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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to begin with a huge "thank you" to the membership for the letters written concerning the DOT regulations on welding rigs. Also, a huge thanks to everyone including UA General President Billy Hite, Russ Breckinridge, Tom Gross, David Barnett, Mike Mikich, Ellen Boardman, and Scott Sedorf. With this dream team of people working on this issue from all angles, **798 members generating over 2200 letters** and then backing it up with phone calls to Senators and Congressman, **we rewrote the law.** Without a doubt, this is one of the biggest accomplishments that Pipeliners 798, along with help from the UA, have been able to achieve. Without the change in the law, our industry would have had to change for the worse. **If you have any issues with a DOT Enforcement Officer, please be courteous and professional, and then immediately contact Pipeliners 798 for assistance.**

As of this writing, Wade Pilgreen, Black Schroeder, Ronnie Hill and myself, along with our spouses, are headed to the Precision job in Crockett, Texas. While we are there, the Ladies of 798 have organized a toy/food drive for the Crockett community on Thursday evening for families in need. **I'm very proud of the work these ladies do to promote Pipeliners 798, and to build lasting relationships in the areas where we work.** Look for updates and pics on their website.

The 2016 Steward School is just around the corner and I urge each of you to make plans to attend this annual event if possible. The discussions and interpretations of our national pipeline agreement are what help promote harmony and protect our working conditions on the r-o-w, but there is so much more to be shared. The whole week is like a family reunion, with a carnival atmosphere to be enjoyed by all. With lots of fun, food, prizes, entertainment, and some education thrown in for good measure, **Tulsa is the place to be in April!** Historically, our primary focus has always been just the National Pipeline Agreement, but I have decided to try a complete makeover of what we have presented in the past. **This year we will be discussing how the local functions, and all the great resources and benefits that are available.** We are currently working on a handbook for the membership which will serve as a guide to all members. Hopefully when you leave this year's event you will be armed with the best and latest information concerning this great organization to which you belong. I also believe you will be amazed at everything Pipeliners 798, the training center, benefit programs, Voluntary Fund and Ladies of 798 are doing for you and your families. **Pipeliners 798 Steward School is the largest UA attended event in the United States and Canada, with only one exception and that is the UA National Convention.** That should say something for your commitment to your local and to the pipeline industry that you work in. If you have never been to the Steward School, now is the time to commit.

I would also like to invite you to include your spouse when you travel to the Steward School. The Ladies of 798 have a great charitable organization! They have a website and newsletter, the *Pink Light*, which is a great way to stay connected. They do volunteer work throughout the year, and their mission is simply to provide good works, whether at home or in a community while on a pipeline job. I encourage you to explore what these ladies are doing to promote the public image of workers in the pipeline industry. Take a few minutes and go to their website www.ladiesof798.org. You will be proud and grateful that you did. And by the way, you don't have to be a female to join; many supporters who have joined are men, including myself. We are all Pipeliners 798.

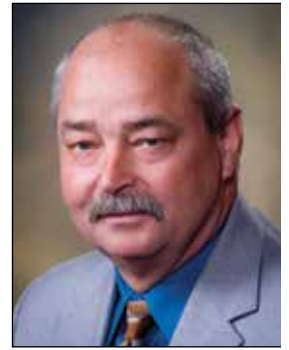
By the time you receive this report, 2015 will be not only a memory, but a very good year for our members. We finished up the year with close to 7 million man hours. The future work for 2016 through 2018 looks to be even stronger and more robust. Most all of the larger projects are experiencing the same push back from environmental groups that oppose the use of any type of fossil fuels. Please remember, when called upon to write a letter, go to a meeting, or make a phone call, please follow through! And remember that our goal is not to tear down those with opposing views, but to listen and present our case for why pipelines provide the safest and cleanest way to transport our nation's oil and gas. We are only united when we all pull in the same direction; the results can be astonishing.

I pray that each of you and your families had a blessed Holiday Season and look forward to a prosperous New Year. As always I am proud to say **"I work for you, the finest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager





Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to begin my comments today by wishing everyone a blessed and Happy New Year! Our industry as a whole has been fortunate with the amount of work we have experienced over the last several years, and I am hopeful this trend will continue well into the future.

