



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

March & April 2017

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:	MONDAY, March 6 AT 4:00 PM MONDAY, April 10 AT 4:00 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	WEDNESDAY, March 8 AT 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, April 12 AT 4:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	THURSDAY, March 9 AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY, April 13 AT 8:00 PM
REFRIGERATION MEETING:	TUESDAY, March 28 AT 5:30 PM
SPRINKLER MEETING:	WEDNESDAY, March 29 AT 5:30 PM
BRANDON MEETING:	THURSDAY, March 30 AT 7:00 PM

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

DEATH BENEFIT

This assessment is now **overdue**. If you have not paid, this \$30 charge, please call our office or pay online at www.ualocal254.ca.

WORK SITUATION

Keeyask & Keewatinohk are slowly manning up from winter break.
Koch shutdown is currently scheduled for mid-June and contractors are actively bidding work.

United Association is currently seeking qualified members to fill a position for the UA Canada Organizing team. If you are interested, please submit a resume to our office

GENERAL NEWS

On Feb 9th, 2017, during our special called meeting, it was voted and accepted, to add the new *Condo/Residential by-law*. The majority voted in favour.

MEMBERSHIP

- **Income Tax 2016**
Receipts will be mailed out this month along with new membership cards.
Please note: if you see union dues on your T4 slip, **DO NOT** add this amount to the Local 254 receipt, because this would be doubling your deductions.

- **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. Log on to www.ualocal254.ca
 2. Click Payments Portal (top right corner)
 3. Your username is your 9 digit membership card number. If you do not have 9 digits, add 2 zeros at the beginning.
 4. Your initial password is your birthday MMDDYYYY
 5. Once logged in, you will be able to select outstanding payments you wish to pay.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The federal government is considering taxing our health & dental benefit plans, which would cost our families hundreds of dollars per year. Join thousands of Canadians & send a letter to your MP saying you don't support this tax. There is a more information on our website www.ualocal254.ca

Fraternally yours,



Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary



Course Schedule for September 2016 to June 2017

September 2016	
	AWWA Backflow tester's certification runs evenings
20	CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends Oct 12 tentatively not enough interest
	Tutoring for Sprinkler Fitters, Refrigeration. Days to be determined and will run year Sept to June open
October 2016	
11	Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends Nov 9 completed
November 2016	
14	AWWA Backflow tester's certification completed
5	AWWA Backflow tester's Recertification. completed
21-Jan 4	No Classes
January 2017	
16	Fire Pump Course runs till Feb 15 completed
**	B Gas Trades Qualification course (to challenge Red Seal for B Gas) completed in Dec
February 2017	
8	Canadian Foreman's course. Tuesdays and Wednesdays start date to be determined
8	NAUSC certified Shop Stewards Course Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends March 9 not enough interest
March 2017	
**	Plumbing Trades Qualification course (To challenge Red Seal for Plumbing)
	Preparing Apprentices for UA Western Region Apprentice Competition
April 2017	
11	Inspections, Testing and Maintenance for Sprinkler fitters (ITM) Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends May 9
16	AWWA Backflow tester's certification. Date tentative
May 2017	
3	Canadian Foreman course starts. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends June 2
14	CSA certified Medical Gas certification. Tuesdays and Wednesdays ends June 2
June 2017	

Course Schedule for September 2016 to June 2017

	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/A&D 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 (Drafting)
	Soldering and Brazing
	Basic Electricity

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

Or info@pipingindustrytechnicalcollege.ca

NEW: There are Red Seal Prep classes for B Gas, and Plumbing. Please contact Steve Ducharme for more information

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

Pipeline down hand course in planning stage for April

STT welding course in planning stage dates to be determined

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