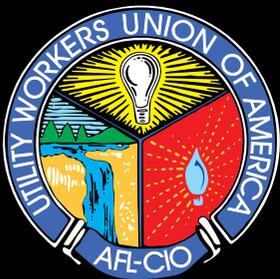


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LOCAL 1-2



**We Mourn
our Dead,
We Fight
Like Hell for
the Living!**

**Local 1-2 is Ready for Con Edison when
Contract Expires in June.**

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Our cause is a common one. It is war between poverty and wealth. ... This moneyed power is fast eating up the substance of the people. We have made war upon it, and we mean to win it. If we can, we will win through the ballot box; if not, then we shall resort to sterner means.

by William Sylvus, "History of the American Worker" 1927



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JAMES SHILITTO



Brothers and Sisters, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Local 1-2 will not be able to conduct a Membership Meeting in May. Be assured, when conditions reach a level where we can gather again, we will join as one and hold a meeting.

Since our working world and our family world have changed beyond measure since March, circumstances require that we mourn our dead and comfort the sick from a distance. At the same time, we, as Utility Workers, are responsible for keeping power flowing and our region operating with as much “normalcy” as it can.

As of this report, we have lost seven Local 1-2 Brother Members to the virus, including Business Agent Joseph Caradonna, who lost his life just as the horror of this vicious disease was spreading across our region and the rest of the nation. During that same week, long-time Executive Board Member Frank Vivola passed away from unrelated causes (as far as we know) as he was getting ready to go to work for the day.

What has become clear on both the local and national level is that Utility Workers can no longer be viewed as some second-class First Responders. After the work Local 1-2 accomplished after 9/11 in restoring New York City, including restoring power to its vital financial markets, and months working on the “pile”, we thought it was obvious that First Responder status would be a given. Sadly, even though we have made strides toward that goal, i.e., the felony assault statute for utility workers and some First Responder status during weather-related outages and other events, we still do not have the worker protections we deserve, like police, firefighters and EMTs have despite that we are often on the scene before them.

Sure, hundreds of our Brothers and Sisters were sickened-and died- by the 9/11 attacks, and we

were eligible for federal compensation, still our sacrifices day in and day out are overlooked.

If these days of keeping plants operating, water running, electricity working have not shown the world we are First Responders, I do not know what will. Please know that at the legislative level in Albany we are working hard to see our status elevated under the law. Our work as “essential” is an understatement. Literally, we keep society functioning in the 21st Century.

This virus will change everything in the way society works, and we are only in the beginning stages of battling Covid-19. It will change our work schedules and how we work now and well into the future. The disease is called “novel” because it has never been encountered before and it has so many different ways of making us sick, that doctors and scientists find out something new about its effects every day.

For our Con Edison Brothers and Sisters, yes, we have begun preliminary talks with the Company, and yes, we need your strike authorization and yes, we are conducting business so that we will have a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with Con Ed when the current contract expires in June. Even though we are working during a national emergency, I don’t have to point out to you some of the underhanded, greedy conditions that Bosses in other companies – in other industries - have seized to increase their profits at the expense of their workers. In meat-packing, huge percentages of the workforce in some plants have fallen ill to Covid-19 because their employers refused to provide them with any protective gear or safe distancing. It is disgusting.

Now more than ever, we need to stick together, protect one another, stay safe, stay united, stay strong. Apathy, quite literally, is lethal!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM SMITH

For the past two months, during this pandemic, President Shillitto and I have been working night and day to ensure the safety of all our Members across all the companies where we work.

At our largest unit, Con Edison, we have arranged for staff to work from home where appropriate, we have helped institute staggered work schedules to avoid crowds of people in our shops and yards. We have also cooperated with companies such as NAES and NYPA for Members to live on site to keep power plants staffed.

Our first priority, as always, is safety, safety, safety. We make sure that everyone who must work in public or in a plant is afforded every protection with the right PPE for the job. We have negotiated to make sure that every possible safety protection is in place.

