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THE W. W. "BILL" GAY AWARD

The **W. W. "Bill" Gay Award** is presented to the person who best exemplifies the character of **Brother William W. "Bill" Gay**, who made many significant contributions to the union piping industry. From the very beginning of his career, Brother Gay demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the industry and advancing strong labor-management relationships with many unions – particularly U.A. Local 234.

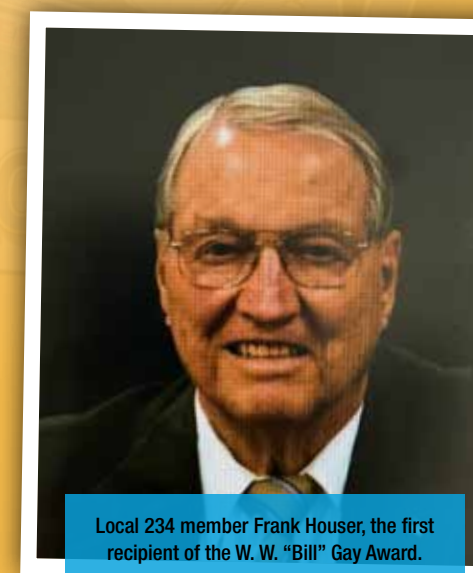
Brother Gay's illustrious career spanned many decades, going back to his participation in the charter apprenticeship class of U.A. Local 724 in Gainesville. He was initiated into the U.A. soon after on July 20, 1948.

He went on to form **W. W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc.** in 1962, and as a union employer he had contracts with Local 234 and numerous other building-craft unions – as the company continues to provide. His longtime support and involvement in the piping industry, as well as that of his company, have provided outstanding contributions to union members and their families across Florida and the Southeastern United States.



W. W. "Bill" Gay

Brother Gay passed away on March 31, 2020, at age 93.



Local 234 member Frank Houser, the first recipient of the W. W. "Bill" Gay Award.



**PLUMBERS, PIPEFITTERS, WELDERS & HVACR TECHS
LOCAL 234
125th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Party**

**Saturday
February 21, 2026**

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville**

Welcome Reception 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner, Program, Entertainment 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Master of Ceremonies and Welcome Address
Ronny Andrews, Business Manager, Local 234**

**Special Guest Speaker
U.A. Assistant General President Michael Pleasant**

2026 W. W. "Bill" Gay Award Recipient

Entertainment/Music by D.J. Jeff Bell

125th Anniversary Committee

Ronny E. Andrews
Jerry Thomas
Russell Drwady
Keith Cholerton
Nathan Hartley
Kenny Colston
Kirk Barras
Jeff Hendricks



STANDING TOGETHER, WE HONOR OUR PAST & ENSURE OUR FUTURE

Brothers, Sisters and Friends of Local Union 234:

On behalf of the officers and members of Local 234 as we gather to celebrate the local's 125 years, we're not just marking time, we're honoring a legacy built by the hands, the hearts and the sacrifices of generations who came before us.

For 125 years, members of this local woke up before dawn, laced up their boots and went to work building the systems that keep our communities alive. They worked in the heat, in the cold, in the dust and in the mud – not for recognition, but because they believed in the value of honest labor, in providing for their families and in leaving the world better than they found it.

Local 234 is not just an organization ... it is family.

It is the shared pride passed down from master to apprentice, from parent to child. It is stories told on job sites, lessons learned the hard way, friendships formed over decades of working side by side. It is the knowledge that no matter how tough the day gets, you never face it alone.

We stand here today because our members, many who are no longer with us, poured their lives into this trade. Their fingerprints are on every school, every hospital and every other building whose pipes carry clean water and whose systems keep people safe and warm. And tonight, we honor them with gratitude and respect.

And to the members here now – you are writing the next chapter of this story. Your dedication, your craftsmanship and your solidarity ensure that Local 234's legacy doesn't just survive ... it grows stronger.

As we look to the future, toward new challenges, new technology and new opportunities, I have no doubt that Local 234 will continue to rise, just as it has for 125 proud years.

Thank you for your heart.

Thank you for your pride.

And thank you for carrying this union's legacy forward with the same courage and passion as those who built it.

Congratulations, Local Union 234, on 125 years of strength, family and brotherhood and sisterhood.

Here's to the next 125 years of standing together.

Ronny Andrews, Business Manager/Financial Secretary
U.A. Plumbers, Pipefitters, Welders & HVACR Technicians Local 234



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The 125-Year History of U.A. Local No. 234, Jacksonville

FULFILLING ITS MISSION TO ADVANCE NORTHERN FLORIDA AND ITS PIPING INDUSTRY



Less than five years after it was founded in late 1889, the United Association of Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada (U.A.) first established a local union in Jacksonville, Florida, in early 1894. But while a June 22, 1894, article in *The Daily Florida Citizen* newspaper declared that U.A. **Local No. 114** was “the strongest labor organization in the city,” less than six years later the local would be defunct after having its charter revoked for some undocumented reason in early 1900 – a time when organized labor in Jacksonville and much of Florida struggled against the powerful anti-union forces that were prevalent in the Southern United States.

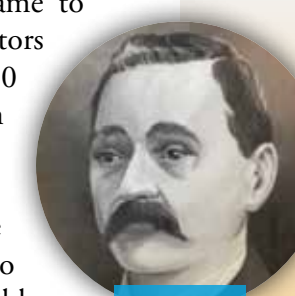
(The U.A. would change its name to the current United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada on January 1, 1947.)

The U.A. did not yield, however, as just one year after Local 114 was disbanded the union approved an application from seven plumbers – **Frank B. Butler, Charles W. Carter, Peter Danese, Albert Esser, John Fowler, George Keffe** and **Arthur J. Walker** – to establish a new local in Jacksonville. Subsequently, the U.A. chartered **Plumbers Local No. 234** on **February 23, 1901**, to serve the city and surrounding areas.

Soon after, the fledgling Local 234 was an integral part of the rebuilding of Jacksonville after the Great Fire of 1901 devastated the city on May 3 of that year, burning more than 2,300 buildings to the ground. But, as *Visit Jacksonville* literature declares, “from the ruins of a colonial frontier past emerged a modern skyline of concrete and stone,” and in the wake of the catastrophe and during the city’s reconstruction, Local 234 grew to a membership of 50 union plumbers by June 1902.



The local also almost immediately increased and stabilized the wage scale for its union plumbers, who had been earning random pay of anywhere between \$1.50 and \$3 per day. After it was established, Local 234 came to an agreement with employing contractors (“master plumbers”) on a set scale of \$3.50 for “seniors” (experienced journeyman plumbers) and \$2.50 for “juniors” (or “helpers” who were learning the trade) – while also dictating that only three juniors would be employed at a time to help ensuring more work would be available for higher-paid journeymen.

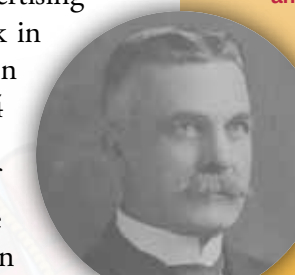


Patrick J. Quinlan

U.A. WAS ORGANIZED OVER 135 YEARS AGO

With a general lack of stable, national organizations to represent steamfitters and plumbers at the time, **Patrick J. Quinlan**, a plumber from Boston, sent a letter to **R. A. O'Brien**, a plumber in Washington, D.C., on April 25, 1889, proposing the formation of a new, national pipe-trades union. Subsequently, on October 7, 1889, 40 delegates from 23 piping-trades locals in 10 states and the District of Columbia assembled in Washington for a convention.

Four days later, the **United Association of Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada** (U.A.) was born on October 11, 1889. The U.A. selected Brother Quinlan as its president, Brother Henry Collins of New York City as its vice president and Brother O'Brien as its secretary-treasurer.



Richard A. O'Brien

Meanwhile, most steamfitters were attempting to sustain their own national union, the National Association of Steam, Hot Water and Power Piping Fitters and Helpers, that they had formed after breaking away from the violent Knights of Labor organization in 1885, soon after which it would become the International Association (I.A.). For two decades, however, the two piping unions clashed regularly over jurisdiction – before the American Federation of Labor (A.F.L.) ordered the I.A. to amalgamate into the U.A. in 1912.

The union endured through two world wars and the Great Depression, after which on January 1, 1947, it changed its name to the **United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada**.

During that time, however, the local had to contend with contractors that were advertising around the nation for plumbers to work in Jacksonville in an effort to undercut union labor. Addressing that situation, Local 234 member **Brother H. W. Shaw** lamented in a letter in the January 11, 1902, issue of the *Jacksonville Journal* newspaper, “There seems to be a disposition to flood the town with workmen, under the impression that it will tend to cut down wages, and at this time good mechanics of all kinds are idle in our town, because there is not work at fair wages to keep them busy. And still they come.”

In response, the local announced in the February 1902 issue of the *U.A. Journal* (the union’s monthly member publication), “Local Union No. 234 ... requests that all members of the U.A. pay no attention to the advertisements of the firms of J. E. Kuchler, William Clark and Stafford & Ward.”

That summer, with abundant work in its jurisdiction, the local gained a new, \$4-per-day wage scale for its member journeyman plumbers from the Master Plumbers’ Association. What’s more, the local convinced its employing contractors to “abolish the helper entirely ... without any trouble in the least.”

Regardless, attempts by numerous Jacksonville contractors to weaken labor’s

standing continued, compelling Local 234 to report in the January 1903 *Journal*, “Things have been a little rocky for the last six months.” The local further reported, “The master plumbers have been regaling themselves with a nice little rate war and an indiscriminate cutting of each other’s throats. The result is that prices are right down to excursion rates. The shop of J. E. Kuchler is still pursuing its old



The U.A. Local No. 234 charter (re-issued on June 12, 1927), dated February 23, 1901, and signed by U.A. General President John Coefield, who led the union from 1919 into 1940, and General Secretary Thomas E. Burke, who served in that position from 1909 into 1941.



Some of the original and early members of Local 234 pictured here sometime soon after the local was chartered in 1901 include Ed Hester (2), Jonathan A. Walker (4), Albert G. Esser (6), Jim Scott (9), Peter Danese (10), "Brother" Firth (14), Robert L. Slaughter (17), George Keefe (18), Herbert Patton (19), Charles Wolff (20), Henry F. Gilbert (21) and Roland H. Cox (22).

policy of importing men and laying them off after a couple of weeks."

The local would prevail, however, and more than a year later was able to declare in the June 1904 *Journal* that it had "made wonderful progress in the last three years." Indeed, during that time, the local had only briefly gone on strike against its contractors to secure a reduced eight-hour workday for the same \$4-per-day wage scale for its roughly two dozen members.

Before that year was out, the 27-member-strong local signed every plumbing shop in

Jacksonville to its union agreement, allowing Atlanta's U.A. Local No. 72 Business Agent C. O. Langston to announce in the December 1904 *Journal* following a visit to Local 234, "Jacksonville is a strictly union town, so far as the building trades are concerned, and other crafts rapidly follow into line." He went on to further declare:

"They have a fine union here, and prudent thinkers at the head of it. ... As a union for transacting business, I will put No. 234 against any of them I have ever visited."

CONTINUING TO BUILD UP THE LOCAL AND ITS TOWN

After moving in early January 1907 into its "clean, new" union hall on East Forsyth Street, as an article in the January 9 *Jacksonville Journal* described, later that year the newspaper declared in its October 31 issue, "The Plumbers' Local Union No. 234 ... boys are doing all in their power to make the local one of the best in the country." As such, after visiting the local early the following year, U.A. General Organizer Frank Kennedy reported in the February 1908 *U.A. Journal*,

"Our members absolutely refused to work with a non-union man. The conditions under which our members work are of the very best in regard to hours, wages and the apprentice, of which they have none. ..."

"Too much praise cannot be given the local for the determined fight they have made since their strike to maintain the principles that mean so much to the cause of labor."

