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Since the last Blue Light report, the United States and the Caribbean have been hit by three major hurricanes. It's so sad to drive down the roads and see so many families' homes flooded or destroyed and all their belongings piled up on the roads and streets. These hurricanes didn't discriminate against anyone whether rich or poor. If you live on the Gulf Coast or Florida, you know what I am talking about. If that wasn't enough tragedy for this country, now we have a massacre in Las Vegas. We need to pray for the victims of these unforeseen tragedies. If you are a victim of one of these circumstances, please contact the Business Agent in your area or Local Union 798 for help.

If you did not attend the Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH, at Lincoln Electric's facility, you missed something great. Lincoln Electric went all out as our host. Special thanks to Matt Fleming and Lisa Byall for their hard work and compassion for 798. Thanks to all the members and families who took their day off to drive over and spend the day. Wow! What a turn out.

Our trustees for our pension, Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Grant Sample, hit another grand slam with our pension increase. Thanks to them and the trustees on the contractor's side, it's great to be a Union Pipeliner. With all the work coming up in the future, it isn't over yet.

I would like to welcome the new officers and staff: Justin Hornback, Jerry Dale Crabtree, Ed Coker, Chad Williams, Steve Birgy, and Justin Wallace.

A lot of rumors are going around about work in Texas. As of this writing, we don't have any signed contracts, but our contractors are bidding a lot of work, anywhere from 42" down to 12". Several large projects are going out for bid that will start in West Texas and go to the Gulf Coast. If any of these projects are awarded to fair contractors, it will probably be 2018 before construction begins.

Thanksgiving is almost here. I hope everyone has a *Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving*, and also a very *Merry Christmas*.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

US Pipeline, Inc.:

Houston, TX. CRC Run 42", 36", 20" & 16" weld procedures for Dominion Energy (Atlantic Coast Pipeline). Superintendent: Justin Dunn. Welder

Foreman: Carroll Morris. Working 6-10s. Started 10-3-17. Approx.  
Completion 11-3-17.