

Plumbers Local Union No. 68



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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

LOCAL No. 68 UNION MEETINGS

The next Union meeting in Houston will be held on June 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm at 502 Link Road in Houston, Texas. The next Corpus Christi Union Meeting will be held on June 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm at 4841 Leopard St. The next Beaumont Union Meeting will be held on July 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm at 695 Chamberlin.

Please turn cell phones off, or on vibrate and remove all hats before Union meetings begin.

PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION NO 68 OFFICERS

Nominations for Local Union Officers were held on May 9, 2019. All elected offices were uncontested, therefore an election in June will **NOT** be held. The results are as follows:

PRESIDENT Brian Granger	BUSINESS AGENT POS 1 Rick Lord	FINANCIAL SEC-TREAS William Venable II	EXAMINING BOARD Devlin Alsup Eric Cortez Edward Martinez Jim Seay
VICE PRESIDENT David Bowman	BUSINESS AGENT POS 2 Jeffrey LaBroski	INSIDE GUARD Tim Sandusky	FINANCE BOARD Cecil Lamb Deric Perry James Venable
BUSINESS MANAGER Wayne Lord	BUSINESS AGENT POS 3 Chato Woodard	EXECUTIVE BOARD Jason Britnell Martin Cerna Jeremy Pavlich Tim Sandusky, Jr.	
	RECORDING/SECRETARY Arthur Juarez		

SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

As you may be aware, SB 621 was killed on Sunday, May 26, 2019, with 88 nays and 57 ayes. This means effective September 1, 2019, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners will be abolished and the Plumbing License Law will cease to apply (press release available at tsbpe.texas.gov). Many offers were made by multiple legislators to push this bill into HB 1550 which is a "safety net bill" for state agencies going through the Sunset process which would have saved the TSBPE until the next legislative session in 2021. However, Representative Christopher Paddie (Marshall, Texas) would not compromise with his fellow legislators to reach an agreement. This is the first time that a Sunset Bill has been killed so we are in uncharted territory. Due to the rarity of the killing of a Sunset Bill, many people, including government officials, are raising questions concerning the future of the TSBPE.

Moving forward, let us not forget the members of Plumbers Local Union No. 68, our sister local unions in this great state, the Southwest Pipe Trades and the UA, are the best trained and sought-after plumbers. We were part of an industry wide effort

including plumbers, legislators, contractors, MCA, IAPMO, Texas PAMCA and PHCC all sending the same message that the TSBPE needs to function as a standalone entity. Your full-time officers along with other industry leaders will meet in Austin, Texas on June 13, 2019 to decide on a direction that will benefit consumers, end users, contractors, plumbers, and the entire plumbing industry. We will continue to work diligently to have a Plumbing Licensing Law that is beneficial to everyone in Texas.

Please remember Plumbers Local Union No. 68 has existed for over 127 years and will continue to produce the very best plumbers in the business. We do not have a shortage of good, hard working men and women who want a successful career with fair wages, benefits, and pensions. We will keep everyone updated on the progress of this situation through Union meetings, Facebook, emails, and text messages. You or anyone you know in the trade can also reach any of the full-time officers at the Union Hall at (713)869-3592.

WE MUST STAND TOGETHER AS SKILLED CRAFTSMEN AND WOMEN!

NEW INITIATES



Congratulations to the newest members of Plumbers Local 68 who were initiated in April 2019. Those initiates are Journeymen: Paris Hodo and Shawn Russell. Apprentices initiates are: Richard Chalhoub, Jose Hernandez Jr., Matthew Johnson, and Nicholas Tamayo.

RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to those members who won a Plumbers Local Union 68 Knife, flashlight or Dynamo, Sabercats, UH Basetball or Astros Tickets. Devlin Alsup, Othoniel Rivera, Daniel Ontiveros, Carlos Hercules, Hector Ojeda, Neil Hegmann, Eddie Martinez, Martin Cerna, Kyle Ernsting, Jorge Galvan, Agustin Ibarra, Jose Hernandez Jr., Jose Guerra, Jim Seay, Bill Venable Sr., Eric Cortez, Sean Harrison, Ricardo Ponce, and Tim Sandusky Jr.

HAPJAC – CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

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 2019-2020 six-hour (6) Continuing Education Course to licensed plumbers. This course meets the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners requirements for license renewals. Contact the **Training Center** at **713-861-3202** or **800-891-8900** or email **KLhapjac@att.net**.

