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Brothers and Sisters, get ready to rumble. Unless the sky falls in, we are on the edge of pipelining history. Both Pipeliners Local Union 798 and our membership are expected to set man-hour records in 2018. And while it is a fact that our fortunes have multiplied since 2008, the best is yet to come. Local 798 has become the “Billion Dollar” Local, thanks to incredible leadership, dedicated and skilled members, megaprojects, and man-hours. A successful organization must have a plan, and Pipeliners Local Union 798 is no different. Led by Business Manager Hendrix and Financial Secretary-Treasurer Pilgreen, Local 798 has grown to become the distinct leader in the pipeline industry. While their work is visionary, we must support them at every turn in the road. In union, there is strength.

By the time this report reaches your mailbox, Dale Crabtree will be onboard as the newest Business Representative of Local 798. Brother Crabtree has been selected to oversee the states of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Dale will do an incredible job, and I wish him (and his family) Godspeed. He and I will travel together until I officially retire on December 31, 2017.

Future pipeline construction in the South certainly won't resemble the spring of 2017, but we do have some nice jobs on the books for early 2018. Air Liquids Corporation is planning some heavy wall 12” near St. James, Louisiana. American Midstream Pipeline Company will build 45 miles of 16” in Alabama. CenterPoint Energy plans to construct a 12” lateral at Lafayette, Louisiana. Driftwood LNG has 98 miles of 42” and 36” on the books near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Commonwealth Gas will lay four miles of 30” near Cameron, Louisiana. Florida Power & Light will lay five miles of 30” near Okeechobee, Florida. Southern Natural Gas will construct 6.5 miles of 30” near Atlanta, Georgia. This SONAT project will include the purchase of an existing pipeline grid and undetermined anomalies. The project has also garnered the attention of the non-union sector.

This will be my last Blue Light report to the membership of Local 798. I have experienced an incredible journey and a GOD-sent career. While I don't know what my future holds, this much is certain. I'm not going home; I am home.

Remember, this is your Local. We work for you. Call me if there's anything I can assist you with.

Pre-Jobs:

Appalachian Pipeline:

Mooreville, NC. 7 miles of 8" for SCANNA. Mainline rates, working 6-10s, Rig.