



PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

1st Quarter: January – February – March 2021

UNION MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM

Plumbers Local 34 is holding monthly Union Meetings virtually through ZOOM. Please contact the office to learn how to register for each meeting.

Or check out our website for more information:

www.plumberslocal34.org.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We hope all had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Welcome to 2019. The This has been a long year for all. We hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

Local 34 has so far weathered the 2020 storm fairly well. Hours are down about 10%, but consistent. Single and multi-family construction are driving the market. Governor Walz signed a \$1.9 billion bonding bill which will help construction in the future.

With a vaccine and the Presidential election by us, I am fully confident that this Nation will move forward, as will Plumbers Local 34.

From all the Officers of Local 34, we thank you for your hard work and dedication. Be safe, healthy, and happy.

Hope all have a great 2021.

Thomas P. McCarthy
Business Manager

OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

In accordance with Section 11 of the United Association Constitution, we, your General Officers, hereby issue the call for the 40th 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 22, 2021, 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 will be taken at the March 9, 2021 meetings, and elections at the April 13, 2021 Meeting.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Employee Assistance Program is for help ranging from addiction to finding childcare. Go to www.hpeap.com, Password: ptsmn.



RETIREE LUNCHEON

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: We missed seeing the Retirees at the Annual luncheon at Mancini's. We hope we are able to gather once again in 2021. Fingers crossed that we see you all at Mancini's in December 2021. Keep your eye on upcoming newsletters for more information.

SPRING LUNCHEON: Any decision to hold the Spring Luncheon will be made in the spring. We will try to have additional information in the next newsletter, coming out April 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Joseph C. Blaha, Ryan Couden, Warren Reber, John Stead
Todd A. Weber, Jon R. Weber, David G. Zajac

ATTENDANCE CHECKS

2020 Union Meeting attendance checks will be mailed out in February 2021.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MN Pipe Trades Convention: The MN Pipe Trades Convention is scheduled for June 16-18, 2021. Delegate nominations will be at the February 9th Union Meeting, and Elections at March 9th Meeting.

Water's Off: No date has been picked for 2021 Water's Off. We will notify the membership if this changes.

TRAINING NEWS

CLASSES: If you have interest in Backflow training or Medical Gas training, contact the Training office to be put on a waiting list for these classes.

See the attached registration form for regular Continuing Education classes.

MONTHLY DUES RATES FOR 2021

Local 34 Bylaws:

Section IV. Dues. The regular monthly dues for Journeyman members working under the Building Trades Agreement in Zone 1 shall be based on 2.5 times the total Journeyman hourly wage package rate of pay. Apprentice monthly dues shall be based on 2.5 times the total apprentice hourly wage package rate of pay. [Averaged.] Adjustments made based on total wage and fringe every January 1st.

Zone 1:

Journeyman - \$184	Dues Relief - \$83
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Year Apprentice - \$95	Dues Relief - \$42
4 th , 5 th Year Apprentice - \$138	Dues Relief - \$62

Zone 2: Dues remain the same

INCOME TAX DEDUCTION ON HOURS WORKED

January – December 2020	\$3.17	Journeyman
		Call for Apprentice rates

Check the Pipe Trades Services Minnesota website for your hours worked. Log in to your personal user account at www.ptsmn.org. To set up a new account, use access code: Pipe135z.

Continuing Education Class offered through the JATC

Plumbers Local 34 Union Hall

St. Paul Labor Center

353 West 7th Street

St. Paul, MN 55102

Gentleman and Ladies, please note the following:

Class size is limited to 30. You **Must register** for the class and receive a confirmation email.

There will be no drop-ins allowed.

When you come to class you will be required to have your own mask and pen to sign your individual form. There is a chance that some of the class may be held online, **you will be notified of any changes through the email you have provided.**

Email the completed form to: heather.sanderson@saintpaul.edu

Indicate the courses you would like to register for:

X	Date	Course Name	Code Credit	Tech. Credit	Location	Time
	Jan. 13, 2021	Water management program & ICRA	0	4	Union Hall	5-9pm
	Jan. 20, 2021	Backflow & Backflow Prevention vol.1	4	0	Union Hall	5-9pm
	Jan. 25, 2021	Backflow & Backflow Prevention vol.2	4	0	Union Hall	5-9pm
	Feb. 8, 2021	Strom Drainage & Rainwater	4	0	Union Hall	5-9pm
	Feb. 17, 2021	Indirect Waste, Traps & Inter	4	0	Union Hall	5-9 pm
	Mar. 8, 2021	Plumbing Fixtures & Fittings	4	0	Union Hall	5-9 pm
	Mar. 10, 2021	Water Heaters & Distribution	4	0	Union Hall	5-9 pm
	Mar. 29, 2021	Medical Gas	0	4	Union Hall	5-9pm

*******There will be no charge to Local 34 Members for these classes*******

Name: _____ **Local Member 34** **Contractor**
(Check one Box)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Plumbing License Number (PJ or PM number): _____

Confirmation notices will only be sent via email.



TECHNOLOGY

CREDIT CARDS: We are able to accept credit cards to pay your dues. Please call or stop in.

WEBSITE: Check out the website and sign up to receive the newsletter by email. www.plumberslocal34.org.

APP: The app will be discontinued in January due to pricing issues. We are making enhancements to the website to simulate the utility of the app.

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Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.

Franklin D. Roosevelt – 1935 Speech



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