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Be Politically Active with the Hall



Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The leaves are turning vivid colors to remind us how quickly the seasons are passing, and change will continue. Your Hall is working to develop new strategies that will accommodate the old and the new. The unions of America have been built by the working man and woman and will continue to thrive as new innovative ideas are launched - not forgetting some older ideas that are working and functional, but slight modifications may be necessary to fit the 21st century's needs.

As I write this letter, Springfield is questioning prevailing wage, union work rules, and the "Right-to-Work." This discussion is in our back yard and, therefore, I say to everyone, "It is an investment in your future to be politically active with the Hall." We need to have state, city, town and suburban representatives in political positions to help sustain what I feel is "fair and equitable" for our retirees and members. By attending union meetings, you will be kept current on union backed political candidates and their agendas.

This year on September 7, the United States celebrated its 122nd Labor Day as a federal holiday. It is commemorative of our country's proud and loyal middle class, a working group of people who bring us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. This group includes our retirees who bravely, "Paved the Way" for future plumbers with their integrity and hard work. Thank you once again to our retirees.

Our future plumbers include those who were placed recently by the Plumbers Local 130 Apprenticeship Committee. In April, 2015, the JAC placed 41 apprentices and, in September, another 129 apprentices went to work. I believe next year will be even better.

Since the July 2015 meeting, I have received positive feedback on the allocations of funds from the most recent pay increase and will keep you informed at the membership meetings. The next meeting will be our annual Turkey Raffle on November 17th at the Chicago Hall.

Please continue to read through the newsletter for current news and information concerning Local 130. As always, I wish you good health and prosperity, steady employment and happiness.

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne



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Dates to Remember . . .

• Nov. 17	7:00 pm	Turkey Raffle, Plumbers & Technical Engineers Meeting	Chicago
• Dec. 7	Noon	Retiree Luncheon	Joliet
• Dec. 8	Noon	Retiree Luncheon	Volo
• Dec. 8	7:00 pm	Monthly Plumbers Meeting	Volo
• Dec. 9	Noon	Retiree Luncheon	Aurora
• Dec. 10	Noon	Retiree Luncheon	Chicago
• Dec. 10	7:00 pm	Technical Engineers Meeting	Chicago
• Jan. 17	Noon	St. Patrick's Day Queen Contest	Chicago

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Local 130 Target Fund

"We need to succeed and thrive!"

Jim Coyne

There is a heightened concern for Local 130 members as non-union plumbers are hired and willingly accept lower wages. In return, many times, the contractor accepts a lower standard of skill. As I mentioned previously in my summer newsletter, I proposed a resolution establishing *"The Local 130 Target Fund."* The Resolution states that the Fund will be used for the exclusive purpose of combating the non-union element while promoting the organized plumbing industry within the jurisdiction of Local 130.

On September 8, 2015, the Target Fund Resolution was presented to the membership for its 4th and final reading as required by the Local 130 constitution, and a vote taken. I am proud to state that the Target Fund passed by 94%. The members' contribution of \$0.25 per working hour will go directly into the fund.

I am confident this fund will benefit Plumbers Local 130 members and allow us to recapture lost market share.

My Vision...

Actions and reactions of business decisions by leaders at Local 130 are constantly being scrutinized and discussed. I believe our union needs a tactical plan for the future. We are successful today because of the foresight of past leaders who looked to the future and prepared new initiatives and challenges. These plans created a more stable and secure growth plan for our membership. In the early 1990's Gerald M. Sullivan, Business Manager (1992-2002) with the support of members created a *"Building Fund"* that paid for the extensive remodeling of our present Union Hall and offices. It is due to his vision that today,

Plumbers Local 130 can continue to expand and grow on the property.

It is my vision that a new school will be built for our apprentices and journeymen. It will be located at 1400 West Washington Street, just west of The Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium and Hall, where the existing school stands. This will be a state of the art facility in a *"true green building"* with solar power and rain harvesting. Demolition of the existing structure is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016.