But, as President Shillitto said, despite this we have sustained seven deaths and hundreds of illnesses from Covid-19. Normally, such staggering numbers could not be sustained. One death is too much, seven is outrageous. And while we remain at our jobs, we are not permitted the time to mourn or honor our Brothers who have died from Covid-19; and due to social distancing orders, we cannot gather to assist their families. This powerlessness is hard on all of us and we suspect in the coming months it will continue. We must, however, carry on. We might not be able to hold our Membership Meetings right now, but your Senior Agents and Business Agents are out in the field

every day to hear your concerns, to keep an eye on your safety and to make sure that the Bosses do not take advantage of you during this crisis.

Science tells us that we are just in the beginning of the first wave, which is obvious to us as we work outside. We know the toll it is taking. We see it. We know the stress everyone is experiencing because we are front line defenders.

Meanwhile, as if working during this pandemic isn't enough, we need your strike authorization from our Con Ed Members, as we continue our efforts to secure you a fair, decent contract when the current one expires in June. Even during national emergencies, our rights as Union Members cannot be reduced and we work as we do for every contract to get you what you deserve and more.

Right now, many of you are risking your lives every day to see that our society continues to function. Despite the horrors we confront and the staggering numbers the virus has brought, we still must be out there.

Local 1-2 Members have always risen to the occasion through storms, hurricanes, 9/11 and now Covid-19. It is like nothing any of us have seen in our lifetimes. Do not forget: as Local 1-2 Members, we must remain united now as never before. We will come out the other side of this crisis someday. For now, we mourn our dead and **FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE LIVING!**

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IN MEMORIAM FOR THOSE LOST IN THE PANDEMIC

Local 1-2 Brothers and Sisters

In this trying time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been kept from mourning those in our ranks who have succumbed to this disease. We have been kept from the most human of interactions, not even being able to gather together to say goodbye to those we love and work with. Despite this, you have continued to show up day in and day out to keep the lights on, gas and water flowing at your personal peril.

This is the definition of courage.

This is dedicated to those we have lost.



Joseph Caradonna.

Business Agent
42 years of service



Frank Vivola

EHS OPS Gas
Bruckner Boulevard
31 years of service

Ricky Allen

CUST OPS Field Ops Collections
Van Nest Service Center
29 years of service

Louis Guglielmo

SUBST OPS Manh South Ops
49th Street Substation
17 years of service

Adrian Phillips

CUST OPS Revenue Protection
Third Avenue Service Center
20 years of service

Luis Claris

STEAM OPS 74th St Ops PHMSA
74th Street Station
35 years of service

Patrick Maguire

GAS ENG Field Eng & Sys Reliab
Van Nest Service Center
33 years of service

James Johnson

Transformer Shop
Astoria Yard
30 years of service



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May 1, 2020

Dear Local 1-2 Con Edison Member:

We are less than 60 days away from the expiration of our Collective Bargaining Agreement with Con Edison on June 20. Rest assured, despite the difficulties created by the coronavirus and social distancing, we have already begun negotiations with Con Edison to get you the best possible contract.

Brothers and Sisters, regardless of the health crisis in this country and in the New York City area, we need to be prepared for the fight to come. And - make no mistake - there will be a fight before we get a contract worthy of bringing to you for a vote.

What we need from you, Brothers and Sisters, is a Strike Authorization. It is vital that every Member cast a vote to authorize a strike against Con Ed. It is the most potent weapon in our arsenal.

This year, because of the disease ravaging our part of this nation, we are providing for voting electronically (on line) or by mail on the Strike Authorization. Your ballot is enclosed with this letter. It contains instruction on how to go on line to cast your vote or, if you prefer, to mail your ballot to Global Election Services, which will tally the votes on June 1. So, please choose how you prefer to vote and PLEASE VOTE.

It is a vote for your jobs, your families and all the working men and women we represent. Give us the ammunition we need. This does not mean we will strike, it only means that we will strike if Con Ed forces us to do so. If we do not show them our united resolve right now, they will go to any length to strip us of everything we have.

