



Plumbers Local Union No. 68



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LOCAL No. 68 UNION MEETINGS

The next Union meeting in Houston will be held on
January 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm at 502 Link Road in Houston, Texas.

Please remember to turn cell phones off or on vibrate during Union meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS



Brother **Gerald Owens** pictured above with Financial Secretary-Treasurer **William A. "Bill" Venable II** and President **Brian Granger**, was presented his 50-year service pin, certificate and watch. Brother Owens was initiated September 1968.



Business Manager, Brother **Wayne Lord**, Brother **David Gutierrez**, initiated August 1968, Brother **Keith McSwain**, initiated August 1968, Brother **Frank Lovoi Jr.**, initiated July 1968, and Financial Secretary-Treasurer Brother **William A. "Bill" Venable II**. These brothers were presented with their 50-year service pins, certificates and watches.

URGENT!! URGENT!! URGENT!!

As of writing this newsletter on December 12, 2018 your full time elected officers with other UA officers within the State of Texas, and industry leaders went to the State Capitol in Austin, Texas and addressed the Sunset Commission Staff Report in reference to its recommendation to combine the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners into the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations, thus eliminating the TSBPE. The Electricians and AC Technicians have already been absorbed by the TDLR.

Your full time elected officers and industry leaders attended this meeting to state their opposition to this recommendation. We will need help in the future from all Plumbers Local Union 68 members by contacting their State Legislator during the upcoming Legislative session to voice their opposition to the recommendation. The next Legislative Session will begin in January of 2019. We will keep the membership informed of the next course of action to be taken by this fine organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of your officers.

NEW INITIATES

Congratulations to Plumbers Local Union 68 newest initiates from November (*Pictured at right*). Those initiates are; Journeyman **Roger Haagensen**. Apprentices: **Dylan Brown, Melissa Garcia** and **Jason Roberts**.



Congratulations to Plumbers Local Union 68 newest initiates from October (*pictured at left*). Those initiates are; Journeyman **Kenneth Leigh** and **John Louviere**. Apprentices: **Mario Andra, Joseph Anderson, Alejandro Arambula, Tristan Green, Shadrak Lisenby, Mauricio Mireles, Jonah Mitchell, Robert Nobles,** and **Luis Vasquez**.

RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to those members who won Rockets, Dynamo, Rice Football, Texans, or UH Football tickets and a knife, hat, or beanie at the October meeting (*pictured at left*): **Edgar De La Garza, Jason Maldonaldo, Mario Soriano, Neil Hegmann, Marcus Schnur, Elmer Carranza, Devlin Alsup, Miguel Gonzalez Jr., Jim Seay, Esteban Barrera, Tristan Green, Kyle Ernsting, Gerardo Hernandez, Sid Morris, Julian Rivera, Daniel Ontiveros, Jose Guerra, Moises Castro,** and **Guillermo Cabrera**.

Congratulations to those members who won a Plumbers Local Union 68 Knife, ball cap, beanie, U of H Football, Texans, Rockets, Rice Football and Basketball Tickets at the November meeting (*pictured at right*): **Aaron Archibald, Neil Hegmann, Alan DeLuccio, Kyle Ernsting, Jose Robles, Benjamin Rubio, Jesse Cummings, Brad Jenkins, Mariano Cruz, Ricardo Ponce, Haley Ernsting, Rolando Mata, Moises Castro, Charles Stanley, Juan Munoz, Carlos Flores, Eric Guzman, Tommy Gray, Matt Roberts, Tim Sandusky Sr., Miguel Gonzalez, Jose Olivio,** and **Aaron Montesnieto**.



CORPUS CHRISTI RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to those members who won a Plumbers Local Union 68 Knife, 68 Bucket or a PLU 68 Hat at the October Corpus Christi Meeting: **James McMinn, Joe Contreras, Joel Ingram, Isaac Rodriguez, John Briones, Arnold Briones, Mike Barreto, Elisa Caballero, Mark Davidson, and Brett Gignac.**

A NEW OFFICER APPOINTED

Congratulations to Brother **Brad Jenkins**. He was appointed to the Local Examining Board. This appointment was recommended by Business Manager, Brother **Wayne Lord** and accepted by the Local Executive Board at the October 4, 2018 meeting. We all look forward to working with Brother Jenkins.



