

Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Member Deaths

Brother **Billy Caldwell**, Membership No. 906329, died 11/16/13. He was a Retired Pipefitter.

Brother **Chester Bruce**, Membership No. 619598, died 12/16/13. He was a Retired Plumber and a Life Member.

Brother **Fred Tassell**, Membership No. 517174, died 12/25/13. He was a Retired Pipefitter and a Life Member.

Brother **Gerald Reeves**, Membership No. 1116802, died 1/04/14. He was a Retired Pipefitter.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the families of these brothers.

Pipefitter Business Agent

Brother Rick Blundell, Pipefitter Business Agent, retired December 31st. I would like to extend our appreciation for his dedicated service to our Local Union.

Brother Steve Motley is now serving as Pipefitter Business Agent and Organizer, and may be contacted at the Local Union Office on **Extension 8**.

Important Health & Welfare Information

Blue Form Reminder: Forms were mailed to all eligible members in December. 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 Claims Office on or before March 31, 2014 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, 2014. If not received by that date, 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, 2014, the blue form must be completed and returned with a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card before claims will be paid in 2014. **If the blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2014, the dependents will not be eligible for coverage in 2014.** The next open enrollment will be December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 for the 2015 calendar year.

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



Plumbers Against Hunger Rescheduled for February 15

Due to inclement weather on December 21, the Plumbers Against Hunger event was cancelled and has been rescheduled. Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, **Saturday, February 15 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** The event is called "Plumbers Against Hunger"; however, the effort is meant to bring together union and non-union people from all 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).

OSHA 10 Certification Course Required by July 1, 2014

As per the Local 344 collective bargaining agreement, all members will be required to obtain an OSHA 10 certification by July 1, 2014 in order to continue working in the field. Classes are currently being offered through the Training Center. Please take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible.

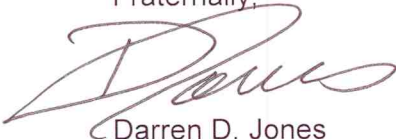
If you received your OSHA 10 certification through a source other than the Local 344 Training Center, please provide documentation for your file at the Training Center. You can either mail a copy of your card to the Training Center at 5315 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, OK 73109 or go by and the staff will make a copy.

Code Update Classes Required to Re-new State License

Mechanical and Plumbing Code Update classes will be offered at the Training Center soon. **Effective July 1, 2014**, these classes are necessary in order to renew your state licenses through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board.

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned 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.

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