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The 2018 Steward School proved to be another successful event, as always. Your Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Justin Wallace, and the Local 798 office staff, put together another great presentation to inform 798 members and guests about the National Pipeline Agreement that we work and live by. Thanks to our United Association guests, Pipeline Director David Barnett and Executive Vice President Jim Moss for their friendly words of wisdom from the UA. These guys are Pipeline leaders and for the past 12 years have played a big role in guiding Local 798 to the success we enjoy today. This Local and its members are truly blessed.

A lot of our members have been working through the winter months and were unable to attend the Steward School. The 2017-18 winter has been a tough one with record low temperatures, snow, and rain, but you have stayed the course to man these jobs in miserable conditions. It's hard to stay the course with short checks, but every waiting-time day makes the job last one day longer. The sunshine is coming soon, and these projects will start working a lot of hours to make up the lost time. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to man these jobs. That's what real Pipeliners do.

Thanks goes out to our sponsors for their friendship and for the dedication to our Local. Thank you for all you do for this Local and the pipeline industry. The Lincoln Electric BBQ and the Miller crawfish and shrimp boil were great. Farron Hollabaugh and the Training Center staff did a fantastic job once again. These guys and gals sacrifice their time and work hard so you can enjoy the food and fun. Thanks for all you do. I can't say enough about our Ladies of 798 for their hard work and dedication. It's not just the Charity Basket Auction. These ladies don't limit themselves to one event a year. They are everywhere we have jobs, supporting the communities we work in, to show we are good family people that have a job to do for this country. Thanks ladies, we couldn't do it without you.

The work in my area has been going since January with Maintenance and Integrity replacement work. These jobs don't put a lot of people to work, but these are good jobs that will work our members for many years to come. Almost every gas and oil company in my area have gone to the In-Service Welding Test with low hydrogen welding process. The long-term future of our Local will be maintenance work. The Keystone XL and the Line 3 Replacement looks like HDD's and swamp lay for this coming winter and mainline lay for 2019.

We have worked hard on getting permits for the last few years, and it looks like we have won these two battles for next year's jobs. We still need your help to advocate for your future jobs. Get involved in your Action Network. Let your voice and your family's voice be heard by the politicians who hold up your future jobs by listening to the enemies of pipeline, the groups that we fight every day. We need your help. Get involved!

God Bless you and keep you safe in your travels and on the right of way.