The following year as the rapidly growing Jacksonville was transforming into a major commercial, economic and transportation hub, the city's plumbing contractors were able to re-organize themselves with the union's assistance after having not met for about a year as they debated making Jacksonville a closed-shop (all union) town – resulting in nearly 50-percent unemployment among the local's members. Subsequently, Local 234 secured a new work

After the United Association chartered "plumbers" Local 234 on February 23, 1901, the union added "steamfitters" to the local's trade jurisdiction in March 1909.

agreement from the Master Plumber Association on March 5, 1909, that went into effect on April 5 with closed-shop provisions; an increased \$4.50-per-day wage scale for eight-hour workdays; and requirements that contractors would not hire helpers or laborers, that only "sons of master and journeymen" would be hired as apprentices and that a "conference committee" would be established to take up disputes between labor and management.

"This settlement means a lot to us," Local 234 **President Tom W. Cox** announced in the March 1909 *Journal* while reporting on the

LOCAL 234 CHARTER MEMBERS

These six plumbers signed the application for a charter from the United Association for a local union in Jacksonville, which the U.A. granted on February 23, 1901, as Local No. 234.

- Frank B. Butler
- Charles W. Carter
- Peter Danese
- Albert Esser
- John Fowler
- George Keefe
- Arthur J. Walker



Local 234 members pose while on a hunting and fishing outing sponsored by the local in 1910.



LOCAL 234 MEETING LOCATIONS & UNION HALLS

<None Listed>
1901 – 1903

Tobi's Hall, Union Headquarters
105 East Bay Street
1903 – 1904

Grunthal's Hall
Main Street at State Street
1904 – 1906

Labor Council Hall
114 East Forsythe Street, 3rd floor
1906 – 1907

Industrial Record Publishing Building
Newnan Street at Bay Street
1907 – 1910

Labor Council Hall
114 East Forsythe Street
1910 – 1913

Jacksonville Labor Hall
46-1/2 West Bay Street, 3rd floor
1913 – 1917

Labor Council Hall
27 West Ashley Street
1917 – 1919

Jacksonville Labor Temple
340 Riverside Avenue
1918 – 1922

Odd Fellows Hall
220 East Monroe Street
1922 – 1924

Red Men's Hall
10 Newnan Street
1924 – 1926

Central Labor Union Hall
Herkimer Building
136 East Bay Street
1926 – 1929

Moose Hall
212 East Forsythe Street
1929 – 1935

Jacksonville Labor Temple
21 North Ocean Street
1935 – 1937

Jacksonville Labor Temple
111 East Bay Street
1937 – 1944

Jacksonville Labor Temple
808 Main Street
1944 – 1965

Carpenters' Hall
920 Main Street
1965 – June 1967

Local 234 Union Hall
5411 Cassidy Road
June 1967 – current



Local 234 members working on construction of the new U.S. Army Camp Joseph E. Johnston, a training base for soldiers, on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville in 1918.

new contract. “We have had this fight on for three years. ... This agreement will put some of our idle men to work.”

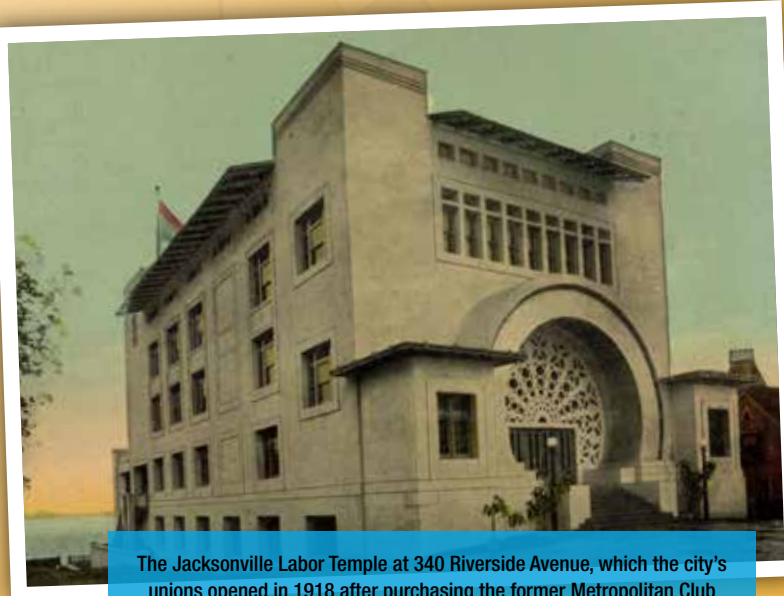
With the U.A. assigning Local 234 trade jurisdiction for “**steamfitters**” (who would later be reclassified as pipefitters by the union) as well as plumbers beginning in early 1910, the local continued to improve its condition throughout the ensuing years. In doing so, during an organizing campaign in late 1912 the local more than doubled its membership by early 1913, and U.A. General Organizer William Lynn reported in the January 1914 *Journal*, “I found this local in a much improved condition, all men working and taking an active interest in both their local union and the general labor movement of the city.”

But a national economic recession beginning that year and continuing through much of 1916 greatly impacted Jacksonville’s export-oriented economy and commercial sector and halted most construction, relegating more than half of the Local 234 membership to its out-of-work list by late June 1914. The following year, as U.A. General Organizer John M. Ryan reported in the October 1915 *Journal*, “Jacksonville is about the deadest town in the South in all branches of trade No work in sight and no prospects for the future; 13 of our members took out (master plumber) licenses last year to keep from starving.”

Local 234 took an active role in the re-formation of the **Jacksonville Building and Construction Trades Council** in 1913 (after the original council had disbanded several years earlier). Local 234 delegates **Brother T. D. Hourihan** and **Brother Joseph B. Reynolds** were active in the effort to re-establish the council that year.

As work began to slowly return to the Local 234 jurisdiction, an organizing campaign in early 1917 doubled the membership of Local 234. Soon after, General Organizer Lynn was able to report in that year’s *March Journal*, “This local union has not been making satisfactory progress in the past few years, but a few good United Association men always held same together and did what was possible to alleviate the deplorable condition in our trade in that city.”

The official entry of the United States into World War I in April 1917 after the conflict had been raging in Europe since 1914 proved to be the stimulus for the full recovery of the city and its plumbers’ local union, as demand for war materiel expanded the region’s shipyards and industry. Additionally – and perhaps even more significantly for Local 234 – construction of **U.S. Army Camp Joseph E. Johnston** in Jacksonville, a massive soldier-training base commissioned on October 15,



The Jacksonville Labor Temple at 340 Riverside Avenue, which the city's unions opened in 1918 after purchasing the former Metropolitan Club and Germania Club building designed by famed Jacksonville architect Henry John Klutho. (Photo: State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory)



The longtime Local 234 Union Hall at 5411 Cassidy Road in 2025.



Local 234 initiated the formation of the original **Florida State Association** of U.A. locals throughout the state in 1920 when **Business Manager Albert Meissner** arranged a meeting in Jacksonville on June 27 of that year to discuss establishing the alliance. Brother Meissner was elected the first financial secretary-treasurer of the new state association, whose initial principal work was to prepare to defend the state's plumbing law in the next session of the Florida Legislature.

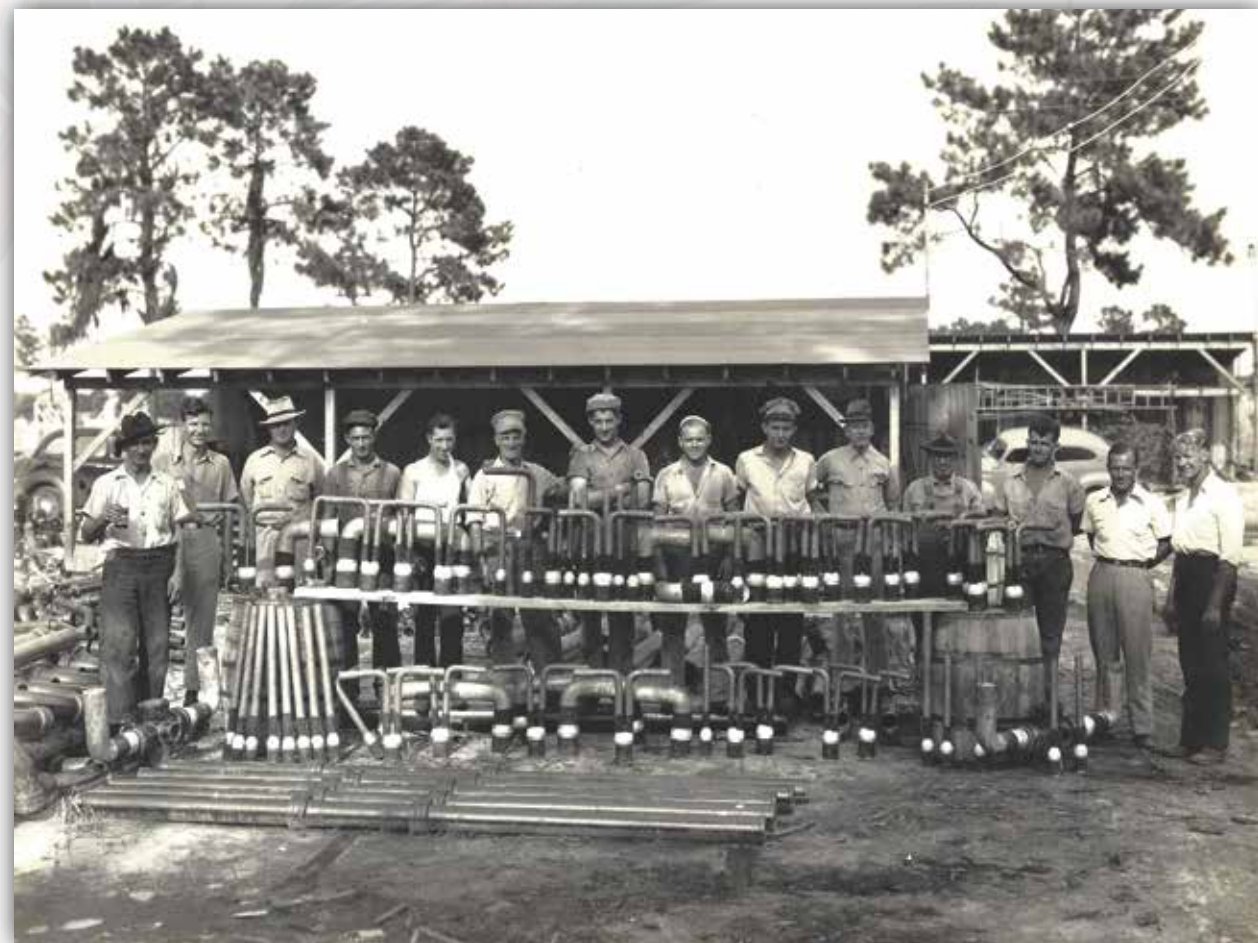
1917, that would eventually include more than 600 buildings, provided many of the local's members with steady employment before it was decommissioned on May 16, 1919.

Initially, however, the union had to scuffle to secure the work as government officials conceded to paying the local's wage of 62-1/2

cents per hour but would not provide travel-time or overtime pay and had also hired a non-union piping contractor. After all of its plumbers and fitters refused to work on the project, the union prevailed as the government agreed to provide overtime pay and 12-1/2-cents-per-hour for travel time, making the scale for union piping mechanics \$8.25 per day.

Consequently, General Organizer Lynn was also able to report in the December 1917 *Journal*, "On October 30, we sent our first crew of men to work and the unfair contractor, with his bunch of inferior mechanics, was run off the job." By December 1917, more than 200 U.A. members from Local 234 and other locals around the country were employed on the project.

Then in 1918, Local 234 and **Business Manager Al Meissner** gained a new work



agreement with a \$1-per-day wage increase that raised the local's basic scale on work throughout its jurisdiction to \$6 per day. The federal government also agreed to the increase in base pay for work on Camp Johnston.

After visiting Jacksonville on July 23 of that year, Organizer Lynn was further able to announce in the September 1918 *Journal*, "Our Local 234 is making excellent progress, constantly increasing their membership and building up excellent working conditions." Meanwhile, the local successfully organized the entire **shipbuilding** branch of the piping industry in the region by that December – just after the war ended on November 1, 1918.

