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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

LOCAL 130 & Lead Service Line Replacement Program: **LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT!**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The third quarter of 2026 at Local 130 is underscored by continuous momentum, progress and innovation. Among our major initiatives, we are working with our Contractors and City of Chicago Dept. of Water Management officials to get the lead out. Local 130 is focused on providing our industry partners with the necessary skilled labor for the important Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program, an important effort to prioritize lead-safe cities. We are determined to meet the existing demand for Union plumbers to replace lead pipes throughout 17 counties in the Chicagoland area. At Local 130, we take tremendous pride in our work. We are actively investing in our culture, in our hands-on training, and in the future of our members.

This investment makes sense as there is a tremendous amount of work that lies ahead for our members with the LSLR Program. In the city of Chicago alone, there are approximately 400,000 lead services that require replacement by Local 130 Contractors and our members, and the forecast for the future is that there will be 25 to 30 years of work alone to replace the lead services with copper water lines in Chicago. It is worth mentioning that so far, this work has resulted in more than 82,000 man-hours, with much more to come.

We are proud of the ongoing work for this important initiative and will be ready to assist with all the work that still needs to be completed in the future. To keep this

synergy moving forward with our industry partners, we also hosted two successful LSLR Open Houses this past May in Chicago and Joliet with Local 130 Contractors, where they had the chance to network and see the important work and capabilities of our Local 130 members. The positive feedback we are receiving from our Contractors is not only gratifying; it tells us we are on the right track by training our members at our on-site facilities so they can do the complex work that needs to be done for this important project. (see pages 4-5).

In coordination with the Local 130 Joint Apprentice Committee, we had the foresight to create specialized training modules and add key service line replacement classes. We are committed to providing our Signatory Contractors with the best skilled professionals in the Chicagoland area to work efficiently and accurately for this work that goes a long way to ensure the health of the public.

On that note, training our journeypersons and apprentices continues to be a top priority. So we are pleased to report that 158 apprentices started going through the Local 130 Apprenticeship Program this past May. We wish them great success as they begin their career learning the important work of our Plumbing trade. We also want to welcome Local 130 member Gavin Bristol in his new role as our new full-time Instructor at Volo.

In other news, regarding the Plumbers Pension Fund, I am proud to report that our return on our investment is 18.6% and

we are fast approaching \$2 billion in assets. This is all great news for our entire Local 130 membership, whether you are retired or an active member.

The future is looking bright for our Local 130 membership on all fronts. We take pride in the strength and flexibility of our partnerships which is highlighted by the important work we are doing each and every day. The LSLR Program is a good example of that and continues to be a top priority for Local 130. We remain committed to supporting our contractors who, in turn provide our members with the opportunities to work on such important projects as the LSLR and at the same time build their careers and support their families. Local 130 prioritizes providing good-paying jobs, top-notch health care plans, and retirement benefits for our membership. With our innovative approach to get the job done professionally, together we will continue to SUCCEED and THRIVE. Stay healthy and be safe!

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne

2026 NABTU U.S. Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

Business Manager James F. Coyne and Local 130 Officers joined UA General President Mark McManus and other Union Officials at the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) 2026 U.S. Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. on April 19-22. Thousands of union leaders, industry executives, and bipartisan elected officials convened at this Conference for high-level discussions regarding the future of America's construction workforce, energy development, and infrastructure investment.



Pictured L-R: Local 130 Officers Jim Mansfield, Bill Wilkens, Pete Olson, UA General President Mark McManus, Local 130 Business Manager James Coyne and Local 130 Organizer Alberto Garcia

Local 130 Retirees Enjoy Breakfast Event at Volo in May

Business Manager James F. Coyne and Local 130 Officers were pleased to host a Retirees Breakfast on May 6th in Volo. The Retirees and their spouses really enjoyed starting their day at this Quarterly Breakfast event.

Local 130 Retiree Mark Brown also shared his experience interacting with the Union Wellness Center in Crystal Lake at the Retirees Breakfast. He said, "They welcomed me with open arms. The Physical Therapy team at the Union Wellness Center in Crystal Lake was very welcoming. Jenna and Alecia were great resources. They gave me important information and made PT recommendations that could potentially make my life easier in the future. I am definitely planning to make an appointment at UWC in the coming months!"



Pictured L-R: UWC Dir. Of Operations Tim Nenoff, Business Manager James Coyne, Marilyn Brown, Retiree Mark Brown, UWC Crystal Lake Practice Manager/RN Jenna Wood and Physical Therapist Alecia Grounds and Business Representative Pete Olson.



