



# PLUMBERS

## LOCAL 130 U.A.

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## Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

## LIVING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC – THE CURRENT NORM

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Plumbers Local 130 UA reports these past several months have been busy and productive while Covid-19 continues to threaten us. I am hoping you and your family members are staying safe by wearing masks, washing your hands and maintaining social distancing. While social distancing affects our members at jobsites, please be ever mindful by adhering to rules and safety regulations set by the CDC.

My sincere congratulations to our President Elect Joe Biden and Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris. It is with great pride that Local 130 looks forward to these next four years.

President Elect Biden is proposing plans to grow a stronger, more inclusive middle class – the backbone of the American economy – by strengthening public and private sector unions and helping all workers bargain successfully for what they warrant.

In addition to our congratulations to President Elect Joe Biden, take note of the seven individuals below – this indicates how Plumbers Local 130 UA has always been politically active on a local level as an investment in our futures.

Congratulations to Brother John D'Amico on his continuation as a Member of the Illinois House of Representatives. John has been representing the 15th District since November 2004. Brother D'Amico is our own Director of Political Affairs and was instrumental in the 2020 election. D'Amico stated, "I would like to thank James F. Coyne and the volunteers that came out

on our Political Action Days. Because of our efforts, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE. The races we were in were very, very close."

Congratulations to Brother J. Omar Williams, Member of the Illinois House of Representatives D-10th since 2019.

Meg Loughran Cappel – Illinois State Senate 49th District assumes office for the first time on January 13, 2021.

Karina Villa – Illinois State Senator 25th District, who was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives representing District 49 elected to that office on November 6, 2018 through January 13, 2021.

Maura Hirschauer – Illinois State Representative 49th District and assumes office for the first time on January 13, 2021.

Janet Yang Rohr – Illinois House of Representatives 41st District and assumes office for the first time on January 13, 2021.

Joyce Mason – Illinois House of Representatives 61st District and has served since January 9, 2019.

John D'Amico stated, "Again I want to thank James F. Coyne for his leadership and to all the volunteers for helping out."

Plumbers Local 130 did not host the annual Chicago Bears Football Smoker. Instead, we are excited to announce that the 27th Annual Raffle did take place and the lucky winners were announced on December 8th. See page 2 for the list of winners.

A thank you to Jay Lyon, Executive Director of the West Suburban Association of Plumbing Contractors (WSA), who in-

vited me as a returning Guest Speaker to their CEO Camp to discuss the "State of the Union."

The CEO Camp is an annual WSA signature educational event. I shared perspectives on the state of the industry, the impact of COVID-19, and the developments in Chicago's Department of Buildings with the new Commissioner Matthew Beaudet.

This is traditionally referred to as the "State of the Union," which reports on the affiliation between contractors and plumbers. WSA President Justin Treutelaar stated, "Having Business Manager James Coyne address our members each year during CEO Camp is invaluable. We appreciate the opportunity to have productive discussions outside of the workplace and it is a great way to hear updates with respect to ongoing projects, developments with the Union, and more."

Please read this newsletter for current updates and information concerning Local 130 UA. We are able to continue to succeed and thrive predicated on how every one of our members participate and support Plumbers Local 130. Stay safe, be healthy and as always, I wish you prosperity and happiness.

In Solidarity,

*James F. Coyne*