Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and Christmas with good food, plenty of conversation, and a football game or two. Of course, I have to mention and congratulate our own Chicago Cubs after winning the 2016 World Series. For Plumbers Local 130 the past year, and especially the 4th quarter, has also been eventful and memorable.

As you know, many of our endorsed candidates were elected including: Local 130 member and Illinois House of Representative John D’Amico, State Senator Thomas Cullerton, Illinois State Senator Melinda Bush, Illinois State Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Illinois State Representative Frances Hurley, and Illinois State Representative Sam Yingling. Throughout their campaigns, Local 130’s business agents and I worked with their campaign agents as political allies. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to our Political Director Michael Tierney. He spent countless hours coordinating the efforts to elect our endorsed candidates in the multiple districts. There were six Saturdays devoted to the Political Action Task Force (PATF) where more than 600 members showed their support as friends of organized labor. I believe the time and effort put forth endorsing representatives who are advocates of union workers is worthwhile and beneficial.

On October 11th our monthly meeting was held in Joliet and on December 13th, we met in Volo. These meetings followed the same agenda for our Apprentices. We started the day with a Joint Apprenticeship Committee trustee meeting at 7:00 a.m. The Apprentices attended three presentations. A representative from OSHA talked about job site safety issues. The Board of Trustees invited Joe Gergley, with his team of financial advisors from Country Financial, to educate our apprentices on their own personal financial planning. Whether you are an apprentice or a retiree, taking advice from experts is a positive step towards securing your future finances. Also, Local 130’s Fund Administrator, Joe Ohm gave eligibility information to apprentices on welfare benefits. The November monthly meeting was in Chicago, which hosted our annual “Turkey Raffle.”

The new Plumbers Training Center is moving along smoothly and on schedule thanks to our union contractors. This new training center will preserve our craft, offer security and standards that only a licensed plumber can provide, and assure growth and development while preserving our Plumbing License Law. On page 10 you can see a few current photographs of the construction site and I will continue to keep you updated as this project progresses.

I would like to say thank you to Bob Farrell for his years of service as an officer on the Examining Board. Bob has accepted a different work schedule which conflicts with his duties as an officer.

In closing, I would again like to thank the members and their families for their support and dedication. We can succeed and thrive based on how each and every member participates and supports Local 130. Please continue to read through the newsletter for current news and information concerning Local 130 UA. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. As always, I wish you good health and prosperity, steady employment and happiness.

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne
November Meeting - “Turkey Raffle”

On November 8th Local 130’s monthly meeting was held at the Chicago Hall. Before the meeting, ASSE setup displays for the plumbing industry. Our Hall entertained more than 490 members. Wade Blocker from Birk Plumbing, Inc. was recognized as the UA’s #1 Plumbing Apprentice. He received gifts from Local 130 and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Wade commented, “I am grateful for everything - the opportunity to compete and the recognition. I am thankful to Mr. Coyne and Local 130 for their consistent support.”

After business was concluded, the raffle began!

Local 130’s Past #1 UA Plumbing Apprentice Winners:

- 2008 - Nick Hahn - A-Plus Plumbing
- 2010 - T.J. Albergo - Great Lakes Plumbing
- 2015 - Brian Lundy - AMS Mechanical Systems
- 2016 - Wade Blocker - Birk Plumbing, Inc.

Also recognized were Local 130’s winners from the 3rd Year Apprentice Contest:

1st Place: Johntreal Wright
2nd Place: David Mayer
3rd Place: Kevin Dolan
On Thursday, October 20th Plumbers Local 130 hosted their annual “Bears Football Smoker Political Action Fundraiser” at Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. There were 1,200 tickets available and, as in previous years, all were sold. The Bears didn’t win, but what a game! Everyone enjoyed themselves, met old and new friends, and enjoyed good food.

For the 23rd consecutive year, Speaker of the House Michael Madigan pulled the winning $10,000.00 ticket.

- Grand Prize Winner - ($10,000 - Tom Sommers)
- 2nd Prize Winner - ($2,500 - Yolanda Hardy)
- With an additional 20 winners receiving $130.00 each
John Ball—Another Plumbing Company, Brian Kennedy—Gehrett Plumbing and Justo Aranda—member working for Another Plumbing Company.

Jim Coyne, IL Speaker of House Mike Madigan and Mike Tierney.

Main Hall.

Katie Schuetzner, Mary Claire Reidy, Local 130 retiree Danny Boyle, Illinois State Representative Robert F. Martwick, Queen Erin Mulcahy, Madeline Mitchell and Maura Connors.

Queen Erin Mulcahy with parents, Norah & Tom Mulcahy.

