

# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

## **\* \* \* \* \* SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE \* \* \* \* \***

There will be a special meeting of the Local Union 344 Membership on

**Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm**

At the Local Union Hall, 4335 S.W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City.

This meeting is being called to reschedule August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to this new date, as the Officer's will be attending the Southwest Pipe Conference on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Wage Increase**

The new 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement now includes a \$2.75 per hour wage increase to Journeymen. With a 5% increase to all Apprentices.

### **Member Deaths**

Brother **Stephen R. Dobbins**, Membership Number 1005288, died 6/2/2023. He was a Retired Life Member Pipefitter Refrigeration Journeyman.

### **State Welding License**

If you need to re-test to renew your state welding license, please contact the Training Center (405-632-5629) as soon as possible. A testing session will be held Saturday, August 5, 7:00 a.m. at the Training Center. You must reserve a space no later than Thursday, August 3 so we can prepare the necessary paperwork.

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

## **2023 State Apprentice Contest**

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Oklahoma State Apprentice Contest. The Contest is hosted on a rotating basis between Local 344 and Local 430 in Tulsa. Our contestants were all winners this year.

Mark Hoffman (Plumbing)  
Trenton Hovis (Pipefitting)  
Jadon Walton (Welding)

The 3 of them, along with Training Director Tommy O'Donnell, Training Coordinator Brian Dearman and Local 344 Committee Chair John Hole, traveled to Metairie, Louisiana to compete in the District 3 Contest last month. We are so proud of all three of them.

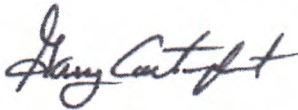
## **2023 District 3 Apprentice Contest**

Congratulations to Trenton Hovis on winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Pipefitting category of the UA District 3 Apprentice Contest.

The competition was stiff, with our apprentices competing against top apprentices from Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Arkansas.

Great job Trenton!

You can always access our previous newsletters at [pp344.com](http://pp344.com)



Fraternally,

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