A Message from TWU International President Harry Lombardo

BE UNITED: JOIN TWU
TOGETHER WE FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS

When Michael J. Quill founded the Transport Workers Union of America at the height of the Great Depression, he brought fire, passion and strength to uniting the workers of the New York City transit system. And unite them he did. More than 80 years later, TWU is still here, carrying out that great legacy.

I became president of TWU in 2013 and promised our members a fighting, militant union, honoring our roots. We’ve made good on that promise, organizing more workers than this union ever has before; creating a legislative and grassroots political program that represents our members’ interests on Capitol Hill and in state and local governments around the country; and negotiating some of the best contracts in some of the toughest industries in today’s economy.

Why should you join a union, and why should you join TWU? Because study after study has shown that the strength of the middle class is tied to the strength of the labor movement. Being in a union is good for your family, good for your economic stability, and vital for the nation’s financial health.

At TWU, we take on some of this country’s largest and wealthiest employers who use their incredible resources to take advantage of our people to pad their own bank accounts. Our members stand together as one to fight these fights. I pledge to you that when you join TWU, you’ll find we do whatever we can to preserve our members’ dignity and respect against those corporate fat cats.

I believe in the labor movement and I believe in our members. I believe that an injury to one of us is an injury to all.

We stand united in every fight, large or small, and when we channel our resources—and when you join us—we are truly invincible.

President Lombardo speaks at a rally on Capitol Hill.
When you organize with a union, representatives from your job site and the union work together to form a negotiating committee, which meets with the employer to hammer out the details of a contract. Union contracts are enforced by various federal agencies and are renegotiated depending on the terms of that contract. TWU International staff and leadership have a long history of negotiating some of the transportation industry’s best, most innovative contracts. We work with top economists, legal teams, and labor experts to get our members what they deserve.

While contracts with different employers may cover issues unique to that industry, most union contracts are negotiated to strengthen:

• wages and retirement
• health care benefits
• paid time off
• workplace safety
• grievance and arbitration procedures
• seniority
• and much more!

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