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**BISHOP FALLON HIGH SCHOOL / HOLY ANGELS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
HALL of FAME NOMINATION FORM**

I nominate James Lewis - 1975 for induction
into the Bishop Fallon High School/Holy Angels Collegiate Institute Hall of Fame

The nominee fits into one or more of the following categories:

☒ Distinguished Alumni ☐ Faculty Member ☐ Staff Member
☐ Sports Team ☐ Activity Group (Attach year and members if possible)

CANDIDATES INFORMATION: (Please print)

Name JAMES LEWIS

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City, State Zip Code _____

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Email _____

School (Check one) ☒ BFHS ☐ HACI Class Year 1975

A WRITTEN BIOGRAPHY OF THE CANDIDATE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.
Information should include Education, Career, Outstanding Accomplishments,
Awards, and HACI or BFHS information such as awards, sports etc.
Nominations **WILL NOT** be considered without a complete Biography of the
Candidate.

NOMINATOR's INFORMATION

Date Submitted: 4/15/25

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**NOMINATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HALL of FAME must be submitted
with a complete, updated biography of the candidate no later than June 1st of
each year. Nominations are to be emailed to BishopFallon.org@gmail.com
or mailed to:**

BFHS/HACI Alumni Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 25
Williamsville, NY 14231

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James P. Louis

Vice President
Department Head — BLET Passenger Department

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James P. Louis is National Vice President of the 51,500-member Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, a Division of the Rail Conference, International Brotherhood of Teamsters. He was most recently reelected by acclamation to his third term of office at the BLET's Fifth National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 12, 2022, having won reelection by acclamation to his second term at the BLET's

Fourth National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 3, 2018. He was elected by acclamation to his first term at the BLET's Third National Convention on October 1, 2014. Vice President Louis also serves as Head of the BLET's Passenger Department.

Brother Louis was elected Third Alternate National Vice President at the BLET's Second National Convention in 2010. Immediately prior to his 2014 election to the Advisory Board, Vice President Louis served as General Chairman of the Conrail SAA/CSXT Northern District General Committee of Adjustment in Buffalo, N.Y. He first began serving the GCA in 1997 when he was elected to the Alternate Secretary-Treasurer position. He was then elected Secretary-Treasurer in 2004, a position he was reelected to in 2007, and also began service as Alternate General Chairman prior to becoming General Chairman in 2009.

Vice President Louis's railroad career began when he hired out with Conrail as a trainman on August 6, 1976, in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1982, he began working in Conrail commuter service as a trainman/conductor in Hoboken, NJ. He earned promotion to locomotive engineer for Conrail on September 9, 1987, at Oak Point, N.Y.

Vice President Louis first joined the Brotherhood as a member of Division 752 in 1987. He transferred to Division 659 and soon became actively involved in serving the membership. He was elected Local Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of Division 659 in 1989, positions he held continuously until 1997, when he transferred to Division 382. He also represented Division 659 as a delegate to the BLE International Convention in 1996. Vice President Louis transferred his BLET membership once again in 1998 and became a member of Division 421 in Buffalo, NY. In 2001, he was elected to the Local Committee of Adjustment for Division 421, and was elected to serve as Local Chairman in 2004 and again in 2007. In 2006, he again served as a Delegate representing Division 421 at the BLET's First National Convention in 2006.

In addition to his General Committee and Division offices, Vice President Louis has been heavily involved in the Brotherhood's legislative affairs since joining the union. He represented Division 659 on the New York

State Legislative Board from 1989 through 1997, and then represented Division 421 in that same capacity for several years. He was twice elected Treasurer of the New York State Legislative Board in 2004. He was promoted to serve as Chairman of the New York State Legislative Board in 2008 and held that office until 2010.

Vice President Louis has been active in the BLE/BLET's Eastern Union Meeting Association (EUMA), serving as Arrangements Chairman in 2004, and then as Vice Chairman of the EUMA Standing Committee from 2005 to 2014.

In 2001, Vice President Louis was elected Second Alternate to the former BLE Board of Appeals. In 2006, he served on the Eastern Steering Committee at the BLET's First National Convention in Las Vegas. In 2011, Brother Louis served as Eastern Representative on the National Wage/Rule Committee. In 2010 and again in 2014, Vice President Louis served as a member of the Arrangements Committee at the BLET Second National Convention and Third National Convention, respectively. And, beginning in 2013, Vice President Louis began serving as a member of the Rail Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) as a member of the BLET's Crew Fatigue, Risk Management and Two-Person Crew Working Groups.

