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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Holidays to everyone. Family, friends, fun and good food bring brightness and warmth at the coldest time of year. I hope your holidays were filled with these blessings. Here's to a happy and prosperous new year.

Passing by the door of the large union hall across from my office, I sometimes think about the political history that is contained inside. A long list of candidates, beginning with John F. Kennedy in the early 1960s, have entered this space to pledge their support for union labor at past political rallies over the years. A new page was written at the old-fashion **Political Rally** held on Oct. 21st. It was impressive and successful on many fronts. Our attendance, I believe, exceeded 1,000 members of Local 130 and other trades. They came to meet and hear the words of prominent leaders in every level of government, and we did not disappoint them. V.I.P.s included **Governor Pat Quinn, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, Illinois Senate President John Cullerton**

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Plumbers and Politicians Pack October Rally

The Oct. 21 union meeting started like it always does, at 7 p.m. sharp with greetings to all, followed by a financial report and roll call of recently deceased members. At that point, however, the floor suspended all further business and things changed dramatically.

The doors of the giant assembly hall swung open to let in the familiar sounds of the Shannon Rovers, who led the long procession of democratic politicians up the center aisle to the stage. Governor Pat Quinn and others shook many extended

hands as they passed by. The line of V.I.P.'s was long and included U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

There was an election coming in a couple weeks. On this night, the politicians and plumbers came together once more to underline their mutual support for (and dependence on) one another. It was time for an old fashion Political Rally to renew and

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(From left) Governor Pat Quinn, UA Executive Vice President Rick Terven, Sr., Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin were among many participants in the Oct. 21 rally.

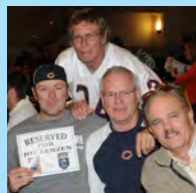
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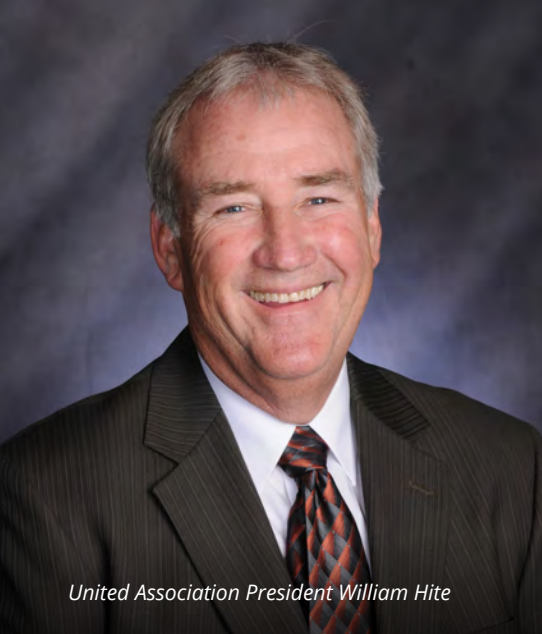


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United Association President William Hite

Bill Hite to Lead 60th St. Patrick's Day Parade

We may be uncertain about exactly when St. Patrick set off on his very first parade, but we want to be very clear about this: Plumbers Local 130, UA, is marking its 60th year in 2015 as organizers and sponsors of Chicago's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Scheduled for noon on Saturday, March 14, Chicago's St. Pat's Parade is one of the nation's largest and most popular, attracting children and adults of every Chicago-area neighborhood and ethnic background as well as visitors from outside Illinois.