I am sure most of you are aware of the battle we have been waging with the Department of Transportation over the compliance issues with DOT numbers on our welding rigs, inspection of our vehicles, and the numerous fees we were required to pay. I am excited to announce with the signing of the new law dubbed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or the FAST Act, the exemption for our welding rigs was approved because our legislation was included in this bill. First and foremost, I would like to thank UA President Bill Hite for his support and vision for believing this legislation could be passed and allowing his staff to move forward with this issue. I would like to thank the UA and PLCA leadership for their tireless efforts on our behalf, especially the UA pipeline department and the legal staff. I would like to personally thank David Barnett for the countless hours he dedicated to this issue. I would also like to include a special thanks to the UA counsels, Ellen Boardman and Scott Seedorf. I would like to commend UA Executive Vice President Rick Terven and UA Legislative and political lobbyist Russ Breckenridge for the numerous hours spent on Capitol Hill working diligently on our behalf to ensure our amendment was included in this bill which led to the approval of our exemption. This is a historic moment for Pipeliners 798 because it demonstrates what can be accomplished when unions and contractors engage in the political process. This legislation is a prime example of why it is so important to continue to support the UA with our political contributions as it helps to fund our political causes.

I want to personally thank all the members who wrote letters or made phone calls to members of congress in support of this legislation. Again, it proves what we can accomplish when we show a united front to our legislative leaders. Your participation as a member of Pipeliners 798 is vitally important to our continued efforts to make our voices heard in Washington as we join together to combat the environmental movement that is working to stop all fossil fuel progress. As we begin to have these projects awarded to us, the work does not stop there; in fact, it is only the beginning. We need to realize the industry is following our lead, and we need to have a competent and professional workforce in the field. It is ultimately up to you to ensure your skillset is what the clients and the contractors are requiring. We have unique skills, and we should take pride in our work every day we step on the right of way. We need to remember, our 66 year history is built on a reputation of quality and integrity, both of our people and our weld.

I want to congratulate all the members who were recently elected to represent Pipeliners 798 as delegates to the UA Convention to be held next year in San Diego. This is quite an honor to be selected to represent our great local. I want to give a special thanks to the members of the election committee: Chairman Chris Waeckerle, Secretary Kent Jewell, and Glen Lewis for an excellent job during this election process.

As the New Year begins, we are already making plans for Steward School 2016. I am excited about Steward School this year because we are making format changes in an effort to meet the needs of our membership. Of course the contract will still be a focus, but Danny and I feel we need to direct our attention to the daily tasks of the Job Steward and educating our members about their rights and responsibilities that come with being a member of Pipeliners 798. In addition, we are in the process of writing a handbook that we hope will become a valuable resource tool in the field. Our plans are to review this handbook with you during the week of Steward School. Once again, a representative from Dave Ramsey will be in attendance to discuss financial planning for the future. In addition, we will also have representatives from Trust Company of Oklahoma available to answer questions about your 401k plans. As always, Bob Kime and his excellent staff will have a presentation and question and answer session regarding topics dealing with our health care and benefit packages. So be sure to make plans to be in attendance to these newly formatted sessions.

As usual, the George Lambert/Harry Faucett Scholarship Tournament will be held Monday, April 4, 2016 at Forest Ridge Golf Course with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. Prior to the start of the tournament Dan Boever, a professional trick shot artist and long drive champion, will have a performance that is sure to entertain all. The proceeds from this tournament, along with donations made from our vendors, help fund our scholarship program. Each year, this program awards ten scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each and one scholarship in the amount of \$7,500 to the highest ranking applicants.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve this great local. If there is any way I can assist you throughout the year do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wade Pilgreen

Financial Secretary-Treasurer



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DARRELL TURNER

AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC

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As Pipeliners we come from many different backgrounds, and our personalities are as diverse as our jurisdiction. But we are tightly knit around the belief that in unity there is strength. Pipeliners Union 798 was created in 1949 (by working people) to provide stability and uniformity to an "anything goes" industry. 66 years later, Local 798 could not be more prevalent. Our wages are among the highest in America. Our health care is second to none, and our pension will provide us security when we lay down our tools. Our union's vision of a decent living and a decent life for every member has never been clearer than it is today. Yes, our blessings are many as we end this work year and look ahead to 2016. Thank you Pipeliners Union 798 for being there for us...

