 years has given me the opportunity to listen to members during our Local meetings and on the job site and help me to see both sides of an issue. It has given me the chance to solve problems for our members. It’s given me experience in talking with people, conflict resolution and negotiation.”

Gannon said that he wants to bring to Plymouth Township a focus on improving the quality of life and supporting local ordinances that bring good wages and benefits for workers.

“I’m tired of partisan politics as people don’t seem to want to talk about issues that are impacting quality of life... they just care about what party you are,” said Gannon. “I care about issues that impact Plymouth residents and felt like it was time for my voice to be heard. I believe that each issue has its own merit and have an open mind to make a decision based on what’s best for the people of Plymouth Township.”

Gannon is running on the Democratic ticket with his running mates Marty Higgins (Ward 3) and Karen Bramblett (At-Large).

Gannon started his career as a carpenter in 1984 and is a 32-year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. For the first eight years of his career, he worked at Nason & Cullen on interior work/renovations of hospitals and pharmaceutical buildings. He later worked for two years with Health Sciences Construction. The last eight years of his field experience involved building retail and tenant improvement projects for A&J Builders. Gannon became a Council Representative in 2002, then a business agent in 2004 and was elevated to Allentown Team Lead after the Metropolitan Regional Council was absorbed into the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters in 2016.

“Once you get involved in politics, you have the opportunity to meet local people, get your foot in the door and help to influence decisions on projects when they are in the planning stages,” said Gannon. “That’s why our carpenters should get involved in politics, because they can influence real change and progress in their community.”

Dave has been married to his wife Heather for 26 years and has two children, Evan (21) and Rachel (16).
KEVIN LOTT
Kevin Lott, Council Representative from the Allentown Team Room/Local 167, is running for an At-Large Council seat in Hellertown Borough, PA.

Lott secured a spot on the election ballot this year by running a successful write-in campaign using Facebook to spread awareness for his candidacy. It’s his focus, if he’s elected in November, to be involved in investing in initiatives/services (like public safety, streets, parks and the community pool) to improve the quality of life for Hellertown residents.

“If you want a good community that cares about working, blue-collar people you have to be involved,” said Lott. “Nothing that we have today was handed to us. Someone out there got involved and changed things for the better. If we don’t stay involved, we are going to lose the great things that our forefathers have fought for. It’s so important that our carpenters are involved in politics and their community, so we can educate people about what organized labor does for our communities.”

Outside of running for a spot on the Hellertown Council, Kevin is significantly involved in his community, as he sits on the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Board and Lehigh Valley Vo-Tech’s Occupational Advisory Committee.

Lott is a 29-year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and started his carpentry career doing renovations on low-income housing for Coopersmith Brothers. He later went on to work on various Power Plants up and down the East Coast for Patent Scaffold Company. Kevin finished his career in the field for Duggan and Marcon, an Interior Contractor. After he left the field in 2006, he worked as an organizer for four years and then a business agent. He served several Union positions, President, Financial Secretary, Delegate, Treasurer and Community Service Chairman for Local 600 from 1997 until the merger with Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (NRCC). When Metropolitan Regional Council was absorbed by NRCC in 2016, he became Vice President and a Delegate for the newly formed Local 167 and a Council Representative serving the Lehigh Valley area.

Lott looks to bring his experience as a carpenter in the field and as a Council Representative into the political realm.

“As a carpenter, no is never an answer on job sites,” said Lott. “If we run into a problem we have to make it work. We are very good at solving problems. I will take that mentality into a public forum. Carpenters are built to fix things.”

The Lotts are a union family, as his wife Karen worked for 31 years as a union operating engineer. His son, Austin is also a union electrician for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 375.

“The Union has been a godsend to my family,” said Lott. “It’s given me the income and ability to buy a home. It helped us to give my son a good life growing up. Now I’m enjoying being a grandfather to my two granddaughters Ruby and Shelby and it will allow me to retire with dignity when that time comes.”
ROBERT WILMOTT

Robert Wilmott, a Council Representative and Delegate with the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters/Local 277, is running for the City of Oswego 4th Ward Common Council seat this November.

Wilmott is running against Democrat Kathy Wahrendorf for a two-year term.

If he’s elected to office, Wilmott hopes to bring his experience as a carpenter to assist Oswego Mayor William Barlow Jr. in revitalizing the City of Oswego and addressing code issues within the 4th Ward and the City of Oswego.

Last year, the City was lucky enough to be selected as the winner of the State of New York’s $10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative in Central New York. While planning for the downtown revitalization is still underway, a number of projects are being considered, including the development of new mixed-use and retail space and revitalization of the downtown Children’s Museum.

“This is my first time running for public office and I decided to run because I want to assist the City in its revitalization initiatives and help to improve the quality of life for Oswego residents,” said Wilmott. “There are a number of issues in the City with abandoned homes and I’m hoping to help the Mayor come up with a plan to utilize some of these existing structures, so we can re-purpose them before they need to be torn down.”

