Local 344

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

September 2024

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Member Deaths

Brother Noah "Jack" Dubler, Membership Number 941265, died 8/16/2024. He was a Retired Life Member Journeyman Pipefitter.

Brother, Mark C. Mania, Membership Number 1211451, died 8/23/2024. He was a Retired Journeyman Plumber.

Health & Welfare BLUE FORMS:

***Open enrollment for all "Active" members on the Local 344 Health Insurance begins September 15th and will end on December 15th.

You must turn in your blue form to the Benefit Office on or before December 15, 2024 in order to receive health insurance for you and/or your dependents for the 2025 plan year.

Online enrollments are available through the PP344 website at pp344.com in the "Login for benefits" tab. https://ecommerce.issisystems.com/isite208/eremit.dll/20801/loginm.asp

Your sign on is:

USERNAME: last 4 digits of SSN + 1st initial of first name + Full last name in ALL CAPS PASSWORD: your UHC Member ID # (enter the numbers after the 374)

> this password is good as long as you haven't changed in the past, if you don't remember the password, click on forgot password and the system will send you an e-mail to reset the password.

Members can fill out all the information, change address, and update any other information required on the "Blue Form" and can be submitted online. Once completed, you will receive a confirmation number, keep this number for your records.

Retirees are NOT required to fill out the Blue form.

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2024-25 School Year

Apprentice classes begin October 7. As a Journeyman, you are welcome to sit in on any class you would like. Our classes are filling up for this year, if you are interested call one of the staff at the Training Center (405-632-5629) as soon as possible.

Continuing Education Classes

If your Mechanical or Plumbing CEU Expires soon, please contact the Training Center (405-632-5629) to take the course online.

Western Oklahoma Building Trades Scholarship

This Scholarship benefits members of participating unions, their spouses, and dependents.

https://occf.org/scholarships/apply-now/

- Application Period: Opens on October 1st and closes on February 15th.
- Award Amounts: Specific award amounts are not posted on the above website
 or the individual scholarship applications. However, applicants can expect
 scholarship awards to range from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

You can always access our previous newsletters at pp344.com

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