Our work season is winding down in the south. Of course I have a couple of jobs that will go through the winter, but most of my work is going to be summer 2016 start. The Louisiana project for Price/Gregory never got off the ground as anticipated. It is going to be a 2016 job and anybody's guess as to kickoff.

2016 promises several other mega projects in my jurisdiction. Work is either awarded or in the bid process in every state in my jurisdiction. So this is the deal. Tune those welding machines. Add Freon to your rig's air conditioner. See Farron Hollabaugh and his crew if you need to hone your welding skills, because the most proficient welding instructors in the UA are as close as our Training Center.

TJ Construction has some 8" Fabrication that will be completed before you read this report. Steward, Wesley Taylor.

Please call me if there is anything I can do for you.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Roll Tide.



BLACK SCHROEDER

TX

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It is a great honor to be elected to the 39th UA Convention, and will be an even greater honor to serve the 798 membership as one of your delegates. I would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who stepped up and voted. Also thank you to everyone who ran for the UA Convention; without participation we could not have a union. If you did not get elected to the convention please do not look down on yourself. Hold your head high because without members like you, a local union would die. Remember you are the back bone of this great organization, and also one of the 1,609 members who took the time to vote in this important election.

After attending the December staff meeting and regular membership meeting, it was very rewarding to find out about the DOT welding rig deal. It was a long fought battle and everyone involved really needs to be commended, including our Welder



members who sent in letters and made phone calls. This was a great accomplishment. Danny, Wade, David, & the UA staff put a lot of hard work and dedication into this, but the reward was astronomical.

In my area there are still several good projects up for grabs to go in the spring. Hopefully some of our contractors will be successful in their bidding.

Now is the time to make your reservations to attend the 2016 Steward School coming up in April. From what I understand there will be a whole new format that you won't want to miss, especially if you are planning on being a Steward or Welder Foreman.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and that you will also have a prosperous 2016 work season. Please work safe and stay healthy. If I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

Bexar Pipeline & Utility Services:

San Antonio, TX. 13,000' of 8" Relocation for Gray Forest. Superintendent, Woodrow Bratcher. Special Agreement. Started 12-15-15. Completion, 12-30-15.

Latex Construction:

Conroe, TX. RMS Shop Tec Training. Superintendent, Mitchell Elliott. Welder Foreman Mitchell Elliott Jr. Working 4-10's. Completion, 12-17-15.

Precision Pipeline LLC:

Crockett, TX. 130 miles of 30" mainline for ETC (Lone Star Express spreads 5 & 6). Superintendent, Jake Breunig. Welder Foreman, Raymond Johnson. Working 6-10's. 85% of mainline rates. Completion, 4-1-15.

RICK TAYLOR

CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

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Another year has come to pass. It was a decent year with close to seven million man hours worked in the pipeline industry. The Rover Pipeline in Ohio and West Virginia has been pushed back a year. Some of the bigger projects in the Northeast are still awaiting permits and with the other work coming out for 2016, it should be a very good year.

The December meeting was well attended. It is always good to see so many members take the time to travel to Tulsa for the regular Membership meetings and to support their Union. I would like to thank those who took the time to vote for Local 798 representatives for the UA Convention. Voting is one of the strongest strengths we have when it comes to the running of our Union and our Nation.

There is something I would like to address and that is the Chain of Command while on the job. If a problem arises that you need help with, first go to your Welder Foreman. If you are not satisfied, your next step is to go to your Job Steward. Most problems on the job should be resolved using these two steps. If for some reason you are not satisfied, your next step is your Business Agent. Do not wait until the job is over to bring up issues that could have been resolved while the job is going on. Always remember, safety is your first priority.