The local remained vigilant in its pursuit of progress throughout the balance of the decade as well. In fact, before its work agreement with the Master Plumbers' Association expired on the final day of March 1919, it secured a new contract that called for an improved wage scale of 80 cents per hour (or \$6.40 per day) while retaining favorable working conditions for member plumbers and fitters.

'ROARING' IN THE 1920S BEFORE HISTORIC HARDSHIP

As Jacksonville's ongoing growth started to spread from the city's downtown center to outlying areas into the 1920s, Local 234 began the decade by entering into a new agreement with the Master Plumbers' Association. The contract provided an improved wage scale of \$1.12-1/2 per hour (\$9 per day) for six months and another raise at that time "if the cost of living continued to increase and conditions warranted further increase in pay."

But a severe national economic recession following World War I, known as the "Forgotten Depression," in 1920 and 1921 ultimately affected Jacksonville, slowing its development and, subsequently, employment in the Local 234 jurisdiction. As a result, on June 14, 1921, the local voluntarily accepted a \$1 reduction in its wage scale down to \$1 per hour (\$8 per day) beginning July 1.

During the period of unprecedented economic growth in the United States that



would come to be known as “The Roaring Twenties,” however, Jacksonville became a major transportation hub for those investing in the Florida land boom while again experiencing near-constant development. As construction also escalated in and around the “Gateway to Florida,” further propelled by the opening of the St. Johns River Bridge (later renamed the Acosta Bridge and replaced in 1991), the first automobile and pedestrian bridge to cross the river in downtown Jacksonville, by early 1922 all of Local 234’s member plumbers and fitters were again employed on projects that included building the largest package-transfer plant of the **American Railways Express Company** in the world in 1925.

As the decade and, along with it, the local progressed, after visiting Jacksonville U.A. General Organizer Charles Dickson was able to report in the February 1926 *Journal*, “(1)

found that the affairs of Local No. 234 were in good shape. The membership there, like all other cities in the state, has increased because of the amount of work and an added increase is confidently looked for in the near future.”

Member plumbers and fitters also worked on construction of the new, 25,000-kilowatt electric generator for the city’s **Talleyrand Avenue Power Plant** in 1927 and 1928. When the facility was completed in December of that year, it doubled the capacity of the plant (now the Kennedy Generating Station operated by the Jacksonville Electric Authority, or J.E.A., whose generating units have since been replaced in 2000 and 2009).

The Great Depression, the historic, decade-long economic and human catastrophe that began when the U.S. stock market crashed on October 29, 1929 (history’s “Black Tuesday”),



slowed the development of Jacksonville, as the State of Florida was further impacted by the collapse of the 1920s land bust, bank failures and a citrus fruit fly epidemic. However, the city’s strong industrial and diverse financial base, bolstered by wealthy prominent residents such as Alfred I. duPont, helped it endure the effects of the Depression better than other Florida cities.

Regardless, unemployment among the Local 234 membership, as with other U.A. locals across the country, proliferated during the Depression. “Construction all but stopped, and this led to a significant decline in manufacturing,” the official U.A. history recounts. “The economies of both (the United States and Canada) spiraled ever downward, until unemployment reached extremely high numbers and workers began to give up altogether.”

Meanwhile, as the U.A. history notes, the *Journal* ran several issues during the early 1930s that offered advice on how members could make their wages go as far as possible, although much of the focus of the articles was either on calling on the government to take action to help people or on trying to offer some hope and encouragement to the U.A. membership. But as its overall international membership declined and the U.A. held no conventions between 1928 and 1938, “the union held it together,” the history states.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s federal “New Deal” programs, instituted from 1933 through 1938 to generate construction and civic-improvement jobs throughout the country, also alleviated Jacksonville as New Deal projects in and around the city included construction of Durkeeville, the second public housing project built in Florida, and



LOCAL 234 LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

Local 234 employed its first full-time business manager, **Brother Leo H. Hill**, in 1961, before which part-time business agents and presidents handled the business and organizing affairs of the local. In 2010, the local combined its offices of business manager and financial secretary with the election of current **Business Manager/Financial Secretary Ronny E. Andrews** to those positions.

Business Managers

Leo H. Hill
1961
Eddie N. Blair
1961 – 1967
Carl Randall Gardner
1967 – 1987
George Smith
1987 – 1988
James David Crews
1988 – 1994
C. Kingsley Sharpe
1994 – 2006
Jimmy E. Johnson
2006 – 2009

Business Manager/ Financial Secretaries

Ronny E. Andrews
2010 – current

Financial Secretaries

<None>
1901 – 1904
Albert G. Esser
1904 – 1906
Jonathan A. Walker
1906 – 1907
John DuBose
1907
Jonathan A. Walker
1907 – 1908
R. H. Cox
1908 – 1910
Albert G. Esser
1910 – 1917
Albert Meissner
1917 – 1918
Albert G. Esser
1918 – 1920
Albert Meissner
1920 – 1921
Albert G. Esser
1921 – 1922

J. M. Gregory
1922
W. B. Holgerson
1922 – 1924
William Holtz
1924
F. E. Biggs
1924 – 1925
R. D. Hobbs
1925 – 1926
C. M. Doty
1926 – 1927
W. G. Smedley
1927 – 1936
F. W. Murray
1936 – 1944
W. G. Riddell
1944 – 1945
Roy S. Pike
1945
Leo H. Hill
1945 – 1946
Roy S. Pike
1946 – 1947
Leo H. Hill
1947 – 1949
W. E. Zorn
1949 – 1950
G. E. Carlisle
1950 – 1951
Wade Renshaw
1951 – 1954
E. L. Acosta
1954 – 1958
J. W. Bryan
1958
W. A. Motley Jr.
1958 – 1959
W. L. Crews
1959 – 1961
G. E. Carlisle
1962 – 1963

Carl Randall Gardner
1963 – 1967
Doyle E. Kearns
1968 – 1980
C. Kingsley Tharpe
1980 – 1985
Joseph C. Jacobs
1985 – 1991
Louis E. Taylor
1991 – 2003
Jimmy E. Johnson
2003 – 2006
Ronny E. Andrews
2007 – current

Business Agents

Peter Deneiss
1901
Charles W. Carter
1901
J. F. Scott
1901 – 1902
G.W. Keefe
1902
<None>
1903 – 1909
Mathew Gerhart
1909
H. M. Shields
1909 – 1911
Albert G. Esser
1911 – 1917
Albert Meissner
1917 – 1922
<None>
1922 – 1924
A. Weiselman
1924 – 1925
W. B. Holgerson
1925 – 1926
Al Meissner
1926 – 1928

<None>
1928 – 1930
N. Steigelman
1930
W. E. Zorn
1930 – 1931
W. G. Smedley
1931 – 1936
J. F. Beatty
1936 – 1938
Leo H. Hill
1938 – 1951
G. E. Carlisle
1951 – 1954
C. L. Lipsey
1954 – 1956
J. W. Bryan
1956 – 1959
Leo H. Hill
1959 – 1961
Eddie N. Blair
1961 – 1963
Carl Randall Gardner
1963 – 1967
Doyle E. Kearns
1967 – 1980
C. Kingsley Tharpe
1980 – 1985
Joseph C. Jacobs
1985 – 1991
Louis Eugene Taylor
1991 – 2003
Jimmy E. Johnson
2003 – 2006
Ronald E. Andrews
2007 – 2009
Bennie H. Craven
2009 – 2018
R. Kellen Jordan
2018 – 2019
I. Nathan Hartley
2019 – current



the Jacksonville Municipal Airport (both of which have since been demolished). What's more, labor-friendly federal legislation such as the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931, which gave workers prevailing wages when employed on public-works projects, and the National Labor Relations Act of 1935, which guaranteed employees the right to organize and bargain collectively, further provided a measure of relief for Local 234 and other unions.

The U.A. also temporarily assigned Local 234 with jurisdiction over Tallahassee beginning on March 22, 1939, as by that time many of the local's members were already working in that city, which did not have a U.A. branch. That spring, the local's membership remained well-employed throughout its jurisdiction as the Depression neared its end and development again began to escalate in and around Jacksonville – which was on the verge of another significant growth period driven by a military-industry boom with another world war already underway in Asia and Europe.

WINNING ANOTHER WAR, FLOURISHING AFTERWARDS

After the United States entered World War II following the Imperial Japanese attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, the membership of Local 234 skyrocketed to 1,234 union plumbers and fitters in 1943. During that time, as Jacksonville experienced another economic boom, many of the local's members helped construct the city's vital military bases and shipyards, including the new **Naval Air Station Jacksonville** (N.A.S. Jax) on a piece of land between the St. Johns and Ortega rivers historically called "Black Point."

The global conflict likewise stimulated strong economic recovery throughout Florida and the United States. U.A. locals nationwide grew as a result of the work created by military

production demands, which helped swell U.A. membership across North America from 81,000 in 1941 to 210,000 members, many of whom built and expanded the shipyards, weapons plants, aircraft factories and other facilities that supported the war effort on behalf of the U.S.-led Allies.

Within the Local 234 jurisdiction, membership growth was also spurred by the U.A.'s use of transfer cards rather than travel cards for members from other locals, who thereby became members of Local 234 while employed in its territory. Meanwhile, the union plumbers and fitters continued to work on military installations, including the **Mayport Naval Base** and **Naval Air Station Cecil Field** – which with N.A.S. Jax made Jacksonville the U.S. Navy's third-largest military complex in the country – and **U.S. Army Camp Blanding**, while also helping to build 82 Liberty-class and six Victory-class cargo ships, 12 tanker vessels and 19 PT (Patrol Torpedo) boats in the city's shipyards during the war.

After World War II ended with the surrenders of Japan on September 2, 1945,





MERGERS THAT SHAPED LOCAL 234

The United Association merged **Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics Local No. 770** of Jacksonville into Local 234 on **February 10, 1960**. The union chartered Local 770 in May 1950.

