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Local 891 AFL - CIO

October 2026

Principal Rating

Members are reminded they only have 30 days to grieve a Principal's Rating. Any member wanting to grieve a rating should contact the Grievance Chairperson.

Renewals

Please be aware of your license and permit renewal date. Apply and renew on time to avoid fees and disciplinary action.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL RENEWALS MUST BE DONE ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

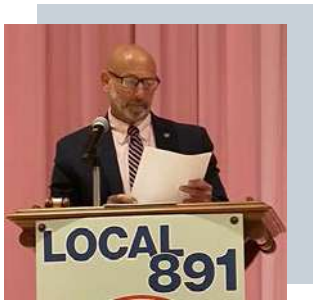
General Membership Meeting

The Next General Membership will be November 5th at 7:00 PM in the Bronx at DeWitt Clinton High School 100 W Mosholu Pkwy S, Bronx, NY 10468

Variable Rate

Variable Rate Unit Value for September $207.281

Business Manager's Report



Thank you to all the members of Local 891 that came to the October General Membership meeting held at Bayside High School to welcome our newest members into our ranks. Once again, congratulations to our newest members and welcome to the best Union in New York!! As I stated at the meeting, you are the future of this Union. We understand that everyone has busy lives and obligations that occupy our time, but please try to attend the General Membership meetings held once a month, September through June. Not only do you receive valuable information that can help you in the day-to-day operation of your assignments, but you are able to meet and talk directly with the Chair Officers, Borough Chairpersons, and Committee Chairs. Congratulations to the members that received milestone year pins and blood donor awards as well.

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. Early voting starts on October 24th. I encourage you all to vote for candidates who have shown that they stand with labor.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the members of Local 891 and the Chair Officers, to thank Nicholas Souto for his years of service to the members of Local 891 as both Staten Island Borough Chairperson and Treasurer. We wish you success as you step into this bright new chapter of your career.

Electronic Communications

September 7th - Happy Labor Day!
September 14th- Engineers Protective
September 16th- Upcoming A2L Class Schedule
September 16th- Passing of Active CE Peter Weber
September 18th- Swearing In Provisionals
September 23rd- Nicholas Souto to Resign as 891 Treasurer
September 22nd- Anniversary Pins
September 24th- Next Certified Pool Operator Courses
September 24th- Passing of Retired CE David "Dave" Carrigan
September 25th- Passing of Retired CE Alan Casciano Q137
September 25th - Water Flushing Protocol Circular
September 29th- October Holiday
September 29th-Beneficiaries
September 29th- Water Flushing Protocol
September 30th - Asbestos Screening

The Following members are receiving Anniversary Pins for their tireless years of service!

40-Year Members

Richard Gorgoglione

35-Year Members

Stephen Williams James Okeefe Robert Cetina Anthony Canales Joseph Shannon

Patrick Mcgovern

30-Year Members

Mateo Turturici Joseph Randazzo James Martinez Gerasimos Kavalieratos

Carl Smith Mario Ferrer Darko Krsulic David Menoscal Joseph Desetto

Michael O Neill Charles Scales Frank Geraci Christopher Contreras Cuneyt Ozcan

Frank Sirabella Eugene Devane

25-Year Members

Daniel Delgrosso James Orlando Joseph Gargiulo Curtis Pelle Jose Dejesus

Gianluca Marino Fouad Ahmed Manuel Rodriguez Michael Lydon Charles Harvey

Andrzej Kula Joseph Elliott Nicholas Raffellini Paul Townes Adriel Carreras

Michael Sarrocco Felix Torres Gerardo Gutierrez Jr.