I want to wish all my Brothers and Sisters, co-workers, contractors, and 798 office staff the Best year possible.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call. **As Always: Be Safe! Be Proud! Be Union!**

Pre-Jobs

Alex E. Paris Construction Company, Inc.:

- Waynesburg, PA. 2.8 miles of 16" new lay for Pennsylvania Land Resources. Superintendent, Nick Wilson. Welder Foreman, Brian Lloyd. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

- Washington, PA. 2.6 miles of 20" pipe, new lay for Markwest Energy. Superintendent, Andrew Cilia. Welder Foreman, Les Stevenson. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

InfraSource Construction, LLC.:

York, PA. 10,500' of 12" steel pipeline replacement for NiSource Distribution Columbia Gas. Superintendent, Dale Bloom. Welder Foreman, Jody Kimbell. Special Agreement Rates. Working 6-10's.

Mid-Ohio Contracting, Inc.:

Washington, PA. 9,500' of 12" gathering lines for EQT. Superintendent, Ted Waller. Welder Foreman, Adam Kandle. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

Midwestern Pipeline Services, Inc.:

Steelton, PA. Double jointing 36", 83 miles for DuraBond Pipe/Columbia Gas. Superintendent, Charles Goolsby. Welder Foreman, Larry Rhodes. Mainline Rates. Working 5-12's.

Otis Eastern Services, LLC.:

- Moundsville, WV. 12" and 8" interconnects for Williams OVV. Superintendent,



Earl McDonald. Welder Foreman, Ryan Copley. Integrity Management and Maintenance Work. Working 6-10's.
- Smedtport, PA. 35,000' of 12" New Lay for National Fuel. Superintendent, Karl Niedermaier. Welder Foreman, Roy Dry. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Pete Gould & Sons, Inc.:

West Union, WV. Phase 2: 9,600' of 12" new lay for EQT Corporation.
Superintendent, James Gould. Welder Foreman, John Starkey. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

Precision Pipeline, LLC.:

Canton, PA. Fabrication for Regency. Superintendent, Ronnie Michalkovich.
Welder Foreman, Dave Marsh. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Quest Construction, Inc.:

Proctor, WV. Regulation setting 800' of 8" - 12" regulator skid for Blue Racer Midstream. Superintendent, Barry Snyder. Welder Foreman, Gary Chambers. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

CHAD GILBERT

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY

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I would like to start my report by thanking everyone who ran in the U.A Convention Delegate Election. I am sure those elected will serve the membership of Local Union 798 admirably. I want to personally thank all those who exercised their right and duty to vote. It is a privilege to be able to vote as our conscience dictates, and every opportunity to vote gives you a voice in the outcome of decisions that could affect your livelihood.

We continue to observe Sterling Construction, in Colorado, building the Saddlehorn Pipeline. After our observations, we have several concerns. We feel the gas company lacks concern for the high repair rates and public safety on this job. We have communicated with a number of Helpers who are only making \$12 an hour and are not getting per-diem on days the contractor has chosen not to work. As you know, workers receive no healthcare or retirement benefits on this project. Some of the Helpers have to stay four to a room just to make ends meet and send a little money home to their wives and kids.

Contractors who have this type of UNFAIR wages and working conditions bring down the Pipeline Industry. Our fight must be to stabilize wages and make sure safety and quality are at the forefront of pipeline construction. If you believe these types of projects do not affect you, your scale, and your benefits you are kidding yourself. If we do not stand up and protest UNFAIR wages and conditions, no one will. It is our responsibility to help organize and confront these UNFAIR contractors. Let us make 2016 the year Local 798 stands up for the workers less fortunate than us.

Michels Construction has opened a regional office in Colorado and has already picked up a small maintenance job for Kern River Gas. Hopefully we will see more of this work coming in the West as we are currently seeing the slowing of big pipe jobs. As I have reported before, maintenance and pipeline integrity is 798's future. I have placed a few hands with Building Trades Jobs through our sister locals. These jobs are not rig jobs and the scale is much lower than ours, but they are union jobs that pay benefits. If you are interested in Building Trades jobs, you need to be very proficient at TIG and low hydrogen. The Local's Training Center has the ability to test for UA Certs, and teach TIG and low hydrogen welding. I would urge everyone to learn these skills and take advantage of the Building Trade jobs when they are available.