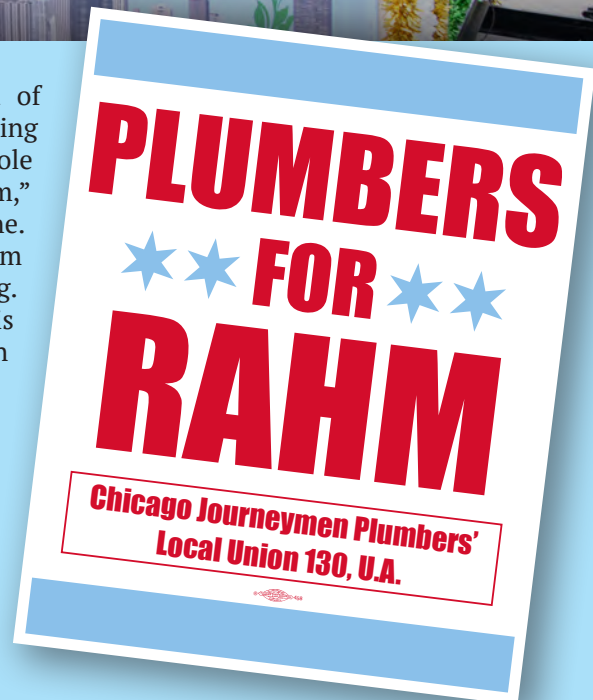
Sixty years is a milestone we are proud to reach, and it is an anniversary worthy of special celebration. The parade **Grand Marshal** this year is United Association General President **William Hite**. Our union's chief executive, a Chicago native, is coming home to lead the parade on March 14. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois is the parade's largest sponsor. Mark your calendar and plan to join in the festivities downtown.



Plumbers for Rahm Emanuel

Rahm Emanuel is a good friend of organized labor and Chicago's working families. He's been behind us the whole way. "Now it's time to get behind him," said Business Manager James Coyne. Join a political rally to reelect Rahm Emanuel at the Feb. 10 union meeting. Local 130, UA will also support his campaign on three Political Action Saturdays on February 7, 14 & 21.

Pick up your **Plumbers for Rahm Emanuel** sign at the February 10 rally and proudly display it on your front lawn.



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strengthen their bond. The sounds of loud cheers and clapping hands accompanied the call of the bagpipes. Those hands that weren't clapping were busy waving signs carrying messages in red, white and blue.

Welcoming everyone, Business Manager James Coyne noted that Plumbers Local 130 has hosted large political rallies for over 50 years. "We need these candidates to keep Illinois a "blue" state," he said.

Each government and industry leader who followed the business manager to the podium had something to say about recent achievements or future plans aimed at maintaining democratic values and a state that is friendly to the union movement and working American families.

Gov. Quinn described bills to upgrade the city's water system, infrastructure and auto industry. "Jobs are up, unemployment is down," he said.

Senator Dick Durbin noted that the comfortable, stable home he grew up in was largely made possible by the unions to which both his father and mother belonged. He challenged everyone to protect the opportunities they enjoyed, so they may be passed on to their children and grandchildren.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel echoed this sentiment. "We owe our children the future that our parents gave us," he said. "If you work, your children should not be raised in poverty," he added describing the struggle of many Chicago families currently employed in minimum wage jobs.

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan implored everyone to vote. "Make sure your family, relatives and friends vote for democrats who are for working families," he said.

Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle discussed equal pay for equal work and access to health care for all workers, among her other themes. While she ran unopposed in the election, she noted that she helped contribute nearly one million dollars to help reelect democrats.

Key labor leaders also addressed the rally. Rick Terven, Sr., UA Executive Vice President, didn't hide his strong feelings about anti-union sentiments expressed in the republican camp. "I've never witnessed

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and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, to name a few (see the complete list on page 5). At the podium each spoke with a united voice, pledging support for union ideals. Grand as it was, the rally was one part of a bigger overall effort to help reelect friends of Local 130. On three Saturdays preceding the election, volunteers in our Chicago, Joliet and Volo offices coordinated campaign drives. I know their work had an impact, especially in the Kankakee area where State Representative Kate Cloonen (79th District) defeated her challenger by a mere 122 votes! Her win helps democrats retain a super-majority in the Illinois House and get things done in Springfield. Read more about the rally in this newsletter.

