General Chairman Report – December 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a condensed synopsis of the General Committee’s activities for the month of December 2019.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- With Local Chairmen, BLET National, and Labor Relations regarding various time claims, contract interpretations and discipline issues.
- With CN Labor Relations regarding National Handling, LMRC meeting, claims for arbitration, discipline policy and excessive discipline.
- With BLET National Division concerning National Handling, Interpretation of Bylaws and discipline cases.
- With CN General Managers and Superintendents regarding reduction of regular assignments, and excessive discipline.
- Discuss issues of mutual concern with CN-IC GC Evans and CP GC Semenek.
- Also received 102 phone calls in the month December 2019 discussing various issues with Labor Relations, Timekeeping, Managers, Local Chairmen and Members.

**Handled various issues regarding, but not limited to:**

- General Office Duties: Telephone and Correspondence Communications
- Contract issues
- GTS claims
- First Division Cases
- Discipline appeals
- Investigation assistance
- National Health & Welfare Plan assistance
- The Hartford, Lincoln Financial, Principal and AFLAC Insurance
o Retirement assistance
o Legislative – Wisconsin
o FMLA Assistance
o Mediation/Arbitration (ADR)
o BLET Auxiliary
o GCA Website – ongoing maintenance
o FELA
o Prior right assignments
o Bessemer New York Dock claims
o Discipline policy
o Shortage of regular assignments
o Calling procedures
o Critical incidents
o Mobilization
o Payment for arbitration cases
o Scheduling of PLD’s
o National Handling
o NRAB – Notices of Intent for rule cases
o Upcoming GCA meeting
o Reduction of regular assignments
o Insubordination

**DISCIPLINE:**

In December 2019, this office received no new discipline cases from the Local Chairman.

In December 2019, this office submitted nine (9) discipline appeals to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 163 – 3
- Division 173 – 4
- Division 174 – 1
- Division 209 – 1

In December 2019, this office scheduled four (4) discipline appeals for conference to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 163 – 1
- Division 174 – 2
- Division 520 – 1
REMEMBER THAT IN CONTRACT ISSUES THE
BURDEN OF PROOF LIES WITH YOU

TIME CLAIMS:

In December 2019, this office received one hundred sixty-three (163) new time claims from the Local Chairmen of the following Divisions:

- Division 163 – 4
- Division 174 – 159

In December 2019, this office appealed two hundred eighty-seven (287) Step 3 time claims to Labor Relations for the following Divisions:

- Division 163 – 4
- Division 174 – 280
- Division 188 – 2
- Division 520 – 1

In December 2019, this office scheduled forty-five (45) time claim to conference at next LMRC for the following Divisions:

- Division 163 – 3
- Division 173 – 2
- Division 174 – 17
- Division 188 – 22
- Division 209 – 1

MEETINGS — OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS

| 12/3-12/5/2019 | • Met with BLET-VP Ruef concerning CBA issues, discipline cases and prior rights issues in Bloomingdale, IL |

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| 12/15/2019 | • Attend Division 209 meeting |

Fraternally yours,

John Reynolds

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General Chairman, CN-WC BLET