A fourth-generation railroader, Vice President Louis is proud of his strong union background. His great grandfather, Joseph, worked for 60 years on the Pennsylvania and the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroads. His grandfather, Fredrick, worked as a conductor. His father, Arthur, was a conductor with the New York Central from 1940 to 1968. His brother, Jerry, was a fireman with Penn Central/Conrail who served as a Local Chairman of the United Transportation Union from 1970 to 1979. His mother Leona, a union baker, taught Jim the values of unionism. As a young girl, she would toss loaves of bread to striking autoworkers in Flint, Michigan, at the risk of being chased by management guards.

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☐ Sports Team ☐ Activity Group (Attach year and members if possible)

CANDIDATES INFORMATION: (Please print)

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School (Check one) ☒ BFHS ☐ HACI Class Year 1975

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NOMINATOR's INFORMATION

Date Submitted: 4/24/2025

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April 24, 2025

BFHS/HACI Alumni Association
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Re: Nomination of James P. Louis for Bishop Fallon High School (BFHS) Hall of Fame

To All Concerned,

Attached please find completed "Nomination Form" and Biography information for Mr. James P. Louis, a distinguished graduate of Bishop Fallon High School (BFHS) Class of 1975.

In nominating Mr. Louis, I offer the following history of our personal and professional relationship, some observations, and explanation as to why I feel he is so very deserving of this distinguished honor.

I've had the pleasure/honor of knowing Jim since the early 1980's when we were both displaced (from Buffalo) railroaders working for Conrail in the New York City area. Our paths crossed many times in subsequent years but most importantly in the early 1990's when we both were serving as Union Officers in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. In those years since I've come to know Jim the family man, the union officer/negotiator, the professional in every sense of the word, and above all the friend, not just to me, but to everyone who has the opportunity and pleasure to come into his life.

It cannot be understated that his time as a union officer has helped many over the years, improving working conditions, pay and benefits, and in righting the many wrongs enacted by the rail carriers upon the employees. Such "righting of the wrongs" include arbitration hearings where the arguments presented by Jim in those hearings on behalf of those employees, helped those "wronged" employees retain their jobs, and go on to be productive employees, and/or getting those employees the assistance they might need to do so. This was no one time thing, it's happened many, many times over the years, and continues to this day in his position as Vice President in the Brotherhood. It is said of leadership, that "Leadership develops daily, not in a day" and that "Trust is the Foundation of Leadership" Jim exemplifies those leadership traits to the Nth degree.

On the personal side, Jim as a family man sets the example for all of us. I marvel at times at Jim's ability to balance family, work, volunteering and even some play (golf). The love and dedication to his wife Janet, and sons Shaun and Chris, as well as his giving back to the community is an example to us all on how to do things the right way, the fair way, all the while showing the love that makes a family grow together instead of apart, and how to make a community stronger.

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Our friendship has grown over the years, bouncing ideas off on another, sometimes disagreeing on things, more often agreeing on them, coming to a consensus, but most importantly being that confidant and being there for one another when life sometimes takes a bad turn. We all need that someone we know has our back at times, I, and many others know Jim has mine/theirs. I know I have his.

In closing I can think of no one more deserving of being in a "Hall of Fame" than Jim Louis. His life and career has been dedicated to his family and to helping others. I have no doubt that all started early on with his family, but Bishop Fallon High School no doubt nurtured that during his time there. That sense of dedication, service to others, and being a solid human being is something very uncommon in todays world. Bishop Fallon played a part in that, and the ripple effect it has to those whos' lives he has touched should not be underestimated. Again, I cannot think of a person more deserving of this honor than Jim.

Thanking you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory W. Lund', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory W. Lund

8960 the Fairways

Clarence, New York 14031

James P. Louis

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Jim Louis is the National Vice President for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET). Jim was elected as alternate National Vice President in 2010 and then to Vice President in 2014, reelected in 2018 and 2022, all times by acclimation

The previously was the General Chairman of the Conrail SAA/CSXT Northern District, GCA. He was elevated to this position in 2009 and re-elected by acclimation in 2011 after holding offices of Alternate General Chairman, Alternate Secretary/Treasurer and Secretary/Treasurer of the General Committee of Adjustment for several years.

Jim began his railroad career with Conrail, hiring as a Trainman in 1976, working as a Trainman and Conductor, and was selected for Engineer's Training in 1987 and earned promotion to Locomotive Engineer that year.

Brother Louis joined the BLET in 1987 and held membership in Divisions 421, 659 and 752 where he has held offices as Local Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Legislative Representative.

He served as Treasurer of the New York State Legislative Board starting in 2004 and held that position until he was elected Chairman in 2008. He has also served as the E.U.M.A. Vice Chairman from 2005 to 2015. Jim is a graduate of the BLET Local Chairmen's Workshop at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies - The National Labor College, Silver Springs, Maryland.

