



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

November & December 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:	TUESDAY, NOV 6 TH AT 4:00 PM TUESDAY, DEC 11 TH AT 4:00 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	WEDNESDAY, NOV 8 TH AT 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, DEC 13 TH AT 4:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	THURSDAY, NOV 9 TH AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY, DEC 14 TH AT 8:00 PM
REFRIGERATION MEETING:	TUESDAY, JAN 23 RD AT 5:30 PM
SPRINKLER MEETING:	WEDNESDAY, Jan 24 TH AT 5:30 PM
BRANDON MEETING:	THURSDAY, NOV 30 TH AT 7:00 PM

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The form for children attending the Children's Christmas Party is available at the front counter or on the back of your last newsletter. **Please return your form to our office as the deadline is October 31st, to ensure your child receives a gift.** The party is for all Members' Children between the ages of newborn to 10, sorry but grandchildren are not eligible.

This year's party will be on Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at noon.

Confirmation of your child's attendance will be mailed to you the first week of November. There is no need to call the office.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BROTHER TED GIERYs— A Journeyman Steamfitter and Member of 48 years, passed away August 18, 2017, at the age of 85.

GENERAL NEWS

- Income tax season is quickly approaching, it is important we have your current address, phone number and email. Please call the office with your updated information.
- **Effective November 1st, 2017, all members will be charged the \$30 death benefit for the year 2018.** This is a self-paid amount and will not be taken off union dues, as in the past. Please make sure your payment is made before **Dec 31, 2017**. If your beneficiary information has changed, please contact our office and we can mail you a new beneficiary card.
- Did you know that you can pay your monthly dues and your death benefit online, simply log on to www.ualocal254.ca and click "portal payments" on the top right corner.
- **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.

MEMBERSHIP

- There will be a letter sent from Coughlin regarding pension increases, in the next few weeks.
- Please 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.

With Best Wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,



Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary



Course Schedule for September 2017 to June 2018

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
December 2017	
	AWWA Backflow tester's Recertification.
January 2018	
	Fire Pump Course
	** 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	

Course Schedule for September 2017 to June 2018

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

• 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****