



PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • MANKATO MINNESOTA

3rd Quarter: July – August – September 2025#

ZONE II ANNUAL PICNIC

Sat, Aug 16, 2025

Noon - 4

Wheeler Park

FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

SEE YOU THERE!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

On June 17th, 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 14th 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Richard Forschen, Kirk Hall, David Hanna and Edwin Lindblom

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 PICNIC: This year the Zone II picnic will be held at Wheeler Park, Mankato, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, starting at NOON. Hope you can join us for a fun day!

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 II CONTRACT SETTLEMENT & ALLOCATION

EFFECTIVE 5/01/2025

HOURLY BASE

	\$36.78
Credit Union Savings	\$ 3.56
Organizing	0.10
Dues	1.68
TAXABLE FRINGE	\$5.34
TAXABLE HOURLY	\$42.12

NON-TAXABLE FRINGES

Health & Welfare	\$14.39
Retiree Health Trust	1.55
National Pension	2.63
TC Pension	6.50
Pension Supplement	3.59
Apprentice Training Fund	0.41
Int'l Training Fund	0.10
Industry Fund	0.12
NON-TAXABLE FRINGE	\$29.29
TOTAL HOURLY PACKAGE	\$71.41

Foreman	+ \$3.00
General Foreman	+ \$4.25

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.

DAVID J. ABEL PLUMBER INITIATION DUES AWARD: To honor his memory, David Abel's family donated money to help three incoming 1st 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 31st each year.

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
	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

