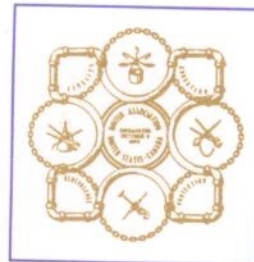


# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## 2017 UNION DUES

The 2017 dues information is enclosed. Please note that any overpayments resulting from these changes will automatically be applied towards the next months dues.

## IMPORTANT HEALTH AND WELFARE INFORMATION

**Blue Form Reminder:** Forms were mailed to all eligible members earlier this month. Take a moment to complete the form, both sides if applicable, and return to the Benefits Office at 4337 SW 44<sup>th</sup> St, Oklahoma City, OK 73119. All information is required and the member must sign the form. You must turn in your blue form to the Benefit Office on or before March 31, 2017 in order to receive health insurance for you and/or your dependents. The Claims Office **WILL NOT** process any claims until this form is signed and received. It is important to return the form as soon as possible. Please make sure you turn in your blue form by March 31, 2017. If not received by that date, spouse and dependents up to age 26 will not be covered under the Plan.

To request or to continue coverage for a child who has not attained age 26 as of January 1, 2017, the blue form must be completed and returned and a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card must be on file. If married, a marriage certificate must be on file before claims will be paid in 2017. If the blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2017, the dependents will not be eligible for coverage in 2017. The next open enrollment will be December 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 for the 2018 calendar year.

## CENTRAL OKLAHOMA LABOR FEDERATION AFL-CIO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

As an affiliated Local of the Central Oklahoma Labor Federation, members of Local 344 who are in good standing, or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing are eligible to apply. Applicants must be 26 yrs of age or younger and attending a two or four year college. Applications are available at the Local 344 Union Office and must be postmarked by February 11, 2017. Winner will be notified by April 30, 2017.

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*"Unionism has helped to give to everyone who toils the position of dignity which is his due"*



### PLUMBERS AGAINST HUNGER

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, Saturday, January 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is called "Plumbers Against Hunger", and will bring together union and non-union people from different aspects of the plumbing and pipefitting industry for a good cause. The Food Bank is located at 3355 S. Purdue in Oklahoma City. For additional information, contact Kenny at the Training Center (405-632-5629).

### PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS APPRENTICESHIP

Applications will be available at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center (5315 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday. Applications may be obtained in person, fax, e-mail or requested from the web site ([www.plumbersandpipefitters.com](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com)) to be mailed in 5 to 7 business days. The application must be returned, *with all required documents*, before the deadline for the next interview session.

### QUALIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Minimum 18 years of age prior to being accepted into the Program; must be a high school graduate or have a GED and provide transcript.

We anticipate accepting 10 to 15 apprentices this year. Applicants will be selected based on highest qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin. The P.H.C.C. Contractors, party to the Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C. Agreement, are Equal Opportunity Employers.

### WAGE RATES

1 <sup>st</sup> Yr. - \$15.57	4 <sup>th</sup> Yr. - \$20.23
2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. - \$17.12	5 <sup>th</sup> Yr. - \$23.35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr. - \$18.68	Journeyman - \$31.13

~ BEST WISHES in 2017 & HAPPY NEW YEAR!! ~

From the Officers & Staff of Local 344

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