



PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

1st Quarter: January – February – March 2026

WATER'S OFF

Water's Off is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026. Please stay tuned for more information.

This event means a great deal to our community members who need a little help, and it provides you with a great way to share your expertise with those in need.

Call now to volunteer for this worthy event.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We hope everyone had a great Holiday Season!

The Local finished off 2025 with strong hours in the fall.

Construction continues on the new Training Center. We expect to move in by summertime, and be open for classes next fall.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Brother Rick Jacobs as he retires in the coming weeks. Rick has had a successful career and served the membership well as a teacher, and Executive Board member, President, and Business Agent. Happy Retirement, Rick!

Rick Gale has set a retirement date for late next fall. In preparation to replace Rick and move into the new Training Center, after interviewing several candidates, the JAC hired Jonathan Lemke as the new Training Director. The full-time teacher position will be posted soon. Congratulations, Jonathan!

And congratulations to the newly elected officers.

We wish everyone a great 2026!

In Solidarity,

Dean W. Gale
Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

In accordance with Section 11 of the United Association Constitution, your General Officers hereby issue the call for the 41st Convention of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the US and Canada, AFL-CIO, to convene Monday morning, August 17th, 2026, in the San Diego, CA Convention Center.

Local Unions and State or Provincial Associations shall proceed to elect delegates and alternates in accordance with the provisions of the United Association Constitution governing this all-important subject.

Nominations for delegates will be taken at the January 13, 2026 meeting, and election at the February 10th, 2026 meeting.



Hope 2026 brings you much peace and joy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MN PIPE TRADES CONVENTION: The MN Pipe Trades Convention will be June 17th-19th, 2026, at the Black Bear Resort and Casino in Carlton, MN. Nominations will be at the February Union Meeting, with the Election in March.

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ANNUAL PICNIC: The annual Picnic will be at the Highland Park Pavillion again this year, though the date is yet to be determined. Look for the date in the next newsletter.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The Training Program is looking for instructors. If you are interested, please contact Rick Gale at 651.315.6154 or Jonathan Lemke at 651.315.4831.

RETIREE LUNCHEONS

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: The Retiree Club and Officers Stan Theis, Dan Doyle, and Rick Klein would like to thank the Membership of Local 34 for hosting the Retirees Holiday Luncheon at Mancini's Char House on December 2, 2025. The 2026 Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2026. Add to your calendar now!

SPRING LUNCHEON: The Plumbers Retiree Club Spring Luncheon is hosted by the Retiree Club. Invitations will be sent to all **paid** members in April. The Spring Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Mancini's Char House. Dues are \$40 for 2026. If you would like to join, or have not yet paid, please mail your club dues to Rick Klein, 2754 Voyageur Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125, or call him at 651.738.9402.

INCOME TAX DEDUCTION ON HOURS WORKED

January 2025 – April 2025	\$4.67	Journey Level – Zone 1
May 2025 – December 2025	\$5.05	Journey Level – Zone 1
		Call for Apprentice and Zone 2 Rates

LOCAL 34 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Scott Anderson	Executive Board	Tony Mitshulis
Vice President	Robert Boozer		Tom Hitchcock
Recording Secretary	Rick Gale		Brian Myers
Inside Guard	Chad Shypulski		Pat Fearing
Finance Committee	Jonathan Lemke	Business Agents	Jeremy Miller
	Jason Meyer		Brian Brown
	Stephanie Mullin	Business Manager/FST	Dean Gale

2025 SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

Thanks so much for your contributions to the 2025 Salvation Army Toy Drive. Due to the generosity of the St. Paul Labor Center tenants and our membership, we collected a pickup load of toys that will make the holidays a little brighter for many families. If you did not get a chance to contribute directly this year, be sure to contribute next year!

SYMPATHIES

Local 34 extends its deepest sympathies to the families of:

David Reber Joe Stickler Donald Stuve Robert Widorski

Continuing Education Class offered through the JATC

Plumbers Local 34 Union Hall

St. Paul Labor Center

353 West 7th Street

St. Paul, MN 55102

Gentlemen and Ladies, Please note the following:

Class size is limited to 75. You **Must register** for the class and receive a confirmation email.

There will be no drop-ins allowed. Class time has changed to 4:30 – 8:30pm

Email the completed form to: heather@plumbers34training.com

Indicate the courses you would like to register for:

X	Date	Course Name	Code	Credit	Tech. Credit	Location	Time
	Jan. 26, 2026	Wet Venting & other Venting		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Jan. 28, 2026	Basic Plumbing & Regulations		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Feb. 18, 2026	Indirect Waste, Traps & Interceptors		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Feb. 25, 2026	Water Heaters & Scalding		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	March 23, 2026	Water Management & ICRA		0	4	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	March 30, 2026	Drainage Review & Venting		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	April 27, 2026	Medical Gas NFPA 99,2024		0	4	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 18, 2026	2020 MN Plumbing Chapter 4		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 20, 2026	Sizing Sanitary Drainage		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm

*******There will be no charge to Local 34 Members for these classes*******

Name: _____ Local Member 34 ☐ Contractor ☐
(Check one Box)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Plumbing License Number (PJ or PM number): _____

Confirmation notices will only be sent via email. **Contact information update:**

Rick Gale Training Director rick@plumbers34training.com 651-315-6154

Jonathan Lemke Training Coordinator jonathan@plumbers34training.com 651-315-4831

Heather Sanderson Administrative assistant heather@plumbers34training.com 651-315-5446



Work in progress at the new Training Center.

TECHNOLOGY

Scan QR Code for App and useful links:



Be sure to sign up for electronic newsletter.

Contact Us

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“We rise up together for the common good. We defend one another like family.”

-Sue Carney, American Postal Workers Union