



# IT IS CRUNCH TIME!



As we approach what could very well be the most critical juncture in the history of the United States Postal Service, many of us are still sitting on the sidelines. This is no time for apathy Brothers and Sisters as the future of the Postal Service and your very livelihood hangs in the balance. As we have previously reported, although certainly imperfect, the Senate was able to push through Postal reform legislation (S. 1789) while the House sat on their ideologically obstructionists hands as they have done on virtually every piece of worker friendly legislation since 2010. It is now very unlikely that any Postal legislation designed to set our Service on a course to fis-

cal stability, thereby protecting our jobs, can occur in the 112th congress. It is under this scenario that the stakes in this year's election have risen to unprecedented heights for all of us. There are those in Congress who would like nothing more than to sell our jobs off to the highest bidders, dismantling the more than 200 year institution and National Treasure, the United States Postal Service. Sadly, many of you are willing to sit back and let it happen. We all have an opportunity... more than that; we have an OBLIGATION to vote into office those who will champion the causes and agenda of working men and women. While it may be true that the faith of the American

people has been challenged by the inability of our representatives in Congress to advance an agenda that supports, protects, or creates jobs, instead choosing to play an ideological game of one-upmanship. There is still a great opportunity for you to send a message and take a hands-on approach to preserving decent middle class jobs, including your own, by becoming engaged in the election and legislative process and casting a vote for those who have your economic well being as their priority. This is the very least you can do to save your own job. VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!! In Solidarity, John Gibson

## South Jersey & Trenton Branch Meetings



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON!

Local 308's MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is now underway as we invite all current non-members to get off the sidelines and join the fight. As our National Office continues to fight the Postal Service for a fair and decent contract that **ALL** Mail Handlers will enjoy and at the same time battle the anti-worker representatives on Capitol Hill in our collective struggle for Postal reform. It is time for those of you who are not in this Union to get on board. Whatever differences you may have with this Union, they pale in comparison to what could happen if you do not stand with us as we fight those who want to tear us down. Protecting the rights we have achieved is difficult work there is no doubt about it, and as many of you know, every day, in just about every facility across this Local, there is some act of malevolence committed against a mail handler by some misguided manager. You know this to be true because you have witnessed it or worse yet, experienced it. If not for this Union, who then, would stand with you to fight the injustice? Picture, for a moment, the dark landscape of inequity, deception, mistrust, mistreatment and god knows what else that would exist in a workplace without this Union. For those of you I proudly call my Brothers and Sisters you know this already and you know that the strength of the Labor Movement lies with the commitment of its members. The greater the membership, the stronger the movement, it is that simple. I urge you to share your understanding with those who do not yet see this truth.

### THE RULES:

**ANY MEMBER** who signs up a non-member during the membership drive will receive \$25. **TO BE CLEAR, ANY MEMBER, you DO NOT** have to be a Shop Steward or Union Officer to be eligible. Further, **ANY MEMBER** who signs up ten new members in a calendar year will also receive a Mail Handler jacket. The drive is on now and will run through the end of the year. See any union representative for a sign up form and get out there and encourage those who enjoy many of the benefits of membership but do not pay their fair share.

## LABOR DAY PARADE



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