We must never forget our history with this Company. When we demand Dignity and Respect in the workplace from our Bosses, they have to know we are united and will not "settle" for anything less than the best possible wages, benefits and working conditions for all of you.

Nearly 60% of you have less than 10 years on the job, so most of you were new during our negotiations in 2012. And we know what happened then.



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In 2012, when talks were progressing, Con Edison abruptly announced they were locking us out. That's right – although we told them that you would continue working while your Union continued to negotiate, they put you on the street and even took away your health care. The Company fancied itself a Union-busting outfit and acted like strikebreaking goons. This played well to the anti-union crowd who always want you to work for less. It did not sit well though with Con Ed's customers or regulators.

So we took to the streets for 27 days in July 2012 and brought back to life a Labor Movement in New York City that had been counted out. It was your solidarity and your unity in the face of long odds and Con Ed's deep pockets that turned the tide in our favor.

Governor Cuomo got fed up with Con Ed's high-handedness and the contract was then settled in three hours.

In 2016, Con Ed tried to provoke a strike by its attempt to slip language past us which would have provided you less than we had agreed upon at the table. We quickly caught what they were trying to pull. We stuck to our guns and got you a contract with the best wage increases in the industry at the time.

Brothers and Sisters, we will do whatever it takes to bring you a fair and equitable Contract. We are the Utility Workers Union of America, we keep the lights on and the Gas flowing. They must never forget.

What we need is for you to demand the Dignity and Respect your hard labor deserves. Make Dignity and Respect the phrase you live by. Make Dignity and Respect your demand every minute on the job. Demand Dignity and Respect for the dangerous work many of you do. Always remember that when many workers in this country were without work when the orders came to shelter at home, you were and are essential workers who continued to do your jobs throughout the current pandemic crisis.

Dignity and Respect is our theme this year as it is every year. But in this Contract year we will shout it loud and proud: **Dignity and Respect**. We will make their ears ring. We will take it to Irving Place, to Union Square, to The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Westchester. Wherever the Bosses are. We demand: Dignity and Respect.

But first we need your Strike Authorization. Please don't put this mail in a pile thinking you will get to it later. Please go on line or mail you enclosed ballot right away. Show Con Ed that you stand behind your negotiators and are ready to take action if needed. Vote to give your committee the authority to call a strike. Vote YES

Brothers and Sisters, you deserve no less!

Fraternally,



James Shillitto, President



LOCAL 1-2 SCHOLARSHIP

LOCAL 1-2 ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

\$1,000 Grants Available to Children of Union Members

College-bound children of current Local 1-2 Members who are in good standing are eligible to compete for \$1,000 grants under the Union's annual scholarship competition, announced Local 1-2.

The program provides scholarship grants, each in the amount of \$1,000, to be used toward the payment of college tuition and books.

"By offering these scholarships, we are investing in our children and in the future. We consider that a wise and prudent investment. We urge all eligible students to participate in this contest," the Local's President James Shillitto said.

To qualify as a candidate, a student must be a child of a Local 1-2 Member and be a high school Senior graduating in 2020. The scholarship will be paid only to those who have declared their intention to enroll or are already enrolled in a post high school institution certified by the Department of Education in the state where the institution is located.

Applications (see below) must be completed and mailed to:

UWUA Local 1-2 AFL-CIO
5 West. 37th Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10018.

****Attention Scholarship****

All applications must be accompanied by a copy of the official transcript of high school grades covering the first six terms OR a copy of the candidate's high school diploma.

The deadline for filing is: all applications must be postmarked by July 15, 2020.

After the initial application step, the next phase of the competition is, the scholarship candidates will be required to write an essay of 350 words or more and forwarded to the Union office on a date to be announced. The topic of the essay will be revealed in a letter sent to the home of the students competing for the scholarships.

