

# Local 344

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES  
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Member Deaths

Brother **Larry D. Laurent**, Membership No. 897747, died 11/26/2017. He was a Journeyman Pipefitter and a Life Member. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Laurent.

### Dues Increase

Reminder - Dues for active members will increase \$2.00 per month effective January, 2018. There are exceptions for those who are retired or age 65 and older. Detailed information was mailed with the November newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 101.

### Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarship Fund

We will be awarding ten \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2017 Fall semester. Members, their spouses, sons and daughters who are full-time students (12 hours or more) are eligible. Applications must be in writing, postmarked by Friday, December 29, 2017. Eligibility rules were included in the November Newsletter and copies are available at the Union Office.

### Central Oklahoma Labor Federation, AFL-CIO \$1,000 Scholarship

As an affiliate 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 graduate high school in 2018 or before and be attending a two or four year college or graduate school. Applications are available at the Union Office.

**Please note: Your 2017 Tax information is enclosed.**

*Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a  
Happy New Year!*

Fraternally,

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



**2017 INCOME TAX INFORMATION  
FOR MEMBERS OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS  
LOCAL UNION NO. 344**

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 BY DECEMBER 31, 2001:**

**Paid 12 Months Dues @ \$19.00 per month..... \$228.00**

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2002  
AND DECEMBER 31, 2006:**

**Paid 12 Months Dues @ \$23.00 per month..... \$276.00**

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2007  
DECEMBER 31, 2016:**

**Paid 12 Months Dues @ \$24.00 per month..... \$288.00**

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 IN 2017:**

**Paid \$24.00 per month, effective the month following their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**MEMBERS WHO RETIRED IN 2017 AND WHO WERE UNDER AGE 65**

**Paid \$29.00 per month, effective the month following their retirement date**

**ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 65**

**Paid 12 Months Dues @ \$32.00 per month..... \$384.00**

**WACO (Working Assessment Check-Off)**

**Two and four tenths percent (2.4%) of gross wages for contractors in Local 344's jurisdiction**

**NOTE: If you worked for a contractor(s) out of the jurisdiction of Local 344, you must acquire your working assessments and/or travel card dues from your own records.**

**If you paid a Reinstatement Fee or Initiation Fee in 2017, these are also deductible.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DANA AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE (405-682-4571, Ext 101).**

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