

NEWSLETTER



UA Local 345

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COUNTIES COVERED:

Los Angeles ■ Orange ■ Riverside ■ San Bernardino ■ Imperial ■ San Diego ■ Santa Barbara ■ Ventura ■ Inyo ■ Kern ■ Mono ■ San Luis Obispo

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Special Interest:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

(Listed below will convene at 6:30 pm)

- Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025
(Meeting cancelled due to power outage)
- Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025
- Wednesday, March 12, 2025



MEETING LOCATION

UA LOCAL 345

1430 Huntington Drive
Duarte, CA 91010

COMMITTEE BOARD MEETINGS

(Listed below will convene at 5:00 pm)

- BUILDING COMMITTEE
- EXECUTIVE BOARD
- FINANCE COMMITTEE
- JOURNEYMAN & APPRENTICE TRAINING COMMITTEE
- POLITICAL ACTION

HOLIDAY/OFFICE CLOSURE:

President's Day

Monday, Feb. 17, 2025

**U.A. Holiday Observed
(Office will be closed)**



Ricardo M. Perez

Business Manager / Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin the year 2025, I want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year to all. Unfortunately, the year has started on a sober note. The recent terrorist attack in New Orleans on Bourbon Street has left many innocent civilians in shock and grief. This horrific event reminds us of the fragility of life and the importance of staying united in times of crisis.

At the same time, we continue to witness the devastation brought by the fast-moving, uncontrollable fires in Los Angeles County. These devastating fires have left many families homeless and without their personal belongings. Tragically, some lives were lost, either due to the inability to escape or by staying behind to protect their homes.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our members and their families who have suffered or know someone affected by the devastating, life-altering fires in Southern California.

If you, as a member of UA Local 345, have experienced a loss due to the Southern California fires, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We are committed to coordinating efforts to provide the help and support you need during this challenging time.

Let us know how we can assist you. We are in this Together!

Resources and Support for LA Fires

The Labor Community Services (LCS) is ready to assist those in need with housing, utilities, food, and other additional resources please visit: <https://lcs-la.org>.

Federal Resources:

FEMA offers fire management assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to mitigate, manage, and control fires. Visit FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov> or call 1-800-621-FEMA for more information.

LA County Resources:

The Los Angeles County Emergency Incident Response website has been activated. This website provides a mapping tool and lists real-time evacuation, shelter, and other information/resources related to the Palisades, Eaton, Franklin, and Hurst wildfires. Link: <https://lacounty.gov/emergency/response/active-incident/>

GET WELL SOON



We ask that you please keep our Brother **Nathaniel Negrette**, Executive Board member, in your prayers as he will be undergoing surgery. May God be with you brother, and may you find strength and comfort during this time. Have faith, and we look forward to seeing you back on your feet soon. We wish you a speedy and full recovery.

On behalf of the members, officers, and staff of UA Local 345!

SCPTAC TRUST FUND OFFICE CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREE



Alejandro A. Ornelas November 2024

UA Local 345 officers and staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for your dedication and significant contributions to our trade. Your hard work and commitment have made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful.

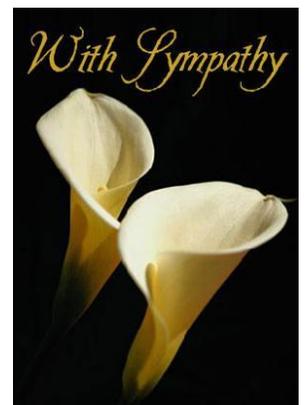
Best wishes to you for a healthy, happy, and fulfilling retirement!

DEPARTED MEMBERS

*In Memory of
Aaron J. Mari January 7, 2025*

On behalf of UA Local 345 Officers and Staff, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our brother. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

May you Rest in Peace our brother.



CALIFORNIA STATE PIPE TRADES COUNCIL

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Dear Member:

I am pleased to notify you once again of this wonderful opportunity. The California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation awards college scholarships to children of UA Local 345 members in good standing.

Forty scholarships in the amount of **\$2,500** will be awarded to the winning applicants. **Applications and the required accompanying materials will be accepted beginning November 1, 2024. They must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2025.** Applications must be received within five business days after this deadline.