Members themselves, brothers and sisters of Members and the children of full-time Union Officers are excluded from participating in the contest. The winners will be chosen based on their school transcript records and the written essays.

Winners will be notified by mail sometime in late August and will receive their scholarships at Local 1-2's first General Membership Meeting, usually held in September OR via US Mail, according to the crisis conditions.

The deadline is approaching fast so, please complete the application below, get a copy of your high school transcript OR copy of diploma and send in the material as quickly as possible.

The best of luck to you and yours.

APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL 1-2 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

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5 West 37th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10018 (212) 575-4400

(PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Employee Number: _____

Department: _____

Company: _____

Work Location: _____

Shop Steward: _____

Phone number: _____

High School: _____

Located: _____

College or School I expect to attend:

Parent's Signature:

Please Note: Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday July 15, 2020 and must be accompanied by: Official Transcript of High School Grades for the first six terms OR copy of the candidates High School Diploma.

Please Note: Applications can be submitted via email to your Business Agent or directly to the Secretary Treasurer, call the office for details @ 212-575-4400.

SAD DAY FOR NUCLEAR POWER, INDIAN POINT UNIT 2 SHUTS DOWN FOR GOOD

Indian Point's Unit 2 reactor shut down late April 30 after nearly 46 years generating electricity for Westchester County and New York City.

At 11 p.m., a reactor operator in the control room pressed a red button shutting down the nuclear fission process in the reactor.

"Over the last 45 years, thousands of dedicated professionals have operated Unit 2 at Indian Point — safely, securely and reliably," said Chris Bakken, the chief nuclear officer for Entergy, Indian Point's owner. "We owe each of them our thanks for a job well done and for their commitment to the highest standards of professionalism."



Drone photo of Indian Point Power Center in Buchanan on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.
(Photo: John Meore & Peter Carr/The Journal News)

On Friday morning, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's reactor status page listed "0" for Unit 2's power output.

In the days leading to the shutdown, Unit 2's power had steadily dipped to around 60 percent of capacity as the potency of fuel added two years ago gradually diminished.

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
LOCAL 1-2
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Eliminations	Total
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents:						
Cash	\$ 55,572	\$ -	\$ 29,171	\$ 4,468,182	\$ -	\$ 4,552,925
Cash equivalents	-	867,785	-	-	-	867,785
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>55,572</u>	<u>867,785</u>	<u>29,171</u>	<u>4,468,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,420,710</u>
Receivables:						
Dues	46,177	-	-	5,242	-	51,419
Interest	-	7,192	-	2,225	-	9,417
Due from other funds	-	664,398	-	135,738	(800,136)	-
Other	9,972	-	-	-	-	9,972
Total receivables	<u>56,149</u>	<u>671,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,205</u>	<u>(800,136)</u>	<u>70,808</u>
Prepaid expenses	<u>283,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,617</u>
Total prepaid expenses	<u>283,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,617</u>
Total current assets	<u>395,338</u>	<u>1,539,375</u>	<u>29,171</u>	<u>4,611,387</u>	<u>(800,136)</u>	<u>5,775,135</u>
Non-current assets:						
Long-term investments	30,584	672,932	-	-	-	703,516
Security deposits	38,947	-	-	-	-	38,947
Property assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-current assets	<u>69,531</u>	<u>672,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>742,463</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 464,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,212,307</u>	<u>\$ 29,171</u>	<u>\$ 4,611,387</u>	<u>\$ (800,136)</u>	<u>\$ 6,517,598</u>

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
LOCAL 1-2

Statement of Financial Position (Continued)

December 31, 2019

	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Eliminations	Total
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 313,392	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 313,392
Liability for supplemental pension plan - current portion	123,126	-	-	-	-	123,126
Due to other funds	800,136	-	-	-	(800,136)	-
Total current liabilities	1,236,654	-	-	-	(800,136)	436,518
Non-current liabilities:						
Liability for supplemental pension plan - non-current portion	22,600	-	-	-	-	22,600
Total non-current liabilities	22,600	-	-	-	-	22,600
Total liabilities	1,259,254	-	-	-	(800,136)	459,118
Net assets	(794,385)	2,212,307	29,171	4,611,387	-	6,058,480
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 464,869	\$ 2,212,307	\$ 29,171	\$ 4,611,387	\$ (800,136)	\$ 6,517,598

