

Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Member Deaths

Brother **Lesley Pope**, Membership No. 442612, died 12/09/15. He was a Retired Plumber. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Pope.

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 44th 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, 2016 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, 2016. 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, 2016, 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 2016. **If the blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2016, the dependents will not be eligible for coverage in 2016.** The next open enrollment will be December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 for the 2017 calendar year.

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarship Fund

Reminder: Application requests must be in writing and postmarked by Saturday, December 26, 2015. Eligibility Rules were mailed in November and copies are available at the Union Office.

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 13, 2016. Winner will be notified by April 30, 2016.

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



Continuing Education Courses

Please check the expiration date on your state plumbing and/or mechanical licenses. The Training Center will offer continuing education classes for both early in the new year.

OSHA 30

The Local 344 Training Center will conduct another OSHA 30 class providing there is enough interest. Please contact the Training Center as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned classes (or any other ongoing or upcoming classes), please contact the Local 344 Training Center (405-632-5629) or go to the website at www.plumbersandpipefitters.com (UserID: 344member, Password: local344jatc) to complete an application online at your earliest convenience. The necessary **paperwork must be completed** prior to the first class meeting in order to ensure that all necessary materials are available.

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

Fraternally,



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