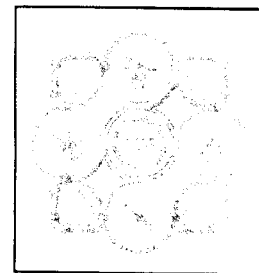


# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

## LOCAL UNION ELECTIONS

**Nominations for Officers** of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 344 will be held at our next regularly scheduled monthly Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Local Union Hall, 4335 S.W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members who have been in good standing for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months are eligible to be nominated. You must be a member in good standing in order to make a nomination. You need not be present to be nominated, but must accept the nomination in writing within ten (10) days of nomination to be included on the ballot.

Offices to be filled for a three (3) year term are as follows:

President	Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer
Vice President	4 Executive Board Members
Recording Secretary	3 Finance Committee Members
Inside Guard	6 Member Examining Board consisting of: 2 Plumbers, 2 Pipefitters and 2 Refrigeration Fitters

**Election of Officers** will be held Saturday, June 1, 2013, at the Local Union Hall. Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. A member is eligible to vote in the election only if their dues have been in good standing for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months. If you question your eligibility, please contact Cheryl at the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 10 to check your eligibility.

In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be necessary. Said run-off will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the Local Union Hall. Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

## 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Eighth Annual Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344 Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Crimson Creek Golf Club, 800 Babcock Drive, El Reno, Oklahoma. Registration is \$50 per player, which includes range balls and cart.

Registration forms were mailed with our March Newsletter, or you can call the Union Office (405-682-4571 ext 10) to register and pay by credit card. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 26.

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

## ALEC RALLY

American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is holding their Spring Task Force Summit in Oklahoma City on May 2-3, 2013. Through ALEC, corporations hand state legislators the changes to the law they desire that directly benefit their bottom line. Participating legislators then bring those proposals home and introduce them in statehouses across the nation as their own ideas - without disclosing that corporations crafted and voted on the bills. ALEC describes itself as a "unique", "unparalleled" and "unmatched" organization. We agree - they are unparalleled and unmatched in targeting and harming working men and women of America.

The following events will be held in protest of ALEC. Please plan to attend and bring your family and friends.

Thursday, May 2, 2013: Coca Cola Events Center  
4:00 - 6:00 pm - March for the Middle Class (followed by hot dogs)  
7:00 -10:00 pm - Working Family Rally (speakers and music)

Friday, May 3, 2013: An Oklahoma Community Forum (panel discussion on ALEC)  
2:00-5:00 p.m.

## MEDICAL GAS CODE UPDATE FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

The NITC and the United Association recently adopted the **2012 edition of NFPA 99** which covers Medical Gas Systems. The next re-certification course and exam will be held this Summer. Please check your records for your expiration date. If your certification expires within the next six (6) months, you will need to attend this course to re-certify in order to continue to work with **Medical Gas Systems**.

## OSHA 10 CERTIFICATION COURSE

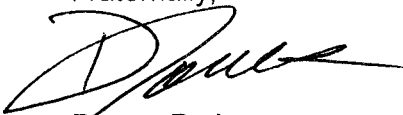
As per the Local 344 collective bargaining agreement, all members will be required to obtain an OSHA 10 certification by July 1, 2014 in order to continue working in the field. Classes will be offered through the Training Center beginning this Summer.

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](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com) (UserID: 344member, Password: local344jafc) 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.

## APPRENTICE CONTEST

We would like to congratulate the winners of the Local 344 Apprentice Contest: Lee Spurgin, Plumbing; Rowdy Bates, Pipefitting; and Brandon Owings, Welding. They will each compete in the State Contest against contestants from Local 430 in Tulsa on May 4. The winners of the State Contest will advance to the District 3 Contest in New Orleans in June.

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