If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

New Pre Job:

Michels:

Utah and Nevada. Integrity & Maintenance for Kern River Gas. Superintendent, Mike Liimatainen. Steward, Abraham Muller. Working 6-10's, High Scale.

PHILLIP W. WALLACE

AR, IA, KS, MN, MT, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD

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I write this Blue Light report after attending the December Union Meeting. The ballots were in and counted for the UA Delegates for the UA Convention in August 2016. Thanks to all the candidates who were nominated and congratulations to the elected Delegates. I think your local will be well represented at the Convention.

The week after the December Meeting, Organizers Terry Langley, Jerry Ryan, and I are on the road to



more of the town meetings in Iowa for the Dakota Access Pipeline. Then we travel on to St. Paul, Minnesota for more of the Sandpiper Pipeline and the Line 3 Replacement Project hearings. These three Pipeline Projects are a total of 2100 miles of 24" and 30" to move the Bakken Crude out of North Dakota to Wisconsin and down into Illinois. I want to thank all the members who have showed up at these meetings to speak out to the Public Utility Board's to let them know how important these jobs are to you and your families. This industry has changed so much in the last few years on how these permits are issued. The opposition groups we face are at every meeting every time. They don't have a lot of numbers but they have 100% participation when it comes to speaking out against any pipeline.

The work has slowed down in my area and will not do much until spring. We will still do a lot of maintenance on the old pipelines like we have done for the last 5 years. If it weren't for this type of work, my area would be dead until the big inch lines get their permits. The pipe yards are stacked and ready to get put in the ground. When the permits are in place, Enbridge and Energy Transfer will start scrambling to get it kicked off. I believe we will be laying some of this pipe in 2016.

Your Business Manager, Danny Hendrix and Financial Secretary Treasurer, Wade Pilgreen have made plans to change up the 2016 Steward School in April. They have a program put together to inform the membership of every benefit that's available to you. If you can, make plans to be in Tulsa the second week in April to take part in your Local. After reading the Steward School handouts Danny and Wade gave us in December, I am looking forward to this one. Attending Union Meetings is what I think makes a union and its membership strong by communicating with one another to try and keep everyone on the same page. You won't want to miss this event. There's no truer statement than on the little round 798 stickers, United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

CHRIS LANCASTER

IN, KY, MI, NC, OH, TN

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I am writing this report after returning home from the December Union meeting. There was a good turn out and it was good to visit with everyone who was able to attend. The election is over and I would like to congratulate all the newly elected delegates for the UA Convention. I wish to thank all those who ran in the election as it is good to see all the interest in our great union.

The work has slowed down for the holidays in my area. I have a few jobs in Ohio and Michigan still going, but have not pre-jobbed many new ones in the last few weeks. It still looks good for 2016 as there are several good jobs in Ohio, Kentucky and North Carolina that are going to be starting after the first of the year.

The holiday season has come and gone and I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to our Union. I hope everyone had a very prosperous 2015 and are looking forward to a greater year in 2016. Hope to see you in January at the Union meeting or on the R.O.W

If I can be of help please give me a call.

I have held the following Pre-Jobs:

Alex Paris Construction:

Old Washington, OH. 2.8 miles of 8". Welder Foreman Bobby Bell. Superintendent, Andy Cillia. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 1-10-16.

Appalachian Pipeline:

- Mooresville, NC. 9.5 miles of 30". Welder Foreman, John Shuff. Superintendent, Anthony Campbell. Working 6-10's. Integrity work. Approx. completion 4-15-16.

- Raeford, NC. 3 miles of 8" Take up and relay. Welder Foreman, Rusty Wallace. Superintendent, Bobby Rose. Working 6-10's. Integrity work. Approx. completion 12-15-15.