Stephanie Cotey & Matt Spoden, Project Managers with O’Neil.
It was a pleasure seeing more than 225 retirees and family members at the Hall on Tuesday, November 22 for our Retirees’ luncheon. Members were recognized for their service years, in five (5) year increments, starting with 25 years of service. A special congratulations to Brother Leonard R. Carter and Brother Joseph F. DeGiorgio who received their 75 year service pins. A special thanks goes to Norm Sidler of National Investment Service, Inc. for sponsoring the luncheon. Joe Gergley from Country Financial attended and spoke about financial planning for retirees. It was a great afternoon and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Winner: Brother Ed Cargill won an iPad that was contributed by Country Financial.

Rosemary Hansen, wife of Brother Bruce Hansen, won a $500.00 gift certificate.
During the Retiree Luncheon, Business Manager Jim Coyne recognized George Meyers, a 70 year member. George was born in 1918 and at the age of 98 is still telling stories of his experiences in World War II, as well as working as a union plumber in Chicago. He said, “I enlisted in the Navy three (3) days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and I was put in a new division called the Seabees. George was in the 1st Battalion and their mission was to clear the land and build air fields in the South Pacific Islands. It was during these years that he welded steel pipe floating on empty 55 gallon drums that brought fuel from ships to shore.

After the war George became a proud Local 130 Union member. He said, “I told the men working with me to stand back and get a better look at the job before doing anything.” The Seabees motto is “Can Do!” and George Meyers believed in this motto, especially on the job. As a new plumber, he worked on new and old homes, in the downtown area, and finally spent his last 20 years at the University of Illinois. Some good advice that was given to him and that he passed on many times over the years to younger plumbers, “Don’t stutter and don’t hiccup if someone offers you work - just say yes - you can do it!” One thing for sure, his son Skip Meyers stated, “My father is not a big fan of plastic pipe.”

On October 30, 2016 the Chicago Blackhawks honored George Meyers as a World War II veteran during the National Anthem at their game. This was an incredible tribute that will never be forgotten. It also showed appreciation to the World War II generation and to all service men and women both here and abroad.
Dear Members,

As you may be aware, I commenced my tenure as Fund Administrator for the Plumbers Local 130’s Benefit Funds on August 1, 2016. My pledge to you is to continue to efficiently administer the first class level of benefits that are available to you and your family members, to provide you with an outstanding level of customer service, and to provide you with timely communication with respect to any changes that occur in your plans of benefits.

Recently, the Board of Trustees made several benefit improvements to the Plumbers Local 130’s Welfare Fund. Among the changes are the following:

Effective January 1, 2017
- Less Restrictive Initial Eligibility Requirements

Effective December 1, 2016
- Continued Eligibility Coverage “Lag Time” Reduction
- Increased Home Health Care Benefit

Fund Administrator’s Office

Effective June 1, 2016
- New Surgical Assistant Coverage
- All Out-of-Network Claims Now Require Pre-Authorization (Active Plan only)

Effective October 1, 2015
- Expanded Coverage for Certain Embryo Storage (Active Plan only)

- New Surviving Spouse Death Benefit

The Board of Trustees for the Plumbers Welfare Fund, Local 130 U.A. is pleased to provide these benefit improvements to you. For more details on these benefits or if you have any questions regarding the improvements outlined above, do not hesitate to contact the Fund Office at 312-226-4200.

Sincerely,
Joseph Ohm, Fund Administrator

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**Boy Scouts welcomed to Volo’s JAC Training Center**

On Saturday, December 3rd approximately 40 boy scouts, their troop leaders and a handful of parents came to the Local 130 JAC Training Center in Volo, IL to participate in the Plumbing Merit Badge Program hosted by Plumbers Local 130. The event, coordinated by Instructor in Charge Tom Jennrich, has been very successful with the scouting community. Hundreds of scouts have gone through training over the past five years with many compliments from the scouts, their parents and leaders saying, “This is the best merit badge they’ve ever attended.”

The scouts rotated through working stations that demonstrated and allowed hands on tool use with material identification. The scouts also drew common plumbing systems and practiced at a service station. **Under strict supervision**, scouts did pipe joining using soldered copper tubing and fittings, threaded steel pipes, and solvent welded PVC fittings and pipe.

Instructor Phil Roknich stated, “For me the most exciting part was watching our apprentices train these young scouts. Our students become the teachers and share the many things they have learned in the apprenticeship program.”

I appreciate the time and effort taken by the Instructors and these nine volunteers who gave up their Saturday.

Cody Albergo
Greg Anderson
Dave Danciu
Evan Dunlap
Blaine Forsythe

Egon Naab
Bob Pontecore
Luke Portuese
Cameron Marzejon

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Cody Albergo working with Boy Scouts
Egon Naab
Blaine Forsythe
2017 Educational Scholarships

STEPHEN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

It is that time of year again when applications for the Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Awards will become available for the sons and daughters of Local 130 U.A. members graduating from high school in the spring of 2017.