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
LOCAL 1-2

Statement of Activities

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2019

	Three Months				Year					
	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Total	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Total
Revenue:										
Dues and initiation fees	\$ 2,125,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,220	\$ 2,345,263	\$ 8,711,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 865,695	\$ 9,577,483
Interest and dividends	781	7,462	-	-	8,243	2,841	31,620	-	-	34,461
Realized gain on sale of investments	-	12,490	-	-	12,490	666	12,490	-	-	13,156
Other	(272)	-	4,392	-	4,120	7,324	-	11,332	-	18,656
Net assets released from restrictions	2,350	-	(2,350)	-	-	12,000	-	(12,000)	-	-
Total revenue	<u>2,127,902</u>	<u>19,952</u>	<u>2,042</u>	<u>220,220</u>	<u>2,370,116</u>	<u>8,734,619</u>	<u>44,110</u>	<u>(668)</u>	<u>865,695</u>	<u>9,643,756</u>
Expenses:										
Program services:										
Member services	1,763,520	969	-	-	1,764,489	6,982,682	3,816	-	-	6,986,498
Supporting activities:										
Management and general	440,880	242	-	-	441,122	1,745,670	954	-	-	1,746,624
Total expenses	<u>2,204,400</u>	<u>1,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,205,611</u>	<u>8,728,352</u>	<u>4,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,733,122</u>
Change in net assets	\$ <u>(76,498)</u>	\$ <u>18,741</u>	\$ <u>2,042</u>	\$ <u>220,220</u>	\$ <u>164,505</u>	\$ <u>6,267</u>	\$ <u>39,340</u>	\$ <u>(668)</u>	\$ <u>865,695</u>	\$ <u>910,634</u>
Net assets:										
Beginning of period						(800,652)	2,172,967	29,839	3,745,692	5,147,846
End of period						\$ <u>(794,385)</u>	\$ <u>2,212,307</u>	\$ <u>29,171</u>	\$ <u>4,611,387</u>	\$ <u>6,058,480</u>

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
 LOCAL 1-2
 (Supplemental Schedule)
 Schedule of Expenses
 For the three months and year ended December 31, 2019

	Three Months			Year						
	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Total	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Total
Salaries	\$ 749,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 749,924	\$ 2,888,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,888,715
Payroll taxes	37,672	-	-	-	37,672	201,557	-	-	-	201,557
Employee benefits	184,375	-	-	-	184,375	715,565	-	-	-	715,565
Business agents' expenses	42,640	-	-	-	42,640	164,738	-	-	-	164,738
Lost time wages	18,125	-	-	-	18,125	122,189	-	-	-	122,189
Executive board and other allowances	38,876	-	-	-	38,876	148,132	-	-	-	148,132
Per capita taxes:										
National union	584,018	-	-	-	584,018	2,379,413	-	-	-	2,379,413
Other	11,206	-	-	-	11,206	39,372	-	-	-	39,372
Automobile expenses	24,045	-	-	-	24,045	146,954	-	-	-	146,954
Meetings, conferences and negotiations, net of reimbursements	21,122	-	-	-	21,122	62,739	-	-	-	62,739
Convention expenses	(42)	-	-	-	(42)	137,950	-	-	-	137,950
Education, books and publications	-	-	-	-	-	6,811	-	-	-	6,811
Contributions, gifts and awards	36,772	-	-	-	36,772	122,402	-	-	-	122,402
Rent and utilities	106,751	-	-	-	106,751	396,025	-	-	-	396,025
Insurance	27,831	-	-	-	27,831	98,062	-	-	-	98,062
Repairs and maintenance	17,666	-	-	-	17,666	51,969	-	-	-	51,969
Printing and postage	51,158	-	-	-	51,158	148,881	-	-	-	148,881
Telephone	11,990	-	-	-	11,990	38,959	-	-	-	38,959
Office supplies and expenses	2,329	-	-	-	2,329	12,711	-	-	-	12,711
Equipment rental	2,949	-	-	-	2,949	12,977	-	-	-	12,977
Computer expenses	11,692	-	-	-	11,692	42,039	-	-	-	42,039
Depreciation and amortization	821	-	-	-	821	821	-	-	-	821
Professional fees:										
Legal	87,231	-	-	-	87,231	294,426	-	-	-	294,426
Accounting and audit	32,502	-	-	-	32,502	140,540	-	-	-	140,540
Arbitration	19,700	-	-	-	19,700	94,000	-	-	-	94,000
Lobbying	12,000	-	-	-	12,000	30,100	-	-	-	30,100
Other	48,132	-	-	-	48,132	188,281	-	-	-	188,281
Legal settlement	-	-	-	-	-	674	-	-	-	674
Election expenses	17,000	-	-	-	17,000	17,000	-	-	-	17,000
Investment expenses	-	1,211	-	-	1,211	-	4,770	-	-	4,770
Other	5,915	-	-	-	5,915	24,350	-	-	-	24,350
Total expenses	\$ 2,204,400	\$ 1,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,205,611	\$ 8,728,352	\$ 4,770	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,733,122

