Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you and your families are well and enjoyed the holiday season. As you go through the newsletter you will see highlights from several special events hosted by Local 130 during the fourth quarter. However, as you know from union correspondence, Senate Bill 1226 has been our main focus for sometime.

This legislation, if passed, would have put the health of all citizens at risk by establishing a separate plumbing code thereby allowing unlicensed, untrained and unqualified individuals to install our drinking water systems.

The Illinois House adjourned its final day of the 100th General Assembly without taking any action on Senate Bill 1226, as amended by House Amendment 4, and we credit your efforts to communicate our opposition to local lawmakers – by phone, email and in person – with helping to seal that hostile measure's fate.

Thank you for your assistance with this critical matter. At least for the moment, members can rest assured that this state's decades-long policy requiring licensure of the plumbing contractors, plumbers and apprentices entrusted with the responsibility to safely install water supply systems will continue unabated.

But our work on this issue will not cease. Lawmakers convened the 101st General Assembly on Jan. 9th and launched their spring legislative session. We expect the proposal embodied by SB 1226, or some variation of it, will return – and it will be our responsibility to vigorously educate lawmakers, including many who are new to the legislature, about the peril of adopting such a measure.

We must remain vigilant and engaged to ensure elected officials adopt sensible laws, especially when it comes to protecting and preserving the integrity of the Illinois Plumbing Code and the health of men, women and children throughout our state.

We will keep you apprised of significant developments and next steps.

In the spring Local 130’s in-house apprentice competition took place at Chicago’s Training Center. I would like to congratulate our own Kyle Tenney who is Local 130’s #1 Apprentice. I wish Kyle good luck as he moves on to the UA State Apprentice Plumber Competition in March 2019.

In closing, as always please remember that 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. 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,

From James F. Coyne

IT’S BETTER TO FIGHT FOR SOMETHING THAN LIVE FOR NOTHING!

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- JAC 2019 Apprenticeship Applications - January 22nd through February 21st
- Membership Meeting, Plumbers @ Chicago Hall – February 12th
- Technical Engineers’ Membership Meeting @ Chicago Hall - February 14th
- Consolidated Primary Election - February 26th
- Consolidated General Election - April 2nd
- Combined Plumbers and Tech Engineer’s March Membership Meeting @ Chicago Hall - March 7th - (New Date)
- Local 130’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Saturday, March 16th
- Membership Meeting, Plumbers @ Chicago Hall - April 9th
- Technical Engineers’ Membership Meeting @ Chicago Hall – April 11th
- Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago’s Dinner @ Chicago Hall – April 25th
- Volunteer Day: Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago – Saturday, April 27th
Plumbers Local 130’s officers and membership hosted and welcomed many guests to a Political Rally held in the Chicago Hall on October 9th. Governor J.B. Pritzker, Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, Senator John J. Cullerton, Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Secretary of State Jesse White were among the political dignitaries. It was a full house. After guests witnessed their audience; plumbers still in their work clothes, retirees, and young families with sincere enthusiasm, I believe it was an incentive for our future leaders and lawmakers to want to protect the workingmen and women of Plumbers Local 130. Going to the Polls and voting for specific labor-friendly politicians is another form of job protection. The November election proved that OUR VOTE MATTERS! Please take the time to read the comments from a few guests who attended.
“Thank you Local 130! Labor is the backbone of the middle class. Unions are the folks who gave you the weekend. He also said that it is his intention to create union jobs, enforce prevailing wages, and ban the words “Right to Work, and guaranteed that Local 130 will have a seat at the table!”

Governor J.B. Pritzker

“Growing up as the daughter of a union pipefitter, my dad showed me that workers standing together in solidarity are a force to be reckoned with. In 2018, the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 showed why that is true. Together, we stood against Bruce Rauner, Darlene Senger - their radical anti-worker’s agenda, and put legislators in Springfield on notice that we won’t tolerate attacks on workers’ rights. The over 6,000 workingmen and women of Local 130 were instrumental in our fight and our victories. Thank you so much for your support and I hope to have you standing with me in the future!”

