



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

January & February 2019

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: TUESDAY, January 8 AT 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, February 12 AT 4:00 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD: WEDNESDAY, January 9 AT 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, February 13 AT 4:00 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: THURSDAY, January 10 AT 8:00 PM
THURSDAY, February 14 AT 8:00 PM

REFRIGERATION MEETING: TUESDAY, February 26 AT 5:30 PM

SPRINKLER MEETING: TUESDAY, January 29 AT 5:30 PM
Nominations for negotiation committee

BRANDON MEETING: WEDNESDAY, January 30 AT 7:00 PM
Please note that this JANUARY's meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY opposed to Thursday

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

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS #507, 508, 509 & 510

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

Brother Marvin Gorham – A Journeyperson Pipefitter and Life Member, passed away on October 30th, 2018 at the age of 79.

Brother John Harvey Balcaen – A Journeyperson Plumber and member of 44 years, passed away on November 25th, 2018 at the age of 87.

Brother Kevin Nichols – A Journeyperson Sprinkler fitter and member of 29 years, passed away on November 17th, 2018 at the age of 53.

Brother Edgar Hupe – A Journeyperson Plumber and member of 48 years, passed away on December 17th, 2018 at the age of 79.

WORK SITUATION

- Mainline Pipeline work is ongoing.
- Our contractors have secured some work at the Portage Simplot project, there are further contracts to be awarded.
- Recent projects have been awarded with Market Recovery, such as; The Water Treatment Plants in Portage and Selkirk, as well as "The Rink" South End Recreation Center, in Winnipeg. We currently have a number of requests for Market Recovery and are hoping to secure these additional contracts.
- Northern work in Keeyask, Keewatinohk, and Snow Lake are still ongoing. They will be hiring/recalling man power as the New Year progresses.
- We have no updates in regards to upcoming work at the Roquette Pea processing facility.

GENERAL NEWS

- UA Local 254 and PITC has the new **Training Access Portal System (TAPS)** to store all your certificates in one location. Instead of carrying your wallet full of certificates, which members may forget at home, certificates can now be accessed through the "**UA254 TAP System**" App. This is a free download from your App store. Once downloaded, you will need to create a password. Go to "*forgot my password*" to create one, then follow the instructions. Your username is your member number found on your union card. You can call Steve Ducharme if you need help accessing your profile at 204-956-7365. The App sends push notifications to tell you 30 days prior of expiry of certificate, ensuring you enough time to stay certified!
- **Effective January 2019, we will no longer be sending the newsletter by mail. You will receive an email from our office with the newsletter attached, and you will also be able to read it on our website.** This is in effort to reduce paper consumption. If you would prefer to continue receiving a paper copy, simply call our office and let us know.
- Income Tax season is quickly approaching! It is important we have your current address, phone number and *email address*. **Please fill out the attached form and send it in to the office, or call us to update your account.**

MEMBERSHIP

- **All members have been charged the \$30 Death Benefit for the year 2019.** This is a self-paid amount and will not be taken off union dues. This benefit was instituted to help beneficiaries of our brother and sister members of Local 254, receive a \$5000.00 immediate payout to help with funeral expenses. Payments are due now, please contact the office if you have not yet paid yours. If your beneficiary information has changed, contact our office and we can mail you a new beneficiary card.
- Remember to come in and **sign the Out of Work Book** as soon as you are laid off from your employer. You will not be eligible for dispatch if you have not signed the book.
- Sprinkler and Refrigeration meetings will now take place quarterly throughout the year.

- The following members have been expelled in the past six months;

Brittany Aarts
Tanner Bakker
Trevor Busch
Colin Chartier
Virgilio Chinchilla
Kevin Clarke

Cory Coleman
Chris Dwornick
Konner Gauthier
Esakias Gonit
Jarett Grapko
Luke Hiebert

Michael Innes
Stephane Kirouac
Rafal Koziura
Kevin Odonovan
Paul Peasey
Ryan Vermette

- Coughlin has a Pre-Authorized Deposit (PAD), using their Plan Member Portal. Visit www.coughlin.ca for details.
- On-line Payments
Our website has been updated and is now capable of accepting payments on-line. Follow these simple steps to pay monthly dues and/or your death benefit:
 1. Open Google Chrome as your search engine tool.
 2. Log on to www.ualocal254.ca
 3. Click Payments Portal (top right corner)
 4. Your username is your 9 digit membership card number. If you do not have 9 digits, add 2 zeros at the beginning.
 5. Your initial password is your birthday MMDDYYYY
 6. Once logged in, you will be able to select outstanding payments you wish to pay.

GOOD AND WELFARE

As of January 01st, 2019 the Healthcare Spending Account will be \$1000.00 annually, forfeiting prior amounts at year end.

The Children's Christmas party was held on Sunday December 9th, 2018 and was a great success. Thank you to all of the families that attended. Congratulations to the winners of the iPads and the Beats Headphones!

Thank you to all of our Senior Members who were able to come to our annual Christmas luncheon, We had a wonderful time catching up with everyone! Thank you to the staff of Local 254 for helping to make all these events successful.

Local Officers and 254 staff wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and look forward to the opportunities 2019 will bring.

With Best Wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,



Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL: _____ **HOME:** _____



ONLINE COURSES

PIPELINE SAFETY COURSE
SCOT (SASKATCHEWAN)
RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES (SASKATCHEWAN)
AERIAL WORK PLATFORM (SCISSOR LIFT)
FALL PROTECTION (HARNESSES)
WHMIS 2015
CONFINED SPACE AWARENESS
CSTS/09 (ALBERTA AND DMS)
ARC FLASH AWARENESS
ASBESTOS AWARENESS
FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY
GROUND DISTURBANCE
HAND TOOL SAFETY

HOIST AND RIGGING SAFETY BASICS
LADDER SAFETY
LIFTING LOADS SAFELY
TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS
LIFT TRUCK REFRESHER (FORKLIFT)
LOCKOUT
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
PROPANE SAFETY PROGRAM
SAFE OPERATIONS OF TELE HANDLERS (REFRESHER)
SCAFFOLD SAFETY
SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS
WORKING SAFELY WITH COMPRESSED GASES

ONGOING COURSES

- ❖ CPR/AED LEVEL C IS ONGOING OFFERING, RUN ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, CALL TO GET ON LIST
- ❖ AWWA BACKFLOW TESTERS LICENSE IS AN ONGOING OFFERING, RUN AS NEEDED. CALL TO GET ON LIST
- ❖ CONFINED SPACE ENTRY IS AN ONGOING OFFERING, RUN AS NEEDED, CALL TO GET ON LIST

UPCOMING COURSES

- ❖ SPRINKLER FITTER FIRE PUMP COURSE
- ❖ B GAS RED SEAL CHALLENGE COURSE, PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER
- ❖ AWWA BACKFLOW FULL AND RECERT CLASS IN **BRANDON** IN JANUARY

FUTURE COURSES IN DEVELOPMENT

VIEGA PRO-PRESS
TRIMBLE AND MATTERPORT (SITE LAYOUT)

McELROY PIPE FUSION
LEICA AND BIM 360 (SITE LAYOUT)

**** APPRENTICES, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE OUT OF WORK LIST WHEN GOING TO SCHOOL. ****

PLEASE CONTACT PITC TO REGISTER FOR ANY CLASSES 204-956-7365