



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

1st Quarter: January – February – March 2019

### WAGE ALLOCATION MEETING

The St. Paul Plumbers Local 34 wage allocation will occur at the April 2019 Union Meeting.

Please watch your app and our website for more information:

[www.plumberslocal34.org](http://www.plumberslocal34.org).

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We hope all had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Welcome to 2019. The past year's hours for Local 34 averaged 100,000 per month. Work has slowed a bit moving into 2019, but all indications point to another strong year.

The Gubernatorial election turned out well for all Union Members in the State of Minnesota. We have a Union-friendly Governor in place for the next 4 years. Thanks to all who volunteered and voted to make this happen.

Thanks for all the hard work the Members of Local 34 perform each day. Dedication to your craft and to your Union is what keeps us strong.

Looking forward to a great 2019.

Thomas P. McCarthy  
Business Manager

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Mark Bothwell, Rick Bremer, Donald Filiowich,  
Thomas Greene, Steven Heisler, Matthew Leibel,  
David Peterson and Bruce Petrie

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### RETIREE LUNCHEON

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** The Retiree Club and Officers Howard Hanson, Bob Schwartzbauer and Rick Klein, would like to thank the Membership of Local 34 for hosting the Retirees Christmas Luncheon at Mancini's Char House on December 4, 2018. Over 100 attended the luncheon and enjoyed the festivities.

**SPRING LUNCHEON:** The Plumbers Retiree Club Spring Luncheon is hosted by the Retiree Club. Invitations will be sent to *paid* members. The spring luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Mancini's Char House. Dues are \$20 for 2019. 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.

### ATTENDANCE CHECKS

2018 Union Meeting attendance checks will be available at the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting.



Dec 2018 Union Meeting

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**MN Pipe Trades Convention:** The Convention will be in Rochester, June 19-21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel. Nominations at the February Union Meeting, with the Election in March.

**Water's Off:** Water's Off is scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Call now to volunteer for this worthy event.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

We have had a great experience with the cost of Health and Welfare coverage for the last 8 years. The costs have gone up. The Trustees will be proposing an increase in the hourly contribution. Reports will be made at the upcoming meeting.

## PENSION

The Pipe Trades Services Minnesota pension is strong at a 91% funding level. Even with this good news, there is uncertainty in the stock market. The Trustees will be looking at alternative plan designs. More information to come at upcoming meetings.

## TRAINING NEWS

**CLASSES:** If you have interest in Backflow training or Medical Gas training, contact the Training office to be put on a waiting list for these classes.

**MED GAS CARDS:** N.I.T.C. is the Med Gas certifying agency being used by the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters. To keep your Med Gas certification current you must submit a braze continuity every six months. The new Med Gas cards have a QR code on them. You will have to scan the QR (Quick Response) to view your expiration dates. If you let your braze expire, you will have to recertify.

Or you can also visit the NITC Certification Look Up at <https://nationalitc.net/certification/lookup/> to view your expiration dates.

**It is your responsibility to submit the braze continuity to NITC before the expiration date.** If you have any questions about your certification, you can call the NITC office @ 877-457-6482.

## MONTHLY DUES RATES FOR 2019

As per the Plumbers Local #34 By-Laws, Section IV, dues for Journeymen shall be based on 2.5 times the Journeyman total hourly wage package. Apprentice dues shall be based on 2.5 times the Apprentice total hourly wage package rate of pay.  $(1^{st}+2^{nd}+3^{rd} \text{ Years})/3$  :  $(4^{th}+5^{th} \text{ Years})/2$

Journeyman - \$177  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Apprentice - \$92  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Year Apprentice - \$133

Dues Relief - \$80  
Dues Relief - \$41  
Dues Relief - \$60

## INCOME TAX DEDUCTION ON HOURS WORKED

January – December 2017      \$3.17      Journeyman  
Call for Apprentice rates

Check the Pipe Trades Services Minnesota website for your hours worked. Log in to your personal user account at [www.ptsmn.org](http://www.ptsmn.org). To set up a new account, use access code: Pipe135z.



Happy New Year!

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## SYMPATHIES

Local 34 extends its deepest sympathies to the families of: **William Hansen, Greg Nase, Kevin Ryan and Edward Shetka.**

## TECHNOLOGY

**CREDIT CARDS:** We are able to accept credit cards to pay your dues. Please call or stop in.

**WEBSITE:** Check out the website and sign up to receive the newsletter by email. [www.plumberslocal34.org](http://www.plumberslocal34.org).

**APP:** Download the Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 34 app, and get timely reminders for union meetings and other member events.

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Business Manager

Jeffrey R. Huberty  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Dean Gale  
Business Agent

**The only effective answer to organized greed is organized labor.**

**THOMAS DONAHUE, Report to the Convention from the AFL-CIO  
Executive Council**

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