

Draft of the Branch 380 Minutes October 12, 2004

Pres. Van Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. There were 25 Members present. The flag salute and roll call were taken. The attendance award went to Brother Bob Keener. The previous minutes were read by the Asst. Secretary Roth and approved with corrections. **Communications:** Asst. Sec. Roth read a thank you from Sister Brenda Cowan. Brenda related that donations totaling \$1,390.00 from all stations helped pay for Brother John Kubic's funeral. **Membership:** New member's names were read: Richard L. Cecil, Jr. and Kevin J. Derrico. Welcome! **Safety Report:** Rep. Harrison stated that Oct. is fire prevention month. Make sure that your station has a fire drill. In January, all station managers will be required to attend the safety meeting. **Branch Picnic:** No report. **Legislation:** Election Day is November 2, 2004. **National Convention:** Pres. Van Wagner is still waiting for 7 out of 11 reports from the delegates to the July Convention. **NALC Health Benefits:** Pres. Van Wagner stated that next month is open season. Look into the NALC health benefit plan; it is comparable to those other plans. If more members join, the better the benefits will be. **Retirees Dinner:** Sec. Zerrenner stated that the dinner was a success. All who attended had a great time. Rick thanked his committee and Mark Van Wagner for their help. Next year's dinner will be on Oct 23, 2005 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Angeloni's Cedar Garden. **MCLU:** Rep. Britton stated that the CLC was holding a Collective Bargaining Class Oct. 27, thru Dec. 8. Every Saturday in Oct., Labor Walks are being held. These walks are to urge union members to vote for Kerry. On Election Day, Nov. 2, Union Volunteer Workers can earn \$50.00. Report to the Colonial Fire House. **Retirees Rep:** Sherm Britton described how in the 1960's, instead of rubber bands they used leather straps and had leather bags. **NBA-NSBA:** Rep. Davis urged members to look into the Target 65 plan. The monthly rate never changes. At 65 you stop paying. The maturity plan is paying 6% until the end of the 2004 year. **OWCP Rep:** No Report. **MDA Report:** Marty D'Autrechy stated that all canisters must be in by the next shop stewards meeting. There will be a brown bag collection for the March of Dimes.

The President called a brief recess for the Aid Society, after which the Reg. meeting was reconvened.

Officers Report: Assistant Secretary Report: No Report. **Secretary Report:** No Report. **Financial Secretary-Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Ratkiewicz read the report and it was approved. **Vice President/Chief Shop Steward Report:** Bill Malkin cautioned the members that if two bosses team up on you while asking questions, ask to have your shop steward present or else tell them that the second supervisor must leave. **Trustees Report:** Trustee Roth read the semi annual audit report from July 1, 2004 thru Dec. 31, 2004. A motion to accept the audit was made and approved unanimously. **Presidents Report:** Pres. Van Wagner stated that management has officially changed some starting times to 7:30 a.m. At the L/M meeting, Annex building and vehicle cleanliness was discussed. 7 PTFs will make regular on Sat. 10/16. Management is requiring all carriers to be in proper uniform. T-shirts are allowed while in the office. Branch 380 has a new website. This was created by Bill Malkin (son of Branch VP). Webmaster Malkin gave a presentation about the new website, nalcbranch380.com. We are looking into having our picnic at a new location. The President reiterated that National Convention Delegates are required to submit a report. Those who do not comply will have to answer to the membership. There was a special meeting attended by over 30 carriers on Thurs. 9/30 in response to an anonymous letter regarding management's behavior and working conditions at the Annex. Packets were handed out to the members, with enclosed forms to help carriers identify and report mistreatment by management. No reports have been turned in as of this date. The President stated that if the union gets hard evidence on bad behavior action will be taken. The Knights of Labor Dinner will be on October 22. Color coded calendars are on order. Branch 380 needs election volunteers; if you are interested please tell the Pres. We have 5 members who are interested in being an alternate shop steward. Training will be given soon. Branch 380 notified management that Route 1074 (204b Tony D.) needs to go up for bid due to the four month rule. Washington Breakfast will be March 1-3, 2004. Tim O'Malley Rap session will be March 6-8, 2004 at the Trop in Atlantic City. The State Convention will be May 15-17, 2004 at the Hilton in Atlantic City. **Old Business:** Kelly Roth motioned to fully fund 10 seats to the Knights of Labor dinner at \$85.00 per person and pay \$200.00 for a full page ad instead of the \$300.00 last thought. The motion was approved unanimously. **New Business:** Rick Zerrenner motioned for the Executive Board to make a determination on paying Bill Malkin (the Webmaster) for his work and the costs incurred making our new website. The motion was approved unanimously. **Nominations:** The First round of nominations was accepted for both the Washington Congressional Breakfast and the New Jersey State Convention. The Second and final round of nominations will be accepted at the Regular Branch Meeting in November.

The Lists of members that were nominated are on a separate page due to the length of the lists. (see page 2)

The 50/50 winner is Rick Zerrenner.
\$55.00 to MDA plus Rick Zerrenner donated \$10.00 making \$65.00 donated to MDA.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Washington Congressional Breakfast Nominees

Andres Algarin	Jim Barbuto	Sherm Britton	John Clark
Dave Compton	Jesse Davis	Betty Dawson	Dan Fasanella
Pat Gutterson	Vivian Harrison	Charles Jones	Natalia Minkovsky
Joe Mooney	Brian Olive	Tiffany Pruess	Bill Roth
Bill Sample	Jose Santiago	Bob Stacer	Willy Wells
Brenda Wisniewski		Jim White	

2004 Jersey State Convention Nominees

Andres Algarin	Jim Barbuto	Sherm Britton	John Clark
Jocelyn Colombani	Dave Compton	Jesse Davis	Dan Fasanella
Mike Fink	Vivian Harrison	Jim Howarth	Charles Jones
Natalia Minkovsky	Joe Mooney	Brian Olive	Tiffany Pruess
Bill Roth	Bill Sample	Jose Santiago	Willy Wells
Brenda Wisniewski			