The classrooms will be ultra-modern allowing apprentices to go from the classroom setting to a hands on application in a wet lab area. This is the education needed to be *"Successful and to Thrive"* as a 21st century plumber in Local 130.

I will continue to keep you updated as this project progresses.

Kudos to our own...

Brian Lundy, Local 130 Apprentice

"I am proud of Brian for his persistence, dedication, and accomplishments as Plumbers Local 130's U.A. International Final's winner at the U.A. 2015 Apprentice Contest. As Business Manager of your local, it is a compliment to me and our apprentice program."

Jim Coyne



Brian Lundy.

B. Bruce Plumbing's apprentice, Brian Lundy won **"1st Place"** at the 2015 International Apprentice Contest in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 13, 2015. Brian was a very happy young man as he was recognized and acknowledged at Local 130's September monthly meeting.

Brian said, *"I am privileged and honored to be the recipient of this prestigious award and am grateful to Plumber's Local 130's teachers and B. Bruce Plumbing for sharing their knowledge, support, and encouragement."*

Brian advanced with the "best" from U.A. Locals around the United States, Canada, and Australia to the U.A. National Final Contest held during the U.A. Instructor's Training Program in Ann Arbor after winning the following:

- Chicago's Apprentice's Competition – Plumbers Local 130
- State Competition – State of Illinois
- Regional District Competition – District 4, and finally...
- U.A. National Final Competition – Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jim Majerowicz, Instructor In-Charge, in Chicago explained that as Brian completed each level of the competition, the written and hands on portions became more difficult and time consuming, therefore the time allotted for each category increased. Jim said, "Brian is an inspiration to our apprentices. He took advantage of all the opportunities that were made available and succeeded. It takes stamina and dedication to win, and Brian has both."

Plumbers Local 130 has proudly held the honor of two (2) previous U.A. National Winners. In 2008, Nick Hahn of A-Plus Plumbing and again in 2010 with T. J. Albergo of Great Lakes Plumbing.

See KUDOS continued on next page.

Kudos ... continued



Business Manager Jim Coyne congratulates Brian Lundy.



James Buchanan, Vice-President, UA District No. 4 and Business Manager of Pipefitters Local 597; Brian Lundy, Jim Coyne



Christopher Haslinger, UA Director of Training; Mark McManus, UA General Secretary-Treasurer; Brian Lundy, William P. Hite, UA General President; Michael A. Pleasant, Assistant General President.

U.A. Continues to Grow...

The historic affiliation of the United Association and United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers was formally approved on August 1, 2015, and will take effect on November 1, 2015. According to General President William P. Hite and International President Kinsey M. Robinson of the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers (Roofers Union), this affiliation was motivated by a shared passion for water conservation and a desire to offer client-owners environment friendly building solutions that will improve commercial building construction with rainwater harvest systems.

“Water scarcity is a serious and growing problem in the United States, particularly in the western and southwestern parts of the country,” said General President Hite. Hite believes that

with the assistance of our affiliates in Australia and the Plumbing Trades Employees Union, a cutting-edge technique to outfit U.S. buildings with systems to capture and reuse water that is currently wasted will be resolved. Roofs are installed to protect structures from the elements, however the days of building run-offs entering the groundwater or sewer systems are over.

The skills that the men and women of the Roofers Union bring to their jobs are critical to the success of this initiative. They will partner with the UA members, building owners, and contractors to promote these new regulations, which will then increase building efficiency. Hite added, “Working together we’re going to create jobs and eliminate water scarcity by delivering the most water efficient buildings our country has ever seen.”



Labor Day... September 7, 2015

“With the true meaning of this holiday in mind, I am proud to say that Plumbers Local 130 recently placed the second group of 2015 apprentices to work on Monday, September 21st. This is the largest group in 15 years.”

Jim Coyne

During the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, the United States and Canada agreed that a day during the month of September would be considered a holiday. This holiday would commemorate those workers who lost their lives while working under unsafe and unsanitary conditions, as well as low wages.