Wilmott has been a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America since 1997. As a Council Representative in the Central New York Team Room, Wilmott covers Oswego County and most of Onondaga County, including three nuclear plants: Nine Mile Point Units 1 & 2 and James A. Fitzpatrick Power Plant.

Prior to becoming a Council Representative in 2015, he worked as a general foreman at Nine-Mile Point Units 1 & 2, where his carpenters constructed scaffolding to assist in the maintenance and refuel outages of both power plants.

“All of our carpenters should consider getting involved in government,” said Wilmott. “Working out in the field, you don’t hear about things that impact you until it’s announced publicly. Being on the inside gives you the opportunity to influence policies and issues as they are being decided.”
FRED SWAYZE

Fred Swayze Jr., Council Representative from the Central New York (North)/
Local 277, is running for re-election this year for a four-year term on the Van
Etten, NY Town Council. Swayze, who was elected to a one-year unexpired term last year, is running unopposed this year.

Over the last year, Swayze has worked hard as a Town Councilman to reduce tax levy burdens – which he said are the highest in the State – and to ensure that the Town’s 2,000+ residents have good roads and fire/police services. In an effort to reduce the tax burden on local citizens, Swayze serves on the Van Etten Steering Committee to study consolidation of shared services with the Village of Van Etten and an upcoming election referendum on if the Village should be dissolved into the Town of Van Etten.

“I’ve lived in the town my whole life, my Dad was a Town Board member and I felt it was time to help my community in a different way,” said Swayze. “I always volunteered and was involved in coaching and directing youth sports, but being elected to the Town Board has taken it to a whole other level.”

He said he is also focused on combating America’s opioid epidemic by working with other townships to share police patrol services to prevent the spread of the crisis to Van Etten, and installing a needle recovery program – like was implemented in the City of Ithaca – so that used needles do not get into the wrong hands.

“It’s a small town in the southern part of New York, but like other places in the country, the economy is struggling, taxes are up and we have a lot of median income people,” said Swayze. “We are a small town, but we have the same large-scale problems as other areas of America.”

Swayze said that his career as a carpenter in the field and as a Council Representative prepared him to run for office and conduct himself professionally during Town meetings and events.

“When I was working in field, I knew how to communicate on job sites, but I couldn’t have walked to someone’s door and asked them to vote for me,” said Swayze. “I couldn’t have walked into a meeting and discussed issues confidently. When I became a Council Representative, I got a lot of training to understand labor law, government, campaigning and organizing at training sessions at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBCJA) International Training Center and the Rutgers University Labor Academy. That really gave me the confidence to organize a campaign and conduct myself professionally in all settings.”

Swayze has been a Council Representative for the past four years and covers the Central New York area out of the Syracuse Team Room. He has been a member of UBCJA since 2005. During his last five years in the field, he served as a foreman and safety coordinator for John C. Lowery and was involved in numerous projects, including two phases of the Binghamton University Dorms and Collegetown Terrace Project in Ithaca, NY.

“Whether you are a Council Representative or working in the field as a carpenter, your community needs you and your leadership skills,” said Swayze. “I’d encourage other carpenters to get involved in their community in whatever way they can; whether it’s coaching a little league team, volunteering for the fire department or running for public office. By getting involved, you can make sure that the place you live is going in the right direction.”
THE NORTHEAST COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS CANDIDATES THROUGHOUT THE REGION

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Local 253
Ranuel “Randy” Hinton
Pompton Lakes Council
Local 255
Troy Singleton
New Jersey State Senate (District 7)
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Bruce Garganio
Burlington County Freeholder
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Jonathan Young
Camden County Freeholder
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Mike Ring
Absecon City Council
Kevin Wessler
Port Republic Council
Arnold Harrison
Southampton Township School Board
John Willitts
Pembertown Township School Board
Thomas VanArtsdalen
Dennis Township Council

NEW YORK
Local 276
Tom Mairs
Town of Avon Council
Chris Austin
Town of Hume Council
Joe Sapio
Seneca County District Attorney
(running in Local 277 area)
Local 277
Robert Wilmott
City of Oswego Common Council (Ward 4)
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Town of Van Etten Council
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PENNSYLVANIA
Local 167
Jim Edinger (retired)
City of Easton Council
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The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters takes the issue of endorsing elected official candidates seriously and only endorses candidates who hold the same values as we do of protecting and preserving workers' rights. We only provide endorsements to candidates that support prevailing wage protections, encourage the use of Project Labor Agreements, fight 1099 Worker Misclassification and support fair wages and benefits for working people.

