



**MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE PIPING INDUSTRY'S
FIRST CHOICE BY FOSTERING AND PROMOTING
PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY.**

January & February 2018

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The meetings listed below will be the only scheduled meetings for the period indicated. All United Association members must present their UNION CARD to attend the General Meetings listed below. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT 34 HIGGINS AVENUE

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| FINANCE COMMITTEE: | TUESDAY, JAN 9 AT 4:00 PM TUESDAY, FEB 13 AT 4:00 PM |
| EXECUTIVE BOARD: | WEDNESDAY, JAN 10 AT 4:00 PM |
| CHANGE OF DATE | WEDNESDAY, FEB 14 AT 4:00 PM |
| GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: | THURSDAY, JAN 11 AT 8:00 PM |
| CHANGE OF DATE | THURSDAY, FEB 15 AT 8:00 PM |
| REFRIGERATION MEETING: | TUESDAY, JAN 23 AT 5:30 PM |
| SPRINKLER MEETING: | WEDNESDAY, JAN 24 AT 5:30 PM |
| BRANDON MEETING: | THURSDAY, JAN 25 AT 7:00 PM |

*****Canad Inns Destination Centre*****
1125 – 18th Street
Brandon, Manitoba

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS #492, 493 & 494

With deepest sympathy we inform you of the passing away of the following UA Local 254 Members:

Brother Victor J Mann - A Journeyman Plumber and Life Member, passed away October 18, 2017, at the age of 87.

Brother Patrick Reuther - A Journeyman Steamfitter and Member of 37 years, passed November 05, 2017 at the age of 63.

Brother Lucien Manaire – A Journeyman Plumber and Life Member, passed away November 26, 2017, at the age of 85.

WORK SITUATION

Keyask will be manning up in the Spring leading into the Summer, 2018.

There should be news regarding station work early in the New Year, as well, the second portion of Line 3 replacement bidding results will be known early in the New Year.

GENERAL NEWS

In January, 2018, during the General Membership meeting, we will be nominating a Negotiating Committee for the Mechanical Agreement.

Local 254 and PITC will be launching a training certificate card and mobile phone app that will serve as a data bank for all your training certificates. More information to follow.

Income Tax season is quickly approaching! Do we have your most current address and phone number? Please fill out the attached member update form or call the office to update any changes that have occurred in 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

- **All members have been charged the \$30 death benefit for 2018.** Please ensure you call or send in your payment by **January 31st**, to ensure your dues do not fall behind. NOTE: This benefit is self-paid and will not be sent in by your employer!
- **Effective Jan 1, 2018**, Head Office will be increasing Members monthly dues. Members who currently pay monthly dues of \$43, will have an increase of \$2 per month to now make their monthly dues a total of \$45. All other dues categories will remain the same amount.
- Please remember to call in or stop by to sign the Out of Work Book as soon as you are laid off from your employer.
- Sprinkler and Refrigeration meetings will now take place quarterly throughout the year.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Children's Christmas party was held on Sunday December 10th, 2017 and was a great success! Thank you to all of the families that attended and congratulations to the winners of the iPad's and the Beats Headphones!

Thank you to all of our Senior Members who were able to come to our annual Christmas luncheon! What a wonderful time catching up with everyone!

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,



Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Please fill out this form, print clearly and send back to the office to update our files.

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **SUITE #:** _____

CITY: _____ **POSTAL** _____

PHONE: _____ **CELLULAR:** _____

WHICH NUMBER SHOULD WE USE FOR DISPATCH?

PHONE OR CELLULAR (CIRCLE ONE)

EMAIL: _____

- If you would like to update your beneficiary for the death benefit fund, please call or stop by the office to fill out a new card.

Mail back to 34 Higgins Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0A5



Course Schedule for September 2017 to June 2018

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| September 2017 | |
| | AWWA Backflow tester's certification runs evenings |
| | CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Cancelled Not enough interest) |
| | Tutoring for Sprinkler Fitters, Refrigeration. Days to be determined and will run year Sept to June |
| October 2017 | |
| | Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Cancelled Not enough interest) |
| November 2017 | |
| | AWWA Backflow tester's certification & Recertification complete |
| December 2017 | |
| | AWWA Backflow tester's Recertification. complete |
| January 2018 | |
| | Fire Pump Course looking for more applicants |
| ** | B Gas Trades Qualification course (to challenge Red Seal for B Gas) |
| February 2018 | |
| | Canadian Foreman's course. Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| | NAUSC certified Shop Stewards Course Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| March 2018 | |
| ** | Plumbing Trades Qualification course (To challenge Red Seal for Plumbing) |
| | To Be Determined |
| April 2018 | |
| | Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| | AWWA Backflow tester's certification. Date tentative |
| May 2018 | |
| | AWWA Backflow Re-Certification course |
| | CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays |
| June 2018 | |



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| Online courses (can be taken anytime of the year) | |
| Pipeline Safety (PCST) required for working pipeline, expires every 5 years | |
| SCOT safety training required for work in Saskatchewan expires every 5 years | |
| R&R safety training required for work in Saskatchewan expires every 5 years | |
| Aerial Lift training expires every 3 years | |
| Fall Arrest training expires every 2 years | |
| WHMIS training expires every 1 year | |
| Confined Space Awareness expires every 2 years | |
| CPR/AED Level C held in class on a needed basis, evenings, or days, or weekends expires every 3 years | |
| CSTS09 is now available to members looking for work in Alberta | |
| PITC BlackBoard E-Learning (Start Dates to be Determined) | |
| Math for the trades refresher | Rigging Prep class |
| Related Science | Drawing Interpretation |
| Soldering and Brazing | Basic Electricity |

NEW ONLINE COURSES FROM PITC/LOCAL 254

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| • Arc Flash Hazard Awareness | • Lift Truck Refresher |
| • Asbestos Awareness | • Lockout |
| • Fire Extinguisher Safety | • Personal Protective Equipment |
| • Ground Disturbance | • Propane Safety Program |
| • Hand Tool Safety | • Safe Operation of Telehandlers |
| • Hoist and Rigging Safety Basics | • Scaffold Safety |
| • Ladder Safety | • Slips, Trips, and Falls |
| • Lifting Loads Safely | • Working Safely with Compressed Gases |
| • Transportation of Dangerous Goods | |

Any member interested in instructing a course or has a course idea, please contact PITC at 204 947-1511

Or info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca

Confined Space Entry is now being offered as a full day class, and will run as members register.

Please contact 204 947 1511 to register for classes or email info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca

****Apprentices please remember to sign the Out of Work while in School****