Continuing Education Upcoming CE classes will be held:

Houston - 454 Link Road

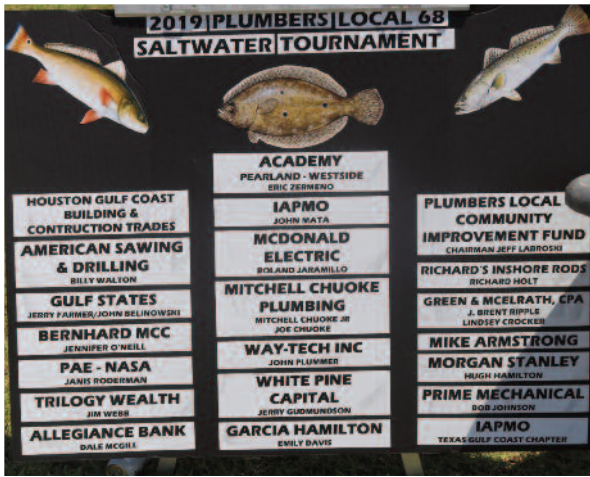
June 18 & 20, 20195:30 pm – 9:00 pm
 June 22, 20198:00 am – 3:00 pm
 June 25 & 27, 20195:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Texas City – 2010 5th Ave North

June 29, 2019..... 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

2019 SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

This year's Houston Fishing Tournament turned out to be a good one even though our 60' x 90' tent blew over at 3:00 am that morning. We had a great time in the sun this year with 150 people in attendance. There were a lot of nice fish weighed in as usual and everyone enjoyed the fish, shrimp and chicken from Catfish on Wheels. Milwaukee Tools was onsite with raffle prizes and a showcase of their plumbing tools. This year we changed things up a little bit and the participants were able to pick their own prize. All this would not be possible without the support of our sponsors (pictured) and we would like to thank them all for all they do for the members of this fine local union. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who made this day possible!!



A HUGE THANKS TO ALL OUR 2019 PLUMBERS LOCAL 68 TOURNAMENT SPONSORS WHO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!!!



2019 SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

Division A = ages 18 and older



BRIAN GENGO
1ST PLACE REDFISH
9.46 LBS – 27”



MIKE WHITE
2ND PLACE REDFISH
8.80 LBS – 27 ½”



JEFF BROCK
1ST PLACE FLOUNDER
6.28 LBS – 25 ¼”



BRAD SAUNDERS
2ND PLACE FLOUNDER
6.26 LBS – 24 ½”



JAMES PONSHOCK
1ST PLACE TROUT
(PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE)
5.84 LBS – 24 ¼”

CHRIS SMITH
2ND PLACE TROUT
(PICTURED AT LEFT)
2.40 LBS – 19”

Division B = ages 13-17



HUNTER MORRIS
1ST PLACE REDFISH
4.12 LBS – 23”
1ST PLACE TROUT
1.68 LBS – 16 ½”
2ND PLACE FLOUNDER
1.60 LBS – 15 ½”



WILL VENABLE
1ST PLACE FLOUNDER
1.92 LBS – 16 ½”
2ND PLACE REDFISH
3.70 LBS – 20”



HUNTER WHITE
2ND PLACE TROUT
1.36 LBS – 16”

Division C = ages 5-12



CADE THOMAS
1ST PLACE TROUT
2.28 LBS – 19”



BRODY WHITE
1ST PLACE REDFISH
3.24 LBS – 20”

2019 SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT



CONGRATULATIONS 50 YEAR MEMBERS!



Left to Right: FST Bill Venable,
Brother William Beatty,
Business Manager Wayne Lord



Left to Right: FST Bill Venable,
Brother Patrick Weaver,
Business Manager Wayne Lord



Left to Right: FST Bill Venable,
Brother Thomas Jesiolowski,
Business Agent Jeff LaBroski

IMPORTANT DATES

June 13 Retiree Club Luncheon @ 11:00 am
Union Meeting @ 6:00 pm
June 15 HAPJAC Banquet @ 6:00 pm
June 21 PLU 68 Scholarships are due
July 4-5 Independence Day (Complex Closed)