**OUR ENDORSEMENTS IN THE 2017 ELECTION**

NEW JERSEY

**GOVERNOR**
Phil Murphy (D)

**LT. GOVERNOR**
Sheila Oliver (D)

LOCAL 253

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 29**
State Senate: M. Teresa Ruiz (D)
Assembly: Eilana Pintor Marin (D)
Assembly: Shanique Speight (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30**
State Senate: Robert Singer (R)
Assembly: Sean Kean (R)
Assembly: Edward Thomson (R)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 31**
State Senate: Sandra Cunningham (D)
Assembly: Nicholas Chiaravalloti (D)
Assembly: Angela McNight (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32**
State Senate: Nicholas Sacco (D)
Assembly: Angelica Jimenez (D)
Assembly: Vincent Prieto (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33**
State Senate: Brian Stack (D)
Assembly: Annette Chaparro (D)
Assembly: Raj Mukherji (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 34**
State Senate: Nia Gill (D)
Assembly: Thomas Giblin (D)
Assembly: Sheila Oliver (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 35**
State Senate: Nellie Pou (D)
Assembly: Shavonda Sumter (D)
Assembly: Benjie Wimberly (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 36**
State Senate: Paul Sarlo (D)
Assembly: Marlene Caride (D)
Assembly: Gary Schaer (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 37**
State Senate: Loretta Weinberg (D)
Assembly: Gordon Johnson (D)
Assembly: Valerie Vainieri-Huttle (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 38**
State Senate: Robert Gordon (D)
Assembly: Joseph Lagana (D)
Assembly: Tim Eustace (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 39 OR 40**
No Endorsements

**JERSEY CITY**
Mayor: Steven Fulop (D)

**HOBOKEN**
Mayor: Mike DeFusco (D)

**PASSAIC COUNTY FREEHOLDERS**
Assad Akhter (D)
Theodore Best, Jr. (D)
Bruce James (D)

**POMPTON LAKES COUNCIL**
Ranuel “Randy” Hinton (D)

**LOCAL 254**

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14**
State Senate: Linda Greenstein (D)
Assembly: Daniel Benson (D)
Assembly: Wayne DeAngelo (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 15**
State Senate: Shirley Turner (D)
Assembly: Reed Gusciora (D)
Assembly: Elizabeth Maher Muoio (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 16**
Assembly: Andrew Zwicker (D)
Assembly: Roy Freiman (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17**
State Senate: Bob Smith (D)
Assembly: Joe Danielsen (D)
Assembly: Joseph V. Egan (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 18**
State Senate: Patrick Diegnan, Jr. (D)
Assembly: Robert Karabinchak (D)
Assembly: Nancy Pinkin (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19**
State Senate: Joseph Vitale (D)
Assembly: Yvonne Lopez (D)
Assembly: Craig Coughlin (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20**
State Senate: Joe Cryan (D)
Assembly: Jamel Holley (D)
Assembly: Annette Quijano (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21**
State Senate: Thomas Kean, Jr. (R)
Assembly: Jon Bramnick (R)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 22**
State Senate: Nicholas Scutari (D)
Assembly: Jerry Green (D)
Assembly: James Kennedy (D)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 23**
No Endorsements

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 24**
State Senate: Steven Oroho (R)
Assembly: Hal Wirth (R)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 25**
State Senate: Anthony R. Bucco (R)
Assembly: Anthony M. Bucco (R)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 26**
Assembly: BettyLou DeCroce (R)

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 27**
State Senate: Richard Codey (D)
Assembly: Mila Jasey (D)
Assembly: John McKeon (D)
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 28
State Senate: Ronald Rice (D)
Assembly: Ralph Caputo (D)
Assembly: Cleopatra Tucker (D)

EWING TOWNSHIP MAYOR
Bert Steinmann (D)

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Jeff Martin (D)
Anthony Carabelli, Jr. (D)
Rick Tighe (D)

HAMILTON SCHOOL BOARD
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Gary Schuck II (NP)
Joy Kerlin (NP)

DELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
Kathie Catucci (NP)
Mario Christina (NP)
Michelle Isner (NP)

DENNIS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Scott J. Turner (R)
Thomas VanArtsdalen (R), LU 255*

DOVER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Maria Maruca (R)

GALLOWAY COUNCIL
Jim Gorman (D)

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP
ATLANTIC COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
Eric Aken (NP)
Barbara Kupp (NP)
Derek Haye (NP)

LOWER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Roland Roy, Jr. (R)

MULLICA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Chris Silva (R)
Gary Franklin (R)

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
Arnold Harrison (NP), LU 255*

TOMS RIVER COUNCIL
Kevin Geoghegan (R)
Al Manforti (R)
Lou Gallipoli (R)
NEW YORK

LOCAL 276

TOWN OF AVON COUNCIL
Tom Mairs, (R) LU 276*

CITY OF BUFFALO MAYOR
Byron Brown (D)