Susana A. Mendoza, Comptroller of Illinois

“The November 2018 election was one of the most important elections of our time. Unions are under attack and our plumbing licenses are under attack. We need to get informed and involved more than ever! We need to stand together and fight back!”

John D’Amico, Illinois State Representative

“I perish the thought of what will happen without the support and involvement of Illinois’ hard-working labor leaders and their memberships. I applaud them! It is imperative that the membership is encouraged to participate in elections and stay involved.”

Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State

“I know Plumbers Local 130’s Political Rally on October 9th not only inspired the membership to elect our friends and allies in November, but also energized our endorsed candidates as they marched towards a successful Election Day. I was honored to take part!”

Robert Reiter, President-Chicago Federation of Labor

“The energy at Plumbers Hall was electric! I have no doubt, the enthusiasm at the Political Rally helped to drive, turnout and increase volunteer capacity. Boots on the ground are more important than ever in winning elections. Plumbers Local 130 runs one of the best political programs in the country. Their efforts have been critical electing everyone from governors down to judges. They are a political powerhouse.”

Russ Breckenridge, Senior Legislative Assistant, UA of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada.

“Business Manager James Coyne, officers and membership of Plumbers Local 130 rose up to defeat so-called Right to Work. Working men and women heard their voices, and the true defenders of the working class prevail. We voted together and we won together!”

Matthew J. Kelly, Business Manager, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 149, Savoy, IL

From Left: UA Senior Legislative Assistant Russ Brekenridge, Illinois District 15 Representative and Local 130 member John D’Amico, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, Senate President John Cullerton, Business Manager James F. Coyne and Chicago Federation of Labor President Robert Reiter.

Secretary of State Jesse White.
On Sunday, November 4 Plumbers Local 130 hosted their annual political action fundraiser at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. As in previous years, 1,200 tickets were available and all sold. The Bears played against the Buffalo Bills and dominated the entire game winning 41 to 9. It was a great game and everyone enjoyed themselves, met old and new friends, and had plenty to eat.

For the 25th consecutive year, Speaker of the House Michael Madigan pulled the winning $10,000.00 ticket. Congratulations to:

- **Grand Prize Winner** ($10,000) - Alan Klick - (ticket sold by Ryan Kelly.)
- **2nd Prize Winner** ($2,500) - Evan Milinac - (ticket sold by Paul Tucker.)
- With an additional 20 winners, each receiving $130.00
November Meeting - “Turkey Raffle & ASSE Product Show” And Congratulations to 2018 #1 Apprentice Kyle Tenney

On Tuesday, November 20th Plumbers Local 130’s monthly meeting was held at the Chicago Hall. However prior to the meeting, at the new Training Center, as in previous years, vendors setup their displays for the annual American Society of Sanitary Engineers Products Show (ASSE). These displays exhibit the most current plumbing components that are recommended to ensure the reliability and safety of plumbing systems. Then, our members went to their Hall where more than 570 members were welcomed.

Plumbers Local 130’s 3rd year Apprentice Competition took place in Chicago’s Training Center. Kyle Tenney from Action Plumbing Company was named Local 130’s 2018 #1 Plumbing Apprentice. The State of Illinois competition will be in March 2019. Kyle commented, “To be recognized in this way is something I never imagined that I would achieve, and it is a great honor. I am very grateful for all the help and mentorship that I have received so far from my instructors and fellow plumbers. I would like to thank Frank Borkowski for not only being such a great instructor, but also for being so passionate about plumbing and settling for nothing less than the best. His example has been one of the driving forces in my preparations for the future contests. I would like to thank Business Manager James Coyne for the opportunity to learn my trade at the new JAC training facility. His vision for the new school has given me and my fellow apprentices the best opportunities and equipment to make us accomplished, proficient, well-rounded plumbers. I would also like to acknowledge and thank my employer, Action Plumbing, as well as everyone I have worked with there, both in the field and the office staff. They are some of the hardest working people I have ever worked with. I would like to also make special note of the time I was able to work with recently retired Local 130 member, Steve Duffield. For the majority of my second year as an apprentice, I worked with Steve one on one every day. I am extremely grateful for his willingness and ability to pass on his seemingly endless plumbing knowledge and experience from working in the trades over his long tenure as a union plumber.”