- Spruce Pine, NC. 3400' of 6" Replacement. Working 6-10's. Integrity work. Approx. completion 1-15-16.

Associated Pipeline:

Wellsville, OH. 90' of 10" Fabrication. Welder Foreman, Brandon Sampson. Superintendent, Kevin Berryman. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-19-15.

Charps Welding:

Ironwood, MI. 30" Anomaly. Welder Foreman, Taylor Rogstab. Superintendent, Dale VanAlstine. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 12-19-15.

Michels Pipeline:

Holland, MI. 4100' and 1600' of 8" HDD. Welder Foreman, Jeff Young. Superintendent, Robert Krohn. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 1-30-16.

Mid-Ohio Construction:

Hopedale, OH. 100' of 24", 200' of 8", 500' of 24" and 500' of 20". Welder Foreman, Ryan Frey. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-15-15.



Minn Limited:

- Jacoburg, OH. 6100' of 16" and 6100' of 24". Welder Foreman, Doug Gochneaur. Superintendent, Larry Parrish. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-21-15.
 - Powhatan Point, OH. 4.9 miles of 16". Welder Foreman, Doug Simpson. Superintendent, Troy Stamper. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-21-15.

Quest Construction:

Carrollton, OH. 8" Meter Station. Welder Foreman, Matt Delik. Superintendent, John Fitzwater. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 12-18-15.

Roberts Pipeline:

Cygent, OH. 2-10" Anomaly Digs. Welder Foreman, Brian Boyett. Superintendent, Matt Colley. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-17-15.

Union Pipeline:

Belmont, OH. 12,100' of 20" and 11,000' of 12". Welder Foreman, Terry Sampsel. Superintendent, Perry Rogers. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-24-15.

Dear Sirs:

I was contracted through Spectra Energy for the 2015 season for the U2GC project as their welding inspector. The project consisted of compressor, metering stations, and launcher modifications for reversing the flow. Big Inch out of Indiana was the main contractor, and the field personal involved with the piping were from Local 798. The project had many hurdles to overcome, but the crew working these projects handled it without any problems. I was really satisfied with the workmanship, positive attitudes (considering the problems), and working till it was done. The highlight, to me was working with these fine individuals, and I really hope it will happen again soon.

Thank You

Dennis Fontaine

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798 Training Center Thank You

The 798 Training Center would like to take this opportunity to welcome DeWALT as a new full-time sponsor of our facility. As you can see here our members and students will begin January with a selection of the latest and greatest grinders available to our trade. This is an event that will happen annually thanks to the generosity of our partners at DeWALT!

Pictured: Ricky G. Jones, Mark DeBlonc, Charlie Smith, Farron Hollabaugh

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Membership Meeting Notice

April 8, 2016

The April Membership Meeting will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74133 on Friday, April 8, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: Nomination and Election of an Election Committee. The Election Committee will oversee the 2016 Election of Officers. Therefore, Election Committee Members will not be eligible to seek election as a Local 798 Officer.

Nomination and Election of an Election Committee: As provided in the Local 798 Constitution & By-Laws under Article XVII, Elections, Section 7: "For each general election for officers, an Election Committee consisting of three (3) members will be nominated and elected at the nominating meeting. The member with the highest number of votes shall be Chairman of said committee, or, if no such plurality exists, the Committee shall appoint its own Chairman. The nominating meeting will be held at least one meeting prior to the election meeting. Its term of office shall be for that election only."

Any member who has been in continuous good standing for the two years prior to election is eligible to run for Election Committee. Nominations will be accepted on the floor at the Membership meeting. In addition, letters of nomination may be submitted via fax to 918 627-9327, via email to information@local798.org, or via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Faxed, emailed and mailed nominations must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 8, 2016. It is the nominator's responsibility to verify that the nomination has been received in the Local Union office.

All nominees must sign a nomination acceptance letter. Nomination acceptance letters should be submitted prior to the start of the April 8, 2016 membership meeting. Letters can be submitted via fax to 918 627-9327, via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147 or via email to information@local798.org. It is the nominee's responsibility to verify that the nomination acceptance letter has been received by the Local Union office.