"I am proud to follow my Father, Brother and Uncle to make railroading my career. In our home, unionism was spoken at the dinner table by my Mom and Dad." Both parents, along with his brother were all union officers and the BLET Auxiliary has named a scholarship in honor of Jim's mother Leona.

Brother Louis' BLET Accomplishments include but are not limited to the following:

- Assisted in the Codification of the Conrail Single System Agreement in earlier 90's
- Assisted Divisional S/T's on behalf of the General Committee in the organization and auditing of their division's finances.
- Handled the Conrail 401k program as Secretary/Treasurer.
- Represented countless brothers in investigations for over 15 years as a Local Chairman and successfully represented a return to service of a member charged with a red signal violation with back pay.
- Oversaw the implementation of trip rates for the Conrail GCA.
- Oversees EUMA scholarship program.
- Negotiated numerous pool agreements.

- Handling first and second level pay claims up to and including arbitration.
- Handled first and second level discipline claims up to and including arbitration.
- Negotiated the TSSA and NMA agreements with CSX
- Member of the 2011 BLET National Wage Team
- Member of the RSAC committee of Crew Fatigue, Risk Management & Two Man Crews

Brother Louis and his wife Janet (BLET Auxiliary member) are proud parents of two Eagle Scouts, Shaun and Chris. Jim and his wife reside in Tonawanda, New York, where Brother Louis also performs additional service to the community as a Democratic Committeeman, Chairman of the Town of Tonawanda Zoning Board of Appeals, Board as well as a Merit Badge counselor in American Labor, Personal Management and Railroading merit badges for the Boy Scouts of America.

James P. Louis

UNION EXPERIENCE:

Conrail SAA/CSXT Northern District-GCA

- Elevated to General Chairman 2009 to 2015
- Elected Alternate General Chairman 2007
- Elected Secretary/Treasurer 2004-2008
- Elected Alternate Secretary/Treasurer 1997
- By-laws Committee 1997, 2004
- TSSA Agreement 2011 and SSA Agreement 2014

New York State Legislative Board

- Elected Chairman 2008 - 2010
- Elected Treasurer 2004 - 2008
- Division 421 Representative 2004 to 2008
- Division 659 Representative 1990 to 1997

Division 421

- Elected Local Chairman 2004 to 2008
- Elected Local Committee of Adjustments 2001
- Delegate to National Convention 2006

Division 659

- Elected Local Chairman 1989 to 1997
- Elected Secretary/Treasurer 1989 to 1997
- Delegate to International Convention 1996

Division 752

- Member 1987

EUMA

- Arrangement Chairman 2004
- Elected Vice Chairman 2005 to 2015

National

- National Vice President 2014, 2018, & 2022
 - Assigned to Amtrak, NJT, LIRR, PATH, SEPTA, VRE, MBCR, Caltrain, Coaster, Metro Link
- 3rd Alternate National Vice President 2010
- Department Head Passenger Department 2015-Present
- Department Head Education & Training 2015-2022
- Department Head Strategic Planning 2015-2022
- Department Head Mobilization 2015-2022
- Presidential Emergency Boards 243, 248, 249, 251, 252
- RSAC – Crew Fatigue, Risk Management, Two Man Crews 2013-2014
- Arrangement Committee BLET Convention 2014, 2010
- Arrangement Chairmen BLET Convention 2018 & 2022
- Eastern Representative – National Wage Committee 2011
- Eastern Steering Committee BLET Convention 2006
- 2nd Alternate BLE Board of Appeals 2001

RAILROAD EXPERIENCE:

Conrail/CSXT

- Trainman/Conductor - Hired August 6, 1976 – Buffalo, NY
- Trainman/Conductor – Conrail Commuter 1982 – Hoboken, NJ
- Locomotive Engineer - Promoted July 9, 1987 – Oak Point, NY

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

BLET – Trainmen Representation Class (Instructor) 2013
BLET – General Chairman Work Shop 2007
International Brotherhood of Teamsters “Negotiating the Win” 2007
National Labor College; Local Chairman Training 2002
BLE – Legislative Representative Class 1997
BLE - Secretary – Treasurer Class 1997

PERSONAL:

Married 36 years (Janet) with 2 children
Committeeman & Treasurer - Town of Tonawanda Democratic Party 2005-Present
Town of Tonawanda – Member Zoning Board of Appeal 2008 to 2019
Chairman 2019 to Present
St. Christopher School - Board Member 2012-2014
St Christopher Church – Buildings and Ground Committee 2024-Present
Father (Arthur) Conductor - New York Central 1940 to 1968
Brother (Jerry) Fireman – PC/Conrail 1970 to 1979 (UTU Local Chairman)
Mother (Leona) Union Baker