Pictured L-R: Nancy & Gary Schultze



Pictured L-R: Peter Dini & Carmine Sorrentino

2nd Annual Sopel Foundation Hockey with the Stars Tournament



Local 130 enjoyed a wonderful day of hockey with purpose on May 16th at the 2nd Annual Sopel Foundation Hockey with the Stars Tournament with Plumbers Local 130 Nation and Plumbers Local 130 Health Teams participating in the event.

Business Manager James Coyne along with Plumbers Local 130 membership, joined Sopel Foundation Founder Brent Sopel and other Chicagoland Union members, for this 2nd annual charity hockey game in support of Dyslexia and ADHD awareness at the Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park.

Brent Sopel, a former NHL player and Stanley Cup Champion, commented on the Tournament, "It was a fabulous day. The rink was full. Haven't seen that many smiles in one place. This event was a great draw with the two teams. It made me smile!"

Jillian Lipa (2nd year Local 130 Technical Engineering Apprentice), also shared her exciting experience playing in the Hockey Tournament, "I was proud to represent my Union while supporting the Brent Sopel Foundation. As the only woman competing in the tournament, having such welcoming and encouraging teammates made the experience that much better. I embraced the challenge, and when the opportunity came on a penalty shot, I buried it. A memory that will stay with me forever. Can't wait for next year!"



Pictured: Jillian Lipa, DLZ Industrial



Pictured on Left: Andrew Dalbis, O'Sullivan Plumbing

The Sopel Foundation, a non-profit organization, aims to improve the lives of those with dyslexia and help them to achieve their full potential. Local 130 was proud to support this special event.



Pictured L-R: Pat Kerrigan, F. J. Kerrigan Plumbing and Business Manager James Coyne

Local 130 Hosts 2 Successful LSLR Open Houses in Chicago and Joliet in May

Business Manager James Coyne and Local 130 officers hosted two successful LSLR Open Houses this past Spring. The events were held in Chicago on May 7 and in Joliet on May 21. Our Local 130 Contractors had the opportunity to network as well as to see the first-hand the important training that is taking place at Local 130.

“We are very focused on meeting the demand for the skilled Union Plumbing labor that is needed for the LSLR program,” said James Coyne. “We take tremendous pride in our work and we are actively investing in our culture, in our training and in the future of our members and this Local,” he added.

Mike Tierney, Local 130 Business Representative, said, “Our two LSLR Open Houses in Chicago and Joliet were both great successes in May. We were able to engage with our contractors, providing a professional and open forum for them to network amongst themselves in a non-competitive setting and at the same time we were able to showcase the skills of our Local 130 men and women. It was a win-win for everyone.”



Pictured L-R: Business Manager James Coyne, Elda & Mike Mannion, Owners of Garces Contractors, LLC



Joel Vieyra, First Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Dept. of Water Management





2026 Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to once again provide scholarships to the children of our Local 130 membership! We offer our congratulations to the four recent high school graduates who are the recipients of this year's Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarships. These scholarship recipients were announced at our Local 130 June 2026 meeting. Their parents were also proudly in attendance for this special recognition. Best wishes from Local 130 to the 2026 Scholarship Recipients.



Pictured L-R: Business Manager James Coyne, Anna Gunka, Emma Dempsey, Christopher Jensen, Patrick Moroney (not pictured)

1st PLACE WINNERS - \$2,500.00

Emma Dempsey

*Daughter of Scott Dempsey
Ewing-Doherty Mechanical, Inc.*

Patrick Moroney

*Son of Richard Moroney, Jr.
Hilton Hotels Corporation*

2nd PLACE WINNERS - \$1,500.00

Anna Gunka

*Daughter of Andrew Gunka
A & H Plumbing & Heating Co, Inc.*

Christopher Jensen

*Son of David Jensen
University of Illinois*

June 9th Union Meeting and Patio Party at the Local 130 Plumbers Hall

Business Manager James Coyne spoke to the membership at the June 9th Union meeting. Following the meeting, IL Governor JB Pritzker and IL Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias joined James Coyne as well as other Local 130 Officers and hundreds of members, including Tech engineers, apprentices and guests for the Patio Party that took place in the outdoor area adjacent to Plumbers Hall.

The event included delicious food prepared by Local 130 Officers, refreshments and giveaways provided by Country Financial, Union Wellness Centers and Union Eyes. Dave Henry, Local 130 member, was also the DJ for the event. We also thank 2026 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Claire Cahill and her Court for attending this event! A great time was had by all at this annual Local 130 outdoor event!



