

Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Local 344 Union App for Paying Dues and more!

On your smart phone, go to AppStore or Google Play. Search for ISAQR app and download it. It's free! The first time you start this App, it will ask you if it can use your camera. You need to select "yes." Then select "Scan QR" and scan the QR Code on the back of your membership card. This will take you to a screen where you can look at your certifications, pay dues, see skills and change your profile. Some screens may ask you to verify the last 4 digits of your Social Security number before continuing. If you have any questions about the new app, please call Dana at the Union Hall.

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarship Fund

Local 344 will be awarding ten \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2018 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 28, 2018. Eligibility rules were included in the November's Newsletter and copies are available at the Union Office.

Central Oklahoma Labor Federation 2019 \$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 2019 or before and be attending a 2 or 4 year college or graduate school. Applications are available at the Union Office.

Health and Welfare

The 2019 enrollment forms will be mailed out the week of December 10th. Please fill out and mail by March 31, 2019 or you will be able to go online to submit your enrollment forms. Adding dependents will require a Birth Certificate and Social Security card or Marriage Certificate on file.

Online enrollments are now available through the PP344 website at pp344.com in the benefits section.

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

Your sign on is:

USERNAME: last 4 digits of SSN + 1st initial of first name + Full last name in ALL CAPS

PASSWORD: your BCBS ID # (no letters)

Members can fill out all the information as well as add dependents, change address, and update any other information required on the "Blue Form" and can be submitted online. Once completed, you will receive a confirmation number.

Please note: Your 2018 Tax information is enclosed.

Remember you may access any of our previous newsletters at www.pp344.com.

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

Fraternally,



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Enclosure

**2018 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, 2017:**

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

ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 IN 2018:

Paid \$24.00 per month, effective the month following their 65th birthday

MEMBERS WHO RETIRED IN 2018 AND WHO WERE UNDER AGE 65

Paid \$31.00 per month, effective the month following their retirement date

ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 65

Paid 12 Months Dues @ \$34.00 per month..... \$408.00

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 2018, 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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