



# UA Local Union 345

**Landscape/Irrigation, Sewer & Storm Underground Industrial Piping Industry**

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm • Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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**Special Interest:**

• **General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

• **President's Day**

Monday, February 21, 2011  
Office Closed



by *Vincent G. Diaz*  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Hope all is off and running this new year the way you all have planned, mostly with faith and ambitions in order that we may regenerate trust and vision that we may cultivate richer fruits in 2011 than in 2010, allow me to present to you a well-known fruit available here at the Local for all to enjoy, this story of a longtime friend whom has been with us since the beginning and would love for you all to know is here for us now, read this brotherhood between Rose, Klein & Marias, and Local Union 345.

**Rose, Klein & Marias  
And**

**Landscape & Irrigation Workers Local 345**

In 1936 Rose, Klein & Marias, a law firm specializing in workers' compensation and personal injury, and related litigation areas, opened their office in Los Angeles. The firm quickly developed a strong and close relationship with organized labor, and over the years has represented thousands of members from various union locals, ranging from the United Food and Commercial Workers, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Communication Workers of America, Service Employees International Union, Calif. School Employees Assoc., Asbestos Workers, Carpenters, Steel Workers, and the United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices Of The Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry, just to name a few. As the number of union local relationships grew, so did Rose, Klein & Marias, with offices currently in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Orange, Ontario, San Diego, and Ventura. In 2001, Rose, Klein & Marias, through its Ontario office, established a relationship with the Landscape & Irrigation Workers Local 345, a relationship which continues today. Dennis Sherwin, one of the managing partners of the Ontario office, is the contact person for the membership. If it is more convenient for a member, he or she will be referred to another Rose, Klein & Marias office.

Members, their family, and friends, who have been injured in an accident, work related or otherwise, should contact Rose, Klein & Marias in Ontario to find out if they may be entitled to compensation for the damages they have suffered. Whether the injury is a result of an automobile accident, slip and fall, defective product, or exposure to a toxic substance, know your rights and consult with one of the attorneys at the Rose, Klein & Marias; the consultation is free. The firm also handles wrongful termination claims, employment discrimination claims, and wage and hour violation claims. Also, the Ontario office will now prepare simple wills, basic family/living trusts, and handle probate matters. Members may call the Ontario office with questions on legal matters which the firm does not handle. If the firm cannot be of assistance, in most cases, the member will be referred to a law firm specializing in that particular area of law.

For more detailed information about Rose, Klein & Marias, as well as the Ontario office, their attorneys, the type of legal matters they handle, and some of their recent accomplishments, visit their website at [www.rkmlaw.net](http://www.rkmlaw.net). Rose, Klein & Marias Ontario can be reached at (909) 944-1711 or (626) 967-1408.

*Please make an effort to attend Union Meetings!*



Meeting Location  
**UA LOCAL UNION 345**  
1430 Huntington Drive  
Duarte, CA 91010

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Wednesday,  
February 9, 2011  
7:00 pm

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
5:30 pm

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
6:00 pm

## OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

**Nominations for Delegates and Alternates for the 38<sup>th</sup> Convention of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices**

This is your official notice that UA Local 345 will be holding nominations for the Thirty Eight Convention of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO, to convene Monday, August 8, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Paris Ballroom at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Nominations**

**When: Regular Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm**  
**Where: UA Local Union 345, 1430 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010**

**Elections**

**When: Regular Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm**  
**Where: UA Local Union 230, 6313 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, CA 92121**

Local Union 345 is eligible to send five (5) Delegates (see information attached)



**Send Us Your E-mail Address**

It's a new world out there, and we at Local 345 are determined to become part of the electronic age, whether we like it or not. For Years we have communicated with our members through regular mail. When it came time to announce a meeting or inform the members about a special issue, we always sent a letter. We continue to do the vast bulk of our business by mail. But in some cases it is quicker, easier, and far less expensive, to be able to send an e-mail to members. Please fill out the form and return to UA Local 345, 1430 Huntington Drive • Duarte, CA 91010 or e-mail your information to: [info@ua345.org](mailto:info@ua345.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
UA No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE



by *Ricardo Perez*  
Business Representative/Organizer/Instructor

Dear Members:

Our program is based on apprenticeship. New apprentices need to be registered every semester in order for our program to continue. A Journeyman is the teacher of the apprentice in the field; therefore, it is very important for a journeyman to have an apprentice working beside him. Remember the first worker on the work site should be a journeyman and the second should be an apprentice. Journeymen if you don't have an apprentice working beside you, please make an effort to sponsor an apprentice. Also, in our line of work there are many occasions when we need to use a crane to perform our work. Lately a new law was presented that requires that anyone signaling a crane must have a certification. As you may know our program offers many certifications, and instructors are now approved to certify for "**Crane Signal Person.**" Maintain yourself informed and by our training department and sign up for this class as soon as it becomes available.