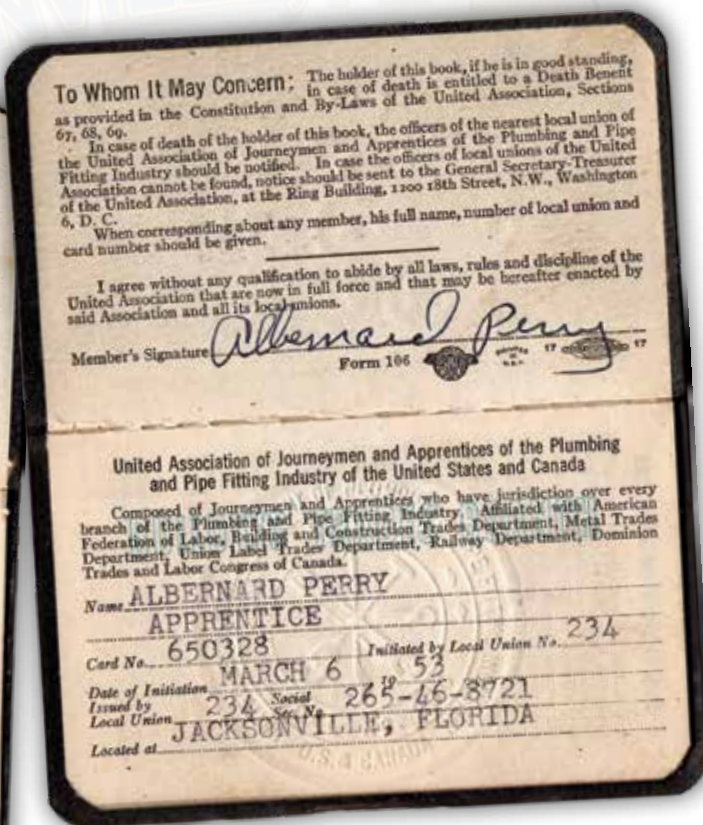
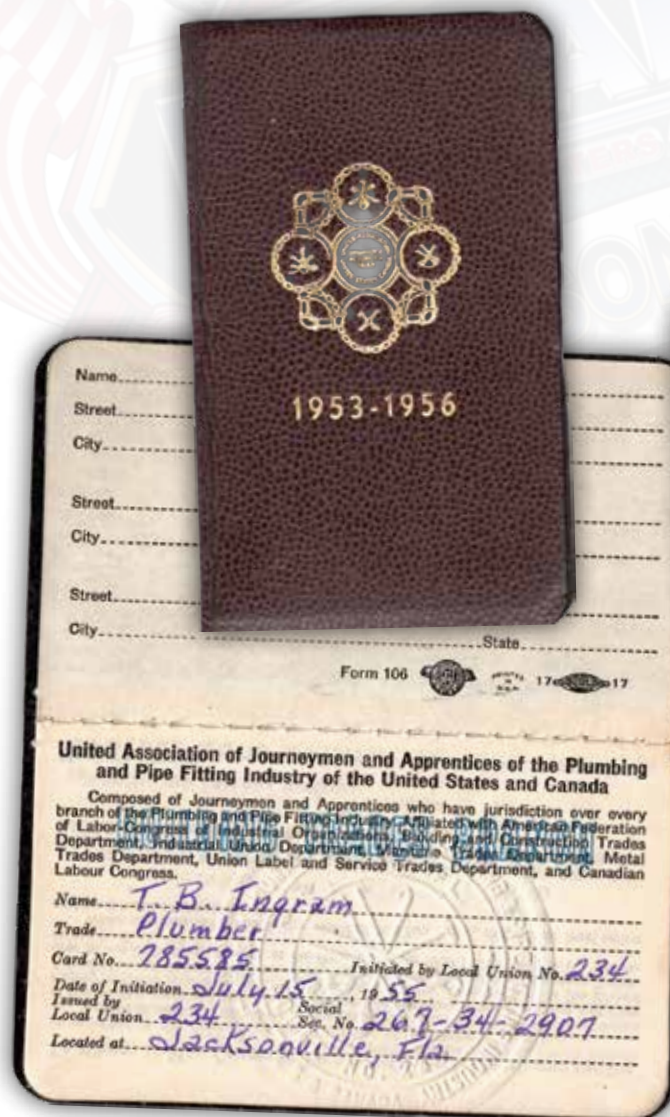
The U.A. merged **Plumbers Local No. 724** Gainesville into Local 234 on **December 1, 1975**. The union chartered Local 724 in October 1947.

The U.A. merged **Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 592** of Tallahassee into Local 234 on **January 1, 2010**. The union chartered Local 592 in December 1940.

The U.A. merged **Plumbers Local No. 366** of Pensacola into Local 234 on **April 1, 2014**. The union chartered Local 366 in April 1938.

and Nazi Germany earlier that year on May 8, Jacksonville experienced a massive post-war boom, transitioning from a wartime military hub into a rapidly growing Southern business center. With the city's significant population growth, surge in industrial development and ongoing identity as a major Navy town, with Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport serving as key economic drivers, Local 234 benefited from strong employment conditions, although its membership dropped to below 330 by 1949 primarily as the result of U.A. traveling member plumbers and fitters returning to their home locals.

During that time, Local 234 remained focused on helping to grow and develop its jurisdiction while improving employment conditions and wages for its members. For instance, the local unanimously voted during a meeting on September 14, 1945, to go on record as "deploring the terrible unsanitary (plumbing) conditions existing in the schools



of Duval County" and informing "the thousands of mothers and fathers of this community of conditions that now exists," while it also proposed that the remedy was to have qualified union plumbers repair the schools' deficiencies.

Then on July 29, 1949, while working on construction of the new **Southside Electric Generating Station** of the J.E.A., the local's members joined a work stoppage against a subcontractor that was using "unskilled laborers in laying pipes," as *The Florida Times-Union* reported the following day. After one day, work resumed when the City Commission enforced its requirement that contracts for city work must "maintain the standard wage scale," inducing the employer to replace unskilled laborers earning 75 cents per hour with the local's skilled union craftsmen who were earning \$2.50 per hour.

As strong employment for the Local 234 membership continued into the 1950s, in March 1952 the U.A. awarded the local

with full jurisdiction over Florida Power Corporation's new **Suwannee River Power Plant** being built in Ellaville. Construction of the state-of-the-art, steam-powered facility would provide a large number of workhours to union plumbers and fitters before it was completed in 1956 and even afterwards for additions, upgrades and maintenance (before it was retired in December 2016 as the largest plant on Duke Energy's Florida power system).

But during that period, roughly 200 of the local's members went on a prolonged strike beginning January 3, 1953, against 28 contracting firms who had refused to grant them a 15-cent hourly raise increase to their current \$2.75-per-hour journeyman wage scale and an employer-funded healthcare-insurance benefit in a new work agreement. About



The Local 234 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee graduating apprenticeship class of 1960.

20 members continued to work after their employers came to agreements granting the 15-cent hike and welfare clause, and another 250 members employed under national contracts with large contractors continued on their jobs as well.

After 44 days, the striking Local 234 members ended their strike on February 16 and returned to work after the union and contractors settled on a new contract. The pact provided the local with the requested 15-cent hourly pay raise to \$2.90 per hour for journeymen; however, it did not include a welfare/healthcare plan.

Local 234 established a **Health and Welfare Plan** fringe benefit in 1957 through its collectively bargained work agreement with signatory contractors to provide employer-funded healthcare insurance for its members. Over the years, there have been many upgrades to the plan, which is now a self-funded benefit that is second to none in the Health Insurance Industry.

The local finally secured a **Health and Welfare Plan** to help provide healthcare benefits for its growing members in a new work agreement with its employing contractors in 1957. As a fringe benefit of the contract, employers would contribute and additional 7-1/2 cents per hour worked by Local 234 members into the plan – *which over the years has been upgraded many times and in 2026 as the local celebrates its 125th charter anniversary is a self-funded plan with benefits that are second to none in the Health Insurance Industry.*

An addition to the Southside Electric Generating Station to install a new generator beginning in 1958 again provided the local with another source of steady employment for its members. Union plumbers and fitters remained on the project to expand the plant's energy-producing capacity into the 1960s.

Internal turmoil briefly stole some of the limelight of Local 234's ongoing progress, however, when in June 1959 the local



obtained an injunction from a circuit-court judge that restrained former Business Agent John W. Bryan, whom the local had removed from office on April 24 of that year, "from holding himself out to be still business agent," according to the June 15 *Jacksonville Journal*. The local's complaint alleged that Mr. Bryan, following his election in October 1958, "embarked upon a course of conduct designed to ignore and frustrate the official actions of the membership and the officers" of the union, including not attending membership meetings and discriminating in job referrals by "giving them to the men who were favorable to him in his election campaign," and also continued to falsely present himself as an officer of the local.

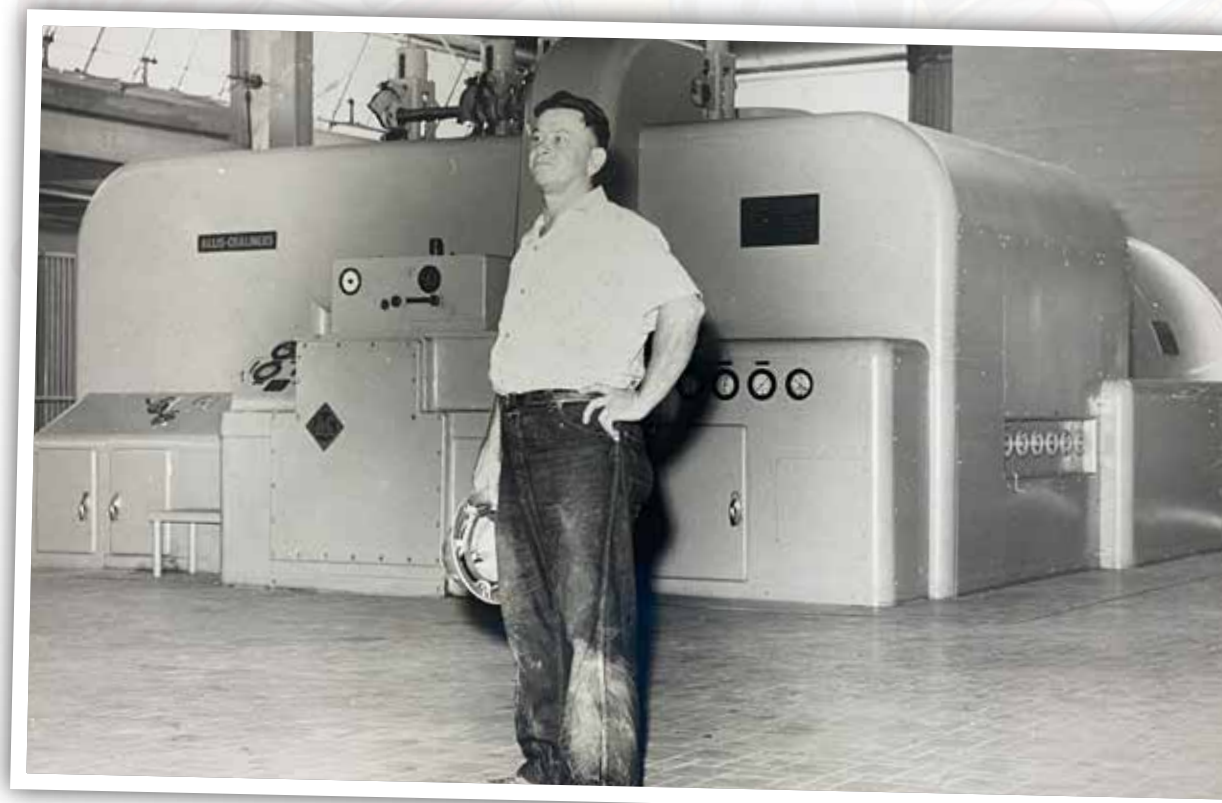
LANDMARK DECADES OF PROGRESS AND RECOVERY

The U.A. added **refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanics** to the Local 234 membership when on February

Local 234 established a **Pension Plan** fringe benefit in 1963 through its collectively bargained work agreement with signatory contractors to provide employer-funded retirement benefits for its members. Originally contributing 10 cents per hour worked into the plan's fund, in 2026 that employer contribution is \$8.69 per hour, and the fund is valued at more than \$300 million dollars and the average amount for those retiring is about \$4,200 per month.

10, 1960, the union merged **Local No. 770** of Jacksonville into the plumbers and pipefitters local. Subsequently, the U.A. issued former members of Local 770 transfer cards that could deposit with Local 234.

Perhaps one of the most significant events in the local's history then took place when it established a **Pension Plan** in 1963 to provide members with employee-funded retirement benefits. The fringe-benefit addition to its work agreement with contractors initially called for employee contributions of 10-cents-per-hour





Local 234 constructs its new (and current) Union Hall at 5411 Cassidy Road in Jacksonville in 1966 and 1967.

worked into the pension fund – *which over the years has grown to \$8.96 per hour in 2026 as the local celebrates its 125th charter anniversary.*

Then in July 1964, Local 234 purchased property at **5411 Cassidy Road** and in July 1965 sold its building at 808 Main Street. In June 1967, the local moved into its new – and present – union hall it built on the Cassidy Road property, where it maintains its offices and meeting hall in 2026.

Out in the field, abundant work continued to employ Local 234 members throughout the decade on a multitude of varied projects, such as construction of the new **Northside Generating Station** in Jacksonville for the J.E.A. The power plant began producing electricity in March 1966 with its oil-fueled Unit 1 generator before its Unit 2 was launched in June 1972.

Other key projects on which union plumbers and fitters worked during that time included construction of a natural-gas extraction plant for the **Florida Hydrocarbon Company** in Bradford County in 1961; and major expansions to the **Maxwell House Coffee plant** on East Bay Street in Jacksonville, which had been built in 1924, and the **Hudson Pulp and Paper Company paper mill** in Palatka, Florida, that had been erected in 1947. In addition to consistent work at additional paper mills in the area, the region's phosphate mines similarly provided steady employment for Local 234 members, including construction of the ultra-modern **Occidental Agricultural Chemicals Corporation** automated phosphate terminal in the town of White Springs in 1965 and 1966.

