OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

In accordance with the Section 11 of the United Association Constitution, we, your General Officers, hereby issue the call for the 39th Convention of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the US and Canada, AFL-CIO, to convene Monday morning, August 1, 2016, at 8:00am in the San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California.

Local Unions and State or Provincial Associations shall proceed to elect delegates and alternates in accordance with the provisions of the United Association Constitution governing this all-important subject.

Nominations for delegates in attendance will be February 9, 2016, with voting on March 8, 2016.

PIE TRADES CONVENTION

There will be nominations at our March Union Meeting with elections at April Union meeting, the convention will be held June 15-17, 2016 @ Tower.

NEW BUILDING ADDRESS

LABOR CENTER
PLUMBERS LOCAL 34
353 WEST 7TH STREET, SUITE 104
ST. PAUL, MN 55102

We plan on occupying our office space in late January 2016.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2016

HEALTH & BENEFITS FAIR:
The Fair will be held on, April 2, 2016 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. As Trustees and Local Union Officers, we highly recommend your attendance. Further information will be mailed.

WATERS OFF:
Waters Off will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, we will be looking for volunteers.

MN BUILDING TRADES CONVENTION:
There will be nominations and elections at our June 14th Union Meeting for the convention July 27-29, 2016 in Tower.

DUES RATES FOR 2016

Journeyman $162.00, Apprentice 5th yr. $125.00, Apprentice 3rd &4th yrs. $104.00, Apprentice 1st & 2nd yrs. $75.00, Metal Trades $125.00 and Journeyman dues relief $66.00.
ATTENDANCE CHECKS

2015 Union meeting attendance checks will be available at the February 9th, 2016 meeting.

UNION DUES INCOME TAX DEDUCTION ON HOURS WORKED

January 1 to April 30, 2015 deduction is $3.21 per hour worked. May 1st to December 31, 2015 is $3.22 per hour worked. Please check Twin City Pipe Trades web site - www.ptsmn.org for your hours worked in 2015.

JATC Training News

The Training Department is looking for people interested in teaching. If you have any interest, call the Training office @ 651-846-1389.

If you are planning on taking the continuing education classes make sure that you fill out the registration form and send it in. This lets us know how many are attending and helps us plan for the class.

Be sure to check the expiration dates on your certifications. It is important to keep current on all certifications and licenses. If you are interested in classes such as Med Gas & RPZ, call the Training office for information.

NEW RETIREES

Steven Andersen  Craig Nyhus  Darrel Oberloh  Kevin Swenson

CHRISTMAS RETIREE LUNCHEON

The Retiree Club and Officers Gene Husnick, Howard Hanson and Bob Schwartzbauer would like to thank the Membership of Local 34 for hosting the Retirees Christmas Luncheon that was attended by over 125 at Mancini's Char House on December 1, 2015.

SYMPATHIES

Local 34 extend its deepest sympathies to the families of:

Greg Cardinal

WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST IN 2016!

Our future and our jobs depend on good quality work, always strive for excellence!