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The 2018 work season has started already, and this year will be another busy one for everyone. The mainline work will again be in the Northeast to get the Marcellus and Utica Shale Natural Gas out of the gas fields to be distributed to American homes and businesses. Natural gas will be the product that keeps our members working for many years to come.

The ten-state jurisdiction that I cover, from Arkansas straight north to the Canadian border, will not be any different than it has been for several years. The work will consist of upgrades and maintenance of pipelines and stations that have been in service far too long and need to be updated to PHMSA and DOT Safety regulations. The Keystone XL and the Line 3 Replacement projects are still alive. I think by the end of 2018, both projects will be permitted and ready to lay pipe in 2019. I hate politics, but the current administration seems to be energy construction friendly, and I can't help but think these permits will be granted. The economy is good, the 401(k) is doing great, and the pipeline work will be wide open when the weather breaks. It's a great time to be a Pipeliner.

Your Local is in good shape and the envy of the entire United Association. We have been blessed with work since the 2007 boom. Business Manager Danny Hendrix, with the help of Jim Moss, David Barnett, Wade Pilgreen, and you, the membership, has stayed the course with a great plan that has worked very well and will keep your Local going forward for years ahead. Danny and Wade's latest plan to bring in Justin Wallace to replace Wade as Financial Secretary-Treasurer after Wade's retirement took a lot of thought. I am very proud of Justin for stepping up to help Danny keep this Local moving forward, serving the membership of this great Local with honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic. Wade and Danny modeled a team effort for Justin when training him for his new position. This teamwork helps ensure the Local remains solvent and the membership well represented.

Congratulations Justin Wallace, keep up the hard work. Your mother and I, along with your entire family and 798 family, are proud of you.

The 2018 Steward School will be here before you know it and I am looking forward to seeing everyone who can come. Every year it seems to get better so make plans to come and meet new friends and enjoy the fellowship it brings.

Pre-Jobs:

Southern Pipeline:

-Cushing, OK. 3,900 ft. of 12" and Station work for Magellan. Superintendent: Arron Gossett.
Welder Foreman: Anthony Webster. Steward: Rodger Hastings.

Minnesota Limited:

-Salisbury, MO. Station Work and Interconnects for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Kuznia.
Welder Foreman: Dan Thompson. Steward: Bradley Mudd.
-Cushing, OK. 36" Tank Line Replacement for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Duane Carlson.
Welder Foreman: Mike Boyett. Steward: Ed Bohannon.

Wayne Holden Company:

-Cove Arkansas, 17,410 ft. of 6" for Center Point Energy. Superintendent: Wayne Holden. Job
Steward: Kevin Perkins.

United Piping Inc.:

-Bena, MN. 3,700 ft. of 48" Nushka Lake Line Replacement for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent:
Joel Bailer. Welder Foreman: Cory Hiller. Steward: Cory Schwartz.