As the large amount of industrial work throughout its jurisdiction sustained strong employment of its members throughout the late 1960s and into the 1970s, Local 234 regularly hosted traveling union plumbers and fitters from other U.A. locals who

helped to staff the work. Among those projects was construction of the new **Anheuser-Busch Brewery** in Jacksonville that opened in 1969, after which it would become the company's third-largest U.S. brewery.

With the Jacksonville-area economy holding strong, Local 234 and its membership continued to enjoy a measure of prosperity throughout much of the 1970s as work remained plentiful. During the decade, members and a large number of U.A. travelers were steadily employed on projects that included construction of a **Caterpillar** tool plant in Jacksonville, multiple buildings for the new **University of North Florida** in the city and expansions for the Naval Air Station and Anheuser-Busch Brewery, in addition to work expanding and upgrading the powerhouses and paper mills in the local's jurisdiction.

Union plumbers and fitters also helped erect the now-iconic, 37-story **Independent Life Building** skyscraper (now 1 Independent Square) in downtown Jacksonville beginning in 1972. After the office tower was completed in 1974, it was the tallest building in the city until 1990 and the tallest in Florida until 1981.

TWO MEMBERS WERE U.A. OFFICERS



Eddie N. Blair

Brother Eddie N. Blair was appointed as a U.A. special representative in August 1967, after which he was elected as an international representative serving the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Brother C. Randal Gardner was appointed as a U.A. special representative in January 1987, after which he was elected as an international representative serving the states of Alabama, Florida and Georgia before he was elected as Assistant General President of the U.A. in August 1995, a position he held until his retirement in December 2001.



Brother C. Randall Gardner

LOCAL 234 LEADER WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR ALL WORKERS

“His forward-looking leadership and unwavering dedication to working men and women strengthened the trades and elevated the dignity and value of labor across the country.”

– Brother C. Randall Gardner obituary, September 28, 2025

The longest-serving business manager in the 125-year history of Local 234, **Brother Carl Randall Gardner** first ascended to the position in July 1967 after the U.A. appointed the local's previous business manager, Brother Eddie N. Blair, as an international special representative. Five months later on December 9, 1967, the local's membership elected Brother Gardner as its business manager, a position he held for nearly two decades until the U.A. appointed him to be an international representative in 1987.

After being employed as a helper at George Harris Plumbing Company, Brother Gardner joined the Local 234 apprenticeship program in June 1952, during which he initially worked for Henley and Beckwith. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953, however, and was stationed in Salzburg, Austria, while serving as communications chief in Battery B of the 11th AAA Battalion, a mobile anti-aircraft unit, before returning home in December 1954 and then continuing his apprenticeship.

Brother Gardner served as the local's business agent/financial secretary-treasurer – positions he helped



champion to combine – from 1963 to 1967. During that tenure, he created a pension fund for members; spearheaded the local's construction of its new offices, meeting hall and training facility; and led the way to change the local's fringe benefits from self-administered arrangements to retaining third-party professionals to administer the programs.

In January 1987, the U.A. appointed him as a special representative responsible for the territories of Florida, Georgia and Alabama, a position he held until July 1987 when he became a U.A. international representative. After assuming responsibilities in the U.A. General Office in 1991, he oversaw the administration of various essential agreements, including the General Presidents' Project Maintenance Agreement, the Joint National Industrial Agreement for Instrument Technicians and the Union Label and National Minimum Standard Agreements; and worked closely with the Pipe Fabrication Institute and

Local 234 established the **Randal Gardner Scholarship Fund** on March 5, 2015, to provide college scholarships for children of the local's members.

the Instrument Contracting and Engineering Association (I.C.E.A.) to help strengthen the joint agreement between the I.C.E.A., the I.B.E.W. and the U.A.

Brother Gardner was then elected U.A. Assistant General President in 1996 at the 35th U.A. General Convention. During his five years in that role before he retired in 2001, he worked to improve relationships between the U.A. and its signatory contractors through the Mechanical Contractors Association of America.

As Assistant General President, he was heralded for confronting many of the most significant challenges facing the U.A. at the time, including improving jobsite safety and health; developing and publishing an innovative substance abuse policy; addressing manpower shortages; and navigating the challenge of increasing competition in the global marketplace. Similarly, Assistant General President Gardner worked to bring union-affiliated contractors into the forefront of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association, making them fully committed partners of the U.A.

Along the way, Brother Gardner also attended every U.A. General Convention since 1966. He is fondly remembered as the spokesman for retirees through the 2021 convention.

Brother Gardner passed away on September 28, 2025, at age 93 and as 72-year member of Local 234. He was survived by his wife, Celinda, with whom he was married for 55 years and affectionately called “Shorty,” as well as children and grandchildren.

“Brother Gardner will be remembered as both large in stature and even larger in heart, a man whose integrity remained strong and unshakeable throughout his long and distinguished career.”



During that time, the U.A. expanded Local 234's territorial jurisdiction and membership again when it amalgamated **Local No. 724** of Gainesville into the Jacksonville-based local on December 1, 1975. Key among the aftereffects of the merger was the new territory in which Local 234 members could work, including the Gainesville-based main campus of the **University of Florida**, which was experiencing significant expansion during the decade.

Additional major projects that employed union plumbers and fitters as the 1970s were coming to an end included a 564-megawatt third-union expansion to the Northside Generating Station in 1977. Elsewhere in the late 1970s, further employment for Local 234 members included construction of a new sulfuric acid plant for the **Occidental Petroleum Corporation** at the company's phosphate mine facility in White Springs, Florida (which is now operated by Nutrien).

Construction of the large **Seminole Generating Station**, a 736-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Palatka owned by Seminole Electric Cooperative, provided Local 234 members with some employment during the early 1980s. The single-generating unit facility would become known for its significant output and environmental controls after it began operating in 1984 for the member-owned cooperative.

However, even before that project was completed, work in the Local 234 jurisdiction slowed significantly during the first half of the 1980s as the result of a poor national economy and advancements by the non-union construction sector and anti-union political forces. Consequently, employment for the local's membership suffered so severely that at one point members voted for a pay cut of \$2.42 per hour – a reduction they would not be able to recoup for the next 10 years.



C. Randall Gardner and his wife, Celinda, in 2001.



Local 234 members, officers and guests enjoy the local's 75th Anniversary banquet at the Thunderbird Motor Hotel in Jacksonville on February 6, 1976.

The local and organized labor slowly recovered as the decade progressed, with construction of the massive new **St. Johns River Power Park** coal-fired power plant for the J.E.A. and the Florida Power & Light Company in North Jacksonville beginning in 1984 providing much-needed workhours. With the skilled labor of Local 234 mechanics working on what at the time was the largest construction project in Jacksonville's history, the facility's two identical 640-megawatt generating units were completed in 1987 and 1988, respectively, after which it provided electricity to the region for 30 years before being decommissioned in 2018.

Even as downtown Jacksonville high-rise construction and industrial work around the Local 234 jurisdiction began to escalate during the second half of the 1980s and into the 1990s, arguably most notable for Local 234 was work within Jacksonville's expanding medical industry heightened during the late



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Local 234 U.A. Years-of-Service Award recipients pose after receiving their awards during the local's 75th Anniversary banquet on February 6, 1976.



1980s. Then into the 1990s as the overall economy continued to improve, the local's membership gained a substantial amount of the burgeoning **hospital piping work** in North Florida – most all of which was performed by U.A. craftspeople who were well-trained and certified for medical-gas installations.

Indeed, as Jacksonville started an overall development boom in the 1990s, the city's healthcare landscape saw significant expansions of existing facilities and the construction of new specialized centers and hospitals, which created employment for union plumbers and fitters. Major expansions of existing medical centers during the decade included additions to the **Mayo Clinic Florida** medical center in the city that nearly doubled its size when completed in November 1991.

Meanwhile, throughout the 1990s additional workhours were generated with maintenance, upgrade shutdowns and some new construction for the many industrial factories and power plants across the Local 234 jurisdiction. What's

more, as work at home remained robust for the most part, U.A. locals around the country were also experiencing beneficial employment conditions, providing the Local 234 member with opportunities to travel for work during occasional lulls in North Florida.

NEW MILLENNIUM USHERS ADVANCEMENTS TO 125TH

Local 234 entered the new Y2K (Year 2000) millennium with ongoing strong employment of its members. As that prosperity continued, the local celebrated its **100th charter anniversary** in February 2001 with a membership of more than 930 union plumbers, pipefitters, welders and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) technicians serving most all of the northern Florida region.

The large amount of work during the first half of the new decade included a complete change-out of all the boilers and piping on



Local 234 retirees pose during an outing in August 1996.

the Naval Air Station in 2001 and 2002, while further developments in the medical industry in and around Jacksonville during the 2000s saw the establishment of new, full-service hospitals and patient-care towers on which Local 234 members applied their skills. With the overabundance of projects being secured by its contractors, even some Local 234 retirees were working on projects in its jurisdiction during that time.

However, the harsh recession that began in 2007, a national economic decline that persisted until mid-2009 that at the time was the most severe financial downturn since the Great Depression, eventually hit Local 234 hard, putting more than 200 members out of work for extended periods of time. To help counter the high unemployment, the local even set up a food bank to assist members in need for lack of work.

In the wake of the recession, work remained slow into the early 2010s. In response, Local 234 and its contractors instituted a system of on-and-off member rotations on jobs, scheduling projects for different shifts, to allow as much of its membership as possible to gain workhours and help keep their eligibility healthcare-insurance benefits (which are based on hours worked).

The local's Pension Fund likewise took a hit

during the recession. Prior to the economic turmoil, the fund had around \$99 million in assets, but it lost around 27 percent of those assets during the recession, dropping the fund down to around \$72 million. *(Ultimately, the fund's trustees listened to the advice of its money consultant and did not change its portfolio – and in 2026, the Pension Fund now has about \$330 million in assets.)*

The Local 234 jurisdiction was also expanded again when the U.A. merged struggling **Local No. 592** of Tallahassee into Local 234 on January 1, 2010. At the time, Local 592 had been under U.A. international supervision and trusteeship.

As work in northern Florida and, as a result, employment for Local 234 members recovered as the 2010s proceeded, among the jobs employing the local's skilled members, many helped successfully complete two notable projects in 2012 and 2013 at the **Rayonier Paper Mill** in Fernandina Beach, Florida. After the owner selected a U.A.-signatory contractor over non-union firms for the installation of a new steam-turbine complex and new chlorine-dioxide facility (for bleaching and disinfection) – based on the local's reputation for installing those types of facilities – over 80,000 workhours were performed on the piping-heavy projects by a workforce of which more than 95 percent was provided by Local 234.



All of North Florida then came under the local's jurisdiction when the U.A. merged plumbers and steamfitters **Local No. 366** of Pensacola into Local 234 on April 1, 2014. With the consolidation, the Jacksonville-based local's territory reached all the way to the western end of the Florida panhandle – and its membership continued to grow over the ensuing years to about 1,200 members in 2016.

During the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that struck the United States in January 2020 and lingered into 2023, by which time it had claimed the lives of more than 1 million Americans, the Local 234 membership decreased slightly as a result of restrictions and limited work. Throughout much of the early stages of the pandemic, jobsites were closed or limited and the local limited access to its offices, hall and training facility and canceled meetings, events and training classes to help stop the spread of the disease.

