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Dear Members,

First and foremost, I would like to thank Business Manager James Coyne, Local 130, and all the sponsors that were at the product show. We had over twenty sponsors, and all kinds of food and refreshments were served. Door prizes were donated by our sponsors. Another thank you goes to A.S.S.E. Director Scott Hamilton and to his crew; Benjamin Ryan and Marianne Waickman. It was great to have you on board with us that night. The show was an educational experience and fun was had by all!

At a recent Plumbing Inspector’s meeting an inspector told me that another inspector told him an apprentice was asking where in the code book he could find what an appurtenance was. I knew in my head it was something in a plumbing system that didn’t make a demand on the water supply, or put a load on the drainage system. I looked in the code book under definitions for words that started with the letter “A” and had no luck. I knew it was in the code book because I read it in there before. I grabbed my Webster’s dictionary and success! It stated something that goes with another thing, or an accessory. The first chance I had, I started looking in the code-book again for my word. It appeared in the definition for the word “safe pan”, and in the definition of a couple other words, but still didn’t spell out exactly what an appurtenance was. I found “plumbing appliance” and turned the page and found my word. It was plumbing appurtenance. This is what it states: An accessory or device used in a plumbing system which demands no additional water supply, nor adds any discharge load to a fixture or the drainage system. Plumbing appurtenances shall include instrument, gauges, relief valves limit switches, backflow assemblies, solenoids valves, and devices between solenoid valves. There you have it Mr. Apprentice and Mr. Plumbing Inspector; sometimes you have to dig down to the bottom of your bag of tricks to find what you’re looking for! Study your code book and you will be smart and then you will have the answer next time.

On behalf of our association I wish Gary Howard a happy retirement for many years of dedication to our trade. Furthermore I wish a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays to all.

Sincerely, Michael McGaughan
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John Bojan visiting the Thomas Higgins booth

John Murphy and Mike pull raffle tickets
Kyle Schmidt of Milwaukee Tools

Marianne Waikman, Ben Ryan, Scott Hamilton and Mike McGaughan

Mike Ponx (R) at the Metropolitan Pump exhibit

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