

# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother, **Kenneth R. Hudson**, Membership Number 1213170, died 3/6/2020. He was a Retired Journeyman Pipefitter Refrigeration.

## 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. All forms must be turned in by March 31, 2020 in order to be covered for the 2020 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 and turn in the enrollment form to the Benefit Office on or before March 31, 2020 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 the Blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2020, the dependents will not be eligible until the next open enrollment period.**

\*\*\* Retirees are NOT required to fill out "Blue Forms" \*\*\*

## OKC Memorial Marathon "Run to Remember"

Once again, Local 344 will be a proud sponsor this year. As we approach the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 2020, you may not know that some of our members were 1<sup>st</sup> responders that infamous day. If any member or family member would like to participate as a runner or volunteer at the water stop please call the Hall.

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

## Upcoming Courses to be Held at the Training Center

Medical Gas  
Backflow Testing  
OSHA 30  
Plumbing CEU  
Mechanical CEU  
Trimble

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.*

## UA Scholarship Fund Information

We are pleased to announce that the United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is gearing up for the 2020-2021 academic year scholarship awards. Up to 112 scholarships totaling as much as \$222,000 will be awarded this year, including 106 for students pursuing undergraduate studies and up to six for students pursuing graduate studies. Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 each. Generally, dependents of UA members who are pursuing a post-high school education at an accredited college or university may apply. ***The deadline for submitting applications is June 7, 2020.***

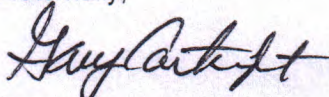
Applications will now only be accepted electronically through <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com>. Potential applicants will need to go to that website to create a user account and for additional instructions to access and submit applications. **Applications are now being accepted.**

## April's Meeting is Cancelled

Due to an election being held at the Hall on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is in accordance with The Local's by-laws in Article 5 § 5.1.

Remember you may access any of our previous newsletters at [www.pp344.com](http://www.pp344.com).

Fraternally,



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