With the Nov. 4th election behind us, it's time to turn our attention to the **reelection of Rahm Emanuel**, another proven friend of Plumbers Local 130. The next mayor of Chicago will be chosen on Feb. 24, and we're going to do whatever we can to help make sure that it's Rahm Emanuel. Rahm has been a leader for working Chicago's families and unions. He's not only promised to create more jobs, but delivered, recently putting 80 or more Local 130 plumbers to work replacing some 900 miles of the city's water mains. Rahm Emanuel has been behind us all the way. Now it's time for us to get behind him. Accordingly, I plan to include a rally for Rahm at our Feb. 10 union meeting. Come to the hall that night and pick up a "Plumbers for Rahm" sign for your front lawn. Then get everyone to the polls to reelect Rahm Emanuel.

Besides campaign activities, Local 130's Political Action Task Force raises funds used to help protect our Plumbing License Law and support legislation that's important to the welfare of our union. Our major fundraising event, the **Annual Football Smoker**, took place on Sunday, Oct. 26. It was the largest ever, I believe, with 1,200 tickets sold. We not only filled the upstairs hall but also the downstairs hall and bar area. It wasn't a very good day for the Chicago Bears, who lost 51-23 to the New England Patriots. However, that didn't seem to dampen everyone's fun. Our guests walked away with scores of raffle prizes, cleaned out our buffet tables and drank all the beer! It goes without saying, I guess, that a good time was had by all. I want to thank Local 130 officers for organizing and conducting the event. Kudos to all for making it one of our most successful Smokers ever. (See pages 6-7 for more description and photos.)

There were many winners also at

our annual **Turkey Raffle**, held Nov. 25. One lucky name after another was drawn from the raffle drum. The night's biggest winners, and star attraction, were the Local 130 apprentices who performed in 2014 apprentice skills contests. They competed first against each other and then against other UA local unions in Illinois, the region, and finally across the U.S. and Canada. I am very proud of them all. They are a credit to Local 130, the apprentice training program and to the United Association. (Find out more about them on page 9-11.)

I said it in my last column and I'll repeat it here. The storm is finally behind us, I'm sensing, and a better construction economy is slowly returning. I am pleased to report that in October, for the first time since I've been in the business manager's seat, our monthly pension contribution from employers actually exceeded our payout to retired members. When more money comes in than goes out, it means we are out of the red ink and back in the black! It's the first time in 2-1/2 years, I was proud to report at our Nov. 25th union meeting. This is a positive sign, I hope, of where our economy and jobs picture are heading. Another sign of growth: there are now 29 tower crane permits issued on large work sites around Chicago. We've been watching, and the number is growing.

Let's build on these successes and make 2015 a prosperous, successful year for our members, employers and friends.

Fraternally,

James F. Coyne
Business Manager

Contact Numbers for Members of Plumbers Local 130 UA



While you may ask to be connected to any of the following offices when calling the union hall, it might save you time to call the office you want directly. Here are the telephone numbers. Please keep them for your future reference.

Union Hall - Chicago	312.421.1010
Apprentice School - Chicago	312.421.1028
Pension Fund	312.226.5000
Welfare Fund	312.226.5000
Aurora Office	630.692.7342
Joliet Office	815.725.0278
Volo Office	815.759.5900



Washington, Springfield and City Hall: One Purpose, Under One Roof

Plumber's Local 130, UA Hosts Old Fashion Political Rally



UA Executive Vice President Rick Terven, Sr.



Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel



IL Representative (15th District) and Local 130 member John D'Amico



Local 130 Business Manager James F. Coyne



U.S. Senator Dick Durbin



Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle



Retired Local 130 Business Manager Gerald M. Sullivan, Retiree James J. Coyne and Retired Business Agent Thomas P. Durkin



JOHN CULLERTON
SENATE PRESIDENT



Jorge Ramirez, President, Chicago Federation of Labor



MICHAEL CARRIGAN
AFL-CIO



TOM VILLANOVA
COOK CITY BLDGS TRADES
PRESIDENT

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such hatred of the American middle class. This election may be the most important ever for current union members, he said.

Tom Villanova, Cook County Building Trades President, said “It’s easy to be our friend when times are good. These leaders have stuck with us through thick and thin. Let’s be sure to support them once more.”

