



# PLUMBERS

## LOCAL 130 U.A.

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## Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

## CONTRACTS RATIFIED DURING PANDEMIC

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As we reflect back on the first 6 months of 2020, let me recap where we have been and how the Plumbers Local 130 Union is moving forward at this time.

The Pandemic came at us in a rush, and at its onset, these great United States were hardly prepared in getting a grip on handling this tragedy. In typical fashion, we have leaders and citizens that emerged prepared to do battle, especially our own Governor JB Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot. On behalf of the Plumbers Union and myself, we want to thank Essential Personnel including Healthcare workers, First Responders, Police, Paramedics and Firefighters who mustered together and worked against immeasurable odds to fight this monster virus. Local 130 Plumbers also answered the rallying cry.

As Governor Pritzker addressed the State of Illinois' citizens and called upon Essential Workers, our Governor ranked Plumbers at the top of the list, calling us to action to join the fight against this Pandemic. Many industries were forced to put the brakes on by slowing down, sheltering in place or working from home. However, this did not describe the actions of the Plumbers ranks at all.

This is why the Plumbers Protect the Health of the Nation. Everyone thanks each of you and deems you our heroes as you, our Plumbers, suited up in protective gear shielding yourselves as best as you could with PPE while simultaneously protecting construction jobsites, schools, hospitals, homes and more as you labored each day. Where social distancing is becoming the new normal – there are situations at

jobsites that will not allow 6' distancing; however, we persevere and respond to the call to fight this Pandemic and carry on with daily work with our staunch partners – our 350+ Union Contractors.

With deep regret, I express my heartfelt sympathy to the families of the two brothers we lost to this hideous Coronavirus. William "Sqwig" Martin, a 17-year member who was employed at the City of Chicago's Water Department passed on April 15<sup>th</sup>. William R. Hildebrand, a 26-year retired member passed on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Again, our deepest condolences and sympathies to their families.

Our Wellness Center stands ready to offer advice, guidance and respond to any questions you may have, whether that is on-the-job or at home. Continue to check the Plumbers Local 130 Website for special events that will continue throughout 2020 at the Wellness Center.

### Collective Bargaining Agreements

Continuing to look to our future – focusing on the next four to five years.

The Pandemic did not prevent Plumbers Local 130's Collective Bargaining team from meeting. Due to their tireless efforts, all sides negotiated and the result was a "Fair and Equitable" four-year wage and benefits package.

Thanks goes out to your Local 130 Bargaining Team

- Kenneth Turnquist (Financial Secretary)
- Patrick McCarthy (Recording-Secretary)
- John Hosty (Business Agent)
- Bart Holzhauser (Business Agent for Technical Engineers)

Thanks also goes out to our Industry Partners

### West Suburban Association (WSA)

- George W. Treutelaar (Chairman of Labor Relations Committee)
- Justin Treutelaar (President of the WSA, and Co-Chairman of Labor Relations Committee)
- Jim O'Sullivan (WSA Treasurer)
- Craig W. Thomas (WSA Vice President)
- James Hill II (WSA Director)
- Jay Lyon (Executive Director)

### Plumbing Contractors Association of Greater Chicago (PCA)

- Matthew Erickson (President of the PCA and Co-Chairman of Labor Relations Committee)
- David Ariano (PCA Director, Labor Relations Committee)
- Mike Kerrigan (Plumbing Council Chairman, Labor Relations Committee)
- SJ Peters (Executive Director)

The commitment and dedication shown for our plumbing industry resulted in this four-year contract.

I am pleased to announce that on June 30<sup>th</sup> the Plumbers ratified the 4-year Collective Bargaining Agreement that extends to May 31, 2024. There were concentrated negotiations on behalf of our members and our loyal contractors. All parties met diligently for weeks and hammered out this four-year deal for all. The first year's economic package grants a \$2.75 increase; the economic value of these four years collectively is \$10.35. This new contract is secu-

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