2018 RETIREES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

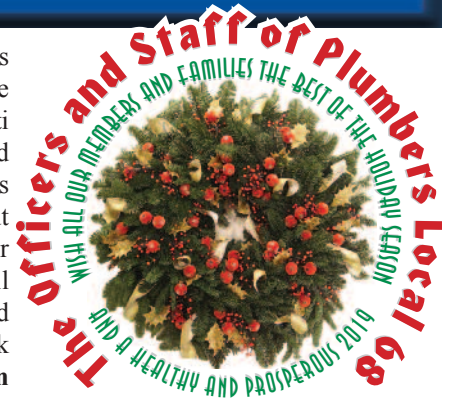
The Annual Retiree Christmas Luncheon was held Thursday, December 6, 2018. There were 40 retirees, spouses and guests in attendance. A traditional holiday dinner complete with turkey, ham and dressing from Hickory Hollow was enjoyed by all along with pies for dessert. Stories were told and laughs were shared. There was even a game of 42! Retirees received a gift from Harry & David and spouses/guest received a sweet treat to take home.



2018 LOCAL 68 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Business Manager, Brother **Wayne Lord** showed off his negotiating skills this Christmas season. He was able to sweet talk Santa Claus (Mrs. Claus was the chairperson of the North Pole Negotiating Team) to visit Houston and Corpus Christi to talk with our children and even some adults. Santa sat with the children and listened to their wishes. Santa had a great time too. Santa told us that all Plumbers Local 68 children were on the nice list. Great job this year kids!! We enjoyed about 6,000 donut holes, eggnog, and great fellowship. It is always a great time when our children have big smiles on their faces and are having fun. Members won Football and Basketball tickets, Kroger gift cards, a UA watch, and a TV. All together we had 214 Adults, 58 Teenagers, and 169 Children in attendance. We would like to thank the Committee volunteers for their help throughout the day, **Joshua Knigge, Juan Munoz, and Ronny Lopez** for their help with decorating. Thank you to **Sam Sandusky** and **Will Venable III** for their help in the Bingo room. A very Special thanks to Brother **Jeremy Pavlich** (Santa) and his lady elves **Cassie Bowman** and **Alyssa Venable**. Thank You to **Dee Blankenship, Le Marchal, Lynnesa Dlouhy, Doddie Lord, Kelly Bowman, Stephanie Venable, and Sharon Kirkham** for their hard work though out the day! We enjoy seeing our members and their families every year at our family Christmas Party. It is all our brothers and sisters who make this day possible, so thank you for your hard work and dedication all year long. Thank you for being the best Plumbers in all of the UA.



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2018 LOCAL 68 CHRISTMAS PARTY - CORPUS CHRISTI

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Party was held in Corpus Christi on December 8, 2018. It was a great success with over 60 adults, one teenager, and seven children in attendance. Santa Claus made a surprise visit to talk with the children and let the adults know that they made the naughty list. All in all everyone had a great time eating and visiting with one another. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this Christmas a success in Houston and in Corpus Christi.



BEAUMONT FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Annual Freshwater Fishing Tournament took place in Beaumont October 12 – 13, 2018. Those attending enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs and cold beverages. The weigh-in took place at Umphrey Pavilion on Lake Sam Rayburn.

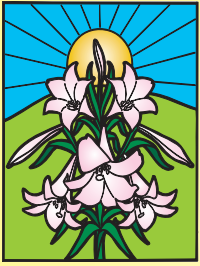
DIVISION A WINNERS

- A:** 1st Place Catfish – **Josh Marceaux** .84 lbs
B: 1st Place Bass – **Jordan Downs** 9.20 lbs
C: 2nd Place Bass – **Chuck Mulhollan** 3.16 lbs

DIVISION B WINNERS

- D:** 1st Place Bass – **Dillon Diaz** 8.00 lbs
E: 2nd Place Bass – **John Davenport** 1.50 lbs





In Memoriam

Brother **Darryl Lusk** (74) of Highlands TX passed away October 18, 2018. Brother Lusk was a UA Retired member of 51 years, being initiated in April 1967.

Brother **Joseph Saulnier** (46) of Spring TX passed away October 29, 2018. Brother Saulnier was a UA Journeyman member of 14 years, being initiated in March 2004.

Brother **Charles Lyrock** (70) of Manvel TX passed away November 5, 2018. Brother Lyrock was a UA Retired member of 45 years, being initiated in July 1973.