TOWN OF HUME COUNCIL
Chris Austin, (R) LU 276*

LOCAL 277

CITY OF BINGHAMTON MAYOR
Tarik Abdelazim (D)

BROOME COUNTY CLERK
Dan Livingston (D)

ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
6th District: Joe Paduda (D)

OSWEGO CITY COUNCIL
4th Ward: Bob Wilmott, LU 277 (R)*

SENECA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Joe Sapio (I/C), LU 276*

TOWN OF VAN ETTNEN COUNCIL
Fred Swayze (D), LU 277*

CITY OF UTICA
Common Council, 4th District: Joe Marino (D)

LOCAL 279

ORANGETOWN SUPERVISOR
Chris Day (R)

ORANGE COUNTY
Executive: Steve Neuhaus (R)
Clerk: Annie Rabbit (R)
Court Judge: William DeProspo (R)
Sheriff: Carl Dubois (R)
District Attorney: David Hooler (R)

PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF
Donald Smith (R)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Executive: Rob Astorino (R)
16th District Legislature: Christopher Johnson (D)

YONKERS CITY COUNCIL
President: Mike Khader (D)
2nd District: Corazon Pineda (D)
4th District: Maeve Scott (D)
6th District: Anthony Pagano (I/C)

LOCAL 290

TOWN OF BABYLON
Supervisor: Rich Schaffer (D)
Council: Tony Martinez (D)
Council: Anthony Manetta (R)

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN
Supervisor: Ed Romaine (R)
1st District: Valerie Cartright (D)
2nd District: Jane Bonner (R)
3rd District: Kevin LaValle (R)
6th District: Dan Panico (R)

CITY OF GLEN COVE MAYOR
Reginald Spinello (R)

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON BOARD
Mark Cuthbertson (D)

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD COUNCIL
1st District: Dorothy Goosby (D)
6th District: Dennis Dunne (R)

TOWN OF ISLIP COUNCIL
Sam Gonzalez (D)
Jason Fenley (D)

NASSAU COUNTY
Executive: Jack Martins (R)
Comptroller: Steve Labriola (R)
Clerk: Maureen O’Connell (R)
Legislature, 1st District: Kevan Abrams (D)
Legislature, 3rd District: Paul Sapienza (R)
Legislature, 4th District: Denise Ford (R)
Legislature, 8th District: Vincent Muscarella (R)
Legislature, 9th District: Richard Nicollo (R)
Legislature, 10th District: Ellen Birnbaum (D)
Legislature, 11th District: Delia DeReggi-Whitton (D)

Legislature, 12th District: James Kennedy (R)
Legislature, 13th District: Tom Mckevitt (R)
Legislature, 14th District: Laura Schaefer (R)
Legislature, 15th District: Michael Sheridan (D)
Legislature, 16th District: Arnie Drucker (D)
Legislature, 17th District: Rose Walker (R)
Legislature, 18th District: Donald MacKenzie (R)

Legislature, 19th District: Steve Rhoads (R)

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
Supervisor: Judi Bosworth (D)
Council, 1st District: Viviana Russell (D)
Council, 3rd District: Angelo Ferrara (R)
Council, 5th District: Lee Seeman (D)

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
Supervisor: Joe Saladino (D)
Board, At-Large: Lou Imborto (R)
Board, At-Large: Michelle Johnson (R)
Board, At-Large: James Versocki (D)
Clerk: James Altadonna (R)

TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
Supervisor: Laura Jens-Smith (D)
Council: Michele Lynch (D)
Council: Catherine Kent (D)

TOWN OF SMITHTOWN COUNCIL
Lynne Nowick (R)
Tom McCarthy (R)

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
SUPERVISOR
Jay Schneiderman (I)

SUFFOLK COUNTY
District Attorney: Tim Sini (D)
Legislature, 1st District: Al Krupski (D)
Legislature, 2nd District: Bridget Fleming (D)
Legislature, 3rd District: Josh Slaughter (D)
Legislature, 4th District: Dom Pascual (D)
Legislature, 5th District: Kara Hahn (D)
Legislature, 6th District: Sarah Anker (D)
Legislature, 7th District: Rob Calarco (D)
Legislature, 8th District: Bill Lindsay (D)
Legislature, 9th District: Monica Martinez (D)
Legislature, 10th District: Joe Tronomone (D)
Legislature, 11th District: Steve Flotteron (R)
Legislature, 12th District: Leslie Kennedy (R)
Legislature, 13th District: Ed Buturla (R)
Legislature, 15th District: DuWayne Gregory (D)
Legislature, 16th District: Susan Berland (D)
Legislature, 17th District: Thomas Donnelly (D)
Legislature, 18th District: William Spencer (D)
### LOCAL 291

