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President Pierce: Delivering opening remarks at the BLET's 150th anniversary celebration in Detroit on May 8.

A CELEBRATION 150 YEARS IN THE MAKING

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MAY 8, 2013, WAS A PROUD DAY FOR A PROUD UNION AS THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN — the oldest labor union in North America — marked its 150th anniversary with ceremonies in the city of Detroit, Mich., where the Organization was founded on May 8, 1863.

The day featured 24 guest speakers as well as the presentation of a commemorative 150th anniversary video. The video is available on YouTube for those who did not attend the anniversary celebration. The day ended with a celebratory dinner and dance.

The celebration also featured an extensive display of priceless Broth-

erhood artifacts, a trip to Greenfield Village, and a 150th anniversary fund raising golf tournament.

"Our goal was to recognize our 150th anniversary in a dignified and appropriate way," BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce said. "I think we accomplished that by thanking our members and letting everyone know that we have

been proud to be American, proud to be Union for 150 years."

The Brotherhood has garnered national recognition on its 150th anniversary, including a congratulatory letter from U.S. Vice President Joe Biden. The Brotherhood has also received numerous other proclamations and congratulatory letters from members of the

U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and various state and local governments.

See pages 4-6 of this issue for more information. Also, watch your mailboxes for the upcoming Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen Journal. The magazine will also have a special section devoted to the 150th anniversary celebration. @@

Unions join forces to fight carrier's implementation of inward cameras

During a meeting with the Presidents of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and the SMART Transportation Division on April 24, 2013, Kansas City Southern Railway announced that it intends to install and begin to use inward facing cameras in all of its locomotives over the next few weeks. According to KCS, each locomotive will have two (2) cameras, one behind the engineer focused on the control panel and one across the cab focusing on both crew members. (Some locomotives with

cameras installed already are in use in Mexico; others are being fitted for cameras in Shreveport.) The carrier told the two Presidents that it has "management prerogative" to take these actions and does not have to, and does not intend to, bargain with the unions over the use of these cameras, or the effects of this dramatic change on its operating craft employees. Without notifying the unions, that same day KCS filed suit in federal district court in Shreveport, LA, to obtain a ruling allowing it to implement its plan.

Upon learning of these developments, BLET National President Dennis Pierce and Mike Futhey, President – SMART Transportation Division, together told the carrier that both unions vehemently disagree that the carrier has the right to install and use inward-facing cameras unilaterally without exhausting the bargaining processes of the Railway Labor Act. The two Presidents and leadership of both unions view this as a serious change in working conditions and have agreed to work closely to resist its implementation. A

coordinated effort is being undertaken in response. Not only will both unions be fervently opposing KCS's lawsuit, they will be asking the court to enjoin the carrier from going ahead with its plan.

As of now, and until the court has issued a ruling regarding the parties' respective rights, the carrier has agreed not to turn on or use the cameras. Union members who work for KCS on a locomotive that has a camera installed should request assurances from the proper carrier officials that the camera is not turned on

and not in use. Any instance where that assurance is not given should be immediately reported to your General Chairperson. Also, to avoid any possibility of discipline, no member should attempt to move, cover or otherwise tamper with the cameras they encounter. Your cooperation in this manner is vital.

Lastly, please rest assured that your unions are diligently working to protect you and your interests in this matter. We will leave no legal stone unturned to oppose the carrier on this issue. @@

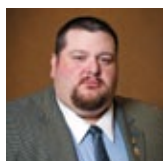
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BLET PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DENNIS R. PIERCE

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

THE KEY TO OUR NEXT 150 YEARS

This edition of the *Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen News* goes to print as we wrap up our celebration of the Brotherhood's 150th year. An anniversary as significant as ours should not only give all members something to be proud of; it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on where our proud Union will go moving forward, and this month's message gives me a chance to share some of the things I see as vital to our future.

First, we must redouble our efforts to get more members involved in the union, and in their very future. An active membership is a strong membership, and we are at a time in our history where our strength is being challenged daily. Not only are we under attack from anti-union politicians and their corporate sponsors, but technology is bringing changes to the workplace that require our constant attention.

One of our strongest weapons in this fight is our Education and Training Department. We live in an age where an active and educated membership is a powerful membership, and it is imperative that our members and officers are provided with educational opportunities. To that end, I recently attended the first ever Railway Labor Act (RLA) training program put on by the Teamsters Leadership Academy (TLA). This class was a truly cooperative effort by the International Union, the Rail Conference, the Airline Division, and the two Divisions of the Rail Conference, BLET and BMWED. It was my honor, along with International Vice President and Director of the Airline Division George Miranda, to deliver opening remarks to the class, which



Railway Labor Act Training: BLET members and officers meet Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa in his office following completion of the Teamster Leadership Academy workshop on the Railway Labor Act, held from May 29-31 at Teamsters Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Photo: International Brotherhood of Teamsters

was made up of both railway and airline officers and members.

The railway and airline membership of the IBT have something in common, and that is that they both work under the very unique rules and regulations of the RLA. While the RLA is the only rule that BLET and its membership have worked under since its passage in 1926, new bargaining units are being added to the growing Airline Division, requiring that representatives from other Teamster Locals become conversant with the RLA.

