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

March & April 2020

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: EARLIER MEETING DATES IN MARCH****

FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**TUESDAY, March 3 AT 4:00 PM** **TUESDAY, April 7 AT 4:00 PM**
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	**WEDNESDAY, March 4 AT 4:00 PM** **WEDNESDAY, April 8 AT 4:00 PM**
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	**THURSDAY, March 5 AT 8:00 PM** **THURSDAY, April 9 AT 8:00 PM**
REFRIGERATION MEETING:	**TUESDAY, March 24 AT 5:30 PM**
BRANDON MEETING:	**THURSDAY, March 26 at 7:00PM**

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

DEATH BENEFIT

The Death Benefit for 2020 is now outstanding! If you have not paid this amount, please contact the hall to do so immediately.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS #520, 521, 522, 523

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

Brother Douglas Muxlow - A Journeyperson Pipefitter and 28 year member, passed away on November 14, 2019 at the age of 69.

Brother Robert Havelock – A Journeyperson Plumber and 24 year member, passed away on December 16, 2019 at the age of 71.

Brother Gary Klein – A Journeyperson Plumber and 5 year member, passed away on December 30, 2019 at the age of 54.

Brother Gerard Desjardins – A Journeyperson Pipefitter and Life Member, passed away on January 1, 2020 at the age of 89.

WORK SITUATION

Local 254 has had a very busy year with work in Portage La Prairie, Keeyask and several other projects across Manitoba. The Keeyask project will continue into this year. As well for 2020, the awarded projects for the Roquette Pea Processing site, North End sewage facility and some other commercial sites in the City of Winnipeg should be known soon.

LOCAL 254 2021 OFFICER ELECTION, DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE 40TH UNITED ASSOCIATION CONVENTION:

The United Association will hold its 40th Convention in San Diego, California from August 22nd - August 27th, 2021. Section 20 of the UA Constitution requires the credentials of the convention delegates and alternates be filed in the General Office at least (90) days prior to the date of the Convention, which will be May 25, 2021.

The UA General Executive Board voted to exercise its authority under Section 122 (e) of the Constitution to require all Local Unions with an election of officers scheduled for June 2021, to advance the election to March 2021 for a manual ballot election, or February 2021 for an approved mail ballot election, section 123 (b).

The advancement of the Local Unions election will not affect the term of the incumbent officers. As per Sections 15 and 122 of the UA Constitution, notice of time, date and place of holding nominations and election of officers and convention delegates and alternates will be mailed to the last known address of all members within the appropriate time lines.

GENERAL NEWS

Local 254 is still seeing a shortage of Journeyman HVAC service Techs, with either an "A" or "B" Gas ticket. If you know of someone who is qualified and interested in knowing more, please have them contact Tim Furlong at the union office.

MEMBERSHIP

Income Tax Receipts have been sent out! If you have not received your income tax slip, please contact the hall. For any employees who have worked under the Burntwood Nelson Agreement, you will no longer receive an additional income tax slip. These dues will be added on your T4 from your employer.

Coughlin has a Pre-Authorized Deposit (PAD) form that can be found on their website, using the portal login area and selecting Member Portal. Visit for details.

- **Did you know our website is capable of taking On-line Payments? 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

We are looking forward to the 4th Annual Local 254 Golf Tournament in 2020! This year's charity will be the Children's Make a Wish Foundation. We will have more information regarding the tournament soon.

We have had positive feedback on the virtual mental health tool – **People Connect**, for all plan members and your eligible dependents. This benefit includes an online mental health knowledge forum, including articles, videos and podcasts, as well affordable video therapy with licensed therapists including psychiatrist collaboration for cases requiring additional support. Access is as easy as going online to www.pcpeopleconnect.com and can be done on any mobile device. You may visit our website for more information on this tool.

With Best Wishes, I Remain,

Fraternally yours,

Kyle Kalcsics

Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

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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 Certification and Re-Certification 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
- ***NEW*** Forklift certification class, run as needed, call to get on list

Upcoming Courses

- McElroy Pipe Fusion Certification
- AWWA Backflow full and recertification class please call to register
- Advanced Electrical for Service Workers
- Water Based Foam Systems: Installation, Testing & Maintenance (Sprinkler Fitters)
- CSA Rigging Class (Journeypersons only)

UA Local 254 will be looking for Apprentices for the upcoming UA Competition in April at UA Local 488. If interested please call Steve Ducharme 204-956-7365

**** Apprentices, remember to sign the OUT OF WORK list when going to school. ****

Please contact PITC to register for any classes 204-956-7365

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NEW ***NEW***

PITC will be releasing a new Learning Management System (LMS) called LITMOS in mid April.

Members will have access to this new training on the go! There will be several micro-courses, as well as full online courses, webinars, and many training videos specifically for our Pipe Trades.

This will be accessible by phone, laptop, or tablet. Courses will be self-paced and available on demand (must have an internet connection). You will receive an email once you have been added to the system with log in information, and will be ready to go at that point.

Please call Steve Ducharme if there are any questions or course requests. 204-956-7365