If you are interested in applying for the Stephen M. Bailey Scholarship, go to our website, www.ualocal130.org. The application is posted as a fill-in form. You can also download, complete, and mail the completed application form to:

Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Committee
1340 West Washington Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60607

March 31, 2017 is the deadline date for this year’s applications. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Should you have questions, please contact Carol at (312) 421-1010, ext. 112 or via email at cgiesler@ualocal130.org.

MWRD - Sloan Valve Co. & Local 130
Water Conservation - Pilot Program

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners announced a water conservation pilot program at the MWRD’s main headquarters at 100 E. Erie Street that could save 585,000 gallons of water annually. Sloan Valve Company, a manufacturer specializing in plumbing valves and fixtures, has donated 15 hybrid urinals for use in MWRD’s main office. “This technology not only benefits the environment but also the taxpayers of Cook County,” said President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

Business Manager Jim Coyne, who attended the press conference stated, “The 15 hybrid urinals will be installed this January by MWRD Local 130 plumbers, making the MWRD the first unit of local government in Cook County to utilize the technology. Local 150 has been at the forefront of water and gray water conservation issues, and we’re proud to support this pilot program.”

As mentioned before, our new Training Center is showcasing rainwater harvesting, solar energy and grey water systems. Local 130’s Apprentices and Journeymen will be educated and trained with current technology.
A new era began when the demolition of our 85 year old school began on April 18, 2016. As you can see in these current pictures, the new building is progressing at a steady pace with a scheduled completion date of July 1, 2017.

- Gas and water services are installed.
- The roof materials were installed the week of December 19th.
- Storm and sanitary sewers were installed mid-December.
- Masonry interior walls were scheduled to start mid-December.
- Exterior walls are scheduled to start in early January.
- Electric services will be installed in mid-January.

Even the Chicago River was wearing blue on Friday, November 4 to celebrate the 2016 World Series champion Chicago Cubs. Plumbers Local 130 was asked to dye the Chicago River blue in their honor. Three boats motored up and down the Chicago River’s downtown area dumping 90 pounds of blue dye into the water before the parade and rally kicked off. The Chicago River definitely had an extra twinkly of Cubbie's blue that day.
Plumbers’ JAC Local 130 UA APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Local 130 will accept applications for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program starting TUESDAY, January 24, 2017 through THURSDAY, February 23, 2017:

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.;
AND THURSDAYS FROM 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AT BOTH OUR CHICAGO AND JOLIET OFFICES:

1340 W. Washington Blvd. 2114 S. I-80 Frontage Rd.
Chicago, IL 60607 Joliet, IL 60436
(312) 421-1028 (312) 421-1028

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 FROM 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AT OUR VOLO OFFICE:

31855 N. U.S. Hwy 12
Volo, IL 60073
(312) 421-1028

*REGISTRATION FEE: $25.00 Money Order or Cashier's Check payable to: Plumbers’ JAC Local 130
**Optional, if you wish to purchase the Test Taking Tip book for $10.00, your money order or cashier’s check should be in the amount of $35.00 (no cash, credit cards or personal checks will be accepted)

*REQUIREMENTS: You must apply in person.
You must bring the following items:
• Your valid driver’s license,
• Your Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport,
• Your original High School Diploma OR G.E.D. equivalent OR Sealed High School Transcripts
• $25.00 non-refundable application fee

*QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Must be able to read, write, and speak English.
2. Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.
3. Pass an aptitude test
4. Pass a drug screen
5. Pass a physical
6. Pass an agility test
7. Applicants must possess a valid driver’s license

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Applicants submitting the required documents will be given all the information where and when to appear for the aptitude test (See **above to purchase Test Taking Tips book for $10.00), drug screen, physical, and physical agility test.

At the time of indenture you must:
• Have a valid Driver’s license
• Have a reliable form of transportation
• Pass a drug test

Affirmative Action Statement

Notice of non-discrimination policy as to students
The Trust Fund for Apprentice and Journeyman Education and Training, Local 130 UA and Chicago Journeymen Plumbers’ Local Union 130 UA, school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, or sex to all phases of Apprenticeship.
It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin or sex in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school administered programs.

JAMES F. COYNE
CHAIRMAN

CRAIG W. THOMAS
CO-CHAIRMAN

JAMES M MAJEROWICZ
TRAINING DIRECTOR

FOR MORE INFO: www.jac130.org
A Parade Invitation To Retirees & Members:

Plumbers Local 130 is the proud sponsor of Chicago’s 62nd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. It is OUR Parade! Please join us!

On Saturday, March 11, 2017 the parade will kick off from Columbus Drive at Balbo North at 12:00 noon. All members and their families can ride in a coach bus from the hall to the parade, coffee and donuts will be at the hall in the morning, and food and refreshments will be at the hall upon your return. Call Marilyn at 312-421-1010, Ext. 122 and put your name on the list. At that time you will receive more information.

For retirees, “Trollies” will take you from the hall to the Parade. You will stay on your trolley through the Parade, and at the end, the trolley will return you to the hall again. Please contact Marilyn at the number listed above to reserve your seat.