**ALBANY**
- **Mayor:** Kathy Sheehan (D)
- **Chief City Auditor:** Susan Rizzo (D)
- **City Court Judge:** Holly Trexler (D)
- **City Court Judge:** Helena Heath (D)
- **City Court Judge:** John Reilly (D)
- **Common Council, President:** Corey Ellis (D)
- **Common Council, Ward 3:** Ron Bailey (D)

**CLINTON COUNTY LEGISLATURE**
- **Area 6:** Patty Waldron (D)

**TOWN OF COLONIE SUPERVISOR**
- **Paula Mahan (D)**

**GLENVILLE TOWN BOARD**
- **Michael Godlewski (D)**

**TOWN OF GUILDERLAND**
- **Supervisor:** Peter Barber (D)

**RENSSELAER COUNTY**
- **Legislature, 1st District:** Cindy Doran (C)
- **Legislature, 1st District:** Mark Fleming (D)
- **Legislature, 1st District:** Ed Manny (D)
- **Legislature, 4th District:** Frank Razzano (D)
- **Executive:** Andrea Smyth (D)

**ROTTERDAM**
- **Town Clerk:** Diane Marco (D)
- **Town Supervisor:** Steve Tommasone (D)

### PENNSYLVANIA

**STATE JUDICIAL ELECTIONS**
- **Supreme Court:** Dwayne D. Woodruff (D)
- **Supreme Court (retention):** Debra Todd (D)
- **Superior Court:** Maria McLaughlin (D)
- **Superior Court:** Carolyn H. Nichols (D)
- **Commonwealth Court:** Ellen H. Ceisler (D)
- **Commonwealth Court:** Christine Fizzano Cannon (R)

**LOCAL 158**

**PHILADELPHIA**
- **County Municipal Court:** Matt Wolf (D)
- **County Municipal Court:** Marissa Brumbach (D)
- **County Court of Common Pleas:** Lucretia Clemens (D)
- **County Court of Common Pleas:** Viktoria Kristiansson (D)
- **County Court of Common Pleas:** Zac Shaffer (D)
- **District Attorney:** Larry Krasner (D)
- **City Controller:** Rebecca Rhynhart (D)

**LOCAL 167**

**ALLENTOWN**
- **Mayor:** Ed Pawlowski (D)
- **Councilperson:** Julio Guridy (D)
- **Councilperson:** Cynthia Mota (D)
- **Councilperson:** Courtney Robinson (D)

**BENSALM TOWNSHIP**
- **Mayor:** Joseph DiGirolamo (R)

**BETHLEHEM**
- **Mayor:** Robert Donchez (D)
- **Councilperson:** Bryan Callahan (D)
- **Councilperson:** Eric Evans (D)
- **Councilperson:** Adam Waldron (D)
- **Councilperson:** Olga Negron (D)

**BUCKS COUNTY**
- **Sheriff:** Edward J. Donnelly (R)
- **Controller:** Neale Dougherty (D)

**COLONIAL SCHOOL BOARD**
- **Jennifer D'Amato Dow (NP)**
- **Eunice Franklin-Becker (NP)**
- **Adam Schupack (NP)**
- **Rosemary Northcutt (NP)**

**EASTON**
- **Councilperson:** Jim Edinger (D), LU 167*
- **Councilperson:** Sandra Vulcano (D)
- **Councilperson:** Roger Ruggles (D)

**HELLERTOWN**
- **Councilperson:** Kevin Lott (D), LU 167*

**MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP**
- **SUPERVISOR:** Michael Ksiazek (D)

**LEHIGH COUNTY**
- **Executive:** Phillips Armstrong (D)
- **Commissioner, 1st District:** Bob Elbich (D)
- **Commissioner, 3rd District:** Amy Zanelli (D)
- **Commissioner, 4th District:** Geoffroy Brace (D)

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
- **Jury Commissioner:** Joanne Cisco Olszewski (D)
- **Court of Common Pleas:** Wendy Rothstein (D)
- **Court of Common Pleas:** Jeffrey Saltz (D)

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**
- **Executive:** Lamont McClure (D)
- **Councilperson:** Ron Heckman (D)
- **Councilperson:** Bill McGee (D)
- **Councilperson:** Tara Zriniski (D)
- **Councilperson:** Lori Vargo Hoffner (D)
- **Councilperson:** Peter Melan (D)

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**
- **Councilperson, Ward 1:** David Gannon (D), LU 167*
- **Councilperson, Ward 3:** Marty Higgins (D)
- **Councilperson At-Large:** Karen Bramblett (D)

**LOCAL 173**

**DELAWARE COUNTY**
- **Court of Common Pleas:** John Whelan (R)
- **Councilperson:** David J. White (R)
- **Councilperson:** John J. Perfetti (R)
- **Sheriff:** Mary McFall Hopper (R)
- **Controller:** Robert Kane (R)

