

# SPRINKLER FITTERS AND APPRENTICES UNION

LOCAL NO. 281, AFL-CIO

of the UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY  
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To the Local 281 Members

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The next regular monthly meeting of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Local 281 Union Hall, 11900 S. Laramie Avenue, Alsip, Illinois.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement signed July 1, 2020, calls for a \$2.40 per hour Economic Increase effective July 1, 2023. Motions will be taken from the floor for the allocation of this increase, and then voted on by the eligible members present. **All Journeyman members, 4<sup>th</sup> year, and 5<sup>th</sup> year Apprentices in good standing will be eligible to vote on the allocation of the economic increase.**

The proposal receiving the most votes will be effective July 1, 2023. The Members and Signatory Contractors will be notified of the results.

There will be a regular monthly meeting for the month of July. It will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Local 281 Union Hall, 11900 S. Laramie Avenue, Alsip, Illinois.

The Annual Local 281, U.A. Open House will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Open House will be held at the Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. Union Hall, 11900 South Laramie Avenue, Alsip, Illinois. All members and their families are invited to attend. We will have live music, bounce houses, face painters, etc. Food and refreshments will be served.

We have recently updated the Local 281, U.A. website. There are many new features on the updated site. If you have not visited the website lately, please go to [www.sprinklerfitterchicago.org](http://www.sprinklerfitterchicago.org) to see the updates and changes to the site.

One of the new features is being able to sign up for continuing education classes on our website, [www.sprinklerfitterchicago.org](http://www.sprinklerfitterchicago.org). There is a red "MEMBERS" button on the top right. To log in, your User Name is your last name, and your Password is the last four digits of your Social Security Number. You may click on the "Continuing Education" section. You may then select a class and session that you are interested in attending. If the class you are interested in is not yet scheduled, you may select "Waitlist." We will then contact you once we have enough requests for a class. We will continue to send Constant Contact emails for upcoming continuing education opportunities. Please be sure to check your email and watch for Constant Contact emails for continuing education opportunities.

If you have any difficulty signing in to the "MEMBERS" section of the website, please contact the Union Office for assistance.

The Union Office has outdated address and telephone contact information on many of our members. Please contact the Union Office as soon as possible to update your address and telephone numbers. Also, the mass emails sent out by the Union Office have been the quickest method to communicate with the membership on Union events and other important matters. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the Union Office.

It is also very important that the Local and the Pension Funds have updated beneficiary information on all members. Please contact the Union Office for beneficiary forms.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact the Union Office.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan LaRoche". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bryan" being more prominent than the last name "LaRoche".

Bryan LaRoche  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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