



# PLUMBERS

## LOCAL 130 UA

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### Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

## CAPTURING MARKET SHARE: Focused On Success through Productivity and Welcoming Union Eyes Staff to Local 130

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The fourth quarter of 2025, is ending on a positive note, with a renewed focus on productivity and our work jurisdiction. One key area of focus at Local 130 is to meet the current demand for Union Plumbers to replace lead pipes throughout the 17 counties in the Chicagoland area. This work is taking place through the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program. Local 130 is proud to provide the skilled manpower and training for this important initiative. Under my direction, we hosted two LSLR Open Houses for Local 130 Contractors and guests at our Chicago training Center (CTC) in October and November. In an organizing effort, Local 130 Officers also conducted a 7-day Blitz designed to increase our membership. Our efforts are being well-received. Please see comments from our Contractors regarding Local 130 and the LSLR program on page 2). We remain focused on providing skilled licensed professionals to our Contractors while at the same time providing our membership the opportunity to work on this evolving and very important LSLR program.

Our productivity is also seen at the CTC, which has been a catalyst for our successful Bridge Program designed to recruit and educate future apprentices. This year, 84 high school students are going through this groundbreaking program. We are proud to report that 24 current apprentices began their engagement with Local 130 through the Bridge program in the last three years, and the list keeps growing.

I am pleased to announce that Union Eyes signed a collective bargaining agreement with Local 130 in November 2025. For the first time in our nation, a building trade Union (Local 130) is welcoming medical professionals to its ranks. Doctors and opticians from Union Eyes are officially part of Local 130 and will now have access to medical and optical care at our eight Union Wellness Centers. Please join me in welcoming the newest members to Local 130. This is truly a historic milestone and a proud moment for Local 130 and Union Eyes.

This past fall, I had the opportunity to share my yearly "State of the Union" report at the PCA membership meeting on September 17th in Lombard, and reports were also given by Local 130 Fund Administrator Joe Ohm and JAC Training Director Anthony Rottman. This informative meeting also included remarks from PCA President Kelly Castrogiovanni. (See photo on page 4).

This past October, as Co-Chair Labor Trustee with the Local 130 Pension & Retirement Fund, I was honored to join UA General President Mark McManus at the PHCC Connect in Grand Rapids, MI, where he was part of a moderated discussion that delved into key interests and concerns of the plumbing industry. The event also included a panel discussion on Union pensions, which included remarks from Mike Kerrigan, Local 130 Pension & Retirement Fund Management Co-Chair and President, FJ Kerrigan Plumbing Co., as a panelist. (See photo on page 4). On that note,

I am pleased to report, according to the actuary report from Segal Consulting, the Local 130 Pension Fund is fully funded at the 105.9 % level. This is great news that represents Local 130's commitment to ensuring long-term financial well-being for our membership now and into the future.

We also want to offer our best wishes to Marilyn Noel and Rosie Szagowski on their retirement plans. We thank them each for their 23 years of service to Local 130. We also welcome and congratulate Rachael Pichur in her new role as Assistant Comptroller, and Allison Judd as our new Event Coordinator/Administrative Assistant.

As we head into 2026, we will keep our focus on productivity and continue to increase man hours for our membership. This includes continuing our efforts to organize to bring in new members, provide steady employment and excellent benefits, increase the number of apprentices, and grow our Bridge Program year after year! One thing I know for sure, when Labor and Management work together, we succeed and thrive in all that we do. Best wishes for a healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year!

In Solidarity,

*James F. Coyne*

# Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Open House on October 16th



**A special thank you to the following Contractors for attending the LSLR Open House:**

Advanced Water Solutions  
Aquatech Mech. Contrs.  
Benchmark Constr. Co.  
Bishop Plumbing  
Calumet City Plumbing  
Carbone Plumbing  
Garces Contractors LLC  
Green Tech  
Hayes Commercial  
Hill Mechanical  
Jensens Plumbing  
JM Plumbing  
Johns Plbg. & Htg.  
Keenan Sewer & Water  
M. DiFoggio Plbg.  
Millennium Contracting Co.  
Miller Pipeline  
MKM Engineering, Inc.  
MZI Group, Inc.  
NPL Constr. Co.  
Pan-Oceanic Eng. Co.  
Plumbing Professionals Co.  
Professional Associated  
Provancal Brothers  
Ravinia Plumbing  
Reliable Contracting  
Terry Plumbing  
Trine Construction

## Contractor Comments on the Important Work of Local 130 and the LSLR Program:

**Mark Atkins, Jr.: President, Benchmark Construction Company**

*"I couldn't have been more impressed with the attention to detail to train the Local 130 apprentices. This bodes well for the partnership between Local 130 and Contractors and goes a long way toward ensuring safe and healthy drinking water for all Illinoisans."*