The secret ballot election will be conducted during the April 8, 2016 membership meeting. Election Committee Members will not be eligible to run for any Local 798 Officer position, and should plan to attend a meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Local 798 Union office

2016 UA Convention Delegate Election Results

Listed below are the election results for the UA 2016 General Convention Delegates/Alternates:

1	Rick Taylor	1003	35	Jr Overstreet	468	69	Jason E. Knight	266
2	Chris A. Lancaster	974	36	Vernon "Stann" Campbell	458	70	David A. Loyd	260
3	Black Schroeder	960	37	Danny Poole	457	71	Jeff Martin	256
4	Chad Gilbert	924	38	Charlie Simmons	449	72	Harold C. Pitts	252
5	Charles E. Yates Jr	872	39	Brian Anderson	447	73	Frank Bowker	243
6	Troy Post	858	40	David Butterworth	441	74	Summer J. Hawkins	241
7	Phillip Wallace	844	41	Chad Simmons	439	75	David Layton	231
8	Darrell Turner	833	42	John W. Knight Jr	437	76	Joe W. Gaines	225
9	Guy S. Williams	785	43	Jimmy Dunn	433	77	Justin F. Hill	224
10	Ronnie M. Hill	735	44	Raymond Johnson	412	78	Billie Finley	201
11	Randy Mathis	712	45	Cody Pedigo	412	79	David B. Davis	198
12	Mitch (Groovy Man) Leibr	711	46	Guy Simms	399	80	Rye Hawkins	195
13	Billy Earl Hawkins	694	47	R. Keith Edwards	387	81	Dana L. Scott	192
14	Farron Hollabaugh	682	48	Woodrow "Woody" Bratcher	386	82	John W. Johnny Johnson	187
15	Ricky Jones	680	49	Donald R. (Paw Paw) Hawkins Sr.	379	83	Robbie Miller	184
16	Terry L. Langley	673	50	Rusty Bailey	378	84	Justin Fromme	181
17	Preston (Prez) Richard	672	51	Jimmy Hankins	378	85	Weston Mathis	180
18	Jerry Dale Crabtree	670	52	Bobby S Taylor Jr	377	86	Richard Joeris	172
19	Clark Eastwood	659	53	Terry Thibodeaux	373	87	Monty Samford	164
20	Ralph (Kirk) Kirkland	653	54	Kevin Leeper	362	88	Jeff "Woody" Peterson	163
21	Grant Sample	619	55	Bobby Taylor (LA)	362	89	Alan K. Johnson	161
22	W.F. (Buster) Chapman	558	56	Tim Hart	358	90	Chuck Seale	161
23	Jimmy Pedigo	557	57	Ed Coker	344	91	Kathleen (Taffi) Reidl	158
24	Charlie Garrett	549	58	Kent D Fritts	342	92	Clay L. Francis	155
25	Tim Gintz	544	59	Jerry Jennings	342	93	David (Phil) Starbuck	138
26	Justin Wallace	543	60	Juan M. Rivera	334	94	Mickey Don (Donkey) Westerman	129
27	Paul Davis	542	61	Michael L. Mathis	325	95	Micheal D. Fitzhenry	128
28	Mike Miller	534	62	Greg "Snook" Rose	308	96	Alva R. Hodson	121
29	Buddy Kervin	528	63	Chad S. Williams	308	97	Joshua Jones	121
30	Billy Burns	527	64	Phillip McCann	302	98	Zac Crymes	113
31	Jeffrey Doyle	503	65	Tommy Ray Manning	287	99	Levi M. Novacek	97
32	Jerry Ryan	489	66	Skye Spivey	279	100	Cassidy Croley	96
33	Brett Mason	486	67	Jeremy Ryan	275	101	Derick D. Strong	94
34	Jimmy Dodd	470	68	Steve Birgy	270	102	A J Malnar III	89



December 11, 2015 Regular Membership Meeting



I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. I believe that somehow, some way we will have another good year, maybe even a great year. Standing here in early January we are unable to see exactly how we are going to get it done.