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**Party Affiliation:**
- **D** – Democrat
- **R** – Republican
- **I** – Independent
- **C** – Conservative
- **NP** – No Party

*Names with asterisks are members of NRCC Locals*
The strength of Union Carpenters at the polls is defined by our ability to affect the outcome of elections. Here at the NRCC, we realize that supporting candidates who support our values is a vital part of our future success, therefore we take elections very seriously. This year and every year our focus at the NRCC is to expand work opportunities for our members. We will accomplish our goals by supporting and electing candidates who develop common sense labor laws that raise construction industry standards and expand labor opportunities for our workers. We are dedicated to growing our political capital and building our strength by ensuring that our members are civically educated and registered to vote.
Every election is an opportunity for us to promote our Carpenter Values. As trade unionists and citizens, if we want our values represented in government, it is necessary that we vote. As a member of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, you serve as the most vital part of our political team. We ask that you perform your duty and vote on Election Day. Affecting change and being part of policymaking is often hard work, but the rewards are great. We must continue to be involved in the election process, so that non-union interests do not dictate conditions for our members.

For more information on voting in your area, contact your local Board of Elections or click your state below.
On July 3, the City of Albany passed Ordinance 32.62.17 that requires all construction contractors and subcontractors – working on projects valued at greater than $100,000 – to have established apprenticeship programs that have been approved by the New York State Department of Labor. Under the new City of Albany ordinance, contractors will be required to show proof of an approved apprenticeship program that graduates at least 30 percent of apprentices. The new ordinance will be effective as of September 2017.

“As Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that building and construction projects done in the City of Albany meet the highest possible standards – and apprenticeship programs are a vital part of that effort,” said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan. “Not only will this new ordinance help to protect infrastructure investments made in our City, but it will make certain that we are adequately training young people for future careers in the construction trades.”

Then on September 6, the City of Utica voted to amend the City Code to require all construction contractors and subcontractors – working on projects valued at greater than $250,000 – to have established apprenticeship programs that are approved by the New York State Department of Labor. Under the “Apprentice Training Agreements” of Section 2-13-53 (i) of the City Code, contractors will be required to show proof of an approved apprenticeship program. The new ordinance is effective immediately.

“In Utica, we want to make sure that when we have a job on City Property it is done by skilled qualified labor, ensuring the best possible outcome for several reasons, including cost savings and liability from sub-par work,” said Joe Marino, Utica Common Council Member (4th District). “Equally as important however is that we need to ensure that good hardworking families have a home in Utica and can find honest work for an honest wage. As we rebuild this City, there is no better way to do it than with qualified local labor like those in the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters.”

NRCC’s Apprenticeship program in New York, is a 5-year accredited training curriculum that requires individuals to annually complete hundreds of hours in the classroom and more than 1,000 hours of on-the-job training with skilled union carpenters. In the last two years, the NRCC has graduated an average of 50 percent of apprentices who started the program in 2011-2012.

“This is great news for the Cities of Albany and Utica and for young apprentices looking to get the hands-on training and in-class curriculum that they need to operate safely and confidently on the job site,” said Bill Banfield, Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters’ (NRCC) Southeast New York Regional Manager. “The Northeast Carpenters strongly believes in providing both on-the-job and in-class training for our carpenters, so they can earn while they learn and have the chance to build a career with a good standard of living, great healthcare and retirement benefits.”

Apprenticeship specializations include: general carpentry; cabinet making; flooring; pile driving/dock building; millwrights; and trade show. NRCC training centers are located in New York (Hauppauge, Horseheads, Rock Tavern, Rochester and Albany), New Jersey (Kenilworth and Hammonton), Delaware (New Castle and Georgetown), Maryland (Baltimore, Upper Marlboro) and Pennsylvania (Allentown and Philadelphia).
On July 18th, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and Assemblymember Harry Bronson visited the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters’ (NRCC) Rochester Training Facility (21 Jetview Drive, Rochester, NY). During the tour, Speaker Heastie and Assemblymember Bronson met with 10 NRCC Representatives and 20 students in the Eastern Millwrights Council Apprentice program to learn more about the NRCC’s apprenticeship program and the Council’s efforts to recruit and hire more women and minority carpenters.

“The New York State Assembly Majority strongly supports the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and backs their mission to diversify its workforce,” said Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. “Our conference has passed numerous pieces of legislation to level the playing field for minority and women-owned businesses, as well as legislation to ensure that those contractors and subcontractors who are debarred on the federal level under the Davis-Bacon Act for wage payment violations are unable to bid on state public work contracts. Today’s visit assures me that this industry is on the right path and that the Assembly Majority will continue to be a partner in its success.”