1ST PLACE: Kyle Tenney - Action Plumbing Company, Inc.
2ND PLACE: Jeffrey A. Waser – DeFranco Plumbing, Inc.
3RD PLACE: Tim Gottmann – HT Stenger Plumbing, Inc.
4TH PLACE:
- Elizabeth Albertson - C.J. Erickson Plumbing Company
- David Bernhardt - Professional Mechanical
- Armando Carrera - Valley Fire Protection Services, LLC
- Chris Cotter - Terry Plumbing Matrix Holding LLC
- Greg Crawford - MVP Plumbing Corporation
- David Danciu - Joe Bero Plumbing
- Ted Doherty - Fettes, Love & Sieben Plumbing
- Susan Fischer - Ewing-Doherty Mechanical, Inc.
- Brandon Harwell - Corporate Plumbing, Inc.
- Anthony Hileman-Wright - Jensens Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- Eliezer Hoyos, Jr. - Advance Mechanical Systems
- Ethan Hughes - Johns Plumbing & Heating
- John Schmitz - Drive Construction, Inc.
- David Shewmake - Caldwell Plumbing
- Max Suerth - Caldwell Plumbing
- Phil Welske - H.T. Stenger, Inc.
- Ingrid Wennerberg - C.R. Leonard Plumbing & Heating
Marcus L. Whithey, Superintendent, Action Plumbing, Business Manager James F. Coyne and #1 Apprentice Kyle Tenney.

Business Manager James F. Coyne, 2nd place Apprentice Winner Jeffrey Waser, Troy DeFranco, DeFranco Plumbing.

Business Manager James F. Coyne and Tim Gottmann, 3rd Place Apprentice Winner.

Retired member James J. Coyne, #1 Apprentice Kyle Tenney, Business Manager James F. Coyne and Member Mary Birmingham.

Steve Duffield, Kyle Tenney and Jeff Wason from Action Plumbing Company.

Business Manager James F. Coyne, Tim Gottmann, 3rd Place Apprentice Winner.
On Saturday, October 8th, Plumbers Local 130 hosted 40 Scouts from Chicagoland area, which consists of Cook County, a small area of DuPage and Will counties, as well as a small area of Northwest Indiana. These young men arrived early and were welcomed by James M. Majerowicz, Instructor and Training Director of the JAC Training Center in Chicago. This event happened because of Plumbers Local 130’s instructors, apprentices, and the support of John Baethke, of Baethke and Son Plumbing. The Instructors and Apprentices carefully planned and created four (4) stations in order to teach these Scouts a new set of skills, the fundamentals of plumbing, such as: cutting, threading, soldering, plunging and so much more. However, in order to receive a merit badge, each Scout had to complete a wide range of plumbing tasks, as follows:

A. Describe a properly working plumbing system.

B. List five important local health regulations related to plumbing.

C. Make a drawing and explain how a home’s hot and cold water supply system works & prevent from freezing.

D. Make a drawing and explain the drainage system - Show and explain the use of drains and vents.

E. Show how to use five important plumber’s tools.

F. Identify and describe the use of each of the following: washer, retaining nut, plunger (rubber force cup), solder, flux, elbow, tee, nipple, coupling, plug, union, trap, drainpipe, and water meter.

G. Named pipes that are used most often in a plumbing system, and explained why they are used.

H. Cut, thread, and connect two pieces of metal pipe.

I. Under the supervision of a knowledgeable adult, solder three copper tube connections using a gas torch. Include one tee, two straight pieces, and one coupling.