Estimados miembros; nuestro programa está basado en aprendizaje. Nuevos aprendices necesitan ser registrados cada semestre para que nuestro programa continúe. Un journeyman es el instructor de el aprendiz en el campo, y es muy importante que mantenga un aprendiz trabajando un lado del. Recuerden que el primer trabajador en la área de trabajo debe ser un journeyman y el segundo un aprendiz. Journeyman si no tienes un aprendiz trabajando a un lado de ti, por favor has un esfuerzo para patrocinar un aprendiz. También, en nuestro tipo de trabajo en muchas ocasiones nos pide usar una grúa para hacer nuestro trabajo. Últimamente una ley fue presentada que indica que cualquier persona que dirige una grúa debe tener una certificación. Como ya deben saber, nuestro programa ofrece muchas certificaciones y ya hay instructores aprobados a certificar para "**Crane Signal Person.**" Manténganse informados por nuestro departamento de entrenamiento porque muy pronto esta clase será ofrecida.

## MEMBERSHIP/DUES DEPARTMENT Ext. 2

### 2011/2012 UA MEMBERSHIP CARD:

2011/2012 UA membership cards are being mailed out with your dues receipts, you are more than welcome to pick up your card at our office.

2011 POCKET CALENDARS: Available upon request.

DUES PAID FOR 2010: Report for tax purposes, available upon request.

DUES DEPARTMENT: Still available, pay eleven (11) months dues and receive the twelfth (12) month FREE.

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



### CALIFORNIA STATE PIPE TRADES COUNCIL (SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS)

#### Scholarship Contest Rules & Instructions:

Applications will be accepted between January 1 and March 31, 2011. A U.S. Postal Service official postmark of March 31 will be accepted.

Thirty-Two (32) college scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to the sons and daughters of members of Pipe Trades Local Unions affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council. If you are interested please call our office for Application and Instruction sheet.

#### UNION YES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:

UYFCU was established to serve union members and their families, for information please call Toll Free (888) 48-UNION or online at [www.btfcu.org](http://www.btfcu.org).

#### AT&T WIRELESS DISCOUNTS:

AT&T Mobility has recently increased the union members discount benefit from 10% to 15%, for questions about the program contact AT&T:

- Call (800) 897-7046
- Find an AT&T store near you
- Online at [www.UnionPlus.org/ATT](http://www.UnionPlus.org/ATT) ([download a coupon](#))
- Reference FAN number: 3508840

## APPRENTICESHIP DEPARTMENT Ext. 3

### JOURNEYMAN CLASSES

CPMCA is offering **Advanced Supervisory Education Foreman Training 1 & 2** class on February 14, 2011. All foreman and Journeymen, new or experienced would benefit from this class. Cost for this class is \$100.00 per member. Those interested, must register 10 prior class date; please don't wait, call our office for details.

### WELDING CLASS

All members participating in *walk-in welding* must wear proper attire and will be required to show proper UA identification. **Walk-in-Welding Practice Hours as follow:**

#### COMPTON TRAINING CENTER

18931 Laurel Park Road  
Compton, CA 90220  
Monday—Friday  
10:00am—6:00pm

#### GARDENA TRAINING CENTER

18349 South Figueroa Street  
Gardena, CA 90248  
Monday—Thursday  
10:00am—5:00pm

#### COLTON TRAINING CENTER

225 South Rancho Avenue  
Colton, CA 92324  
Monday—Thursday  
7:00am—5:00pm

#### VENTURA TRAINING CENTER

547 Sandy Circle  
Oxnard, CA 93036  
Wednesday 5:45pm – 9:00pm  
Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

### AVANCEMENTS

Apprentices that qualify for advancements should receive a wage increase effective February 15, 2011. The following are requirements in order to obtain your advancement:

- 1800 hours worked in the field
- 2 semesters with 70% or better grade in the class
- Submittal of Record Book with your hours input from 2/2010 thru 1/2011.