

# Local 344

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

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Member Deaths

Brother **Bill Killian**, Membership No. 990055, died 10/16/2014. He was a Retired Pipefitter.

Brother **Franklyn Hickerson**, Membership No. 970211, died 10/30/2014. He was a Retired Pipefitter.

Brother **Donald Fatherree**, Membership No. 959044, died 10/31/2014. He was a Retired Pipefitter.

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

### Dues Increase

In accordance with the amendments enacted at the 38<sup>th</sup> Convention of the United Association, union dues will be increased \$1.00 per month effective January 1, 2015. There are exceptions to this increase, so please refer to the enclosed list to determine your dues for 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 4.

### Annual Turkey Giveaway

Holiday turkeys will be given out after the regular membership meeting Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarships

We will be awarding ten \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2014 Fall Semester. Members, their spouses, sons and daughters who are full-time students (12 hours or more) are eligible. Eligibility and application rules are enclosed.

### Plumbers Against Hunger

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, Saturday, December 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is called "Plumbers Against Hunger", and will bring together union and non-union people from different 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).

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

### **CEU Credit and OSHA 10**

As most of you are aware, you must complete six hours of continuing education in order to renew your state licenses through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board. Currently, most of the Journeyman Upgrade classes (i.e., OSHA 10, Medical Gas, Backflow, CFC Refrigerant Recovery, Boiler Operator, along with re-certs) offered at the Training Center are approved for continuing education credit. In addition, you are required to obtain an OSHA 10 certification in order to work under the Local 344 Collective Bargaining Agreement. If you are one of the few who have not obtained your CEU credit and/or OSHA 10 certification, please contact one of the staff at the Training Center to discuss your options.

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned classes (or any other ongoing or upcoming 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.

### **Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship**

Applications will be available at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center (5315 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday. Applications may be obtained in person, by mail, fax, e-mail or requested from the web site ([www.plumbersandpipefitters.com](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com)). The applicant must return the application, *with required documents*, before the deadline for the next interview session in order to be considered.

Qualifications are as follows: Minimum **18** years of age prior to being accepted into the Program; must be a high school graduate or have a GED and provide **transcript**.

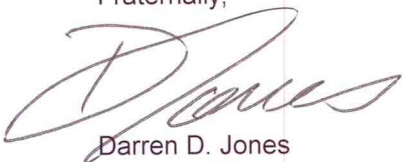
We anticipate accepting 10 to 15 apprentices this year. Applicants will be selected based on highest qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. The P.H.C.C. Contractors, party to the Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C. Agreement, are Equal Opportunity Employers.

### **Wage Rates**

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - \$15.27	4 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$21.38
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - \$18.32	5 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$22.90
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - \$19.85	Journeyman - \$30.53

*~ Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Family ~*

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Business Manager

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Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Santa's Coming

**It's time for the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344  
Annual Children's Christmas Party**

**When:** Saturday, December 13, 2014  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Local 344 Union Hall  
4335 Southwest 44<sup>th</sup>  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Bring the kids to see Santa!**