J. Scouts had to replace a washer in a faucet and clean out a sink or lavatory trap.

At the end of the session, John Baethke signed each Scout’s blue card, which gives that Scout the privilege to say, “I have earned the Plumbers’ Merit Badge.” John Baethke stated, “It was great to work with the youth of Chicagoland. The young men and women who are introduced to our trade through the Scout’s Plumbing Merit Badge will hopefully be future plumbers and continue to build on the foundation I am leaving behind.”

James M. Majerowicz, Instructor In-Charge and Training Director stated, “Apprentices and instructors walked away with a feeling that these Scouts earned their Merit Badges. It was a meaningful experience for all of us.”

Ms. Myriam Herrera, Development Director for the Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure Council also stated, “I truly appreciate what Plumbers Local 130 has given these young men. It is a unique learning experience.” Ms. Herrera would like us to know also that Local 130 has agreed to conduct the “Welding Merit Badge. It is an exciting time for the Boy Scouts.” The Pathway to Adventure Council has also kicked off a new merit badge clinic called “Building Tech.” The purpose of Building Tech is to teach young people the science technology engineering and math behind the trades and the construction industry. If anyone reading this newsletter is interested in becoming a merit badge counselor or doing a clinic on their own, please feel free to contact Myriam Herrera at 312-421-8800 x-209.
On October 26th, 2018, Plumbers Local 130 JAC Training Center received the Distinguished Building Honor Award from the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at Navy Pier. Business Manager James F. Coyne, Plumbers’ Joint Apprenticeship Committee and Training Director James M. Majerowizc proudly accepted this prestigious award. Our facility was recognized for its exceptional architectural projects at Designight’s annual Design Excellence Awards. This was the organization’s 63rd annual awards’ ceremony and celebration and attended by more than 1,000 leaders and professions of architecture, engineering, and construction. The event was hosted by Chicago’s television personality, producer of WTTW host, Geoffrey Baer.

The Training Center broke ground in April 2016. This project was completed in sixteen months and successful due to the team collaboration between the JAC Building Committee, Gensler Architects, and General Contractor W.E. O’Neil Construction Company. Chicago’s American Institute of Architects Vice-President Zurich Esposito stated, “Each year, we are proud to honor Chicago architects who continue to meet ever-changing project demands with progressive approaches that not only pay homage to rich architectural traditions, but also address evolving global and cultural shifts with diverse and innovative solutions.” Twelve nationally renowned architects comprised the juries and evaluated hundreds of entries before selecting the winning project. This year, the juries saw that Gensler architects, “Reimagined educational spaces as vibrant, and inspiration destinations that truly have the ability to revitalize a community. Plumbers Local 130’s JAC Training Center went beyond function - demonstrating unique details, intelligent concepts and distinction in architecture.”

March 31, 2019 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.

**Note:** Each year, various union, plumbing and construction related organizations make educational scholarships available to union members and their families. Please go to our website, click on scholarships for detailed information.

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**Harold Moret, Copper Institute; Business Manager James F. Coyne; Andrew Kireta, Jr., Copper Institute; Craig Thomas, Co-Chairman, Joint Apprentice Committee and President of Warren F. Thomas Plumbing Co.**
THE GENERAL OFFICE HAS A FEW NEW UPDATES TO TELL YOU ABOUT:

1. We are now using text messaging to send members notification regarding important issues like the SB-1226 as well as meeting changes, political events and dues reminders. Please note the number used by us to send text messages is 312-741-3090. You can add this to your contacts to identify these text messages from your Union.

