



# PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 773

37 Luzerne Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804  
(PO Box 312, Glens Falls, NY 12801)

## Newsletter

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

#### FOURTH MONDAY

**Meeting Date:** 7/24/23

**Place:** Local 773 Union Hall

37 Luzerne Rd.

Queensbury, NY 12804

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

### From the Recording Secretary

The July Union meeting will be a Regular meeting held on the fourth Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:30pm at our Glens Falls location.

Delegates to the 113th New York State Pipe Trades Annual Convention Sunday, July 30th - Wednesday, August 2nd at the Fort William Henry are:

Michael Jarvis  
Brian Kill  
William Austin  
Adam Round  
Justin Jeffery

### From the Business Manager

The summer months are upon us and with that brings the heat. Please remember to stay safe and hydrated while working, and keep an eye on one another. Wishing all of my Union Brothers & Sisters and their families an enjoyable summer!

### From the Benefits Office

#### **Benefits Office**

Every year the Benefits Office goes through an internal audit. Many of our members are selected by D'Arcangelo & Company to verify their benefit account information, whether it be HRA distributions, Annuity Withdrawals or a monthly pension benefit. If you receive any correspondence from D'Arcangelo please review and return any requested information.

Also, at times either an attorney's office (subrogation of claims) or CDPHP (Coordination of Benefits) may send you a form regarding billing or insurance coverage. It is very important that you complete the form(s). Failure to do so may limit coverage options and cause you to receive a bill from your provider's office.

#### **Welfare Fund**

CDPHP has implemented life points on a new platform: Virgin Pulse. This program is designed to help you build healthy habits through daily engagement and motivate you to reach your health goals. As you complete health related activities you will earn points to unlock rewards which can be used for gift cards and merchandise. Visit the website: [join.virginpulse.com](https://join.virginpulse.com) or Download the Virgin Pulse app to get started. You will have to create a new user account. You will need to reference "CDPHP Self Insured" as the plan sponsor, and be sure to enter your id together with the 2 digit suffix on your ID card. If you have any difficulties please contact the Benefits Office.

#### **Pension Fund**

We will be mailing out individual pension statement letters this month. Please be on the lookout for yours. The statements will include an estimated monthly benefit using current accrued credits at our full retirement age. **Please remember that many of you are able to retire early with no reduction at age 62.** Contact our office with any questions.



#### **OFFICERS**

##### Business Manager/ Financial Sec. Treasurer

Michael R. Jarvis

##### President

Adam A. Round

##### Vice-President

Andrew J. Lehet

##### Recording Secretary

Justin D. Jeffery

##### Business Agent

Brian E. Kill

##### Organizer

William A. Austin

##### Inside Guard

William J. Van Guilder

## **From the Training Office**

### **SCHOOL YEAR ORIENTATION DATES**



**PLATTSBURGH TRAINING CENTER - Thursday, August 31st at 5:00pm**

**GLENS FALLS TRAINING CENTER - Tuesday, September 5th at 5:00pm**

**Apprentices, please mark your calendars for the 2023-2024 school year Orientation. Your attendance is MANDATORY, and you must bring the required payment of \$150 that night for your yearly initiation fee and school books, cash or check only.** As always, Plattsburgh orientation will take place the Thursday before Labor Day and in Glens Falls, the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. You will be given your schedules at orientation, but as always, please plan to begin classes the week of Labor Day.

We look forward to welcoming our new Apprentice Brothers and Sisters and welcoming back everyone else for a great year. If you have any questions during the summer months, please don't hesitate to reach out to Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at 518-307-9424. Enjoy your summer!



**Open Welding** is still going at both our Glens Falls and Plattsburgh facilities every Tuesday afternoon, thru the end of July. The Glens Falls shop opens at 5:00pm and the Plattsburgh shop opens at 4:30pm. **All members are welcome!**



A summertime **Orbital Welding training class** is being offered at our Glens Falls training facility beginning mid-July, with classes taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Class will be limited to ten (10) participants. If you are looking to achieve your U.A. 18-A Orbital Welding certification, please contact Training Coordinator Jake Ringer or Alexis in the office to sign up.

