



April 2025

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

MEMBER DEATHS

Brother **Leslie T. Carr**, Membership Number 1227120, died March 28, 2025. He was a Journeyman Pipefitter / Welder.

NOTICE OF LOCAL UNION NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Nominations for Officers of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 344 will be held at our next regularly scheduled monthly Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Local Union Hall, 4335 S.W. 44th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73119.

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

Election of Officers will be held Saturday, June 7, 2025, 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 Dana at the Union Office at 405-682-4572.

In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be necessary. Said run-off will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Local Union Hall. Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

UA Local 344 Apprentice Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 Local 344 Apprentice Contest.

Solomon McDonald (Plumbing)
Justin Ergang (Pipefitting)
David Tharp (Welding)

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

This year, there were **21** contestants. The participants are given a written exam before the Hands-On portion of the Contest. They must complete a range of tasks specific to their trade within a predetermined time frame. Judges look for skill, accuracy, and the quality of the finished product done safely and professionally.

Winners will compete in a state contest with apprentices from Local 430 to determine who will continue to the District Contest to be held in June in Metairie, Louisiana.

Golf Tournament May 31st

Our 19th Annual Golf Tournament will be at the Winter Creek Golf & Country Club in Blanchard on Saturday May 31st. Please see enclosed flyer.

Filing Vision Claims: Providers can file vision claims to UHC: If the provider won't file with UHC/shared services, they can file directly to the claims office: Claims office c/o PP344 H&W fund at 8441 Gulf Freeway, Suite 304, Houston, TX 77017. If the provider won't file the claim directly to the claims office or with UHC/shared services, you will need to pay out of pocket to the provider and either mail your claim to the claims office or you can e-mail your itemized vision claim to the Benefit office at andrea@local344.com and it will be forwarded to the Claims office for processing so you can be reimbursed.

Effective 1/1/25, The Trustees voted to increase vision benefits, they are as follows:

Vision exam: up to 150.00 **Frames:** up to 250.00
Single vision Lenses: up to 235.00 **Bifocals and Trifocals:** up to 250.00
OR
Contact lenses: Up to 280.00 once every 12 months.

Fraternally,



Gary Cartwright
Business Manager

Enclosure