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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***

***NOTE CHANGES TO MARCH MEETINGS FOR FINANCE, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP***

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| **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** | **TUESDAY, March 5 AT 4:00 PM**<br>**TUESDAY, April 9 AT 4:00 PM** |
| **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** | **WEDNESDAY, March 6 AT 4:00 PM**<br>**WEDNESDAY, April 10 AT 4:00 PM** |
| **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:** | **THURSDAY, March 7 AT 8:00 PM**<br>**THURSDAY, April 11 AT 8:00 PM** |
| **REFRIGERATION MEETING:** | **TUESDAY, April 23 AT 5:30 PM** |
| **SPRINKLER MEETING:** | **WEDNESDAY, March 27 AT 5:30 PM** |
| **BRANDON MEETING:** | **THURSDAY, March 28 AT 7:00 PM** |

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

## WORK SITUATION

- Work on Line 3 pipeline is still ongoing and will be completed soon.
- ABCO Supply have secured more work at the Portage Simplot Project.
- There are currently a number of ongoing projects such as; Northern work in Keeyask, Keewatinhohk, and Snow Lake.
- We are expecting additional calls to come in from Voith Hydro regarding work starting soon at the Keeyask Hydro Dam Project.
- **If you are interested in the above noted work please make sure you have registered with the JRS (Job Referral Service). If you have already registered please make sure your registration is up to date.**

## 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!

## MEMBERSHIP

- Local 254 is looking for Journeyman HVAC techs with an "A" gas ticket, apprentice HVAC workers, as well as pressure welders with F3/F4, F6 (F6/F5), and CWB stick all position tickets. Should any members know of a qualified individual, please have them contact Rocky Furlong at the union office.
- **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. If you have not paid this amount, it is now past due. Please contact the office.
- 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.
- 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.

With Best Wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Kyle Kalcsics

Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

# PITC

PIPING INDUSTRY TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MANITOBA

## Online Courses

- Pipeline Safety Course
- SCOT (Saskatchewan)
- Rights & Responsibilities (Saskatchewan)
- Aerial Work Platform (Scissor Lift)
- Fall Protection (Harness)
- 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 Inspection, Testing & Maintenance course (Brandon)
- AWWA Backflow full and recertification class please call to register

## 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