20- Year Members

Philip Navetta Darren Bell Victor Zuniga Karen Ferraro Hilce Minguela

Albert Negron Steven Reynolds Joseph D Ambrosia Sharese Lesley Frank Deveglio

Dimitrious Myers Donald Tierney Andrew Boden Joseph Vascellaro

Seamus Dooley Theresa Dicristi Frank Astarita Kevin McCormick David Gronock

Philip Olszewski Michael Scalici Louis Granato Kevin Burke Peter Cofano

Brian Thomas Alejandro Deno Andrew Knee David Correa Joseph Cordero

Kyriako Triantafillopou Jasper Facultad Louis Bartolomeo Jr. Harold Kane Floyd Ageda

Rafael Caraballo John Griffith

15-Year Members

Christopher Donnelly Nikolaos Soulas Linda Mcmanus Mohammad Islam
Eddie Garay Joseph Montetna Nikola Maljevic

10-Year Members

Christopher Dorazio Luis Orellana Joseph Cantor John Nolan Stephen Hourihan

Wayne Eckler Brendan Lynch Eduard Garcia Andrew Mckenna Tabatha Santiago

Hector Ramos II David Rodriguez Michael Lowrey Thomas Dalessio III

Hun Peng Edward Canfield Brian Fisher Jason Marano Joseph Otero

Jefersson Noriega Nicholas Anderson Michael Lanzi Judith Koonce Anthony Iacone

John Harley Christopher Gargiulo April Fino Martin Feeney John Delvino

Anthony Crivellone Steven Cordero Frank Cardinale Jose Barquet

Patrick O Sullivan Christopher Yulfo Charles Mazzotta Miquel Lago

Marco Hernandez Mansoo Chung Jorge Vargas Luis Cruz

Konstantinos Triantafillopoulos Dante Laplaca Michael Giardina Ronald Ziemak

Susan Werner Richard Vanpelt Tobiasz Murdzek Frank Lossman Guillermo Gonzalez

5-Year Members

Tyrell Miller Samuel Rodriguez Nicholas Moschonas Robert Petry Arisleyda Almonte

Paula Wydra Thamashwar Veerasawny Zaheer Kalamadeen Nabil Nassier

David Labush Jose Cruz John Pomilla Joseph Morales Michael Madera

Michael Mundy Anna Purpura Fredy Lee Danilo Cepeda Tyler Pastori

1-Year Members

Skyler Brownlee Cecilio Cordero Carlos Baez Joseph Dellino Nathan Maldonado
Nicholas Maddocks Thomas Suarez Marios Pantelidis Emmanuel Rodriguez

Christian Manno Scott Schultz Jose Taveras Kristin Dawson Wade Ryan

Christopher Jimenez Harry Miller Dennis Gonzalez James Britt Joseph Doqaj

Business Manager/ President Andrew Samberg and Vice President Kieran McKivergan attend the 82nd IUOE New York State Conference of Operating Engineers

891 Business Manager/President Andrew Samberg and Vice President Kieran McKivergan with IUOE Local 15 President Thomas Callahan

Legislative

Daniel Danvers, Legislative Committee Chairperson

EARLY VOTING: OCTOBER 24TH – NOVEMBER 1ST , 2026
GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3RD, 2026

NYC's Working Hands Deserve a Strong Voice at the Ballot Box

New York City has always been built by the hands, hearts, and determination of working people. From custodian engineers and staff in our public schools, the subway operators who keep our city moving before dawn, to the nurses who care for us through the night, to the teachers shaping the next generation — labor is the lifeblood of our five boroughs.

As the upcoming elections approach, it's worth remembering that every vote is a tool for shaping the conditions in which we work, live, and thrive. This is not about party lines or political labels — it's about ensuring that the voices of working New Yorkers are heard loud and clear.

Labor issues are not abstract. They are the paycheck that covers rent, the safety measures that protect workers on construction sites, the fair scheduling that allows parents to be present for their children, and the benefits that keep families healthy. These are the everyday realities that hinge on policy decisions made by those we elect.

Voting is more than a civic duty — it's an act of solidarity. When working people show up at the polls, they send a message: that fair wages, safe workplaces, and respect for labor are not negotiable.

This election season, let's honor the contributions of every worker — union or non-union, public or private sector — by making sure our ballots reflect the dignity of labor. The future of our city depends on it.