**Rob Dullard: President, Professional Associated**

*"The new facility is an impressive learning center. Its hands-on displays and educational tech rooms ensure trainees have access to the latest technology. Local 130 has provided everything needed for high-quality plumbing education in today's environment. It's a great place that will produce a well-trained plumbing workforce for the future."*

**Mike Mannion: Director of New Business, Garces Contractors, LLC**

*"Local 130 is really living up to the motto that Plumbers protect the health of the nation. Jim Coyne and Tony Rottman are committed to putting in the necessary resources to make this happen. This shows their commitment to the LSLR Program."*

**Gulzar Singh: President, Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co.**

*"The Pan-Oceanic team recently had the privilege of touring the Local 130 training facility, and we were thoroughly impressed by the state-of-the-art facility, dedicated instructors, comprehensive curriculum, and everyone involved in making it a success. It is clear that under the leadership of Business Manager Coyne, Local 130 is deeply committed to educating and training the next generation of skilled plumbers."*

# Union Eyes Doctors and Opticians Become Members of Local 130 UA

Over the last six years, my team has had the pleasure of serving Local 130 members and their families at Union Eyes adjacent to the Union Wellness Centers. What started with one tiny location in Lemont has now grown to eight locations across Chicagoland and Indiana.

Union Eyes has experienced unprecedented growth in the industry while providing urgent and primary eye care services along with offering unique American made and Union made products. This model is the first of its kind in the nation and serves as the envy of other unions across the country.

It is time to make history once again. I am proud to announce that Union Eyes has signed a collective bargaining agreement with Plumbers Local Union 130 UA. For the first time in history, doctors and opticians are now officially part of a building trade union in the United States. This is truly historic.

None of this could have happened without you. Our doctors and opticians have experienced first-hand the excel-

lent care provided first by Dr. Trevor and now by the entire Marathon team. They witnessed countless happy patients walk through the doors of Union Eyes from the UWC only to realize that this door only opened one way. Without Union membership in the coalition, my doctors and opticians could not access the caring providers you have come to know and love. With this new agreement, Union Eyes employees will now be able to receive care from the doctors and staff they have come to trust over these last six years. This historic agreement will allow Union Eyes to retain and recruit top talent in the industry to meet the needs of Local 130 members and your families.

Thank you to Business Manager Coyne, Union Officers, Business Agents, Trustees, and the Fund office staff for making this historic leap. We are truly blessed to be Union members and promise to make you proud!

Happy Holidays,

Dr. Bob Steinmetz and Your Union Eyes Team



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**Dr. Bob Steinmetz O.D., F.A.A.O.**  
**Union Eyes**

*For us, Local 130 is not just a Union, but a family – one that cares deeply about its members, their well-being and the health of their loved ones.*

*We all know the Plumber protects the health of the nation, hopefully with our help we can protect the eyes of the nation as well.*

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*Business Manager Jim Coyne welcomes Dr. Bob Steinmetz and Union Eyes employees as new members of Plumbers Local 130 UA.*

# Contractor Meetings Update

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## PCA Membership Meeting on September 17

Business Manager Jim Coyne provided his “State of the Union” report at the September 17th PCA membership meeting. The event also featured reports by our Fund Administrator Joe Ohm, and JAC Training Director Anthony Rottman.

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*From L-R: Anthony Rottman, JAC Training Director; Joe Ohm, Local 130 Fund Administrator; Kelly Castrogiovanni, PCA President and Terry Plumbing Co; James F. Coyne, Local 130 Business Manager; and Kevin Keough, Keough Mechanical.*

## PHCC Connect Conference – October 2025

Business Manager Jim Coyne, who also serves as Co-Chair Labor Trustee with the Local 130 Pension and Retirement Fund, was honored to be part of the PHCC Connect Conference this past October that included networking with Local 130 Contractors.

UA General President Mark McManus was the Keynote Speaker at the Conference in Grand Rapids, MI., which included a very informative discussion and three UAC sessions. The topics also delved into the key interests and concerns of the plumbing industry. The event included a panel discussion on Union pensions, with remarks from Mike Kerrigan, Local 130 Pension and Retirement Fund Co-Chair and President, FJ Kerrigan Plumbing Co., as one of four panelists.