As part of the recent class, National Secretary-Treasurer Bill Walpert and Vice President Marcus Ruef both made presentations on the history and the day-to-day workings of the RLA. Rick Inclima, BMWED Director of Safety, also made a powerful presentation to the group on whistleblower protection provided to Railroads Workers through the Rail

Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

The feedback that I received after the class was that all who attended came away with a new found knowledge of the world that their union must function in. Whether it be the grievance handling procedures of Section 3 of the Act, or the bargaining procedures of Section 6, the level of information provided to the class made all who attended better able represent their membership. I also would like to add my personal thanks to the Cindy Impala, Director of Teamsters Training and Development, and her department for allowing BLET to partner in preparing the class. I would also like to thank the BLET members and officers who attended the class, who are listed below in alphabetical order:

Edward E. Blaine, Division 87; **Frank Brennan**, Division 255; **David K. Brown**, Division 517; **A. Dan Cook III**, National

Division Staff; **Karl F. Edler III**, Division 482; **Mark A. Elkins**, Division 271; **John F. Fink**, National Division Staff; **Herbert Harris Jr.**, Division 482; **James P. Louis**, Division 421; **Daniel K. Maynard**, Division 271; **John D. McCoy**, Division 607; **G.L. Pack**, Division 316; **Patrick M. Redmond**, Division 607; **H.L. Sawyer Jr.**, Division 316; and **Kevin J. Sexton**, Division 269.

This joint RLA Class is just one component of BLET's comprehensive Education and Training program, and my goal is to build on this experience to create more training opportunities for all officers and members. Before we look to tomorrow, I would be remiss if I did not thank those who have brought our Education and Training program to its current strength. National Secretary-Treasurer Walpert has headed up BLET's E&T program for years and his contributions have been invaluable.

Coordinator of Education and Training Ken Kroeger has also played a key role in making BLET's E&T program the industry leader. Ken will be retiring this year, and he will be sorely missed by me and by the many officers and members that have attended the one-on-one classroom training that he taught.

Moving forward, the BLET of tomorrow will move beyond only offering one-on-one classroom training to online training, so that we can take advantage of every opportunity to provide educational opportunities to the membership and to BLET officers. Our very survival relies on us becoming better educated and more active and mobilized. You have my commitment to that goal, and I ask that you join me by participating in every way that you can.

DENNIS R. PIERCE
BLET NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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BLET NATIONAL DIVISION ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Official communications between BLET members and the National Division require a hard copy of the correspondence, bearing a signature, being received by the National President to be considered an “official communication.” This is to provide that the actual question(s) are addressed, and ensures that when official

interpretations are made they have reference to a specific request and can be used in future correspondence.

The volume of e-mails received makes it impossible for the National President to answer all unofficial communications. Therefore, it is the policy of the BLET that e-mails addressed to the National President will be reviewed and forwarded to

the appropriate officer or staff for a timely response; however, an e-mail message is not considered an official communication.

Moreover, anonymous e-mails and e-mails that do not provide sufficient information concerning the sender to enable National Division staff to confirm the sender's membership status will not receive any reply or acknowledgement. This poli-

cy is intended to allow the National President to be aware of the opinions and suggestions of the membership, while at the same time providing a timely response to the member's unofficial communication, if a response is necessary, without needlessly expending limited BLET resources.

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GENERAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JAMES P. HOFFA

TEAMSTERS HONOR BLET'S 150-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The following is a statement by Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa and General Secretary-Treasurer Ken Hall on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen.

We want to congratulate the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen on attaining 150 years of strong union representation for countless hardworking men and women in the rail industry across North America.

As America's earliest labor union, the BLET's perseverance guided and protected the employees who worked the railroads, creating the early foundations of our country's economy. No amount of

praise should be spared when congratulating you on 150 years of solid representation. As the first union to hammer out a contract with the railroads, the BLET set the standard for others to follow. Teamsters are honored to count BLET members among our Teamster brothers and sisters.

James R. Hoffa, was born 100 years ago this year on February 14, 1913. Part of his legacy was realized when you chose to affiliate with our union in 2004, thus joining the most powerful union in North America and the union that truly represents the entire transportation and product-delivery system. From port workers to truck drivers to airline pilots, and now with the loyal membership of the BLET within our great union, we truly are the most comprehensive labor organization when it comes to passenger and product transportation from both coasts.

We salute your founding President, William D. Robinson, for his vision and the thousands of rank-and-file members of the BLET who have stepped forward over the years to continue the legacy of strong leadership and membership protection that have been hallmarks of your union.

The men and women of the BLET are among the most dedicated members in the Teamsters Union. Thank you for that, and keep up the good work. We look forward to the successes ahead in the next 150 years of the BLET."

Fraternally,

JAMES P. HOFFA
TEAMSTERS GENERAL PRESIDENT
AND
KEN HALL
GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER



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Lyons elected General Chairman of CSX-Northern Lines GCA

William P. Lyons was elected General Chairman of the CSX-Northern Lines General Committee of Adjustment at meetings in Detroit, Mich., that concluded on May 8.

Immediately prior to his election, Brother Lyons had served the GCA as 1st Vice General Chairman and Acting General Chairman. Brother Lyons is a CSX locomotive engineer and a member of BLET Division 34 (Columbus, Ohio). He first joined the Brotherhood on September 1, 2003.