NEW YORK, April 17, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Con Edison is drawing on the expertise of its workers in a Bronx machine shop to manufacture 40,000 face shields for Westchester County health-care workers who are treating coronavirus patients.

The company today turned the first 6,000 plastic shields over to Westchester County Executive George Latimer and plans to make and donate the remaining shields by the end of the month. The county government will distribute the shields to hospitals and nursing homes.

“Our talented team of technicians, managers and engineers dedicate themselves every day to the health and safety of our region,” said Tim Cawley, the president of Con Edison. “Strong, supportive collaboration with UWUA Local 1-2 was key to this initiative. We’re grateful that our skilled employees are able to help protect health-care workers, the women and men putting their own health on the line to heal and comfort others during the coronavirus emergency.”

Latimer said: “I speak for all of us when I say ‘Thank you, Con Edison.’ We are grateful to your employees for turning their attention to protecting our frontline health-care workers. It is acts like these that perfectly capture the American spirit – New Yorkers protecting their neighbors when they need it most.”

The manufacturing takes place in a vast, multi-purpose machine shop at Con Edison’s yard in the Van Nest section of the Bronx.

Workers unfurl 500-pound rolls of thin, plastic sheeting and use a knife to cut the sheeting into eight-foot lengths. They lay 40 of those eight-foot-by-three-foot sheets on a piece of plywood and place another piece of plywood on top for stability.

The stack of sheets and plywood is fed into a machine with a robotic arm that fires a thin, high-pressure spray of water and garnet – which is the abrasive material on sandpaper – to cut the plywood and plastic sheets.

A sheet produces 12 shields. In less than three hours, the process makes 480 shields. Two shifts of workers are making the shields, stamping out 4,000 a day. The shields soak in a solution of water and Windex before being wiped, cleaned and packed 600 to a box for shipping.

Each light-weight shield is one piece, with ties that hook behind the wearer’s head to hold the protection in place. The shields are easy to clean, which makes them reusable.

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Brothers and Sisters, during this national health emergency we are unable to gather to meet as a Union. As soon as conditions return to a safe level for everyone, we will resume our regular Membership Meetings. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong!

Con Edison Members: We need your strike authorization. And for you to sign up for picket duty. This is the strongest weapon we have. Check the Local 1-2 website for details at uwua1-2.org

Please make sure we have your personal email and/or cell phone number (for texts) so that we can keep in contact with you and keep you informed of all Local 1-2 developments.

Fraternally,

John Capra
Secretary-Treasurer