“I thank the carpenters for taking time out of their day to highlight this fantastic facility,” said Assemblymember Harry Bronson. “This training facility will offer the next generation of carpenters the skills they need to compete in tomorrow’s environment.” Bronson continued, “I would also like to thank the Speaker for his leadership on the passage of legislation that ensures contractors and subcontractors who are debarred on the federal level under the Davis-Bacon Act for wage payment violations, are unable to bid on state public work contracts and also the passage of legislation that defines what is a “public work” in New York state. Both pieces of legislation, that I authored, will ensure that our hardworking men and women in the trades can earn a good middle-class income for their families and protect taxpayers from contractors who have violated the law.”

Work was completed on the NRCC’s new 45,000 square foot training center in Rochester in Spring 2017. The facility has four classrooms with A/V equipment and a new state-of-the-art welding training space. The total cost of the project was $2.3 million.
PHILADELPHIA MAYOR VISITS PHILADELPHIA TEAM ROOM

In mid-August, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney visited Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters’ Philadelphia Team Room and spoke with Council Representatives about the City’s crackdown on unscrupulous contractors that are committing wage fraud and misclassifying workers.

The Mayor recognized during the meeting that many construction contractors in the City are misclassifying workers and not paying the appropriate City taxes.

“Mayor Kenney recognizes that wage misclassification is an issue in the City and we were pleased to have him visit our Team Room to discuss the issue further,” said Michael Hand, Philadelphia Team Lead. “We plan to meet with him again in the near future and he said he’s open to trying to rectify this issue to ensure that construction workers in the City are paid correctly and the City receives the taxes it’s supposed to from construction contractors.”

During the visit, Hand and NRCC’s local business representatives also discussed the future of construction in the City and the Mayor’s plans for developing new projects in future years.
In July 2017, the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (NRCC) began a campaign to raise awareness for the business and employment practices of Structure Tech, the subcontractor responsible for construction of the concrete super structure, on the new 37-story Park and Shore residential/retail development at 75 Park Lane in Jersey City.

NRCC members are conducting picketing activities outside of the Park and Shore job site to raise awareness to the fact that Structure Tech is failing to pay the area wage standards, health and retirement benefits to its workers and employing out-of-state workers on the Jersey City project. During the concrete super structure construction phase of the project, Structure Tech, based in Mount Vernon, NY, will not be using local labor and will be employing approximately 100 workers from outside of the State of New Jersey.

“This simply put, this is another example of a project that exploits middle class workers, uses cheap, non-local labor and banks on foreign investors for hundreds of millions of dollars in funding in exchange for U.S. visas,” said Bob Satriano, NRCC’s Director of Organizing. “Our organization fights every day to protect the wages, benefits and retirement of hardworking middle-class Americans and we want to raise awareness to just what’s going on behind the scenes on high-rise construction projects like this one in New Jersey and elsewhere throughout the country. Structure Tech is not paying area standard wages and not employing local Jersey City workers who have families here, spend money in the City and pay taxes to our State.”

The Park and Shore luxury development, near the Hudson River waterfront, is utilizing controversial EB-5 visa financing from overseas investors in order to build the project. Two years ago, Strategic Capital, the United States arm of Chinese State Construction Engineering Corporation, raised $110 million from the EB-5 program from 220 foreign investors for the development of the $442 million Park and Shore development. The EB-5 program offers visas to foreign investors who provide more than $500,000 to a development project that generates more than 10 jobs per investor.

Plaza Construction, the general contractor on the Park and Shore project, was charged in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Justice for fraud. The company was ordered to pay $9 million in fines and restitution.

On July 21, Gubernatorial Democratic candidate Phil Murphy joined the NRCC picket line to lend his support to Union carpenters and spoke about how New Jersey projects should be built by New Jersey residents.

Democratic Mayor Steve Fulop is running for re-election this November, is pro-Union and has supported the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters since he began his time in office. We encourage you to support Mayor Fulop this November and call Jersey City Council at (201) 547-5204 to let them know about your opposition to this project.
As a Union Carpenter, you’re likely familiar with the .300 Hitters Program, developed by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBCJA). That program gives our members the opportunity to enhance their knowledge/skills in leadership, communications and marketing to learn how they can help promote our message in the communities where they live and work.

What you may be less familiar with is that we’ve got some real .300 hitters/sluggers in our brotherhood ranks.

This summer, the Local 158 Carpenters won their third consecutive Building Trades softball championship! It was the team’s 2nd championship as Local 158 (the first occurred when they were Local 8). This year’s championship was the team’s 4th consecutive championship appearance as they lost to the Insulators in 2014.

The team stayed together after the merger with Metropolitan Regional Council and didn’t miss a beat.

This year was almost perfect for the team as they went 14-0 during the regular season and swept the first two rounds of the playoffs against the Ironworkers and Electricians.

After losing the first game of the championship series to the Sheet Metal workers, the Carpenters rebounded with three consecutive wins – outscoring their opponents 22-8 – to take home their third straight championship.