To his union friends, Illinois AFL-CIO’s Michael Carrigan said, “I’m proud of the union movement in Illinois. We have to send a strong message on November 4th.”

The Oct. 21 Political Rally capped off a sustained effort by Local 130 to get voters to the polls on Nov. 4. On three Saturdays leading up to the election Local 130 sent volunteers into key communities to help reach voters.

Even though all the democratic candidates seeking election in November were not successful, in the end support for union interests — and protection of Illinois Plumbing License Law — have remained intact. Thanks go to our volunteers and to the hundreds of members who showed up at the Rally.

Honored Guests in Attendance

Ralph Affrunti
Secretary-Treasurer, Chicago Building Trades Council

Robert Boskovich
President, Ironworkers District Council

Ed Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward, Chicago

Walter Burnett
Alderman, 27th Ward, Chicago

Jim Connolly
Business Manager, Laborers District Council

John Cullerton
Senate President, Illinois 6th District

Tom Cullerton
Senator, Illinois 23rd District

Bill Cunningham
Senator, Illinois 18th District

John D’Amico
Representative, Illinois 15th District

Dick Durbin
U.S. Senator, Illinois

Rahm Emanuel
Mayor, City of Chicago

Don Finn
Business Manager, IBEW Local 134

Dennis Fleming
Business Manager, Sprinkler Fitters UA Local 281

Suzu Glowiak
Candidate for State Senate, Illinois 24th District

Don Harmon
Senator, Illinois 39th District

Fran Hurley
Representative, Illinois 35th District

Loren Karner
Candidate for Representative, Illinois 61st District

Lynn Karner
Executive Director, Illinois Pipe Trades Association

Kate Klipp
Executive Director, East Central Illinois Building Trades

Patrick Lacossa
Business Manager, Cement Masons Local 502

Matt Langendorf
Business Manager, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 149 UA

Terry Link
Senator, Illinois 30th District

Frank Libby
President, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters

Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House, Illinois 22nd District

Lisa Madigan
Illinois Attorney General

Rob Martwick
Representative, Illinois 19th District

Michael McAuliffe
Representative, Illinois 20th District

Julie Morrison
Senator, Illinois 29th District

Kevin Morrissey
Financial Secretary, Pipefitters Local 597 UA

John Mulroe
Senator, Illinois 10th District

Eileen O’Neill Burke
Honorable, Circuit Judge of Cook County

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board

Pat Quinn
Governor, State of Illinois

Jorge Ramirez
President, Chicago Federation of Labor

Bob Retter
Secretary-Treasurer, Chicago Federation of Labor

John Riel
Business Manager, Boilermakers Local 1

Mariyana Sypropoulos
Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Rick Terven, Sr.
Executive Vice President, United Association

Rocco Terranova
Business Manager, Sheetmetal Workers Local 73

Patrick D Thompson
Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Tom Villanova
President, Chicago & Cook County Building Trades Council

21st Annual Football Smoker



Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan draws the grand prize winning ticket.



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 8 7 p.m. Technical Engineers Membership Meeting
- Jan. 13 7 p.m. Union Membership Meeting
- Jan. 18 3 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Queen Contest Final
- Feb. 7 7 a.m. Political Action Task Force Saturday
- Feb. 10 7 p.m. Union Membership Meeting
- Feb. 12 7 p.m. Technical Engineers Membership Meeting

- Feb. 14 7 a.m. Political Action Task Force Saturday
- Feb. 21 7 a.m. Political Action Task Force Saturday
- Feb. 24 Chicago Mayoral Primary Election
- Mar. 10 7 p.m. Union Membership Meeting
- Mar. 12 7 p.m. Technical Engineers Membership Meeting
- Mar. 14 12 p.m. 60th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Big Win for Football Smoker

Bears fans, despite the team's recent string of defeats, still find ways to have fun no matter how bad the loss. That was the story among the fans gathered at the 21st Annual Football Smoker on Sunday, Oct. 26. The Union Hall looked like a sideline section of Soldier Field after the doors opened at 11 a.m. The main hall sold out leaving barely enough floor space to pass between tables. The party spread into the basement hall and bar area. A total of 1,149 tickets were sold for the annual political action fundraising event, a number not seen ever before!

