



## PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

2nd Quarter: April – May – June 2025

### OFFICIAL NOTICE WAGE ALLOCATION MEETING

The Zone 1 Local 34 Wage Allocation and Building Fund assessment will occur at the Union Meeting on April 8, 2025.

The Zone 2 Local 34 Wage Allocation will occur at the meeting on April 14, 2025, 6 pm, at the Mankato Union Office.



Spring is Here!

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Work opportunities are ramping up this spring. We are cautiously optimistic that we will see some growth this year.

Over the past few months we negotiated a purchase agreement on a building for the new training center. We recently completed the due diligence process and are scheduling a closing date for the building. Conceptual plans are being prepared by the architect. Once we close on the property we hope to schedule an open house for the membership. We anticipate being able to occupy the building by next summer. The process has been demanding and exciting at the same time.

We would like to continue to encourage folks to obtain their city license, RPZ and Med Gas certifications as the demand for these continue to grow.

A big thank you to all of our members who volunteered for Water's Off. The effect we have on the community is so impactful.

In Solidarity,

Dean W. Gale  
Business Manager

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Ryan Haley, Michael Houle, Marlene Peterson and  
Kenneth Schmidt

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### APPRENTICE NEWS

**APPRENTICE CONTEST:** **Thomas Rau** will represent Local 34 at this year's state Apprentice Contest, March 19-20, 2025, at Pipefitters Local 455 Training Center in St. Paul, MN. If he wins, he will move on to the District 4 Contest in Des Moines, Iowa this June.

**1<sup>st</sup> YEAR APPRENTICE SWEARING IN:** New 2025 1<sup>st</sup> year Apprentices will be sworn in at the June 10, 2025, meeting. We will grill hot dogs prior to the meeting, so be sure to arrive early.

## SYMPATHIES

Local 34 extends its deepest sympathies to the families of:

**Joseph Cain, George Jodl, Paul Marquardt, Jack Neihart, Thomas Wigstrom and Victor Wilcox**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SPRING RETIREE LUNCHEON:** The Retiree Spring Luncheon will be Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at Mancini's, social hour at 11:00 am and lunch at noon. Invitations will be sent to *paid* Retiree Club members. Bring a guest for \$35. If you have not yet paid your 2025 dues, please send \$35, payable to Plumbers Retirees Club, care of Rick Klein, 2754 Voyageur Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125.

**50-YEAR HONORARY MEMBERS:** Special congratulations to members who achieved 50-year membership status in 2025. Please join us for presentation of gold cards and 50-year pins at our Union Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. In honor of our 50-year members, we will get out the grill and eat prior to our meeting. Congratulations to **Thomas Auger, Norm Fedun, Rafael Fuentes, and Michael Malon!** This year we also have pins for three 70-year members, **Al Aschenbrenner, Frank Horak and William Roubik!** 25-Year pins will also be awarded. Be sure to come and celebrate these important milestones!

**MN PIPE TRADES CONVENTION:** MN Pipe Trades Convention will be in Eagan, MN, June 18-20, 2025, at Omni Viking Lakes Hotel. Delegate nominations were at the February Union Meeting, and Election in March.

**MN BUILDING TRADES CONVENTION:** The MN Building Trades Convention is scheduled for July 23-25, 2025, in St. Cloud, MN.

**PLUMBERS LOCAL 34 CAR SHOW:** We are in the process of planning a car show for 2025, with the date still to be determined. Watch for more details.

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** This year the ANNUAL PICNIC WILL BE HELD at Highland Park Pavilion, 1200 Montreal Ave, St. Paul, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, starting at NOON. Hope you can join us for a fun day. Only \$5 for the whole family.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Saturday, September 6, 2025. The cost is \$50 per person. Registration and payment due to the Union office by 4 pm, Friday, August 29, 2025. Space is limited to the first 44 registrations and payments received.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**PLUMBERS LOCAL 34 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:** The Plumbers Local 34 Scholarship Foundation will award up to 6 scholarships this year in honor of Brother Frank Horak, to attend College or University, Trade or Vocational school (including Local 34's apprenticeship program). Applications are open to members and their dependents, and must be received in the Plumbers Local 34 office no later than July 31, 2025. For details on how to apply, see our website at [www.plumberslocal34.org](http://www.plumberslocal34.org).

**MINNESOTA PIPE TRADES ASSOCIATION BROTHER ELMER WALLS SCHOLARSHIP:** For more information, please visit our website at [www.plumberslocal34.org](http://www.plumberslocal34.org). The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**BUILDING TRADES CREDIT UNION:** BTCU will award \$10,000 in scholarships, 10-\$500 scholarships to students enrolled in a union apprentice training program and 5-\$1000 scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education (college, vocational, or technical school). You must have an account at BTCU to apply. The deadline to apply is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

# Continuing Education Class offered through the JATC

Plumbers Local 34 Union Hall  
St. Paul Labor Center  
353 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Gentleman 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 change to 4:30 – 8:30pm**

Email the completed form to: [heather@plumbers34training.com](mailto:heather@plumbers34training.com)

Indicate the courses you would like to register for:

X	Date	Course Name	Code Credit	Tech. Credit	Location	Time
	April 21, 2025	Water Heaters & Scalding	4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	April 28, 2025	2020 MN Plumbing Chapter 4	4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 20, 2025	Drainage Review & Venting	4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 22, 2025	Indirect Waste, Traps & Interceptors	4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 27, 2025	Medical Gas NFPA 99,2024	0	4	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:**

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## WATER'S OFF

Many thanks to all our members who volunteered their time to help our community members. Another successful event in the books! If you were not able to help this year, be sure to sign up next year!

Jared Solway, Tyler McGhan and Erica Reil volunteer for Water's Off 2025

Dean W. Gale  
Business Manager/FST

Richard D. Jacobs  
Business Agent

Jeremy Miller  
Business Agent

***“Without unions, workers will lose many of the protections against abusive employers. Wages for all will be depressed, even as corporate profits soar. The American Dream will be destroyed for millions. And we will have a government of the corporations, by the already powerful, for the wealthy.”***

**- Ken Bernstein**