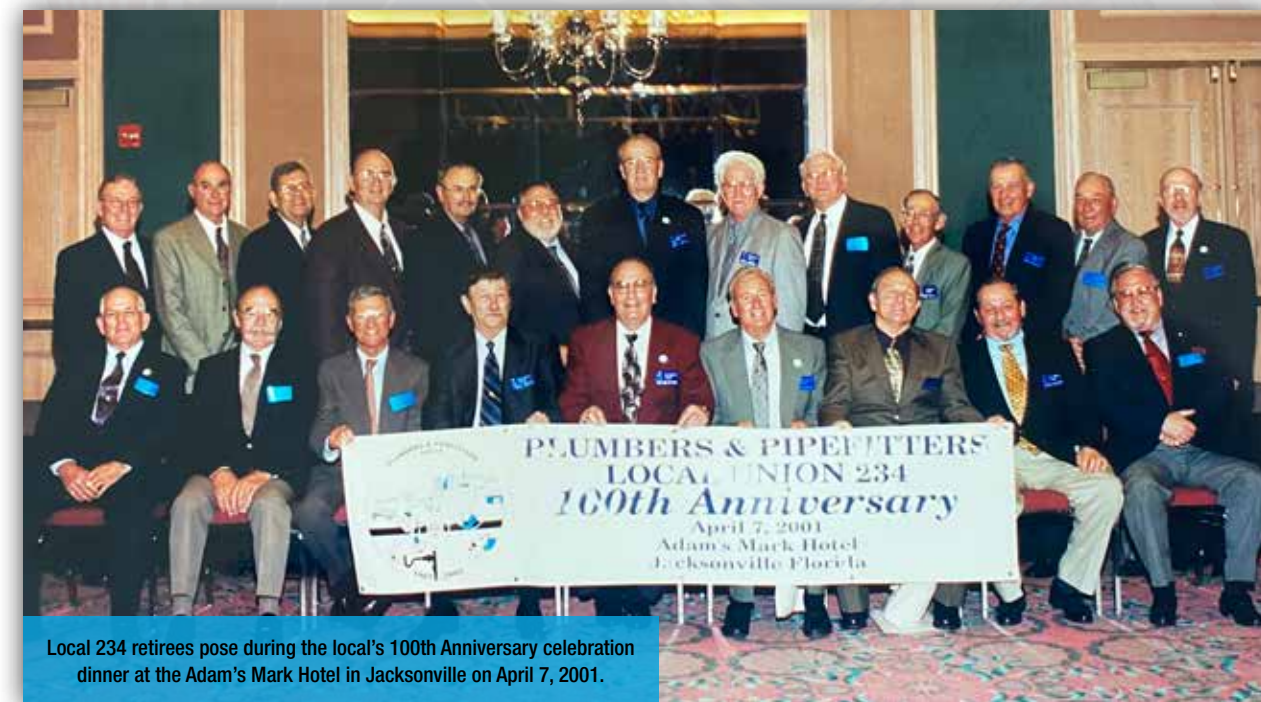
But with Jacksonville experiencing significant expansion of its medical industry in the 2020s while establishing itself as a premier healthcare

and biotech hub in Florida, employment conditions flourished for Local 234. As such, from 2020 to 2025 the local's annual total membership workhours increased from 1.2 million to around 2.3 million, and its membership grew to more than 1,500 plumbers, fitters, welders and HVAC technicians.

To further encourage job creation for those members, the local also initiated a grant program from its **Market Recovery Fund** that provided \$20,000 for “alumni” members to use when starting a business and signing a contract with the local. As of early 2026, the local had assisted six of its members with establishing contracting businesses, while the Market Recovery Fund also continued to help existing contractors procure jobs that otherwise would have gone to open-shop, non-union firms.

As Local 234 approached the 125th anniversary of receiving its U.A. charter back in February of 1901 and Jacksonville continued to evolve as a dynamic economic and tourism center, the local's members were employed and (in some instances) continue to work on a host of vital

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Local 234 retirees pose during the local's 100th Anniversary celebration dinner at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Jacksonville on April 7, 2001.



Local 234 Apprentice & Member Training

MAINTAINING A HIGHLY EDUCATED PIPING WORKFORCE

From the time it was established in February 1901, Local 234 has trained new recruits through the time-honored system of apprenticeship, in which apprentices learned the craft by working on jobsites under the direction of journeyman plumbers and fitters. However, for several decades after the local was formed, its training program was not well-structured or administered and did not incorporate any significant amount of classroom or lab instruction to supplement on-the-job learning.

Local 234 was one of the first building trades in Northern Florida to formally organize a training program when on October 7, 1946, the first **Jacksonville Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Joint Apprenticeship** standards were approved by the Florida State Apprenticeship Council and the Apprenticeship Training Service of the U.S. Department of Labor. The **Jacksonville Plumbers and Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (J.A.T.C.)**, comprised of an equal number of representatives from the union and its contractors, that formulated those initial standards consisted of Local 234 members **Brother A. R. Beardon, Brother Leo Hill** and **Brother L. C. Doty** and

management members J. M. Gregory, Walter Denson and L. M. Henley.

The original term of apprenticeship was five years and its age requirements were from 16 to 21 years old. The starting hourly wage rate was 65 cents per hour – or 38 percent of the journeyman rate of \$1.70 per hour.

Classes held at the old **Duval High School** initially consisted of one instructor and 12 apprentices. When that facility soon proved to be inadequate for the training required for Local 234 apprentices, the local moved classes to the **Jacksonville Technical High School**.

Then in 1957, the union established the **Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Program Fund** (later called the Piping Industry Program, or P.I.P) in an agreement with employing contractors, which called for the program to maintain and operate an apprentice and journeyman training program with employer monetary contributions based on hours worked by U.A. members. That funding, coupled with grants from the newly established **U.A. International Training Fund**, enabled the Local 234 J.A.T.C. training program to start progressing.



Local 234 apprentices attend a plumbing class in the Jacksonville Plumbers and Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee training program in 1977.



Local 234 apprentices attend an air-conditioning school class sponsored by the local and the Jacksonville Plumbers and Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee in 1959.

Local 234 and the J.A.T.C. built the new, 10,000-square-foot **Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C. Training Center** next to the local's new union hall on Cassidy Road and began classes in the new facility in 1967. Two years later, through the collective bargaining process, the union and its contractors established a separate **Local 234 Training Fund**, and then in 1970, they established the official **Jacksonville Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Trust** and appointed Local 234's first full-time training director, **Brother Eddie A. Cholerton**, who served in that position until his untimely death in September 1991.

By 2003, Local 234 and the J.A.T.C. program had outgrown their training facilities after having almost doubled the usual average of 70 apprentices, and they bought a building at 489 Stevens Street in which they continue in 2026 to conduct all of the program's training activities. From its beginnings, the local's formal apprentice and journeyman training has grown to 400 apprentices and 55 instructors at the state-of-the-art, 16,000-square-foot **Eddie A. Cholerton Training Center** as the local marks its 125th charter anniversary in 2026.

This large facility has been ideal for meeting Local 234's training needs, enabling it to remain up to date with the trade's technology. The U.A. Nickel Fund has also allowed Local 234 to purchase the latest equipment for use in the field.

The training center is an approved **welding certification facility**, allowing it to certify scores of members in one or more procedures, including medical gas installers and braziers certification. What's more, the facility is able to provide vital **safety training** through OSHA programs.

In addition to preparing apprentices to become journeyman plumbers, pipefitters or air conditioning technicians, the Local 234 training program also provides ongoing education opportunities for experienced journeyman members of the local. With that **upgrade training**, the local's members can stay current on constantly changing technology in plumbing, pipefitting, H-V-A-C service, welding, medical gas and other aspects of their trade.



Local 234 members enjoy the local's annual Bream Tournament fishing competition throughout the years.

and dynamic projects across its jurisdiction. These include a \$432-million expansion of the Mayo Clinic that involves adding six floors on top of its eight-story hospital and constructing a new central utility and energy plant in which the local's mechanics installed 3,000-ton chillers that together will be capable of 18,000 tons of cooling.

Elsewhere, Local 234 craftspeople have been and are working on a range of jobs such as a new six-floor, 190,000-square-foot patient tower and central utility plant for **UF (University of Florida) Health Durbin Park** health and wellness campus; a new 90-bed patient tower and central utility plant for the **HCA Florida Healthcare Florida Gainesville Hospital**; and a new, four-story emergency-department tower at the main campus of **Baptist Health Medical Center Jacksonville**. The local's members have also been performing a complete mechanical upgrade of **EverBank Stadium**, the home facility of the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League; completing mechanical and plumbing installations for the \$344 million expansion of Concourse B at **Jacksonville International Airport**; and installing the piping for the new **Four Seasons Hotel and Residences** on the riverfront near

the football stadium and the new, six-story, state-of-the-art **One Shipyards Place** office building across from the stadium that will serve as the Jaguars' new headquarters (*the first office building to be erected in downtown Jacksonville since 2019*).

Covering the piping industry in North Florida, Local 234's roughly 1,600 members, including many new apprentices the local has organized as its contractors call for more skilled workers, in 2026 continue to be found on a range of large and smaller projects to service the plumbing, pipefitting and HVAC needs of its jurisdiction. As it has done throughout its 125-year history, the local provides the region with the most highly skilled piping workforce as the result of its unmatched training programs.

And with a history resonating with examples of the local's determination to fulfill its mission of protecting its industry and jurisdiction while providing fair wages and life-sustaining welfare and retirement benefits for members and their families, Local 234 looks to a future in which generations to come will continue to prosper from existence of the union. In keeping those purposes at the forefront, Local 234 will remain true to its calling throughout its next 125 years. ♦





LOCAL 234 OFFICERS, STAFF & CONTRACTORS, 2025-2026



Local 234 Officers

(Back row) Business Manager Ronny E. Andrews, President Jeff Hendricks, Nic Busbin, Rayvon Lewis, Kenny Colston, Charlie Deen, Paul Cox, Dane Adams, David Boggs and Business Agent Nathan Hartley; and (front row) Wayne Higgs, Larry O'Neal, Harold Knowles, Todd Horne, Jesse Andrews Jr. and Josh Knowles (Not pictured: Nate Mathews, Tony Porto, Ricky Hayes, Valarie Day, Elvin Jones and Ashleigh Rondon)



Local 234 Staff

Kenny Colston, Jan Andrews, Ronny E. Andrews, Myrtie Barras and Nathan Hartley



Jacksonville Plumbers and Pipefitters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust

Larry O'Neal, Kirk Barras, Jesse Andrews Jr., Elizabeth Pappas, Angel Clay and Susan Worley



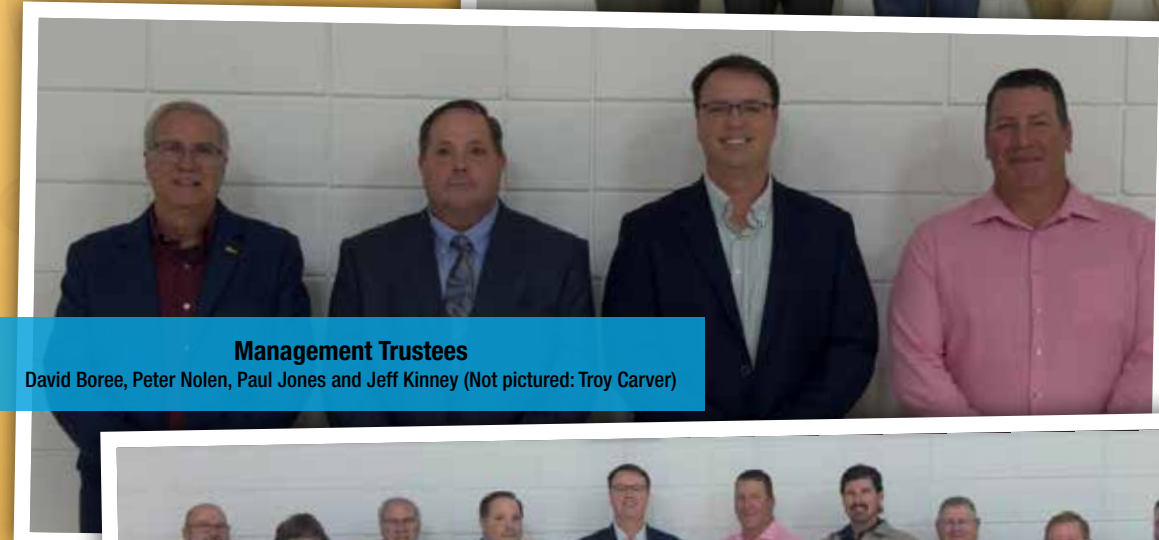
Jacksonville Mechanical Contractors Association

Howard Griffith, David Boree, Peter Nolen, Paul Jones, Kyle Coker, Jeff Kinney and Jody Crews (Not pictured: Troy Carver, Marty Gilliam, John Williams III, Dustin Morgan and Larry Turknett)



Labor Trustees

Business Manager Ronny E. Andrews, Nic Busbin, David Boggs, President Jeff Hendricks and Business Agent Nathan Hartley



Management Trustees

David Boree, Peter Nolen, Paul Jones and Jeff Kinney (Not pictured: Troy Carver)



Piping Promotion Trust and Jacksonville Mechanical Contractors Association

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IN MEMORIAM

Local 234 remembers our Brothers and Sisters who have passed away before us.

