

# Local 344

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**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 **Terrell W. Trimble**, Membership No. 2315118, died 01/20/2016. He was a Serviceman.  
Brother **Tommy F. Phillips**, Membership No. 1032728, died 1/28/2016. He was a Retired Journeyman Refrigeration Pipefitter. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family's of these Brothers.

### Meeting Cancellation

The Oklahoma County Election Board will be using our Union Hall for the Presidential Preferential Primary Elections on March 1, 2016. Therefore, pursuant to Article 5.1 of our Local Union By-Laws, our March Membership meeting has been cancelled.

### LOCAL UNION ELECTION

This is a reminder that the election of officers for Local Union 344 will be held on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Polls will be open from **8:00am to 2:00pm**. If a run-off is required, it will be held on Saturday, **March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00 p.m.** The election will be held at the Union Hall located at 4335 SW 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK.

You are eligible to vote if your dues have been in good standing for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the election. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, contact Amanda at 405-682-4571 ext 101.

Following is a list of nominees, in the order they were drawn for ballot position:

### Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Gary Loving  
Matthew Dolan  
Darren Jones

### Vice-President

Douglas Heistand  
Richard Clemens

### Recording Secretary

Shelby Seabourn  
Michael L. Goodson

### Inside Guard

Terry Davis  
Justin Magby

### Executive Board

Craig Blankenship  
Tyler Kincannon  
Travis Watson  
Darby Lee  
Orlando Navarro  
James Clouse

### Examining Board

Dudley Craig Daberry  
Larry King  
Delbert E. Gault  
Dustin Amrine  
Kevin Briscoe  
Jeremiah Chism  
Edwayne Birdsong

Congratulations to the following Brothers, who were elected by acclamation:

### President

Randal Breeden

### Finance Committee

Greg Morgan  
Matt Flowers  
Kenny Whitson

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

## Election of Delegates to the 39<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the United Association

Shelby Seabourn  
Darby Lee  
Gary Cartwright  
Richard Clemens  
Doug Heistand  
Charlie "Goodtime" Kiser  
Kenny Whitson  
Terry Davis  
Tyler Kincannon  
Steve Motley

Travis Watson  
Glenn Weigl  
Orlando Navarro  
James Clouse  
Michael L. Goodson  
Dudley Craig Daberry  
Greg Morgan  
Randal Breeden  
Larry King  
Jeff Stephenson

### UA Scholarship Fund Information

The United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year scholarship awards. The fund benefits UA members and their dependants. The eligibility requirements, application and detailed instructions can be downloaded at [www.ua.org](http://www.ua.org). The deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2016.

### Important Health and Welfare Information

**Blue Form Reminder:** Take a moment to complete the form, and **return it to the Benefits Office before March 31, 2016** at 4337 SW 44<sup>th</sup> St, OKC, OK 73119. All information is required and the **member must sign the form 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. If not received by March 31, 2016 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 with a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card. 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.

### Unlimited Mechanical License Prep Course

A course designed to prepare students to sit for the Oklahoma State Unlimited Mechanical License exam will be offered at the Local 344 Training Center beginning Monday, February 29. The course consists of 8 weekly sessions to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Monday through April 18.

### Continuing Education Courses

Please check the expiration date on your state plumbing and/or mechanical licenses. A Plumbing CEU class is scheduled for March 3 and 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Training Center. NOTE: You must attend both sessions to receive credit. A Mechanical CEU class will be held in April.

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](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com) (UserID: 344member, Password: local344jtc) 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.

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