*From left, standing: S.J. Peters, PCA of Greater Chicago; John Baethke, Baethke Plumbing, PCA, IL PHCC; Dave Frame, Bob Frame Plumbing, UAC Chair, past PHCC President; Rick Kuhn, RJ Kuhn, PCA; Tom Gent, Midwest IL Mechanical Contractors Association, IRC, UAC; Brian Kelly, UA, Director of HVAC Services; Mark McManus, UA General President; Kevin Kuhn, RJ Kuhn, IL PHCC President, PCA; Kelly Castrogiovanni, PCA President and Terry Plumbing Co; James Coyne, Plumbers Local 130 Business Manager; Tom Bigley, UA Director of Plumbing Services; Brian Rich, GA Rich, UA Intl. Training Fund, UAC; Tim Brink, MCAA CEO; Steve Stimson, GA Rich, UAC, UA Book Store; Terry McCarthy, Terry Plumbing Co, PHCC Auxiliary President, PCA; Matt Erickson, CJ Erickson, PCA, CCA; Dan Callies, Oak Creek Plumbing, PHCC Immediate Past President; seated, from left: James Majerowicz, Plumbers Local 130 Director of Codes & Standards; Michael Kerrigan, FJ Kerrigan Plumbing, Local 130 Pension & Retirement Fund Co-Chair, PCA; Bev Potts, IL PHCC Executive Director, UAC; and Cindy Sheridan, PHCC CEO.*

# Local 130 Make a Difference Day

On October 25th, Local 130 provided over 50 volunteers to assist Rebuilding Together with their annual Make a Difference Day Event. Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit organization that Local 130 has proudly partnered with for more than 33 years to help those in need by providing plumbing repairs to their homes.

This year's event made a significant impact, as Local 130 repaired and improved more than 20 homes in the Chicagoland area in a single day. We offer a special thank you to Alberto Garcia, Patrick Gross to all the volunteers who offered their time and expertise for this important day of helping others.



**Local 130 Officers:** Alberto Garcia, Patrick Gross, Jennifer MacDonald, Miguel Estrada; **Foreman:** Allison Blumenthal, Narsiso Diaz, James Graczyk, David Torres, Juan Rivera, Abel Pascual, Alexander Odisho, Edward Nunez, John Mayer; **Volunteers:** John Albert, Ruben Alvarez, Josue Aranda, Roberto Arroyo, Jovan Barjaktarevic, Akindele Bassett, John Bell, Michael Biondo, Eureby Cabrera, Andrew Coil, Gabe Daggy, Nicholas Decristofaro, Pajula Ethan, Andre Gray, Rebecca Hamlet, Marcoa Hernandez, Zahrah Hill, Samantha Johnson, Jose Sanchez, John Leahy, Ali Malik, Mike Voight, Noah Rupika, Nathaniel Ocampo, Nathan Oraga, Vincent Pascual, Alyssa Rasoicic, Michael Rateike, Jamari Reed, Edmund Ryan, Jason Scally, Scott Soleski, Jeff Spink, Frank Stocco, Anthony Tellone, Noah Todd, Carolina Valenzuela, Benjamin Washington, Erik Zotoio.

## Local 130 Retirees Enjoy Breakfast Event in Warrenville

Business Manager Jim Coyne and the Local 130 team was pleased to host a Retirees Breakfast on November 19th in Warrenville. Brother Coyne also had the opportunity to share his "State of the Union" report with Retirees that morning. Retirees and their spouses really enjoyed starting this fall day at this Breakfast event.



# 32nd Annual Football Smoker Political Action Fundraiser

On October, 26<sup>th</sup>, Plumbers Local 130 hosted their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Football Smoker Political Action Fundraiser at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. There were lots of smiles and great conversations at this popular annual event attended by more than 1,200 people including 2025 St. Patrick's Day Queen Cara Walsh and her Court. We are also proud to report that a record 1,400 raffle tickets were sold for this event. Although the Bears didn't win, it was a great game and an exciting Football Smoker that was enjoyed by all in attendance!

The Football Smoker was attended U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley, and a number of State and City Officials, including IL Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, IL State Senator Cristina Castro, IL Rep. Mike Kelly, IL Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, IL Rep. Tracy Katz Muhl, IL Rep. Rick Ryan, Ald. Michelle Harris, and Ald. Samantha Nugent.





# November Meeting Turkey Raffle

The Local 130 meeting was held on November 20th. Prior to the meeting, the Annual Products Show showcased vendor displays with recommended plumbing components designed to ensure the reliability and safety of plumbing systems.

A meeting highlight also included a video presentation by 4th Generation, Local 130 Plumber /Signatory Contractor, Author and Army Vet Carrie Hoza. Carrie, co-owner of Bratschi Plumbing, shared her experiences in the Army from 1998-2005 including her time serving a tour of duty as a Captain in Iraq.



*Phil Hoza, Jim Coyne, Carrie Hoza, Jim Mansfield and Al Hoza*



*Dr. Bob Steinmetz and Union Eyes*





## Complete your Motion Health Assessment for a chance to win!



### Motion Health

At your screening, you'll complete a Motion Capture, which is a 12-movement musculoskeletal screen using marker-less 3D motion capture technology. You will be guided through each movement by a PT.

Your Motion Results will be delivered to you, along with a corrective exercise plan that includes detailed comments explaining your unique strengths, tendencies, imbalances, and any dysfunctions. There's no co-pay and no deductible, making it easier for you to prioritize your health without added costs.