The following GCA officers were also elected during the meeting: 1st Vice General Chairman J.D. Scott, Division 34 (Columbus, Ohio); 2nd Vice General Chairman Rod R. Bloedow, Division 937 (Toledo, Ohio); Secretary-Treasurer Ted R. Mann, Division 100 (Danville, Ill.); Eastern Region Vice General Chairman Marty G. Crothers, Division 231 (Philadelphia, Pa.); Western Region Vice General Chairman Abe Vasquez, Division 582 (Blue Island, Ill.); Midwest Region Vice General Chairman Don C. Zatteau, Division 286 (Grand Rapids, Mich.); and Central Region Vice General Chairman Bill E. Rominski III, Division 370 (Pittsburgh, Pa.).

The following Alternate GCA officers were also elected: 1st Alternate General Chairman David R. Woods, Division 246 (Evansville, Ind.); 2nd Alternate Vice General Chairman Anthony L. Stall, Division 894 (Columbus, Ohio); Alternate Secretary-Treasurer Chris C. Colucy, Division 526 (Willard, Ohio); Alternate Eastern Region Vice General Chairman Greg L.



From left: Chris Colucy, Alternate S-T; Marty Crothers, Eastern Region VGC; Ted Mann, S-T; Rod Bloedow, 2nd VGC; Don Zatteau, Midwest Region VGC; Bill Rominski, Central Region VGC; Bill Lyons, General Chairman; David Woods, 1st Alternate GC; J.D. Scott, 1st VGC; Robert Casad, Alternate WRVGC; and Abe Vasquez, Western Region VGC. (Present but not pictured: Brian Herald, Alt. MWRVGC, Marc Hively, Alternate CRVGC; Greg Rapson, Alt. ERVGC; and Anthony Stall, 2nd Alternate VGC.)

Rapson, Division 934 (Cumberland, Md.); Alternate Western Region Vice General Chairman Robert L. Casad, Division 7 (Lafayette, Ind.); Alternate Midwest Re-

gion Vice General Chairman Brian R. Herald, Division 95 (Cincinnati, Ohio); and Alternate Central Region Vice General Chairman Marc Hively, Division 481

(Parkersburg, W.Va.).

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce and Vice President Gil L. Gore addressed the delegates on behalf of the BLET National Division.

"I congratulate Brother Lyons and all officers of the CSX Northern Lines GCA on their elections and thank them for their service to the members of our Brotherhood," President Pierce said. "I have every confidence that Brother Lyons and his team of officers will do an excellent job of protecting the rights of the members they represent."

President Pierce also thanked outgoing Acting General Chairman Daniel M. Knorek. Brother Knorek retired on the eve of the meeting and did not seek election. Brother Knorek is a member of BLET Division 937 (Toledo, Ohio) and he first joined the Brotherhood on May 1, 1969.

"I want to personally thank Brother Knorek for his many years of dedicated service to our members and to our Organization," President Pierce said.

The CSX-Northern Lines General Committee of Adjustment represents nearly 3,000 active and retired members. @@

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 150TH ANNIVERSARY ★ 1863-2013

White House recognizes BLET's 150th anniversary

Members of U.S. Senate, House also honor BLET on milestone achievement

Elected leaders at the highest levels of government throughout the United States congratulated the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and its members on the Organization's 150th anniversary. On May 8, 2013, the BLET National Division received a congratulatory letter for Vice President Joe Biden. Also, Seven members of the U.S. Senate and seven members of the U.S. House of Representatives sent letters to BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce in the days leading up to the Brotherhood's 150th anniversary on May 8, 2013.

Included are letters from Senators who lead labor and transportation committees thanking the BLET and its hard-working members for their many contributions to the railroad industry, to the labor movement, and to key workplace safety improvements that benefitted not just railroaders but many workers in other industries all throughout the United States.

From the House, the Brotherhood received accolades from a bipartisan group of Representatives that includes key leaders of rail and transportation committees. President Pierce received letters from: Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA); Bill Shuster (R-PA), Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; Corrine Brown (D-FL), Ranking Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee; Jeff Denham (R-FL), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials; Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV), Ranking Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; Richard M. Nolan (D-MN), a Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a former



Vice President Biden at a meeting with BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce. Biden congratulated BLET members on the Organization's 150th anniversary in a letter dated May 8, 2013.

Teamster; and Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD).

"The broad spectrum of bipartisan letters that we received from the House of Representatives is a testament to the Brotherhood's even handed approach to supporting legislators who support our issues," President Pierce said. "These leaders of key rail and transportation committees took the time to recognize our organization's 150th anniversary, but more importantly, their letters recognize the vital role that our members play in the rail industry and the American economy."

On the Senate side, President Pierce received letters from: Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Tom Harkin (D-IA), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), whose home state includes BLET National Division headquarters in Cleveland; Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), whose home state includes Detroit, Mich., the city where the

Brotherhood was founded and where the Organization held its 150th Anniversary Celebration; Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN); and a joint letter from the leaders of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, signed by both Senator John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV), Chairman of the Committee, and Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), Chairman of the Surface Transportation

Subcommittee.

Pierce thanked these members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives for recognizing the many achievements of the Brotherhood and its members.

"Our anniversary celebration is a time to mark 150 years of achievement by our Organization as a whole, but it is equally important that we honor and thank our members as well," President Pierce said. "They are the ones who have made this union the great Organization that it is today."

State governments recognized the BLET's achievement as well. The Brotherhood received proclamations and congratulatory letters from: the Governor of Illinois; the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate; the Missouri House of Representatives; the California State Assembly; the Governor of Massachusetts; and the Ohio House of Representatives.