These hard working men and women are the vital force of labor which added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known. As a working group of people, we continue to strive toward the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation’s strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

Did You Know... ?

1. Which was the 1st state to make Labor Day an official holiday?
2. Who was the president of the U.S.A. when Labor Day was established?
3. Today, the United States and Canada celebrates Labor Day on _____.
4. Labor Day is considered the unofficial _____.
5. What year did it become an “official federal holiday?”
6. It was the _____ of Labor that organized the 1st parade in New York City.

(Answers can be found below.)

Answers...

- Answers:
1. Oregon
 2. President Cleveland
 3. 1st Monday of September
 4. End of summer
 5. 1887
 6. Knights

Plumbers' Apprentices in Volo, IL They are a heart for "BraveHearts"

"I am forever grateful to our veterans - past and present, those left with a disability, and the many who have lost their lives. I consider it an honor to have participated in this project and give back to those who have served our country."

Jim Coyne

VOLUNTEER APPRENTICES:

JOSH BEAN

JOSH DYAL (ACTIVE ARMY RESERVES)

JOSH GALLOIS

STEVE MATUSEK

BILL McCOLLUM

AL PEREZ

RICHARD WAGNER (NAVY RESERVES)

JERRY WETTSTEIN

Plumbers Local 130 has a long history of charitable and community involvement in and around the Chicagoland area. Giving back to the community has always been a priority and it will continue to be part of our service as plumbers. It is in this spirit that retired member Joe Albergo, Phil Roknich, Instructor In-Charge, and the apprentices from the Volo Training Center took on a project at the BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding and Education Center in Harvard.

This project started when Ken Boyd, President UFCW Local 1546 and UFCW Intl. Vice President, and current board member of BraveHearts asked for assistance with the design and building

of two new American with Disability Compliant Bathrooms (ADA). These bathrooms are for disabled military veterans and handicapped children who participate in the BraveHearts Program.

Ken was motivated through his wife, Patty who suffered considerably after the loss of their only child, Corporal C. J. Boyd, Marine Corp. Corporal Boyd was killed in action on August 19, 2010 at the age of 22 during his third tour in Afghanistan. Ken shared his story how Patty found a certain peace, perhaps an inner strength to survive, while visiting BraveHearts. Ken said, "BraveHearts has welcomed the Gold Star Mothers, vets with their wives and children for family weekends, as well as the "Wounded Warrior" organization for veterans founded in Texas. I believe everyone benefited from their experience with these horses."

Phil commented, "These types of projects are great, not only are we helping improve people's lives, but it also provides a great opportunity for practical training that would be difficult to simulate in the training center. We used this service work as classroom training to draw isometric plans, oversee code compliance, create material lists, and properly install all plumbing fixtures and drains." Those apprentices and their classmates who did not get to the jobsite participated in the process of reviewing the plans, designing and sizing the piping systems, creating working drawings, material lists, and researching the fixture spec sheets.

The finished project at the BraveHearts facility speaks to the dedication and workmanship of our members. I can only say "thank you" once again for the participation of Local 130's retired member Joe Albergo, Instructor In-Charge Phil Roknich and the apprentices from the Volo training facility. Thank you also to Bob Melko, Bishop Plumbing (and co-chair of the JAC) and Chadd Hartwig, Hartwig Plumbing who donated the materials for this project.



From left to right: Richard Wagner, Phil Roknich, Josh Dyal, Chadd Hartwig, Bob Melko and Jim Coyne.



From left to right: Phil Roknich, Volo Instructor in Charge; Ken Boyd, BraveHearts Board Member and President of UFCW Local 1546; Chadd Hartwig, President, Hartwig Plumbing & Heating; Business Manager Jim Coyne, Business Agent Pete Olson, Josh Dyal, Local 130 Apprentice; Bob Melko, owner of Bishop Plumbing and co-chair of the Local 130 JA; S. J. Peters, Executive Director, PCA; Joe Albergo, Retired Local 130 member; and Richard Wagner, Local 130 apprentice.

