

# Local 344

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES  
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY

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Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother **Ben F. Edwards**, Membership No. 959048, died 6/16/2019. He was a Life Member Journeyman Plumber.

Brother **Joseph M. Perdue**, Membership No. 2672190, died 6/29/2019. He was an HVAC Apprentice.

## Employee Assistance Program

A place to turn to when personal problems seem overwhelming. Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential counseling program, **free of charge**, provided for you and your family. Counselors are trained to deal with a broad range of problems: stress, parenting, family issues, coping with illness, marital problems, work issues, addictions, grief, anger, anxiety, depression, coping with financial problems, etc. Call 800-413-8008 ext. 2.

## HVAC Instructor Needed at the Training Center

The Local 344 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will be hiring an additional HVAC Instructor beginning with the 2019-20 school year. If you are interested in this position, mail or deliver your resume or letter of application to Tommy O'Donnell, Training Director, Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center, 5315 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109 or email to [tommy@jatc344.com](mailto:tommy@jatc344.com). The deadline to make application is **Friday, July 12, 12:00 noon**.

## 2019 Apprentice Contest

This year's Apprentice Contest was held March 13, 14 and 23 at the Local 344 Training Center. The winners were Kyle Gibson (Pipefitter Category), Scott Schwab (Plumber Category), and Cody Myers (Welder Category). Kyle and Scott won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their respective categories at the State Contest held in Tulsa on May 4 and went on to compete at the District 3 Contest held in Metairie, Louisiana in June. Congratulations to these three outstanding apprentices on their accomplishments.

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

## **Mechanical and Plumbing Continuing Education Courses**

A Mechanical CEU class will be held Saturday, July 20 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Union Hall; and a Plumbing CEU class will be held Wednesday, July 24 and Monday, July 29. (You must attend both sessions of the plumbing class in order to receive credit.) Please call (405)632-5629 to reserve your space today. *If you are not sure if you need to complete a CEU class, use the ISAQR app to scan your membership card and view the expiration date(s) under **certifications** on the menu on the left, or check with the Training Center.*

## **OSHA 30 Course**

An OSHA 30 course is tentatively scheduled for next month at the Training Center. Most general contractors are requiring this course for admission to the job site. If you would like to participate in this class, please contact the Training Center as soon as possible.

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 for all classes mentioned above.

Remember, all of our newsletters are available at [www.pp344.com](http://www.pp344.com)

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