

December 3, 2014

Fellow Union Members-

Membership continues to grow as we welcome Mark Brown back to the Union and also another member who wishes for their name not to appear in a posting. Welcome back to both. If management is no good for anything else, it is at least good for Union business.

Long sleeve shirts will be here on Saturday, 12/6. I pick them up in Philly tomorrow, so have your money ready if you ordered one.

All full time regulars who were on any one of the ODLs last March will be receiving \$147 in this week's paycheck as a result of a grievance. The total payout was \$15,000 which was settled at Pre-arb by President John Gibson. It was a couple of grievances filed by Floyd, so thank him. Also, some Tour 2 Mail Handlers will be receiving payments for a couple of MHAs on OT grievances. Again, thank Floyd. If you have any questions, see me.

We will be setting a record this year for grievances filed, although I'm sure nobody would find that hard to believe. Sometimes people feel it is better to be feared than respected and that is exactly how it seems with this management regime. "Let's work together but only at the things I tell you to do", seems to be their philosophy. The only time the contract is considered is when they want to invoke it, not when your rights are on the line. Not only have the number of grievances risen dramatically, but so has the number of EAS and supervisory positions. I know that probably comes as a shock to most of you, but it's true.

The Union meeting is next Friday, 12/12. Please stop in the office and sign up if you are going to attend, even if you just stop by to grab something to eat and get your name entered in the gift certificate raffle. President Gibson and Treasurer Mohan will be there with updates on the state of our local.

Stay United, Stay Strong

*Sean*