HOSPITALIZATION

Kevin Troy, Hospitalization Committee Chairperson

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The City is starting a Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit (DEVA) for employees and retirees who have family members covered under a City health plan. Health Management Systems, Inc. (HMS) will mail letters in stages to members who need to verify their covered spouses, domestic partners, or children.

If you already verified your dependents with the NYC Health Benefits Program between 2023 and 2026, the city says you should not have to do it again or receive a letter from HMS.

If a letter does arrive, please read it carefully. It will tell you what documents to provide, how to send them, and when they are due. Send copies, not originals, and wait until you receive your letter before submitting documents. Dependents whose eligibility is not verified by the deadline could lose their city health coverage.

The City's DEVA page has the approximate mailing schedule, a sample HMS letter, and answers to common questions.

Whether or not you expect a letter, this is a good time to review your health benefits information. DOE employees can use NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) to check their current health plan and covered dependents, and confirm their mailing address under Personal Details, then Home Address. Retirees can update their health benefits mailing address using the City's Retiree Change of Address Form.

While you are reviewing your coverage, please keep the annual Fall Health Benefits Transfer Period in mind. It is usually held November 1 through November 30, but the city has not yet confirmed the 2026 dates. I will share the official notice when it becomes available.

If you have questions about your health benefits, please contact me at hospitalization@local891.com.

Fraternally,
Kevin Troy
Hospitalization Committee Chairperson

SUPPLY

Harry Cender, Supply Committee Chairperson

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

About The Supply Budget Distribution

The annual supply budget is a crucial part of our operations, distributed in two phases. Approximately 80% is allocated at the start of the fiscal year, with the remaining balance issued later. Budgets are categorized under Supplies and Set Aside, and while funds may be moved between these two categories as needed, all transfers must be approved by your DDF in FAMIS. Any transfer of funds into Equipment accounts must first be reviewed and approved by the DDF.

A Reminder About Temporary Care Assignments

Custodian engineers with a T/C must manage the supply budget effectively during their 8-week assignment. It's important not to exhaust the whole supply budget, as all remaining funds will roll over to the next assigned T/C. Outgoing members must share the order history with incoming engineers and maintain copies of all supply-related records.

Also, ensure that there are supplies for the incoming T/C to get started. Please note that it may take up to two weeks for them to gain access to Famis and Galaxy. None of us likes it when we have to start a T/C by scrambling to get supplies to the building.

Vendor Issues and Program Support

Custodian Engineers should continue to contact vendors directly and CC their BPA for order-related issues, including delayed deliveries, shortages, damaged items, incorrect items, incorrect pricing, or delivery coordination.

Reminders

Custodian Engineers are responsible for monitoring expenditures, complying with procurement rules, maintaining required documentation, and making fiscally responsible purchasing decisions. Custodian Engineers must use approved vendors, approved catalog items, and approved procurement processes whenever possible. Custodian Engineers must contact their BPA for questions about programs, catalogs, vendors, quotes, procurement, or ordering.

Fraternally,
Harry W. Cender
Supplies Committee Chairperson

NYC CENTRAL COUNCIL

Richard Gorgoglione & Judith Koonce, Delegates

Greetings Brothers and sisters

The September meeting of the New York Central Labor Council was held in person on 9/17/26. Secretary- treasurer, Janella Hinds opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance . This was followed by a moment of silence for all workers who lost their lives on the job or traveling to or from the job.

Two new delegates were sworn in by the Secretary -treasurer. Secretary - treasurer Hinds made mention of supporting working families by having Labor path to universal childcare providers. This report was followed by the President's report. President Griffith highlighted the Labor Day March that replaced the Annual Labor Day Parade. The Labor Day March was held on Tuesday, September 8,2026 at 4:30 PM. The March was on a small scale this year because of scheduling conflict. President Griffith believed that even though the march did not have the attendance numbers as the annual parade; the event was very cohesive because the various unions had a chance to mingle.

