

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 **Ty Cobb O'Donnell**, Membership No. 1559159, died January 13, 2019. He was a Journeyman Plumber.

Health & Welfare

Online enrollments are now available through the PP344 website at www.pp344.com in the benefits section. Your sign is:

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

PASSWORD: your BCBS ID # (no letters) (Unless you changed password in previous years)

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.

Enrollment forms and supporting documentation must be turned in by March 31, 2019 in order to be covered for the 2019 Plan Year, 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, 2019 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 fill out online or return the form as soon as possible. **If the Blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2019, the dependents will not be eligible until the next open enrollment period.**

Update Beneficiary Information

It is critically important to keep your **death benefit** and **pension fund** beneficiary information current. Some members may have beneficiary designations that are out of step with changes in their lives. As with any insurance or investment accounts, keeping your beneficiary designations current is an important part of your family's future and well-being.

\$300 Furlough Grant

If you experienced a lay-off during the government shutdown and you carry a Union Plus Credit Card, you might be eligible for a \$300 onetime payment. Go online to this web address: <https://www.unionplus.org/hardship-help/layoff-assistance> to see if you qualify.

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

ISAQR Union App

On December 18th the local texted all members with a cell phone their personalized credentials for logging in to the new ISAQR app. If you did not get your credentials via text, you are welcome to call Dana at the hall.

8th Annual Pipe Trades Against Hunger - Rescheduled

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, Saturday, **February 16** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is called "Pipe Trades 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).

Plumbing Continuing Education Course

Please check the expiration date on your state plumbing licenses. A Plumbing CEU class will be held Saturday, February 16 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Union Hall. Please call (405)632-5629 to reserve your space today. *If you are not sure if you need to complete a CEU class, check with the Training Center. The information will most likely be in your file.*

Medical Gas System Certification

Please check the expiration dates on your Medical Gas card. In order to be certified to work on Medical Gas Systems, you must be current in both the installation and braze requirements. If the expiration dates are not on your card, use the ISAQR app to scan your card and view the dates.

CFC Refrigerant Recovery Course

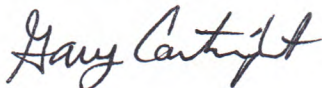
A Refrigerant Recovery course for HVAC technicians will be held February 21, and continue on March 8 and 9 at the Local 344 Training Center.

The necessary paperwork must be completed prior to the first class meeting in order to ensure that all necessary materials (textbooks, exams, etc.) are available.

Welders with UA certifications are needed right now. Please call the JATC for testing.

Pizza will be served at March's Union Meeting!

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