Brother **Victor Kohlmeir** (79) of Houston TX passed away November 14, 2018. Brother Kohlmeir was a UA Retired member of 57 years, being initiated in September 1961.

Brother **William J. Powell** (92) of The Woodlands TX passed away November 18, 2018. Brother Powell was a UA Retired member of 48 years, being initiated in February 1970.

Brother **Ronald Koen** (72) of Conroe TX passed away November 29, 2018. Brother Koen was a UA Retired member of 38 years, being initiated in February 1980. Brother Koen is survived by his son, Local 68 member, **William Koen**.

SPORTSMANS CORNER

Congratulations to Brother **Scott Lewis** (below & right) on his 11-point, 19 1/2" spread buck taken in Angelina National Forest in San Augustine County Texas. Brother Lewis harvested this deer with a 150-yard shot!



Congratulations to **Luke Wang**, son of Brother **Scott Wang**. Luke harvested this 8-point, 135 class, 5-1/2 year old buck at Bendell Ranch in Dhanis, Texas. Very nice trophy for your first buck Luke!



Congratulations to Brother **Alfred Ortega** (above) on his 8-point, 16 1/2" spread buck taken in Normangee, Texas on Ortega Ranch. Brother Ortega harvested this deer on November 3, 2018 with an 80-yard shot!

APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE - CONTINUING EDUCATION

Texas Pipe Trades Association in cooperation with Texas State Joint Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training/Education Committee of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry is offering the 2018-2019 six-hour (6) Continuing Education Course to licensed plumbers. This course meets the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners requirements for license renewals. The following classes will be held at the location and time indicated for those licenses that expires September 30, 2018 - August 31, 2019. Contact the **Training Center** at 713-861-3202 or 800-891-8900 or email KLhappjac@att.net.

Houston - 454 Link Road, Houston, TX 77009

January 22 & 24, 2019	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
January 26, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
January 31, 2019 (Med Gas)	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 19 & 21, 2019	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
February 23, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Texas City – 2010 5th Ave North, Texas City, TX 77590

January 19, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
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Journeyman Classes:

HAPJAC will establish a pre-registering list for the following Journeyman training classes. If enough interest is generated, the classes will proceed in Spring 2019. Contact **Kristi LaBroski** at the Training Center for all registration and pre-registration at 713-861-3202 or 800-891-8900 or email KLhappjac@att.net.

- Certified ASSE Service Plumber - 48 hours
- Backflow Continuing Education - 24 hours
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Certification (Meets the requirements for TCEQ Examination and Licensing and ASSE Certification) - 48 hours
- Medical Gas Piping Installation (Meets Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners requirements for Endorsement Examination and ASSE 6010 Certification requirements.) - 48 hours
- Introduction to HVAC – Beaumont and Corpus Christi

A Plumber welder instructor is needed. If you are interested, please contact **Robert Cross** at 713.861.3202.

Beaumont – 695 Chamberlin Dr., Beaumont, TX 77707

January 26, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
January 26, 2019 (Med Gas)	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

College Station – 1503 S. Texas Ave, College Station, TX 77840

January 26, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
January 26, 2019 (Med Gas)	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Richmond – 727 Pitts Rd., Richmond, TX 77406

February 16, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
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From the Union Office:

Wayne Lord	<i>Business Manager</i>
William A. Venable, II	<i>Financial Secretary/Treasurer</i>
Rick Lord	<i>Business Agent</i>
Jeff LaBroski	<i>Business Agent</i>
Phillip White	<i>Business Agent</i>
Brian Granger	<i>President/Organizer</i>
Chato Woodard	<i>Vice President/Organizer</i>
Glen Kirkham	<i>Organizer</i>
Jeremy Pavlich	<i>Organizer</i>
Lynnesa Dlouhy	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Le Marchal	<i>Secretary</i>

From the Fund Office:

David Bowman	<i>Fund Manager</i>
Dena Walters	<i>Asst. Fund Manager</i>
Iris Ferguson	<i>Asst. Fund Manager</i>
Denice Meidinger	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Wendy Clements	<i>Accounting Secretary</i>
Tania Moreau	<i>Secretarial Aide</i>

From the Training Center:

Robert L. Cross	<i>Director of Training</i>
Sidney Morris	<i>Director of Service & Repair</i>
Jason Britnell	<i>Coordinator of Certifications</i>
Dee Blankenship	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Kristi LaBroski	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>