Scholarship Contest Rules and Application for full details regarding applying for the scholarship. The Application portion on page 4 should be completed by the applicant. The applicant must ensure that the specified section at the bottom of the application is completed by the parent's Local Union.

You can find the [instructions](#) and download the [rules and application](#) on the California State Pipe Trades Council website at www.calpipes.org or link on our website at www.ua345.org under the [Scholarship Tab](#).

I hope your children will take advantage of this great opportunity.

The image shows the front page of the scholarship application form. It includes the title 'California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation Application', a brief description of the scholarship, and eligibility criteria. The form contains several sections for personal information, including name, address, telephone number, and high school/college details. There are also fields for the applicant's signature and date, and a section for the parent's signature and date. A red box at the bottom highlights a disclaimer: 'IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS COMPLETED BY THE QUALIFYING PARENT'S LOCAL UNION HALL AND SIGNED BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.'

APPRENTICE CORNER

As we gear up for the Spring Semester, we want to remind apprentices that classes begin on **January 18th** for apprentices attending the Bakersfield Training Center and **January 25th** for the apprentices attending the El Monte & Santee Training Centers! Your active participation is key to your success, and regular attendance plays a crucial role in staying on track. Each class is an opportunity to engage with the material, ask questions, and connect with your peers. We encourage you to make attendance a priority and to start the semester strong! We look forward to seeing you in class.

	CLASS DATES	
BAKERSFIELD TRAINING CENTER	January 18 th February 1 st March 1 st March 15 th	April 5 th May 3 rd May 31 st June 14 th
EL MONTE & SANTEE TRAINING CENTERS	January 25 th February 8 th February 22 nd March 8 th	March 22 nd April 12 th April 26 th May 17 th

Additionally, Apprentice advancements are approaching on **February 15th**. Please note that all required documentation must be submitted by **January 30th**. Stay on top of your deadlines to ensure a smooth process for advancement. To help you track your progress, please use the **ISAQR app** to monitor your tasks.

ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS	
FIELD HOURS	1,800 per year
CLASS HOURS	144 per year
OJT	Work Processes

We're excited for the semester ahead and look forward to your continued growth and participation!

DUES/MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

- **2025 Pocket Calendar** available upon request.
- **2024 Statement of Dues & Assessments paid report** available upon request.



Dues Payment Option!

Exciting update regarding online dues setup, members are now able to:

- **Set recurring payments for the monthly window dues.**
- **Control the frequency and timing of payments.**
- **Disable installments whenever you wish.**

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Dues and Assessments Balance		26.00			
<input type="radio"/> Minimum Dues and Assessments Payment		# months: <input type="text" value="1"/> as of 12/2024			
Dues Owed	Current Paid Thru	Amount	Units	Paid	New Paid Thru
International	12/2024	\$26	<input type="text" value="1"/> Months	<input type="text" value="26"/>	01/2025
Local Union	12/2024	\$0	<input type="text" value="1"/> Months	<input type="text" value="0"/>	01/2025
Gross Total				<input type="text" value="26.00"/>	
Estimated Convenience Fee				<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Total				<input type="text" value="26.00"/>	
Payment Method:		<input type="button" value="Credit Card"/>	<input type="button" value="Set Recurring Payment"/>	Refund Policy	
Note: Dues & Assessment detail last updated 01/31/2025 04:01:19					

SCAN HERE! →

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD

Download The New App

Scan the QR code to download or open the new ISAQR mobile app for both iOS and Android.

Now with the ability to pay dues online, update contact information, and view current certifications on file.

AVAILABLE: If you would like to pay the dues for the year, you have two (2) options:

OPTION 1: Pay eleven (11) full months dues and receive the twelfth (12) month free.

OPTION 2: Pay twelve (12) full months dues and receive a Local 345 Jacket or Shirt & Hat.

Merchandise posted on our website at www.ua345.org under the Merchandise Tab.

If you encounter any problems making the payment, please contact our office at (626) 357-9345, so we may help address the issue.