



**SPRINKLER FITTERS AND APPRENTICES UNION**  
**LOCAL NO. 281, ALL-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

**NOTICE OF APRIL 2, 2026, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 9, 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please be advised the Regular Monthly Meeting of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. for the month of April has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 9, 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of April). The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Local 281, U.A. Union Hall, 11900 S. Laramie Avenue, Alsip, IL. This meeting has been rescheduled so I may attend a U.A. meeting in Annapolis, MD.

We will be hosting the Annual NCAA semifinal viewing party on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Union Hall, 11900 S. Laramie Avenue, Alsip, IL. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include food by Winston's Market, domestic refreshments, and soft drinks. All proceeds will benefit the Local 281 Family Fund. All Members, family, and friends are encouraged to attend to support the Family Fund. The Officers have tickets for sale. We will also have tickets available at the Regular Monthly Meeting on April 9th, and at the door on the day of the event.

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. being held on *May 7, 2026*, those members who have reached milestone years, 25 and above, in the year 2025 will receive their service awards. Food and refreshments will be served at this meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Local 281, U.A. Union Hall.

Under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement that was ratified by the Membership, there is an increase of \$4.25 per hour effective July 1, 2026. Motions will be taken from the floor for the allocation of this increase and then voted on by the eligible members present at the Regular Monthly Meeting of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, U.A. on June 4, 2026. **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, 2026. The Members and Signatory Contractors will be notified of the results.

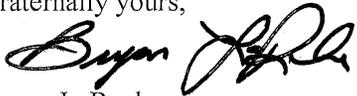
The By-Laws of Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices Union 281, U.A. were amended on November 2, 2023, to allow members to receive Death Assessment notices via electronic notification and opt out of postcard notification. **We have added an After Death Notification Post Card Opt Out Form on the Members Only Section of our website, <https://sprinklerfitterchicago.org/membersOnly/login.aspx>.** To login to the Members Only section, **your User Name is your last name and your Password is the last four digits of your Social Security Number.** The After Death Notification Post Card Opt Out Form is the first item on the Members Only Page. By completing this online form, your decision to opt out of the postcard mailing and the information entered will automatically be forwarded to the Union Office for processing.

If you prefer to continue to receive a postcard by U.S. Postal Service, you do not need to do anything. Postcards will continue to be sent by regular mail to every member who does not opt out of postcard notification.

The Union Office has outdated addresses and telephone contact information for 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.

Many active Journeyman members still have failed to fill out the Voya beneficiary form. This form must be completed for you to designate your beneficiary for the \$100,000 life insurance policy that is provided for all active members in good standing. It is also very important that the Local and the Pension Funds have updated beneficiary information on *all* members. Please contact the Union Office if you need any of these beneficiary forms.

Fraternally yours,



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Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer

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