**VARI-TECH HDPE fusion training.** The training department is scheduling an HDPE fusion training class at our Glens Falls facility at the request of one of our signatory contractors, and offering the day-long training to any interested member. **A representative from VARI-Tech will be conducting the training and it will be held on a weekday during normal working hours. Training will certify participants from 1/2" to 20" on the fusion process.** If you are interested, please contact Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at 518-307-9424 or Alexis in the Union/Training Office.

Brothers and Sisters, if there is any class you are interested in taking, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Training Department via our website, call Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at (518) 307-9424, or call the Training Department at (518) 792-9157.

**Please note that there will NOT be a UA Weld Test Day in the month of August.**  
**Monthly test days will resume September 16th.**

**Reminder: it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep your Welder continuity up-to-date EVERY 6 MONTHS.** If you are unsure of your expiration date, please call the Training Office!

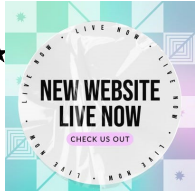


## THE NEW YORK STATE PIPE TRADES ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING AN ORGANIZER FOR THE NY EASTERN REGION

Minimum job duties and qualifications include:

- Communicate with the Business Manager in the area you are working.
- Organize all non-union workers in commercial, industrial and residential work in the plumbing, pipefitting, sprinkler fitting and HVACR service field.
- The intent of the NYSPTA is to organize every contractor, subcontractor, and other employers of our craft along with employees who perform said work. The Organizer's duties may include any activities supportive of this goal.
- Making presentations at meetings regarding organizational tactics when requested.
- Contacting non-union Contractors and employees to promote union affiliation/membership.
- Compiling and disseminating information which can be helpful to Local Unions in Organizing efforts; assuring that all Local Unions strengthen their efforts in Organizing, and their memberships commitment to organizing through education.
- Filing monthly reports to the NYSPTA Field Director of organizing regarding his/her activities during the month.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are a necessity. Strong interpersonal skills, including being comfortable in talking with diverse and multi-cultural groups of people.
- Strong organizational abilities, including the ability to prioritize and multi-task.
- Comfortable with technology and can learn new tools quickly.
- A high level of self-motivation and a proven ability to work independently as well as collaboratively.
- **Willingness to travel and work flexible hours to include evenings and weekends.**
- Must be a Journeyperson in good standing within Local's 7, 373 or 773.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Bilingual is a bonus, but all are welcome to apply.

**Interested applicants, please submit resumes by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to:  
MARCM@NYSPIPETRADES.ORG**



[www.lu773.org](http://www.lu773.org)

To log in to the members only section of our new website, you will need to go to the Members Only page and follow the prompts to create a log in. You will need a valid email address and a unique password.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Union Office.

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LOCAL 773 OFFICE STAFF

#### Phone Numbers

Union Office: 518-792-9157  
Union Office Fax: 518-792-4876  
Benefits Office: 518-792-0586  
Benefits Office Fax: 518-792-0732

#### Email Addresses

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#### MATT FLEWELLING BENEFIT

As many of you are aware, Brother Matt Flewelling recently experienced life threatening medical issues and will be out of work for an unknown period of time.

Matt is overwhelmed by the support he has been given by his union family, his firehouse family, and his real-life family and friends. He thanks you all from the bottom of his heart for the prayers and countless texts he received these past several months as they helped keep him going!

Local 773 is helping spread the word of a benefit BBQ being organized by his friends on **Saturday, August 26th at Kingsbury National Golf Course**. The barbecue will be available at 2:30pm at a cost of \$30 per person, with a 50/50 raffle and basket raffles that day, also.

If you would like attend and support our Union Brother, please contact Jake Ringer at (518) 307-9424 or Alexis Flewelling at (518) 222-7755. **You must pre-register and provide payment no later than August 18th.** Cash, check and Venmo are accepted.



#### Updated Membership Information Needed

It is vital that Local 773 know how to reach our members. If you have moved, or if any of your personal information has changed recently, please complete the following form and mail it to :

UA Local #773, PO Box 312, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Name:

Old Address:

City, State, Zip:

New Address:

City, State, Zip:

New Home Phone:

New Cell Phone:

Effective Date of change (s):