As the game progressed (and football score worsened) people found lots of other ways to enjoy themselves. Ambling around the room, they visited with familiar faces, joined football pools or bought chances to win a Chicago team jersey or any of the other sports memorabilia prizes given away. As usual, all ticket holders automatically added themselves to the main raffle, featuring several great prizes. This year's lucky \$10,000 first prize winner was Gerardo Cortez. Congratulations to all the winners. (See list of winners and prizes.)

The annual Football Smoker raises money for Local 130's Political Action Task Force. We thank everyone who attended.



(Left) State Rep John D'Amico, Speaker Michael Madigan, James F. Coyne and State Senator John Mulroe.



2014 Parade Queen Lauren Catinella (center) joined by Loren Corry (left) and Erin Mulcahy spread good luck to raffle players across the hall.

Football Smoker Raffle Winners

Prize Description	Ticket	Name
1 Grand Prize: 10,000	862	Gerardo Cortez
2 2nd Prize: \$2,500	349	Horwitz, Horwitz, & Associates
3 3rd Prize: Flat Screen TV	134	K3 Building Trades
4 3rd Prize: Flat Screen TV	638	David Garges
5 4th Prize: \$130.00	28	Tom Gilmore
6 4th Prize: \$130.00	755	Ziggy Janak
7 4th Prize: \$130.00	1116	Colleen Tierney Scarla
8 4th Prize: \$130.00	900	George Curran
9 4th Prize: \$130.00	714	John Moran
10 4th Prize: \$130.00	295	Cathi Seibert
11 4th Prize: \$130.00	660	Patricia Aguilera/Joan Tellez
12 4th Prize: \$130.00	36	CFL Pac
13 4th Prize: \$130.00	1196	Kyle Brown, Sr.
14 4th Prize: \$130.00	235	Jeff Battaglia
15 4th Prize: \$130.00	161	Hugh Arnold
16 4th Prize: \$130.00	1040	Andrew Kucala
17 4th Prize: \$130.00	465	Marcus Casa Madrid
18 4th Prize: \$130.00	901	Mike Glikis/Allie Glikis
19 4th Prize: \$130.00	10	Terence O'Brien



Volo School Helps Boy Scouts Gain Merit Badges

Merit badges offer boy scouts a way to prepare for the future while moving up the ranks of scouting. Each badge is dedicated to a specific topic, and with some 135 merit badges currently available, there is one for virtually every subject — even plumbing. Where can a scout learn about plumbing? The Local 130, UA training facility in Volo, IL, is one place. More than 20 scouts from the Northeast Illinois Council got a crash course in plumbing on Saturday, Nov. 8. They learned about the trade and took home some valuable hands-on skills.

Under the guidance of Local 130 instructors the scouts learned how a properly working plumbing system protects their family's health and safety. They made drawings of residential hot and cold water supply and drainage systems; learned how to use five important plumbers' tools; identified the materials used most often in a plumbing system; cut, thread and connected steel pipe; soldered copper tube connections; and replaced a faucet washer.

"This was by far the most educational badge my son has earned as a Boy Scout," said one of the parents. "I would recommend this badge to all the Boy Scouts in our area." (Photos and story lead from Plumbing Council of Chicagoland)

Scouts to Honor William Hite

UA General President William Hite will be honored with the George Meany award for his dedication to the trades and youth. He will accept the award at the 2015 George Meany Award Gala on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Sheraton Hilton & Towers in downtown Chicago. This is the first annual event of its kind, marking the partnership between trade unions and the Boy Scouts of America.

"It is our responsibility to recruit and train the next generation, equipping young people with the skills they will need to be successful in the future. In this way, we share a strong sense of brotherhood with the Scouts," General President Hite said.