Listed are those members who have passed since 2016 (with U.A. initiation date).

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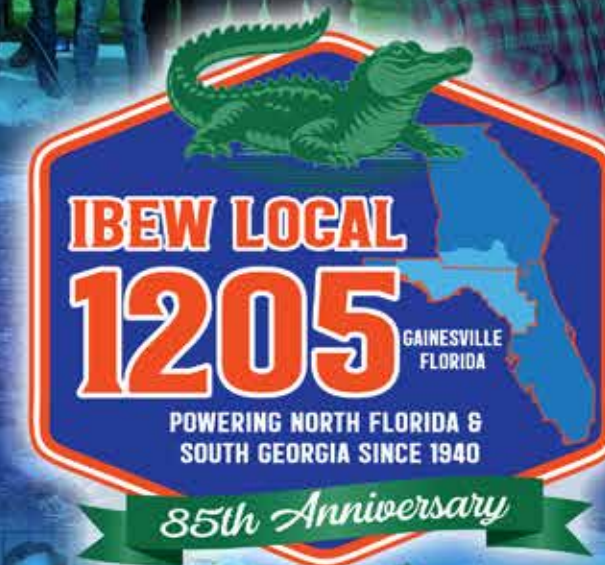


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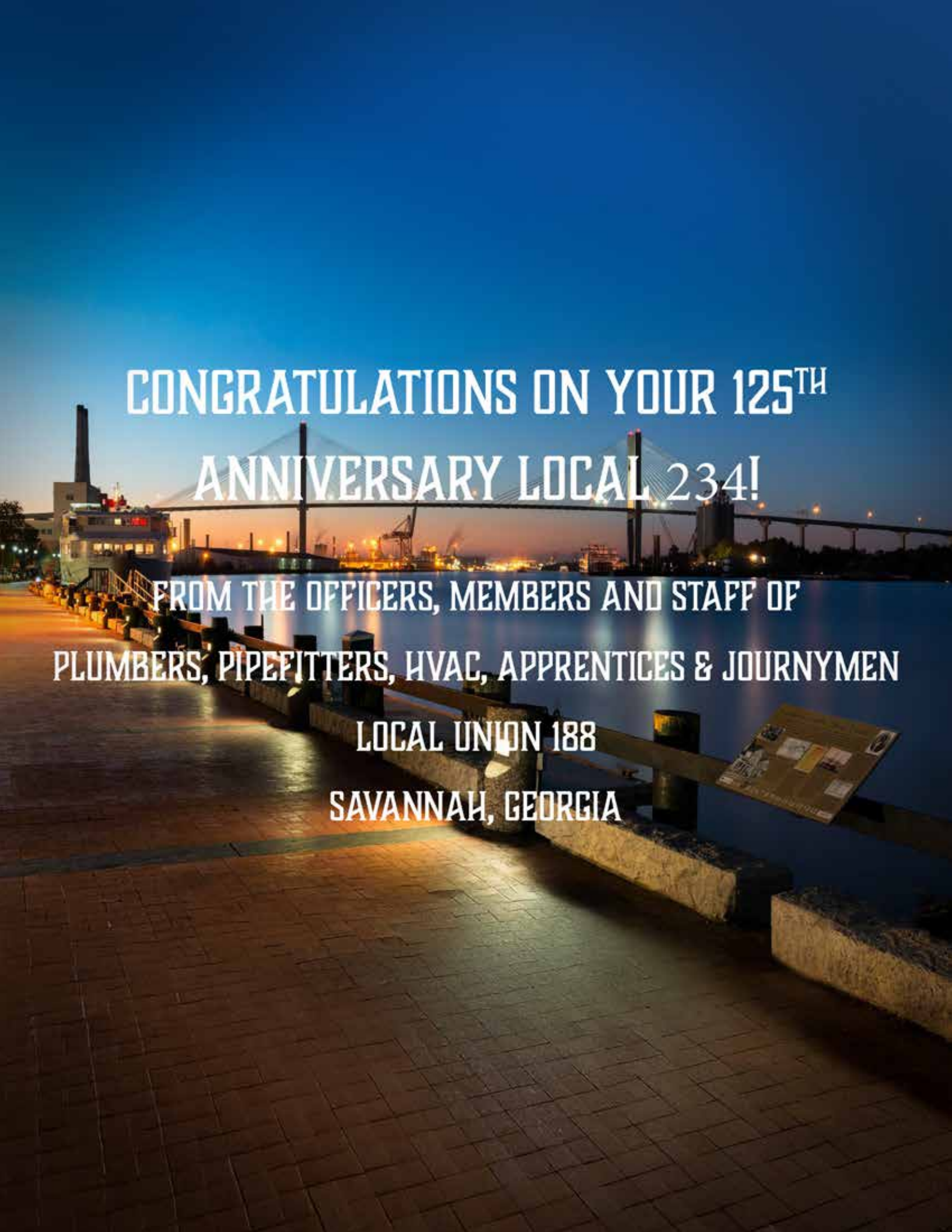
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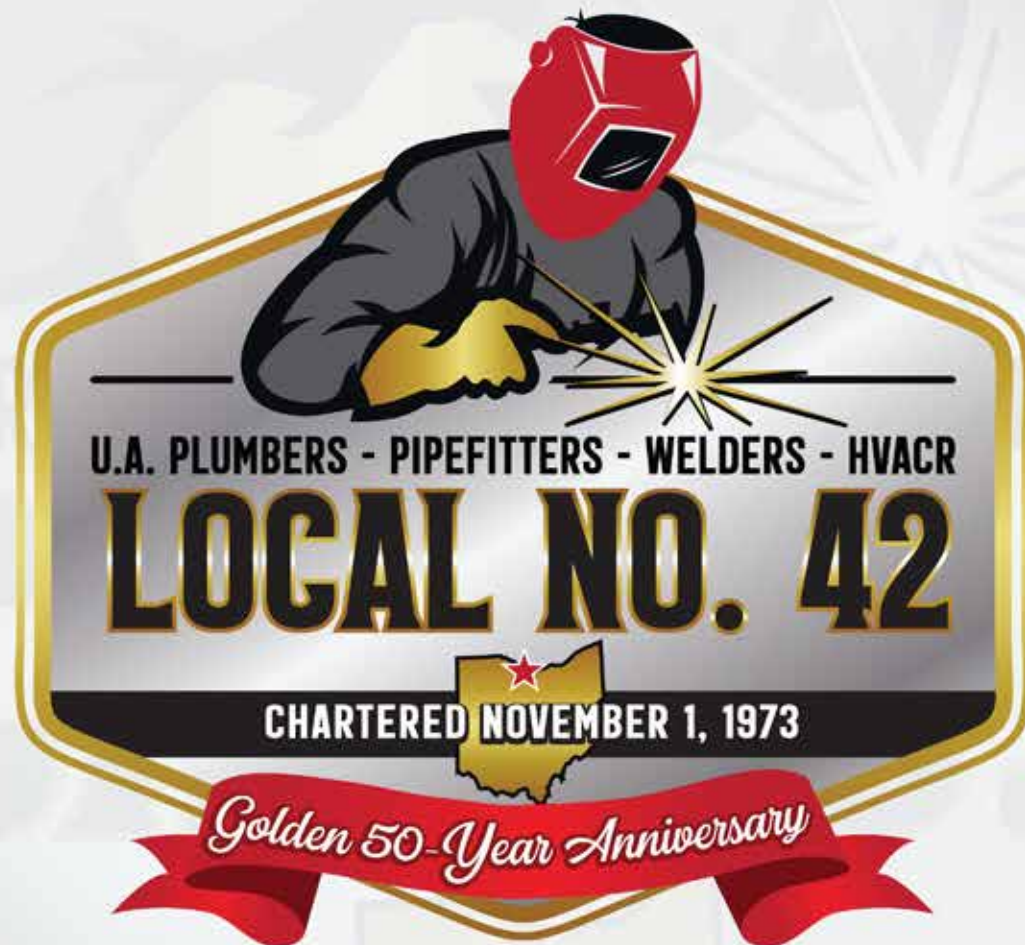


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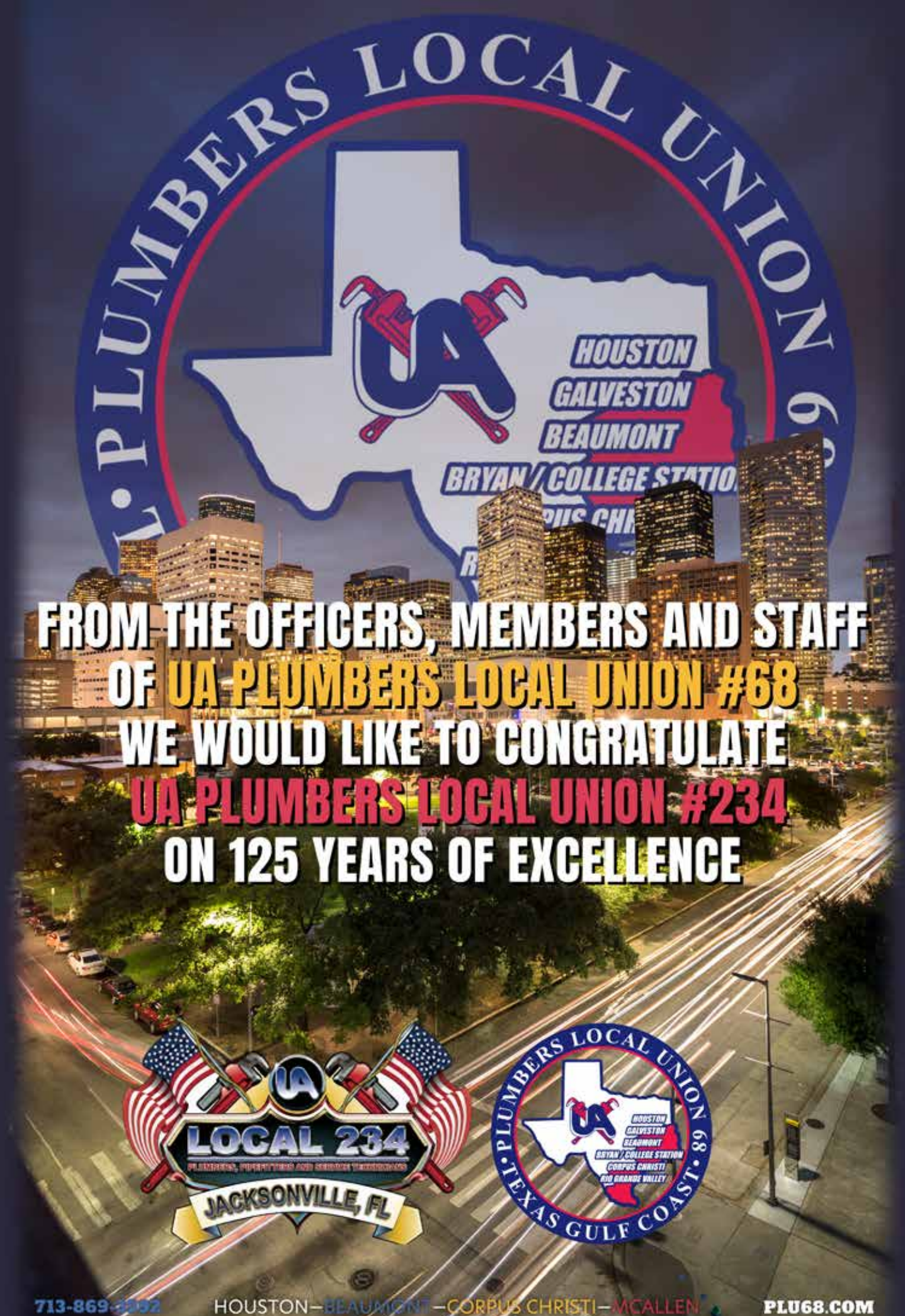