**Three individuals who complete each quarterly Health Challenge in 2025 will have a chance to win \$250, \$500, or \$1,000!**

**Complete your Motion health Assessment with a UWC Physical Therapist by December 31st for a chance to win one of eight \$100 gift cards!**



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## **PLUMBERS JAC 2025-26 APPLICATIONS**

Plumbers' JAC Local 130, UA will be accepting applications online only for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program starting November 17, 2025 through February 13, 2026 OR the first 2,000 submissions, whichever occurs first.

**Applications available at:**  
**[www.apply.jac130.org](http://www.apply.jac130.org)**  
**For Questions: 312-421-1028**



## **2025 JAC Annual Contest Winners**



**1st Pl – Joe Cuttie, O’Sullivan Plumbing**  
L-R: Jim Coyne, Joe Cuttie, Pat McCarthy, Ryan O’Sullivan



**2nd Pl – Justin Snyder, FJ Kerrigan Plumbing**  
L-R: Jim Coyne, Pat Kerrigan, Justin Snyder and Tony Rottman



**3rd Pl – Jonathon Ryan, M & C Services, Inc.**  
L-R: Jim Coyne, Jonathon Ryan, Pat McCarthy

### **2026 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

## **STEPHEN M. BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP**

- 4 Awards: 2 - \$2,500 and 2 - \$1,500
- Application available on our website, [www.ualocal130.org](http://www.ualocal130.org)
- Application Deadline: **March 31, 2026**
- These scholarships are available for the sons and daughters of Local 130 UA members graduating from high school in Spring of 2026

**More scholarship opportunities from various union, plumbing and construction related organizations are available on our website**



**[WWW.UALOCAL130.ORG](http://WWW.UALOCAL130.ORG)**

# 2026 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Important Dates & Raffle

## QUEEN CONTEST

January 11, 2026

## Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner & Raffle

January 29, 2026

## Parade & River Dyeing

March 14, 2026

Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade  
2026  
71<sup>st</sup> Annual

2026 CHICAGO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
**RAFFLE**  
1 TICKET - \$100  
ONLY 750 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
**WIN \$25,000 CASH GRAND PRIZE**  
ROUND TRIP TICKETS COURTESY OF AER LINGUS  
3 WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE  
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT

1ST GRAND PRIZE  
\$25,000 cash

2ND GRAND PRIZE  
4 roundtrip tickets  
to Dublin, Ireland

3RD GRAND PRIZE  
4 roundtrip tickets  
to Dublin, Ireland

CHICAGO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
- 2026 -  
Proceeds to benefit the Chicago St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Committee. Some exclusions  
and blackout dates apply.

Please Note: Purchase of this raffle ticket does not include admission to the  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Dinner tickets must be purchased separately.

## Queen Contest



2025 Parade Queen  
Cara Walsh

### Looking for the New Parade Queen

James F. Coyne, General Chairman of the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade announced plans for a city wide search for Chicago's fairest Colleen. She will represent the Chicago Irish community as the Queen of the 2026 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

### Entry Information

Any young lady of Irish ancestry, never married, 18-29 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

**Contest finals** will be held Sunday, January 11, 2026, in the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607. Deadline for entries is January 5, 2026.

**For more information visit:**

[www.chicagostpatricksdaysparade.org](http://www.chicagostpatricksdaysparade.org)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UNION MEETINGS

Dec. 9th at 6 pm (Plumbers)  
Dec. 11th at 6 pm (Tech. Engineers)  
Jan. 8th at 6 pm (Tech. Engineers)  
Jan. 13th at 6 pm (Plumbers)

### RETIREES EVENTS

Dec. 11th – Holiday Luncheon (Chicago)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Jan. 11th – Queen Contest  
Jan. 29th – Corned Beef &  
Cabbage Dinner  
Mar. 14th – Parade

## AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE CHICAGO AREA PLUMBERS

### City of Chicago Plumbing License Test

*Upcoming City of Chicago Plumbing License and Plumbing Practical Tests:*

Exam Title	Exam Date	Sign-up Deadline	Exam Title	Exam Date	Sign-up Deadline
WRITTEN	January 14, 2026*	December 3, 2025	PRACTICAL	March 7, 2026*	February 13, 2026
WRITTEN	May 6, 2026*	March 25, 2026	PRACTICAL	June 13, 2026*	May 22, 2026
WRITTEN	August 5, 2026*	June 24, 2026	PRACTICAL	September 5, 2026*	August 14, 2026
WRITTEN	October 7, 2026*	August 26, 2026	PRACTICAL	December 5, 2026*	November 13, 2026

Note: See additional information on Plumbers Local 130 website: [www.ualocal130.org](http://www.ualocal130.org) under “Training.”