2. We are also in the process of reviewing contracts to purchase "audio/visual" equipment so the meetings that are held at the Chicago location, can be viewed live in Volo and Joliet. This equipment will allow members to attend meeting on regular scheduled nights at their Joliet and Volo facilities and view the union meeting going on in the Chicago Hall. Member's attendance will be taken at the remote sights. It will be more convenient for our members to attend and be well-informed on current union issues. Those members who live and work closer to the remote sites will have, for the first time since our mergers, the opportunity to hear issues first hand and then participate in discussions that can be heard at all three locations simultaneously.

3. Please check your Chicago parking passes, and get them updated, if needed, for 2019.

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The questions you have pertaining to retirement can be answered at the pre-retirement seminar that is offered by the Board of Trustees for the Plumbers' Pension Fund, Local 130 U.A.

WHEN: Thursday, February 28, 2019
WHERE: Plumbers Local 130 Hall, 21141-80 South Frontage Road, Joliet, Illinois.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. - Food and refreshments at 5:30 p.m.
The Seminar will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

We will have individuals in attendance that can answer all your questions related to your pension benefits with the Plumbers' Pension Fund, Local 130 U.A. Spouses are welcome to attend also. You will receive a mailing in early February with detailed information.

To register for the Pre-Retirement Seminar, please contact representatives of the Pension Department at 312- 829-1262. I hope to see you there!
Plumbers’ Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Local 130 UA  
2019 APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS
The Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Local 130 will be accepting applications for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program at:

CHICAGO: 1400 W. Washington Boulevard  
            Chicago, IL 60607  
            (Cross Streets Washington Blvd & Loomis)

JOLIET: 2114 South I-80 Frontage Road  
          Joliet, IL 60436

VOLO: 31855 North U.S. Highway 12  
      Volo, IL 60073

NOTE: All Dates, Requirements and Qualifications Subject to Change
January 22nd through February 21st, 2019
Tuesday: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday Evenings: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE: $25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE (NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

Methods of Payment:
1. Money Order or Cashier’s Check payable to: Plumbers’ JAC Local 130
2. MasterCard or Visa Credit/Debit Card (a convenience fee will be added to your transaction)

*Optional: If you wish to purchase the Test Taking Tip Book for $10.00, your total will be $35.00 in the form of a money order or cashier’s check or $35.00 plus a convenience fee if paying by card.

REQUIREMENTS: You must apply in person AND you must bring the following items:
- Completed Application (if downloaded). Hardcopy applications will be available at all registration sites
- Your valid driver’s license
- Your Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport
- Proof of Completion of High School:
  - Original High School Diploma OR
  - G.E.D. Certificate OR
  - Sealed Official High School Transcripts OR
  - College Diploma WITH Transcripts OR
  - Copy of Veteran DD214
- $25.00 non-refundable application fee

QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Must read, write and speak the English language
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 exam
6. Pass an agility test
7. Applicants must always possess a valid driver’s license
8. Must be at least 18 years of age
   (Applicants who are 17 years of age may be placed on the eligibility list if proof is provided he or she will be 18 years of age prior to being registered by the JAC)

THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants submitting the required documents at the time of registration will be given all the information where and when to appear for the aptitude test. Drug screen, physical, and physical agility test information will be provided when invited to a pre-orientation meeting.

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

Application Documents are Downloadable, go to: www.jac130.org/apprenticeship

PLEDGE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN APPRENTICESHIP
The Trust Fund for Apprentice and Journeyman Education and Training, Local 130 U.A. will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The Trust Fund for Apprentice and Journeyman Education and Training, Local 130 UA will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

JAMES F. COYNE  
CHAIRMAN

JAMES M. MAJEROWICZ  
TRAINING DIRECTOR

CRAIG W. THOMAS  
CO-CHAIRMAN
On Saturday, March 16, 2019 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 with refreshments will be at the hall upon your return.

Call 312-421-1010, press 0 and ask to put your name on the Parade 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. Please call the number listed above to reserve your seat.

If you are interested in being a PARADE VOLUNTEER, please contact Patrick McCarthy, Parade Coordinator at 312-421-1010, extension 115.