In addition, two cities with significant historical ties to the Brotherhood's founding — Marshall, Mich., and Detroit, Mich. — also issued proclamations recognizing the Organization's 150th anniversary. James Dyer,

the Mayor of Marshall, Mich., signed a proclamation declaring May 5 through May 11, 2013, as Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Week. Dave Bing, the Mayor of Detroit, signed a proclamation recognizing May 8, 2013, as "Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Day" in the city.

In 1863, locomotive engineers working for the Michigan Central Railroad met in Marshall, Mich., and agreed to form a protective society to improve their pay, working conditions, and standing in society. The men met in secret in members' homes for fear of reprisal from railroad management. Thus, Marshall is honored as the birthplace of the Brotherhood, and several handsome monuments grace the township signifying its status as such. On May 8, 1863, delegates representing locomotive engineers from various railroads met in Detroit and signed documents formally establishing the Brotherhood of the Footboard, the predecessor organization to today's BLET. So while Marshall is recognized as the birthplace of the Brotherhood, the city of Detroit is recognized as the city where the Brotherhood was founded. ©

BLET 150TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

The BLET has received proclamations and congratulatory letters from the following.

White House

Vice President Joe Biden

U.S. Senate

Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
Joe Donnelly (D-IN)
John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV)
& Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) (joint letter)

U.S. House of Representatives

Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Bill Shuster (R-PA),
Corrine Brown (D-FL)
Jeff Denham (R-FL)
Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV)

Richard M. Nolan (D-MN)
Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)
Richard M. Nolan (D-MN)
Timothy J. Walz (D-MN),
read statement on House floor recognizing BLET's 150th anniversary

States

Governor of Illinois
Illinois Senate
Illinois House of Representatives
Missouri House of Representatives
California State Assembly
Governor of Massachusetts
Ohio House of Representatives

Cities

Detroit, Mich.
Marshall, Mich.


THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON
May 8, 2013

Dear Friends:

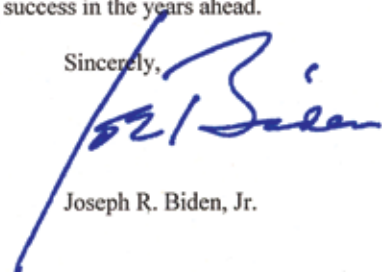
Congratulations to all the members and officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) on celebrating your 150th Anniversary. It is a pleasure to send my best wishes to all of the BLET on this occasion.

Since its inception in 1863 as the Brotherhood of the Footboard, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen has grown into one of the oldest and most impactful labor unions in the United States. The Brotherhood was founded at a time when locomotive engineers worked for low wages and in unsafe conditions, and for the past 150 years, the BLET has worked to improve the safety and working conditions for its members. BLET members are dedicated to ensuring the dignity, respect, and equality of America's railroad workers, and in turn, have given a voice to all American workers.

The BLET has helped shape the foundations of our Country's labor laws through legislation originally passed to protect BLET members. From the Federal Employers Liability Act to the Adamson Act, the laws the BLET has fought for have paved the way for regulations in industries that stretch far beyond the railway. Thank you for always placing the rights of American workers as your top priority.

Again, congratulations. I wish you continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

BLET's Hagan to run for U.S. Senate

CSX locomotive engineer & Division 757 member seeks to represent Ohio

Robert F. Hagan, a member of BLET Division 757 and State Representative of Ohio District 58, announced to his Brothers and Sisters in the BLET that he is running for United States Senate at the BLET's 150th anniversary celebration in Detroit, Mich.

Brother Hagan has 42 years of railroad experience and has been a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) since 1997. He is a CSX locomotive engineer and was one of 24 guest speakers at the BLET's 150th anniversary celebration on May 8, 2013, in Detroit — the city where the Brotherhood was founded on May 8, 1863.

"I've spent 26 years in the legislature, and I'm proud of that," Hagan said. "I'm a locomotive engineer and union man, and I'm damn proud of that."

In 1986, Hagan was first elected to a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the 53rd Ohio House district, centered in Youngstown, Ohio. Over the next 26 years, he has served in both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate.

At the time of Brother Hagan's election in 1986, his father, Robert E. Hagan, was also serving in the House. Between 1986 and 1990, the Hagans were the first father and son to simultaneously hold seats in the Ohio House of Representatives.

During his speech to BLET members on May 8, Hagan said he sometimes runs into career politicians who don't understand what working people go through each and everyday. He said he hopes to remedy that by giving working Americans a voice in the United States Senate. Brother Hagan is seeking the Senate seat currently occupied by Rob Portman. @@



Senate Hopeful: BLET Member Robert F. Hagan, Division 757, is running for a seat in the United States Senate representing Ohio. He is a CSX locomotive engineer who hired out in 1971. He has also served as a State Senator and State Representative in Ohio for the past 26 years, currently representing Ohio District 58.

Historical exhibit displays 150 years of BLET pride

One of the featured attractions during the BLET's 150th anniversary celebration in Detroit was a history museum of railroad and Brotherhood artifacts, dating to 1863 and earlier.

The intent was to honor the Brotherhood's rich history by displaying priceless artifacts, while at the same time educating today's members regarding the struggle of our union forefathers and instilling a sense of pride in our Brotherhood.