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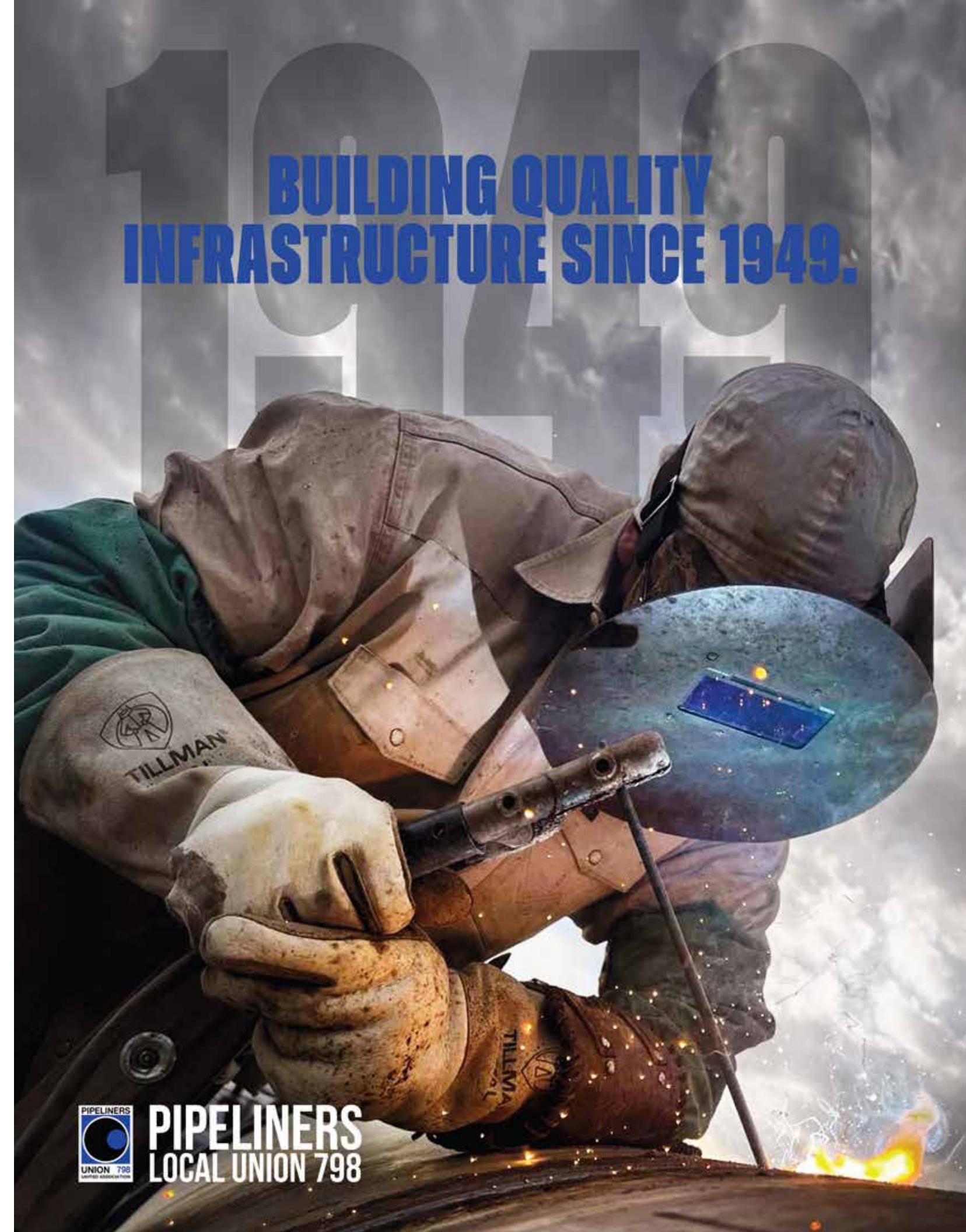
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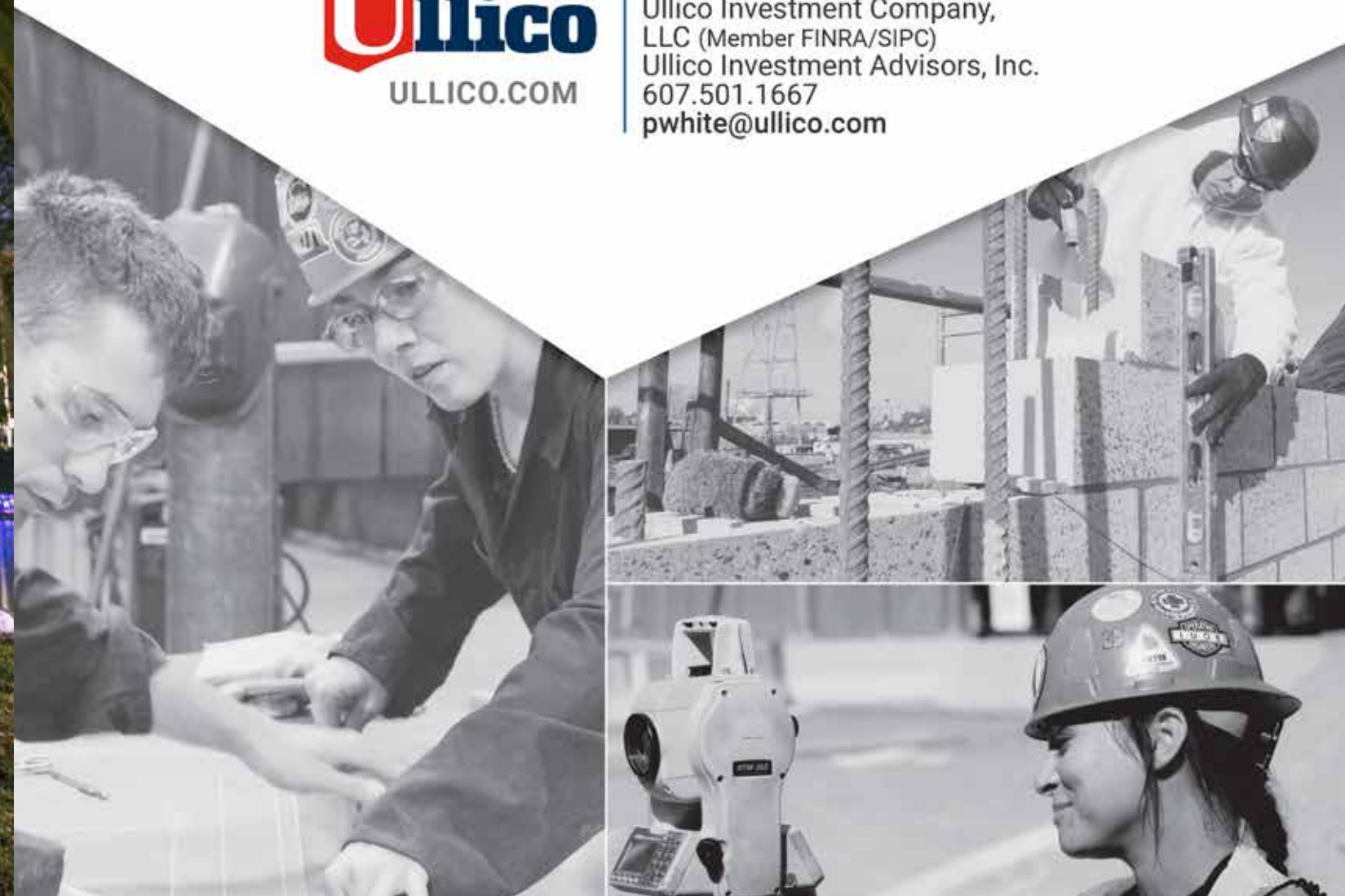
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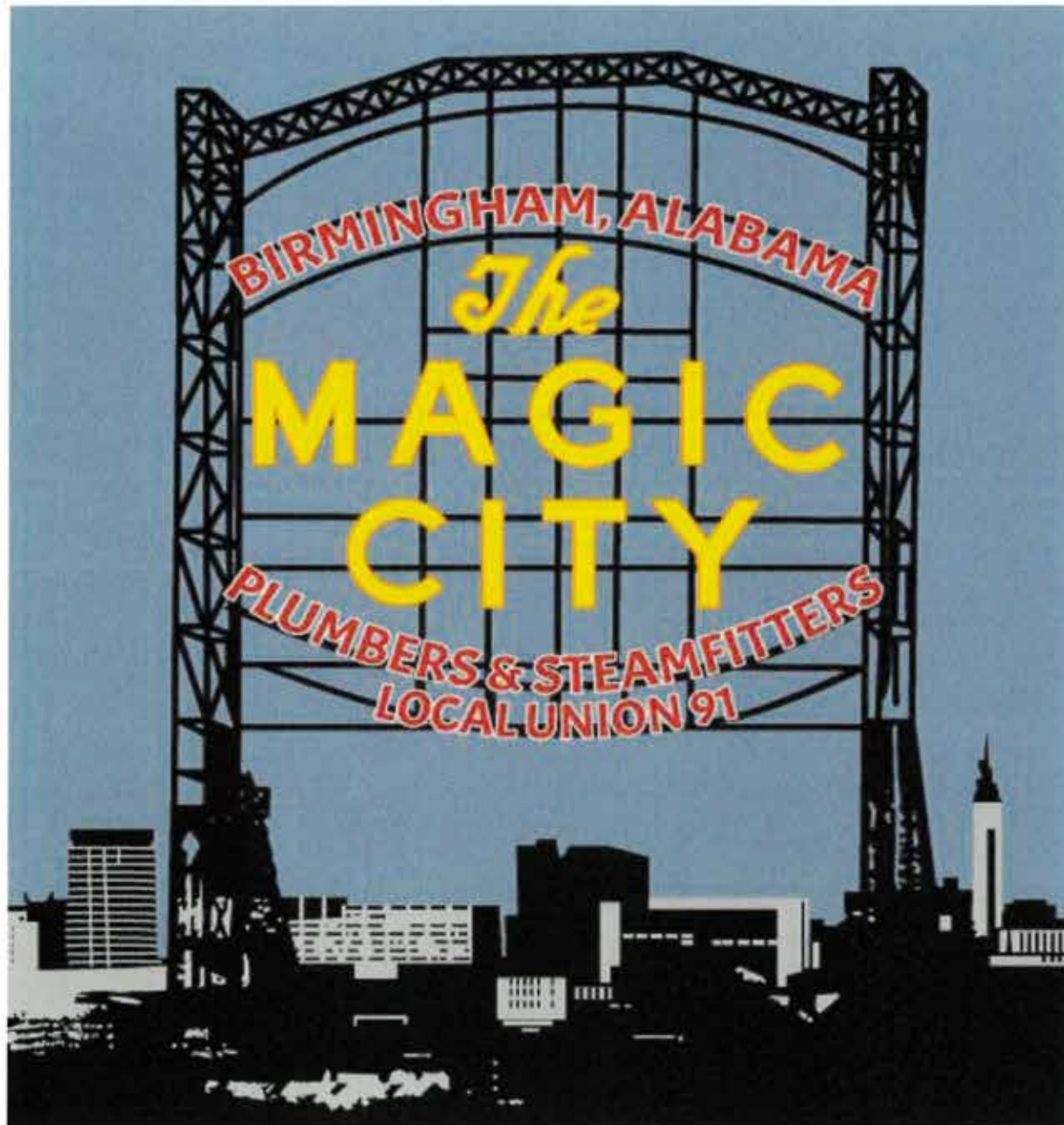
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