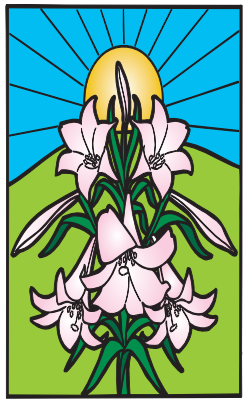
July 11 Union Meeting @ 6:00 pm
July 12 -13 Corpus Christi Saltwater Tournament
(Rockport, Beach Little Bay Pavilion)
July 22 Beaumont Union Meeting @ 5:00 pm
July 27 Beaumont and Corpus Christi
Apprenticeship Classes Start

Sincerely and Fraternally,

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

<i>Union Hall</i>	<i>(713) 869-3592</i>
	<i>(800) 798-1074</i>
<i>Fund Office</i>	<i>(713) 869-2592</i>
	<i>(800) 833-2980</i>
<i>Training Center</i>	<i>(713) 861-3202</i>
	<i>(800) 891-8900</i>
<i>Credit Union</i>	<i>(713) 869-9053</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>www.plu68.com</i>

- Robert "Wayne" Lord**..... Business Manager
- William "Bill" Venable, II**..... Financial Secretary / Treasurer
- Rick Lord** Business Agent
- Jeff LaBroski**..... Business Agent
- Chato Woodard** Business Agent
- Brian Granger** President/Organizer
- David Bowman** Vice President
- Glen Kirkham**..... Organizer
- Jeremy Pavlich** Organizer
- Robert L. Cross**..... Director of Training




In Memoriam

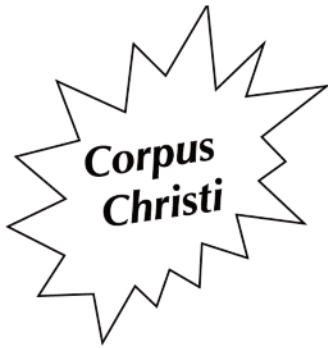
Brother **Max Kamenzind** (101) of Schulenburg, TX passed away April 12, 2019. Brother Kamenzind was a UA Retired Life Member of 57 years, being initiated in May 1962.

Brother **Eddie Albright** (90) of Cleveland, TX passed away May 3, 2019. Brother Albright was a UA Retired Life Member of 62 years, being initiated in February 1957.

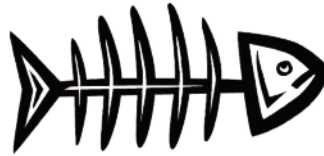
Brother **James Parson** (91) of Hockley, TX passed away May 6, 2019. Brother Parson was a UA Retired Life Member of 68 years, being initiated in February 1951.




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PLUMBERS LOCAL 68 SALTWATER TOURNAMENT



The 2018 Saltwater Tournament is open to Local 68 members and their invited guests. Tournament begins at 5 pm Friday, July 12th and the weigh in will be held at **Rockport Beach – Little Bay Pavilion** at 1 pm Saturday, July 13th. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be available beginning at Noon Saturday. Please bring chairs.

Prizes will be awarded to registered participants for the 1st and 2nd place heaviest redfish (20”–28”), trout and flounder in the following divisions:

Division A - 18 and older

Division B - ages 13-17

Division C - ages 6-12

**In case of tie weight, length of fish will determine winner*

Participants may fish from anywhere in Copano Bay, Aransas Bay or Corpus Christi Bay area and may be done from boat, pier, shore or by wading. **Each person (including children) must hook and reel in their own fish. Adults may assist children in landing fish.** Professional guides are not allowed to enter tournament, but may be hired by participants. All Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations apply. There will be no cancellation due to inclement weather. Each person shall participate at their own risk. All weather warnings and small craft advisories should be observed.

Entry fees are \$15 for Local 68 adult members and their immediate adult family members (spouse, son/daughter, parent, sibling), \$35 for adult NON members and no cost to Local 68 retirees and participants under age 18. **Entry fees are due by Monday, July 8th. No entries will be accepted after 4:30 pm Monday, July 8th.** All registered Division A participants will be entered in prize drawings. You must be present to win.

Questions? Call Bill Venable at 713-869-3592 or 281-813-8664



REGISTRATION FORM

Contact person/phone #/email: _____

"A" Members/Family \$15	"A" Non Members \$35	"B" Name & Age	"C" Name & Age
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Make checks payable/mail to: Plumbers Local 68 FISH, P O Box 8746, Houston TX 77249

Form and money must be received no later than 4:30 pm Monday, July 8th.