On display were historic, one-of-a-kind items such as the original hand-written minutes from the first meeting of the first Division of the Brotherhood of the Footboard, dated May 8, 1863. The original, hand-written Constitution and Bylaws of the Brotherhood of the Footboard were also on display. These items are of great historical significance to not only the

Brotherhood, but to the entire American labor movement as a whole. They were brought from the BLET National Division archives in Cleveland.

Also, many other unique and historic artifacts were on display from the personal collection of Brother Larry R. James,



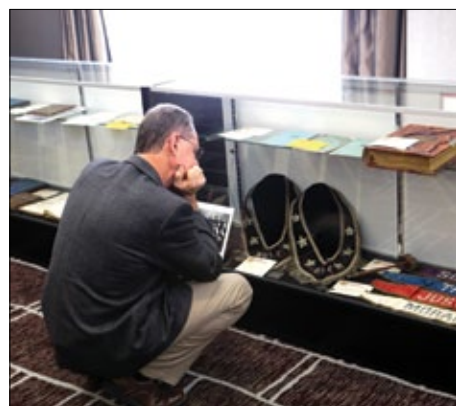
a member of BLET Division 284 (Parkersburg, W.Va.) and ND National Mobilization Coordinator-East.

Many reproductions of group photographs from Brotherhood conventions, ranging from 1885 through 2006, were included in the exhibit. Coupled with many individual portraits of locomotive engineers at work, the images helped to put a human face on the Brotherhood's 150-year mission to fight for safety, dignity and respect. In all, the Brotherhood portion of the exhibit encompassed 10 display cabinets of memorabilia and more than 30 wall hangings.

The BLET partnered with the Center for Railroad Photography & Art to broad-

en the scope of the museum exhibit to include select photos showing railroaders at work. It included prints from many famous railroad photographers such as Lewis Hine and Jack Delano. The center for Railroad Photography & Art is America's foremost organization for interpreting the intersection of railroad art and culture with America's history and culture. Founded in 1997, the Center is headquartered in Madison, Wisc.

Those who toured the exhibit space were given a commemorative pamphlet. Each person's pamphlet was individually embossed with an official seal of the BLE Grand International Division to document their visit. @@



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150TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO ALBUM



BALTIMORE HOSTS BLET FOR 75TH ANNUAL EUMA

The BLET's Eastern Union Meeting Association (EUMA) will hold its 75th annual convention in Baltimore, Md., from July 28-August 1, 2013.

Arrangements Chairman Fred Cox (Division 52) hosted the EUMA at Baltimore's Inner Harbor in 2003, and the Brotherhood is returning again this year due to popular demand.

A number of educational seminars are being offered at the 2013 EUMA, including workshops for Legislative Representatives, Secretary-Treasurers and Local Chairmen. The Local Chairmen workshop will devote time to electronic tape reading. Also being offered is a BLET mobilization workshop and a health and welfare workshop. Workshops are scheduled for July 31.

In terms of entertainment, the 2013 EUMA kicks off with a welcome reception at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad museum on July 28. Open ceremonies and closed meetings will be held on July 29. The annual EUMA golf tournament is slated for July 30. The tournament will take place at the Greystone Golf Course, a top 50 municipal course located in Whitehall, Md. Non-golfers will enjoy Inner Harbor tours and shopping during the day on July 30. A trip



to Camden Yards is scheduled for the evening of July 30, featuring dinner at the ballpark and a Major League baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Houston Astros. The 2013 EUMA concludes the evening of July 31 with the formal banquet and the EUMA scholarship awards program.

For more information, please visit www.ble-t.org/euma or contact Arrangements Chairman Fred Cox at (717) 578-7262 or fmcox@aol.com. @@

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DEADLINE: July 5, 2013.

EUMA REGISTRATION FORMS: www.ble-t.org/euma

DEADLINE: July 1, 2013

NOTE: Registrations accepted after July 1, but fee increases by \$20 per person.



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If you don't have an iPhone or iPad and still want to find union hotels, check out UNITE HERE online: www.hotelworkersrising.org/HotelGuide. @@

Kronyak reelected by acclamation as New Jersey SLB Chairman

Matt Kronyak was reelected by acclamation to his second full term as Chairman of the New Jersey State Legislative Board at meetings in Newark, N.J., on March 12, 2013.

Brother Kronyak is a CSX (former Conrail) locomotive engineer and member of BLET Division 235 (Union City, N.J.). He has been a BLET member since December 1, 1995. He was first elected Chairman of the New Jersey State Legislative Board in 2010 following the retirement of Brother Jim Chappelle.

Also elected by acclamation during the meeting were: 1st Vice Chairman Sean Simon, Division 226 (Newark, N.J.); 2nd Vice Chairman John Calia, Division 272 (Dover, N.J.); Secretary-Treasurer Brian Baginski, Division 601 (Newark, N.J.); and Alternate Secretary-Treasurer Randy Duncan, Division 171 (Hoboken, N.J.).

BLET National President Dennis R. Pierce and Vice President & National Legislative Representative John P. Tolman represented the National Division at the meeting.

"I congratulate all officers of the New

Jersey State Legislative Board and thank them for their hard work and dedication to our Brotherhood," President Pierce said. "I have every confidence Brother Matt and his team will continue doing an excellent job in the legislative arena."

