

# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Member Deaths

Brother Lee D. Brown, Membership #1115342, died 01/05/2018. He was a Mechanical Equipment Journeyman. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Brown.

### Health & Welfare

Online enrollments are now available through the PP344 website at [www.pp344.com](http://www.pp344.com) in the benefits section. Your sign is:

**USERNAME:** last 4 digits of SSN + 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The Claims Office requires an updated blue enrollment form each year on all eligible participants. Take a moment to complete the form either online or by mail. To request coverage for a child who has not attained age 26, the enclosed enrollment form must be completed as well as mailing in a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card. All forms and supporting documentation must be turned in by March 31, 2018 in order to be covered for the 2018 Plan Year, and return to the Benefits Office at 4337 SW 44<sup>th</sup> 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, 2018 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, 2018, the dependents will not be eligible until the next open enrollment period.**

### Annuity/401K and Investment News

The Clift Group will be at the Union Hall on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 before and during the February membership meeting to go over investment news and strategies. Please plan on attending so that you can grow in knowledge about your Annuity investments.

### Plumbing Continuing Education Course (CEU)

The Local 344 Training Center will hold a Plumbing CEU course on Saturday, February 10 at the Union Hall. This class is required by the Construction Industries Board to renew your state plumbing license. If you are not sure when your CEU credit expires, contact the Training Center (405-632-5629). If you took the class through the Training Center, the expiration date will be in their records.

### OSHA 30 Course

An OSHA 30 course will be held at the Training Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning January 22 and continuing through February 19. This course is limited to forty students, so contact the staff at the Training Center to reserve your space now.

### Medical Gas System Installation Course

A 40-hour Medical Gas System Installation Course has been tentatively scheduled to begin at the Training Center early next month. Space is limited, so call to reserve your place today!

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned classes, please contact the Local 344 Training Center at (405-632-5629) or email one of the office staff at [rachel@jatc344.com](mailto:rachel@jatc344.com) or [beverly@jatc344.com](mailto:beverly@jatc344.com) at your earliest convenience. The necessary **paperwork must be completed** prior to the first class meeting in order to ensure all necessary materials are available. Check us out on Facebook (Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center).

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