



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

3rd Quarter: July – August – September 2025#

### ANNUAL PICNIC

Sat, Aug 16, 2025 @ Noon

Highland Park Pavilion

1200 Montreal Ave, St. Paul

Only \$5 for the whole family!

Hope you can join us!!

- NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION THIS YEAR.

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Local 34 turned 135 years old, a true testament to the dedication of our members. In June, we swore in the new apprentice class and honored the 25, 50 and 70-year members. The new apprentices are the future of our Local. Our working members are the backbone, and the retirees and folks that came before us created the opportunities we have today.

The work opportunities really took off this spring, however we still encourage people to make sure they have their City Licenses, Med Gas and RPZ certifications to allow us to fill the calls, and help you maximize your opportunities.

We held an Open House in June at the new Training Center to give members a chance to walk through and see the conceptual drawings. The feedback we heard was all positive. We are thankful for the membership's support.

We wish you all a safe and Happy Independence Day.

In Solidarity,

Dean W. Gale  
Business Manager

### NEW TRAINING CENTER

Plans are progressing for the new Training Center. The Open House on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> opened up the doors for everyone anxious to see the new building, look at some conceptual drawings, and celebrate the new era for our Apprenticeship Program.

In other exciting news, a current Plumbers Local 34 member, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated almost \$20,000 to help the project to be an even greater success. The strength of our union truly is our members. Many thanks for their generosity.



2025 Apprentice Graduation Dinner

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW JOURNEY LEVEL WORKERS!

Shaniah Anderson  
Nathan Daly  
Thor Gardner  
Colden Hines  
Julia Kunze  
Stephanie Mullin  
Luke Spindler

Tyler Buck  
Dominic Fernlund  
Christopher Giles  
Lucas Houska  
Michael Meyer  
Montgomery Philipp  
Quintin White

Joshua Campbell  
Richard Forschen III  
Hunter Hayden  
Troy Hunt  
Nicholas Miller  
Thomas Rau

Andrew Carlson  
Corey Gadbois  
Jason Hemmah  
Brandon Klym  
Austin Mitchell  
Dylan Schlueter

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Richard Forschen, Kirk Hall, David Hanna and Edwin Lindblom

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**PLUMBERS LOCAL 34 CAR SHOW:** Friday, July 25, 2025, 5-8 pm at future home of Plumbers Local 34 Training Facility, 3020 Denmark Ave, Eagan, MN 55121. Please call if you wish to enter your wheels.

**ANNUAL PICNICS:** The Zone I and Zone II picnics are both on Saturday, August 16, 2025, starting at NOON. Zone I will be at Highland Park Pavilion, 1200 Montreal Ave, St. Paul, and Zone II at Wheeler Park, Mankato.

**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.

## ZONE 1 CONTRACT SETTLEMENT & ALLOCATION

EFFECTIVE 5/01/2025

### HOURLY BASE

**\$50.23**

Credit Union Savings	\$ 3.20
General Fund	4.30
Building Fund	0.40
Organizing	0.20
UA Special Issues	0.05
UA Organizing	0.10

TAXABLE FRINGE \$8.25

**TAXABLE HOURLY \$58.48**

### NON-TAXABLE FRINGES

Health & Welfare	\$13.68
Pension	12.67
Supplemental	4.80
Retiree Health Trust	1.55
Apprentice Training Fund	1.52
Industry Fund	0.21
Int'l Training Fund	0.10

NON-TAXABLE FRINGE \$34.53

**TOTAL HOURLY PACKAGE \$93.01**

Foreman	+ \$4.45
General Foreman	+ \$6.05
Parking	\$17.00

## 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).

**DAVID J. ABEL PLUMBER INITIATION DUES AWARD:** To honor his memory, David Abel's family donated money to help three incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentices each year by paying their initiation fee. Awards are made with a preference for veterans, women and people of color. Winners include Job Anorve, Evan Connolly and Juan De Loera Gonzalez. Applications are due by May 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

## 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

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](mailto:heather@plumbers34training.com)

Indicate the courses you would like to register for:

X	Date	Course Name	Code	Credit	Tech. Credit	Location	Time
	Sept. 18,2025	Water Heaters & Scalding		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Sept. 22,2025	Basic Plumbing & Regulations		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Sept. 29,2025	Indirect Waste, Traps & Interceptors		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Oct. 27,2025	2020 MN Plumbing Chapter 4		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Oct. 29,2025	Water Management & ICRA		0	4	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Nov. 17,2025	Drainage Review & Venting		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Nov. 19,2025	Backflow Prevention Vol. 1		4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	Nov. 24,2025	Backflow Prevention Vol. 2		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:**

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70-Year Members, Al Aschenbrener and Frank Horak. Thank for your service!



50-Year Members, Rafael Fuentes and Mike Malon. Thank you for your service!

## 50 AND 70-YEAR HONORARY MEMBERS

Congratulations and thanks to our 50-year members, **Thomas Auger, Norman Fedun, Rafael Fuentes, and Michael Malon**, and also to our 70-year members, **Al Aschenbrener, Frank Horak and William Roubik** for their years of membership and service to the Local 34. Your devotion to your craft and your commitment to the trade union movement have earned for you an important place in the history of our great organization. Thank you!

Dean W. Gale  
Business Manager

Richard D. Jacobs  
Business Agent

Jeremy H. Miller  
Business Agent

***“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well. It is not the length of life, but the depth that matters.”***

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**