President Griffith also focused on the Labor Day Mass that took place on September 12 at the Workers Chapel W. 33rd St. The President of the AFL-CIO Mario Cilantro was in attendance as was the New York City Comptroller, Tom D'Napoli. The message at the Chapel highlighted and paid tribute to the 631 Union members that lost their lives during the 9/11/2001 World Trade Center attacks 25 years ago . The sermon also recognized the workers that survived these vicious attacks and continued living or working in the area of south of Canal Street after. President Griffith urged everyone to take a deeper look into where there were the days following 9/11 and to put themselves on the world trade registry if they have not done so already.

The President reported that a Gallop Poll showed that 71% of people approve of labor unions among the younger workers, aged 18 years to 30 years. President Griffith left us with the union motto," Our City, Our Fight, Our Future ".

The next delegates monthly meeting will be held on October 15, 2026, virtually, via zoom . Brothers and sisters if you have not register to vote and consider candidates that are Union friendly.

Thank you.
In Unity,
Sister Judith Koonce

Blood Bank

Evan Manca, Blood Bank Committee Chairperson

The Following Members received Certificates for Gallon Donation Milestones

Guy Tedaldi	11 Gallons
Richard Gorgoglione	9 Gallons
Authur Polosino	3 Gallons
Jose Pego	2 Gallons
Robert Calamia	1 Gallon

FMLA

William Carroll, FMLA Committee Chairperson

Good day Folks,

All members should continue to correspond diligently via phone or email with absolve insurance and their respective time keeper when taking paid family leave.

Submitting an application request 30 days prior to a leave is critical. It allows for the application to fully process. There are special circumstances on a case by case basis.

All members should consider PFL if a qualifying event occurs, i.e. child bonding. This is a great benefit for Local 891 members.

Please inquire with any questions about paid family leave or FMLA to the email fmlassistance@local891.com or directly via phone @ 917-903-0335.

In Solidarity,
Will Carroll

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Lionel Santiago, Occupational Health & Safety Committee Chairperson

WHY YOU SHOULD SIGN UP FOR THE LOCAL 891 ASBESTOS SCREENING

I would like to have at least 50 attendees to the next asbestos screening. This is a super valuable service that was fought for and should be utilized by all eligible members of the the union (10 years of combined service - 74/32BJ/94/891). Breakfast will be provided for you.

Click this link to for the form to apply for the screening.

Components of an Asbestos Screening Test

An asbestos screening test is a structured medical evaluation designed to detect possible asbestos-related lung disease and assess exposure effects. According to U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and CDC guidelines, the core components include:

1. Medical History Interview
   - Review of occupational, environmental, and personal exposure history to asbestos.
   - Documentation of relevant work, hobbies, or living conditions that may involve asbestos.
   - Assessment of symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain.
2. Comprehensive Physical Examination
   - Inspection and palpation of the chest and lungs.
   - Auscultation for abnormal breath sounds.
   - Assessment of general health and other risk factors.
3. Chest Radiograph (Postero-Anterior X-ray)
   - Primary imaging tool to detect lung changes such as pleural plaques, fibrosis, or nodules.
   - Helps identify patterns consistent with asbestos-related disease.
4. Pulmonary Function Test (PFT)
   - Measures lung volumes and airflow to detect restrictive or mixed obstructive/restrictive patterns.
   - Commonly includes forced vital capacity (FVC), forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV_1), and diffusion capacity (DL_o) for gas exchange.
   - Abnormal PFTs can indicate early asbestosis or other interstitial lung disease.
5. A detailed, comprehensive result report will be sent to you afterwards. You can share this report with your doctors and healthcare professionals.

Local 891 Welcomes!

Giordano James Gargiulo

was born on July 30, 2026,
to parents Jeannie & George Gargiulo
and big sister Audrey
Grandson of Susan Werner, Custodian Engineer X192

In Memoriam

Peter Weber

Condolences to:
Gloria Weber (Spouse)
218-30 94th Avenue
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David Carrigan

Condolences to:
Stanley Carrigan (Brother)
24 Shore Avenue
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Alan Casciano

Condolences to:
Alphonse and Sarah Casciano (Children)
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