The Building Trades Softball League is comprised of 15 teams, 13 different building trades, (Carpenters and Electricians each have two teams) and has been in existence since 1975.

Congratulations to everyone on the Local 158 Championship Softball Team!
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PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Camden Waterfront Redevelopment

CAMDEN, NJ

Members of Local 255 are currently working on the $1.5 billion redevelopment of the City of Camden Waterfront. The redevelopment includes the construction of the new American Water Headquarters, an eight-story hotel, parking garage, retail space and 154 high end housing units.

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Trenton High School

**TRENTON, NJ**

Local 254 members are currently working on the construction of a new high school in Trenton, NJ. The $146 million project, which will be completed in early 2019, is employing 31 carpenters.

Hudson County Vo-Tech

**NORTH BERGEN, NJ**

In Fall 2018, students will walk into the new Hudson County Vo-Tech, a building that will house a number of vocational programs for Hudson County students. The $160 million project, which started in late 2014, is being built with a Project Labor Agreement and is employing 60 carpenters from Local 253.
Long Island Railroad Third Track Project

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

In early 2018, the Long Island Railroad is expected to bid out construction of a third track, which is estimated to cost $1.95 billion. The infrastructure project is part of a larger upgrade to LIRR facilities and includes the construction of seven new crossings, nine bridges, three parking structures, a new command center, new storage yard and 13 power stations. Overall, the project is estimated to cost between $3-4 billion and will employ hundreds of Union carpenters.

Plattsburgh Airport Project Labor Agreement

PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

In August, Clinton County approved the first-ever Project Labor Agreement for a $40 million construction project at the Plattsburgh International Airport. The expansion project will generate approximately 825 construction jobs and 40,000 man-hours.
Vet School at Cornell University

ITHACA, NEW YORK

The Veterinarian School at Cornell University addition and renovation is nearing completion. The $60 million project employed approximately 90 Carpenters over a two-year span.

University of Buffalo

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

The Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Services at the University of Buffalo put over 200 Union Carpenters to work on the $375 million project. The eight-story, 628,000 square foot project began in October 2013 and is expected to be open to medical students in January 2018.
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE STAR CAMPUS

NEWARK, DELAWARE

Union carpenters from the New Castle Team Room are currently working on the construction of a new 10-story building at the University of Delaware Star Campus. The $65 million building, which is a mile from the main University of Delaware campus, will be home to classrooms, research space and offices for start-up companies. Construction of the Tower is set to be finished by mid-2018.

The W Hotel

PHILADELPHIA, PA

The W Hotel is currently under construction at 15th and Chestnut in the City of Philadelphia. Currently, 80-100 carpenters are working on the $250 million project. It is expected to be completed by summer 2018.
On August 28th, Local 177 representatives joined State and Federal officials in Landover Hills, MD for a groundbreaking event to celebrate the start of construction on the Purple Line Light Rail. The $2.2 billion project will include the construction of 21 above ground stations and light rail lines in the Bethesda, Silver Spring, Langley Park, College Park and New Carrollton areas of Maryland. Elected officials who attended the event included: U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao; Maryland State Governor Larry Hogan; and Congressman Anthony Brown of Maryland’s 4th Legislative District. The NRCC was represented by: John Barber, Team Lead and Council Representative of Local 177; Council Representative Henrik Sorensen of Local 177; and Willy Grusholt of Local 179. The new rail line is expected to be completed by 2021.
PHOTO GALLERY

HALL OF FAMER SHAQUILLE O’NEAL TOWERS OVER NEWARK MAYOR RAS BARAKA AND LOCAL 253 STAFF

GEORGE SCHRECK, TOM HURLEY, GARRISON KECK, LIZETTE DELGADO-POLANCO, PHIL MURPHY, PETER GOWING, ANTHONY VERRELLI, PEDRO NAVEDO

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN VISITS THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER JOHN BALLANTYNE, PRESIDENT & NEW JERSEY REGIONAL MANAGER BILL SPROULE, AND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE PHIL MURPHY
Did you know that many of our Locals have websites and social media pages to help them communicate the good things that they are doing for members and their communities?

We encourage you to visit and follow these sites to keep up to date on the latest with the Council and our Locals.
IN REMEMBRANCE

Rest in peace to our Brothers and Sisters that we lost in 2017.
These pages are dedicated to the memory and impact that they had as Union Carpenters.
David Bey, 60, tragically passed away while working on Camden Towers in Camden, NJ on September 14th. Bey, a 37 year member of the Carpenters Union, was a piledriver with Local 179. Bey, also known as "Hand Grenade," was inducted into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame earlier this year. His biggest fight came on March 15, 1985 in Las Vegas, when he went up against Larry Holmes for the world heavyweight title. Rest In Peace Brother Bey.

Donations for Bey's family expenses can be made at https://www.gofundme.com/david-bey-memorial-fund