Pictured L-R: Business Manager James Coyne, Local 130 Staff Alice Tallman, Stacey Franzen, Gov. JB Pritzker, Local 130 Staff Rachael Picur, Lisa Oakes, Nikki Oakes and Recording Secretary Pat McCarthy



Pictured L-R: Colleen Kelch, IL Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, 2026 Queen Claire Cahill, Business Manager Jim Coyne, Kathleen Sullivan, Mary Dillon and Elizabeth Laffey

JAC Apprentice Contest Winners at June 9th Local 130 Union Meeting



The winners of the 34th Annual Plumbers Local 130 UA JAC 3rd Yr. Apprentice Contest Winners: Quinn P. Gainer, Great Lakes Plbg. & Htg., (1st Place), Robert A. Suwalski, F.J. Kerrigan Plumbing (2nd Place) and Anthony F. Pena, Prairie Piping, Inc. (3rd Place) were in attendance at the June 9th Union Meeting.

A special thanks goes out to Local 130 Contractors Justin Treutelaar, Great Lakes Plbg. & Htg., Mike Kerrigan, F.J. Kerrigan, and John Hanson, Prairie Piping, Inc. for coming out to the Meeting and supporting their employees (Local 130 members) who won the JAC 3rd Year Apprentice Contest this summer.

Union Eyes: A Message from Dr. Michael Nelson

As plumbers, you know that a small drip or minor leak can sometimes point to a much bigger problem hidden behind the walls. While a quick patch may seem to solve the issue, it doesn't always address the underlying cause.

Eye care is much the same.

Many people assume that if they can buy a pair of over-the-counter reading glasses or wait for a symptom to go away, then the problem is solved. While that may occasionally be true, sometimes what appears to be a minor issue can be the first sign of a serious eye condition.

I recently experienced this firsthand with a member of Plumbers Local 130.

He had stopped by to pick up a new pair of glasses when he casually mentioned that he had been noticing flashing lights in his vision. "What causes those?" he asked.

Flashing lights can have many causes. Sometimes they are harmless. Other times, they can be an early warning sign of a vision-threatening retinal tear or retinal detachment.

Recognizing the potential urgency, I examined him that day and discovered multiple retinal tears. He was immediately referred to a retinal specialist, where prompt treatment helped prevent what could have become permanent vision loss.

Just as licensed plumbers have the training to identify hidden problems before they become costly disasters, licensed eye care professionals are trained to detect eye diseases and conditions long before they begin affecting your vision.

Clear vision is something many of us take for granted until it begins to change. Annual comprehensive eye exams, along with prompt evaluation of new symptoms such as flashes, floaters, sudden blurry vision, or vision loss, can make all the difference in protecting your sight.

Sometimes, looking beyond the surface is exactly what saves the day. Call 312-888-9999 or visit www.unioneyes.com to schedule your appointment.

Complete your Annual Physical for a chance to win!

Complete a physical exam before September 30th* for a chance to win one of eight \$100 Gift Cards!



Annual physical appointment

At an annual physical, your UWC provider will ask you health-related questions, perform a complete exam to catch minor issues before they become problematic (i.e. cancers, heart disease, infections) and offer guidance to improve your overall health.

- Review behaviors and risk factors
- Review your medical and family history
- Check your temperature, blood pressure, heart rate and respiration rate
- Perform physical examinations (includes, but not limited to, your lungs, neck, abdomen)
- Order additional laboratory testing (if applicable)
- Make referrals to see a specialist (if applicable) or for imaging

Once you complete your exam, your care team will work with you to develop a health plan tailored to your needs and healthcare journey.

*Individuals who have completed their annual physical earlier in 2026 will be eligible to win the gift cards

Three individuals who complete each quarterly Health Challenge will have a chance to win \$250, \$500, or \$1000!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNION MEETINGS

July & August – No Meetings
September 8th (Plumbers)
September 10th (Tech Eng.)

RETIREEES EVENTS

August 27th Breakfast (Joliet)
September 10th – Architectural Boat Tour
November 5th Breakfast (Warrenville)
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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	October 7, 2026*	August 26, 2026	PRACTICAL	September 5, 2026*	August 14, 2026
			PRACTICAL	December 5, 2026*	November 13, 2026

Note: See additional information on Plumbers Local 130 website: www.ualocal130.org under "Training."

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