

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meeting	February 19th	5:00pm
Finance Committee Meeting	None Scheduled	
Union Meeting	February 26th	7:30pm
Pension & H/W	February 3rd	1:00pm
JATC Meeting	None Scheduled	

RETIREE LUNCHEON—FEBRUARY 20TH

BBQ Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, and Cake

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Local 101 Swearing In

Congratulations to the new officers of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 101. The new officers were sworn in on January 8, 2025.

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REMINDERS:

If you are an active participant in our health insurance, do you know you can go to www.meritain.com create a log in/password and see your claims status, insurance card, EOB's, locate a provider. Check it out sometime!

CitizensRX is our Pharmacy Plan effective 1/1/2021. REMINDER: You do not have to do mail order; you can go to your local pharmacy to get all prescriptions.

Need to locate a provider? Contact Meritain at 1-866-209-3063 7am to 630 pm.

New Insurance Cards were mailed in December they reflect the Vision Benefit, which is Aetna Vision Discount Program.

~IN SYMPATHY~



64 year Life member Edward Schiwitz passed away on January 1, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Schiwitz family.



53 year Life member Merle Minor passed away on January 8, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Minor family.

FROM THE BENEFIT'S OFFICE

401k Fund:

If you wish to make changes to or start your 401(k), please submit your forms by March 15th to be effective April 1st. If you need a form for changing your hourly deduction or investment choice, contact the Hall or email Kelly at kelly@local101.net. You may also print the forms from the Local 101 website and mail or fax them to us.

PENSION:

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

Notify the Pension Fund a minimum of three months before your retirement date, which is always the 1st of the month. So, if you want to retire 12/1/2025, let us know by September 1, 2025.

You will be mailed an application, once you receive, complete, and return the application.

Then, you will get mailed your Election Forms from Ekon Benefits, this is where you select what monthly option/amount you want to receive, these forms get returned to the Pension Fund so you can start receiving your direct deposit/check on the first of the month.

You can request an Estimate prior to retiring, just call Kelly in the Benefit Office at Local 101 and she will have Ekon Benefits mail you your ESTIMATED Election forms, which show you all options and amounts available for your retirement.



Members-Only Benefits Through the National Coalition of Labor

As a member Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 101, you and your family are eligible to take advantage of additional members-only benefits offered by your union through the National Coalition of Labor | coalitionoflabor.org

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE MEMBERS-ONLY BENEFITS:



- **FREE** \$10,000 in Life Insurance
 - **FREE** \$5,000 in AD&D Insurance
 - **FREE** Allstate Roadside Assistance
 - **FREE** Financial Planning
 - **FREE** Union Legal Services
 - **FREE** Discount Perk Program
 - **FREE** Credit Union
 - **DISCOUNTED** Short-Term Disability
 - **DISCOUNTED** Costco Membership
 - **DISCOUNTED** Hearing Protection
- Additional cost-saving benefits:*
- Critical Illness Insurance
 - Accident Insurance
 - Up to \$350,000 in Additional Life & AD&D Insurance
 - College Tuition Programs
 - Social Security Disability
 - Tax Preparation
 - Nationwide Lodging Discounts
 - **And More!** *Active Members Only

You can learn more about all of the NCL's benefits at www.coalitionoflabor.org and clicking the "Benefits" link at the top of the page.

The National Coalition of Labor is a non-profit coalition of unions dedicated to providing benefits to nearly 300,000 members. By working together to purchase benefits, we are able to achieve cost savings that allow unions to provide these benefits to members at either no cost or at heavily discounted rates.

WWW.COALITIONOFLABOR.ORG
 (800) 433-2099 **NCL**
National Coalition of Labor

New Benefit for UA Card Members

Please be looking for information about the new benefits that will be coming to UA Card Members for Local 101. There was a presentation and vote at the January Union Meeting. These benefits will be for any member of Local 101 in good standing.

CONGRATULATIONS:

The Following members have 30 years of Service to UA Local 101. Thanks you for the years to the Local!



Carl Birkner



Mike Cook



Samantha Siadek

[FEBRUARY 2025] TRAINING NEWS:

EXPIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Mike Plunkett 12/3/2024

CERTIFICATIONS COMING DUE

David Boden	Braze	3/15/25	Wayne Downing	Braze	2/9/25
Luke Gruchala	Braze	2/7/25	Adam Juenger	Braze	2/2/25
Brian Poirot	Braze	4/25/25	Pat Coleman	SMAW/GTAW	2/28/25
Amy Ehret	UA50/51	4/22/25	Adam Fish	SMAW	4/18/25
Connor Jefferson	SMAW/GTAW	4/4/25	Justin Kollmann	UA 50/51	3/6/25
Rachel LaBlance	SMAW/GTAW	3/6/25	Gavin Modesitt	UA 50/51	3/1/25
Alan Noll	SMAW	2/16/25	Mike Petrea	SMAW/GTAW	4/3/25
Brad Quirin	SMAW/GTAW	2/2/25	Kyle Sigman	SMAW	4/9/25
Don Stitzel	SMAW/GTAW	4/3/25	Mike Thompson	UA 50/51	4/15/25
Doug Vanhooose	SMAW	2/28/25			

Upcoming Classes

Local 101 will be hosting an Illinois Cross-connection Control Devices Inspectors Class (Illinois Backflow Certification). Listed are the dates of the class, please contact Rich to get signed up, seating is limited for the class. All Classes will start at 5pm.

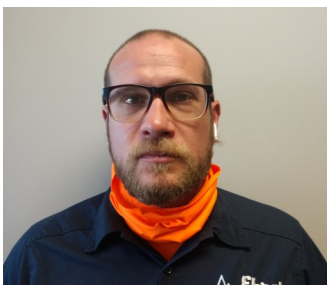
You must attend all classes to receive the Certification.

Monday, April 14 Tuesday, April 15 Wednesday, April 16

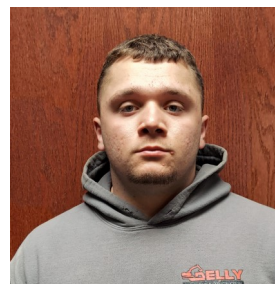
Thursday, April 17 Monday, April 21 Tuesday, April 22

Thursday, April 24

Congratulations to:




Justin Sampson has completed his apprenticeship with Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 101 JATC. Justin is a Service HVAC Tech for Ehret Inc.



Brenden Gelly, is a 1st year apprentice with Gelly Excavating. He is in the Plumbing Program. Welcome to the Local Brenden.

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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	Trustee Meeting 1:00pm Health & Welfare Pension					
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			Executive Board Meeting 5pm	Retiree Lunch 12:00pm BBQ Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
			Union Meeting 7:30 pm			