

# Local 344

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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 **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. 44<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>**

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be at the Winter Creek Golf & Country Club in Blanchard on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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:**

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

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