Reception Honoring Michael J. Madigan

Chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois

“A loyal friend to Plumbers Local 130 with Union ideology that embraces the fundamental principal of a day’s labor for a fair day’s wage.”

Jim Coyne

On September 15, 2015 the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago hosted a reception honoring Illinois Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan, I, and all the Local 130 Officers, attended as representatives of Plumbers Local 130 and we were pleased to see the banquet hall full to capacity. We are supporters of a political candidate who represents the working man and woman.



As you know, Governor Rauner “rejects” what a Union stands for and Speaker Madigan “backs” the individual’s right to good wages and benefits. The Union Building Trades can count on Michael J. Madigan who is not afraid of being pushed into a corner by the Governor and continues to defend our cause.

Plumbers Local 130 will host their annual “Bears Football Smoker political fundraiser at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium on October 18. Michael Madigan will pull the winning \$10,000.00 ticket for the 22nd consecutive year.

Archbishop Blase Cupich Speaks at Plumbers Local 130

“The organized Labor movement and the Catholic Church have shared family values built on dignity, solidarity and the common good.”

Jim Coyne

On September 17, 2015 Archbishop Cupich, Speaker of the Illinois House Michael Madigan, former Gov. Pat Quinn and Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez were welcomed at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium by Business Manager James F. Coyne, Plumbers Local 130’s officers, and members of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Archbishop Cupich said, “Coming here today seemed the most appropriate way to respond to you. Thank you President Jorge Ramirez for creating this opportunity to come together, and Business Manager James Coyne for opening this hall to us this morning.”

Archbishop Cupich made it clear that his aim is to build bridges and partnerships. Cupich will reach out to leaders of the labor movement to continue the proud tradition of collaboration

between Labor and the Church. Cupich criticized Rauner’s push for right-to-work laws in Illinois, without mentioning Rauner by name. He believes that history has shown that a society with a healthy, effective and responsible labor movement is a better place than one where other powerful economic interests take over and the rights of workers are diminished.

Coyne made it clear in his speech, that the quality of Local 130’s membership, the great size, and the loyalty to each other is what makes our Local strong and a respected voice in the construction piping industry and community. It has been proven countless times over the years through volunteer service work. Since 1991, we have participated in the program, “Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago’s National Rebuilding Day.” Many of you reading this article have helped to make a home safe and dry for the residents.

It was agreed by all who attended that a strong, respectful, effective and open relationship between Church and the Labor movement is good for LABOR, good for the CHURCH and good for CHICAGO.



Business Manager Jim Coyne welcoming Archbishop Cupich.



From left to right: Jorge Ramirez, President, Chicago Federation of Labor; Blasé Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; Business Manager Jim Coyne.



Lauren Corry-2015
St. Patrick's Day Queen

Looking for the New Parade Queen

James F. Coyne, General Chairman of the 2016 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 2016 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Entry Information

Any girl of Irish ancestry, never married, 18-28 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

Contest finals will be held Sunday, January 17, 2016, in the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

For more information see our website:

www.chicagostpatsparade.com

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE CHICAGO AREA PLUMBERS

City of Chicago Plumbing License Test

The next plumbing Practical License Test is
Saturday, December 5, 2015

- **Application Deadline:** November 6, 2015
- **Location:**
1400 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

For more information contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 17 | 7:00 p | Turkey Raffle,
Plumbers & Tech.
Engineers Meeting.....Chgo. |
| Dec. 7 | Noon | Retiree Luncheon.....Joliet |
| Dec. 8 | Noon | Retiree Luncheon.....Volo |
| Dec. 8 | 7:00 p | Monthly Plumbers
Meeting.....Volo |
| Dec. 9 | Noon | Retiree Luncheon.....Aurora |
| Dec. 10 | Noon | Retiree Luncheon.....Chgo. |
| Dec. 10 | 7:00 p | Technical Engineers
Union Meeting.....Chgo. |
| Jan. 17 | Noon | St. Patrick's Day
Queen Contest.....Chgo. |

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