

# 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, **Terry G. Smith**, Membership Number 1063895, died 11/7/2022. He was a Journeyman Plumber.

Brother, **Merlin E. Adler**, Membership Number 1003299, died 11/13/2022. He was a Life Member Pipefitter Refrigeration Journeyman.

## Health & Welfare

**Teledoc:** This benefit is available to ALL ACTIVE members and eligible dependents. You will have access to 24/7/365 access to U.S. board certified doctors and pediatricians by phone or online video. Please visit the Teladoc website or call 1-800-Teladoc (835-2362) to set up your account today. The doctors can treat many conditions such as sinus problems, bronchitis, allergies, cold and flu symptoms, ear infection, and respiratory infections plus more. There is NO cost to the member for a Teladoc visit. The registration link can be found on the Local 344 webpage under "Links" tab.

**Free Clinic:** All Active and Pre 65 retirees on the H&W Plan have preferred access to all of the Your Health and Wellness and Just Kids Pediatrics locations at no out-of-pocket costs. These locations are eager to serve our members and family as a Primary Care physician and can provide comprehensive, personalized medical care. The clinic locations and services they offer can be found on their website at [yourhealthok/local344](http://yourhealthok/local344) or [justkidsped.com](http://justkidsped.com). You can also access their website by going to [pp344.com](http://pp344.com) and under "links" or call the VIP number for Local 344 at 405-920-6100 to make an appointment today.

## PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS APPRENTICESHIP

Applications are available at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center (5315 S. Shartel Ave., 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, fax, or requested from the web site ([www.plumbersandpipefitters.com](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com)) and will be mailed in 5 to 7 business days. The application must be returned, *with all required documents*, before the deadline for the next interview session.

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

**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, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40-year-old or older. 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 - \$17.75	4 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$23.07
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - \$19.52	5 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$26.62
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - \$21.30	Journeyman - \$35.50

**Central Oklahoma Labor Federation 2023 \$1,000 Scholarship**

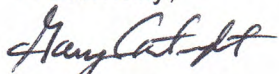
As an affiliate of the Central Oklahoma Labor Federation, members of Local 344 who are in good standing or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing, are eligible to apply. Applicants must graduate high school in 2023 or before and be attending a 2 or 4 year college or graduate school. Applications are at the Union Hall.

**2022 Tax Information is enclosed.**

The new 2023-2025 UA Membership Cards will be mailed out soon

*Have a Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year!*

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Enclosure

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