Brothers Pierce, Tolman and Kronyak presented a plaque to retiring Secretary-Treasurer Mike Luteran. Brother Luteran served as Secretary-Treasurer of Division 601 for many years and also for nine years as S-T of the New Jersey State Leg-



Matt Kronyak and John Tolman (far left) and National President Pierce (far right) present a plaque to Brother Mike Luteran along with his wife Ida for his many years of service to Division 601 and the New Jersey State Legislative Board.

islative Board. They also presented watches to Dave Decker, New Jersey Transit General Chairman, and to Ralph Nunziato, PATH General Chairman, for increasing their BLET-PAC donations to \$50 per month.

Also in attendance were: General Chairman Jim Louis, Conrail (SAA/CSX

Northern District); New York State Legislative Board Chairman Dave Kearsing; and Pennsylvania State Legislative Board Chairman Ken Kertesz.

The BLET New Jersey State Legislative Board represents approximately 850 active members who live in the state of New Jersey. @@



Seated, from left: Jim Louis, General Chairman Conrail SAA & CSX Northern District; Brian Baginski, S-T NJSLB; Mike Luteran, outgoing S-T NJSBL; Dennis Pierce, National President; John Tolman, VP & National Legislative Rep; and Matt Kronyak, Chairman NJSLB. **Second row:** Dave Decker, GC New Jersey Transit; Andy Arias; Rich Medei; Rich Vogt; Barbara Moore; Ken Kertesz, Chairman Pennsylvania SLB; Mark Robb, BRCF International President; Randy Duncan; and Dave Kearsing, Chairman NYSLB. **Third row:** John Calia; Dave Hamilton; Dave Ziegler; and Bob Fallon.

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Calendar & Events

2013 REGIONAL MEETINGS

June 23-28, 2013

86th Annual Southeastern Meeting Association (SMA)

RICHMOND, VA.

Arrangements Chairman Troy Bryant, Local Chairman of Division 532, welcomes all BLET members to historic Richmond/Short Pump, Va., for the 2013 SMA. www.sma2013

July 14-July 18, 2013

73rd Annual International Western Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Hosted by Co-chairmen Luis Chavez Jr., Local Chairman of Division 283 (Oakland, Calif.) and Oscar Burrola, Local Chairman of Division 839 (Richmond, Calif.), at the Hilton San Francisco Financial District Hotel for the 2013 IWC. www.iwc2013.org

July 28-August 1, 2013

75th annual Eastern Union Meeting Association (EUMA)

BALTIMORE, MD.

Arrangements Chairman Fred Cox, BLET Division 52, welcomes all BLET members to Baltimore for the 2013 EUMA. www.blet-t.org/EUMA

August 25-29, 2013

78th annual Southwestern Convention Meeting (SWCM)

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Arrangements Chairman Arlin Todd, Chairman of the Louisiana State Legislative Board, welcomes all BLET members to the Loews New Orleans Hotel for the 2013 SWCM. www.bletswcm.org

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Photo of the Month: April/May 2013

1885 CONVENTION: Officers, members and guests of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers attending the 22nd Annual Convention in New Orleans, La., on October 21, 1885. The BLE held its national conventions annually from 1863-1892. Conventions were then held once every two years beginning with the First Biennial Session in St. Paul, Minn., in 1894. Triennial sessions began in 1912. **Photo:** BLET Archives
This is the third in a series of photos from the BLET archives that will be published this year in recognition of the Organization's 150th anniversary. The BLET was founded as the Brotherhood of the Footboard on May 8, 1863.



Are you a photographer? The National Division's Public Relations Department, which produces the Newsletter each month, has received numerous inquiries lately from BLET members volunteering to contribute their

images to the "Photo of the Month" section of the Newsletter. If you'd like to submit a photo for consideration, you may call Editor John Bentley at (216) 241-2630, ext. 248, or you can email: Bentley@ble-t.org.

Please note only high resolution images can be used. Members are also encouraged to review their employer's policies regarding the use of cameras and other electronic devices while on duty.

Advisory Board February/March 2013 Activity

In accordance with the BLET Bylaws, summaries of BLET Advisory Board members' activities are published monthly:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DENNIS R. PIERCE: National Division Office, Cleveland; General supervision of BLET activities; General office duties; Correspondence and telephone communications; Supervision of Office Administration; General Supervision of Special Representatives; President, Teamsters Rail Conference; Policy Committee, Teamsters Rail Conference; Advisory Board mtg., Miami, Fla.; Rail Conf. Policy Committee mtg., Miami; Secretary-Treasurer workshop, Baltimore, Md.; Conrail Trainman Training, Baltimore; Local Chairman workshop, Fort Worth, Texas; Wyoming State Legislative Board mtg., Cheyenne, Wyo.; National Mediation Board mtg., Washington, D.C.; National Transportation Safety Board hearing, Washington, D.C.; UP-W Local Chairmen training class, Salt Lake City, Utah; Oklahoma State Legislative Board mtg., Catoosa, Okla.; New Jersey State Legislative Board mtg., Newark, N.J.; BNSF (former SL-SF) GCA training, Branson, Mo.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT E.L. "LEE" PRUITT: National Duties include but not limited to: Director, Passenger Dept.; Shortline Organizing Dept.; Trainmen's Dept.; National Publications Committee; National Legislative Board; Teamsters Rail Conference Policy Committee; PRAC; and National Negotiations; CRLO, Advisory Board and Rail Conference mtgs., Miami, Fla.; Secretary-Treasurer workshop, Baltimore; National Duties, Cleveland.

NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER WILLIAM C. WALPERT: General supervision of accounting dept., records dept., online services dept., tax compliance dept.; Education & Training Dept.; Internal Organizing, Mobilizing & Strategic Planning Dept.; Safety Task Force; Meetings with vendors and financial institutions; Publications Committee; Teamsters Rail Conference Policy Committee; Trustee, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (NRRIT); CRLO, Advisory Board and Rail Conference mtgs., Miami; Secretary-Treasurer and Local Chairman workshop, Baltimore; Wyoming State Legislative Board mtg., Cheyenne, Wyo.; NRRIT mtg., Washington, D.C.; NTSB hearing, re: Goodwell, Okla., Washington, D.C.; 150th anniversary conference call; Local Chairman Workshop, UP-WR GCA mtg.; NRRIT administrative committee conference call; Advisory Board conference call; BNSF (former SL-SF) GCA mtg. and LC workshop.

VICE PRESIDENT & NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. TOLMAN: Assigned to BLET Washington, DC office; General office duties, telephone and correspondence communications; Coordinate content of NLO website; Weekly PAC committee and legislative mtgs.; Attended IBT Political Coordinator Monthly mtg.; CRLO, Advisory Board and Rail Conference mtgs., Miami; Wyoming State Legislative Board mtg., Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mtg. w/ railroad and labor representatives regarding PRIIA and RSIA reauthorization, Washington, D.C.; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff briefing by OneRail Coalition, Washington, D.C.; NTSB hearing, re: Goodwell, Okla., Washington, D.C.; Various receptions and meetings w/ members of U.S. House of Representatives and Senate; Mtg. w Rep. Shuster (R-PA), Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, re: 2013 T&I Committee business; Oklahoma State Legislative Board mtg., Tulsa; Advisory Board conference call; Mtg. w/ Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA), Chairman of the House Railroad Subcommittee, and T&I Committee Staff; DCCC issues conference, at which met w/ Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi and House Majority Whip Steny Hoyer, and many others, New York City.

VICE PRESIDENT MARCUS J. RUEF: Vice Chairman, full NRAB; Labor Member, 1st Division; Labor Member, National Mediation Board Arbitration Advisory Forum; Director of Arbitration Dept; Assigned to Illinois Central; Wisconsin Central; Grand Trunk Western; Duluth Missabe & Iron Range; Elgin, Joliet & Eastern; Indiana Harbor Belt; and Belt Railway of Chicago; CRLO, Advisory Board mtgs., Miami; Assist GC Craddock w/ IC Section 6 notices, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds w/ mtg., Janesville, Wisc.; UP grievance mediation, NRAB, Chicago; Assist w/ LC Workshop for CSX/Shared Assets GCA, Baltimore; Assist GC Reynolds w/ WC Section 6 mediation, Minneapolis, and assist with counter proposal; Study dockets for Referee Grey, NRAB; Assist GC Craddock prepare for NRAG hearings, IC, Chicago; Assist GC Reynolds prepare for NRAB hearings, WC, Chicago; Referee Grey, NRAB hearings, Chicago; DLC oversight committee; Assist GC Nunziato, PATH, NJ Transit; CSX conference call, re: SSA interpretations; NRAB adoptions session, Chicago.

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE TWOMBLY — Assigned to all Union Pacific GCAs (Eastern District, Northern Region (former C&NW), Western Lines (Pacific Harbor Lines), Western Region (Portland & Western, Eastern Idaho), Central Region, Southern Region (New Orleans & Gulf Coast); On duty

at home office; Advisory Board mtg., Miami; Local Division 115 mtg., Cheyenne, Wyo.; Representation mtgs. on Eastern Idaho RR, Burley, Idaho; UP-Southern Region Local Chairman training, Fort Worth, Texas; Union Pacific-Western Region Local Chairman training, Salt Lake City, Utah; Union Pacific-Western Lines Article IX interdivisional run negotiations and claims conference, Redlands, Calif.; Norfolk Southern SBA 1063 at Boston College, Newton, Mass.

VICE PRESIDENT WILLARD E. KNIGHT: Assigned to: All Norfolk Southern General Committees; Wheeling & Lake Erie; Chicago, Fort Wayne & Eastern; New York, Susquehanna & Western; New England Central; Connecticut Southern; Western New York & Pennsylvania; Indiana & Ohio; Ohio Central; Grand Trunk Western; Telephone conference w/ NS Eastern Region GCA; General office duties, telephone, correspondence communications, prepare for PLBs, etc.; Reading transcripts to prepare for SBA 1063; Signing awards PLB 7093.

VICE PRESIDENT GIL GORE: Assigned to all CSX; Union Pacific-Southern Region GCA special assignment; Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) issues, CSXT; General office duties, paperwork, correspondence, telephone calls, etc.; IRR contract ratification mtgs., Indianapolis, Ind.; Article 61 Qualification conference call, CSX LR and GCs; Attend funeral of former GC Gene Thompson, Scott City, Mo.; Holiday and vacation.

VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. PRIESTER: Assigned to all BNSF (former ATSF, former C&S, CRI&P, FWD, former STL-SF, BNSF/MRL), Panhandle Northern, Missouri & North Arkansas, Montana Rail Link, Austin Western RR, Great Western; General office duties, telephone, correspondence communications, etc.; Advisory Board mtg., Miami; Local Chairman Workshop w/ GC Holdcraft, BNSF, Dallas/Fort Worth; Division 644 mtg. w/ GC Wilson, BNSF, Galesburg, Ill.; BNSF General Chairman's mtg., Dallas/Fort Worth; PLB 7550 conference call, BNSF, Henderson, Nevada; LC orientation and LC workshop w/ GC Wilson, BNSF, Dallas/Fort Worth; PLB 7542 prep work w/ GC Gibbons, BNSF, and PLB 7542 hearing, Fort Myers, Fla.; Division 135 mtgs. w/ GC Wilson, Beardstown; Mtgs. with Div. 777, Div. 130 and Div. 75, with GC Holdcraft and GC Gibbons, Kansas City; Division 186 mtg. w/ GC Brown, Denver; GCA mtg. hotel arrangements w/ GC Wilson, Las Vegas; Local Chairman's Workshop w/ GC Gibbons, Branson, Mo.

VICE PRESIDENT COLE W. DAVIS: Assigned to: Kansas City Southern (MidSouth Rail, SouthRail, Gateway Western, Illinois & Midland), Texas Mexican Rwy.; CP Rail System/US (Indiana Southern, Iowa, Chicago & Eastern, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern); Springfield Terminal (St. Lawrence & Atlantic, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic, Delaware & Hudson), Cedar River, Louisville & Indiana, Huron & Eastern; General office duties, telephone, correspondence communications, etc.; CRLO and Advisory Board mtgs., Miami; PLB 6854 w/ GC Parker; CP Rail issues, seniority issues and pending arbitration, DM&E seniority issues, assisting GC Semenek; Mid South issues and arbitration prep., assisting GC Craddock; PLB 7169 hearing, Assist GC Wallace, Norfolk, Va.; Delaware & Hudson contract issues, Springfield terminal issues, assist GC Moore; Arbitration prep and KCS issues, assisting GC Parker; Mediation on W&LE contract, assisting GC Linsey, Washington, D.C.; Huron & Eastern issues, assisting Baringer and Lorenz; N&WP RR mediation, assisting GC Martin, Washington, D.C.; Tex Mex issues and PLB preparation, assisting GC Rodriguez; PLB 6884, GC Parker, Portland, Ore; NS-Northern Lines and Southern Lines issues, assisting GC Linsey; Louisville & Indiana RR contract issues, assist Hartill; Ohio & Indiana RR issues, assist Cole; Section 4 notice on KCS, assisting GC Craddock & GC Parker, Kansas City, Mo.

VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN J. BRUNO: Assigned to various Rail Safety Advisory Committees (RSAC); Regulatory duties as assigned by the President; Amtrak; Long Island Rail Road; New York & Atlantic; Metro North; New Jersey Transit; PATH; SEPTA; Metra; Union Railroad; Birmingham Southern; Telephone calls, correspondence, general office duties, etc.; Advisory Board mtg., Miami; Conference call & regulator work, Goodwell, Okla., accident w/ NTSB, PTC; LC training, conductor certification, CSX/SA-A-Conrail GCA workshop, Linthicum, Md.; Conference call w/ NMB Mediator Walter Darr, Metra; Prep & lobbying strategy mtg. w/ IBET, SEPTA, Philadelphia; Division 269 mtg., LIRR, Babylon, N.Y.; NTSB hearing, re: Goodwell, Okla. and PTC, Washington, D.C.; David Nash presentation, RSAC FMP, fatigue tracking program, Washington, D.C.; Metra contract conf. call & conductor cert. class, BNSF w/ GC Dayton, Salt Lake City, Utah; Advisory Board conference call; General office duties (email, telephone, filing, research), etc.; Conductor certification class, Champaign, Ill.; Conductor certification class, BNSF (former SL-SF) GCA, Branson, Mo.

SAN FRANCISCO HOSTS BLET FOR 73RD ANNUAL IWC

The city of San Francisco will host members of the BLET from July 14-18, 2013, for the 73rd annual International Western Convention (IWC).

Event co-chairmen Oscar A. Burrola (Local Chairman, Division 839) and Luis Chavez Jr. (Local Chairman, Division 283), along with their Arrangements Committee, have organized what is sure to be a memorable convention.

Six educational workshops are slated for the 2013 IWC, including training classes for Secretary-Treasurers, Local Chairmen and Legislative

Representatives. There will also be a hazardous materials workshop, a BLET mobilization workshop, and a conductor certification workshop.

Events include opening ceremonies, a golf tournament on July 15 at the Presidio Golf Course, and the banquet. During the golf outing, members will be eligible to win a Harley Davidson in a hole-in-one contest.

IWC organizers are encouraging members to explore the city by purchasing a San Francisco CityPASS. CityPASS is a ticket booklet that gives you unlimited cable car rides plus admission to four major San Francisco tourist attractions for \$84 (42% off the combined admission price). The pass can be used for seven days and includes: the California Academy of Sciences; Blue & Gold Fleet Bay Cruise; Aquar-

ium of the Bay or Monterey Bay Aquarium; and Exploratorium or de Young Museum. It is possible to replace the Blue & Gold tour with a tour of Alcatraz. For more details, call (415) 981-7625 or visit: <http://www.citypass.com/san-francisco>.

For more information about the 2013 IWC, please visit www.iwc2013.org or contact Co-Chair Oscar Burrola (buroa@comcast.net or (209) 815-0651) or Co-Chair Luis Chavez (blet283@yahoo.com or (209) 815-7478). @

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DEADLINE: July 1, 2013

NOTE: Registrations accepted after July 1, but fee increases by \$25 per person.