The George Meany Award recognizes union leaders who have made a strong contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in Boy Scout programs. It is named for the AFL-CIO's first president, who also was a UA member.

For information and online registration for the Jan. 20 Gala, go to www.chicagobsa.org.



Local 130 journeyman plumber Patrick Quedenfeld shows pipe fittings to scouts.



Local 130 apprentice plumber Joshua Gallois shows scout how to solder copper pipe.



Local 130 apprentice plumber Joshua Dyal shares some points about copper pipe with scout.

Annual "Turkey Raffle"

November 25, 2014

Plumbers Local 130, UA

We packed the house with Local 130 plumbers at the Nov. 25th meeting and "Turkey Raffle" (November's other Turkey Day). The fall season includes opportunities to gather with one another to celebrate special achievements or occurrences and have fun while doing it. The annual "Turkey Raffle," celebrated especially for Local 130 plumbers, is one of them. Apprentices, journey persons and retirees all get together to enjoy a few hours of fun and remember the blessings of belonging to this great group.

Tradition also has it that the November meeting is also the occasion where the spotlight shines on the current team of apprentice plumbers who competed in skills competitions, representing Local 130 in the United Association's Apprentice Contest. These outstanding apprentices were recognized and congratulated for their efforts and performance. Special recognition was given to this year's top three contestants. Each of the 3rd-year apprentices received plaques and prizes for their achievement.

The winners included:

- **Brian Lundy** (*1st Place*), B. Bruce Plumbing
- **Daniel Bennett** (*2nd Place*), Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating
- **James (Bill) Brooks** (*3rd Place*), O'Sullivan Plumbing.

Thanks to everyone who attended on Nov. 25, and congratulations. You are all winners!

Our 2014 Contestants

Pictured below are the skilled apprentices with their instructors who competed in this year's competition.



Front Row (left to right): Apprentices Daniel Bennett, Brandon Pommier, Jared Fitzgerald, Thomas Kane, Brian Koob, Daniel Majerowicz & James (Bill) Brooks.

Back Row (left to right): Instructor-in-Charge (Volo) Thomas Jennrich, Instructors Philip Roknich, Billy Brown, Instructor-in Charge Anthony DeKlerk (Joliet), Instructor David Kledzik, Training Director John Yock, Apprentice Kenneth Koepl, Business Manager James Coyne, Apprentices Jeff Winiarski & Brian Lundy, Instructor Randy Swanson, Apprentice Charlie Knapke & Instructor-in Charge (Chicago) James Majerowicz.

2014 Turkey Raffle





This Year's Winners!



(Left) Training Director John Yock, Jr., 1st Place apprentice Brian Lundy, Business Manager James Coyne, and Brad Bruce—B. Bruce Plumbing.



(Left) Training Director John Yock, Jr., 2nd Place apprentice Daniel Bennett, Business Manager James Coyne, and John Reidy—Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating.



(Left) Business Manager James Coyne, 3rd Place apprentice James (Bill) Brooks, Training Director John Yock, Jr., and James O'Sullivan—O'Sullivan Plumbing.

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////////////////////////////////////// **AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE CHICAGO AREA PLUMBERS** //

City of Chicago Plumbing License Test

**The next plumbing Written Exam is
Saturday, January 17, 2015**

(Application Deadline: PASSED)

Location:

Best Western Chicago Hillside Hotel
4400 Frontage Rd., Hillside, IL

**The following plumbing Written Exam is
Saturday, June 6, 2015**

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2015)

Location:

Best Western Chicago Hillside Hotel
4400 Frontage Rd., Hillside, IL

**The next plumbing Practical License
Test is Saturday, April 11, 2015**

(Application Deadline: March 13, 2015)

Location:

1400 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

For more information contact:

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License renewal for Journeyman Plumber & Plumber's Apprentice will continue to be performed online at the Department of Buildings' website. For information, test dates, application fees and online application, visit: www.continentaltesting.net/ProfDetail.aspx?Entity=1&ProfID=57