I know of Building Trades work covering much of Ohio and parts of Iowa that should be opening up by the time you read this. Possibly working 5-10's or 6-10's, paying around \$36.00 an hour. I know it's not a lot, but these jobs pay benefits on health care and pension. It may not seem like much now, but the number of phone calls I get at the end of the year from members needing 3, 8, 20, or 60 hours to get over the 1200, 1800, 2200, hours for their pension, proves these jobs are beneficial. I know Building Trades work is no fun, but the Union life is about benefit hours. We need them because benefit hours are what separates us from the rest.

Please take the time for yourself and your family to broaden your skill range. If I had a Welder with UA certs for 6" Heli-ARC bead and Hot Pass, Fill and Capp with LH 3/32 rod .435 wall on a 45, he would be on his way to work now. These are simple requirements, so let's do what we need to do to make this a good year.

Now let's take a moment to look back at 2015 and see how we did as a Local this year. All these numbers begin with January 1, 2015 and run to December 16, 2015.



Dispatch Report

By Ricky Jones

- We dispatched 1118 Welders, 218 Journeyman and 1854 Helpers.

- We sold 214 Helper books and 29 Welder books.

The great news is 61 of our Helpers came to Tulsa and tested to become Welders. This is always the best news because it means our Helpers have gone through the process of learning the work in the field, and then took the next step of breaking out into the welding. There is never a perfect time, just a time to decide.

Interest in the welding school seems to fluctuate. Sometimes there are plenty of applicants, and then the next season there will be just enough students for tryouts. I want to encourage those out there who are thinking about breaking into welding to weld at every opportunity they get, and to pay attention to what techniques your Welder is employing as often as you can. Every little bit is important and I guarantee it will come back to help you some day.

Let us move forward into 2016 with all the faith and courage we can muster. No one has a guarantee on what the future holds, only faith in He who holds the future. As of December 16, 2015 the Out of Work List holds:

Welders	1178
Journeyman	219
Helpers	1497

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!



Safety

Slips and falls occur every day. The extent of injuries and their recurrence can be minimized through proper safety knowledge and attitudes. Practice safety – don't learn it through experience. There are various ways to suffer slips and falls while working. You can slip and lose your balance, you can trip over objects left in your walkway, or you can simply fall from an elevated position above the ground.

Slips:

Slips can be caused by wet surfaces, spills, or weather hazards like ice or snow. Slips are more likely to occur when you hurry or run, wear the wrong kind of shoes, or don't pay attention to where you're walking. To avoid slips, be on the lookout for foreign substances on the floors. Watch for deposits of water, food, grease, oil, sawdust, soap, or debris. Even small quantities are enough to make you fall. When entering a building from the outdoors or from debris areas, clean your footwear thoroughly. Snowy and rainy weather requires that you clean off the soles of your shoes. Don't go too fast, walk safely, and avoid changing directions too sharply.

Trips:

Trips occur whenever your foot hits an object and you are moving with enough momentum to be thrown off balance. Trash, unused materials, any object left in the aisles or other areas designed for pedestrian traffic invites falls. Extension cords, tools, carts, and other items should be removed or properly barricaded off. Report

any equipment or supplies that are left in walkways. Keep passageways clear of debris. Walk where you're supposed to walk. Short cuts through machine areas invite accidents. Concentrate on where you are going – horseplay and inattention leaves you vulnerable to unsafe conditions.

Falls:

The worst falls are from elevated positions like ladders and scaffolding. They result in serious injuries and death. Learn and practice ladder safety and the proper use of scaffolding. Hold on to handrails when using stairs or ramps. They are there to protect you should a fall occur. If you're carrying a heavy load which hampers your ability to properly ascend or descend stairs, use the elevator, or find help! When climbing, use a ladder of proper length that is in good condition. Keep it placed on a firm surface. Do not climb a ladder placed on machinery, crates, stock or boxes. Keep the ladder's base 1 foot away from the wall for every 4 feet of height. Don't over-reach. Always have control of your balance when working from a ladder. Never climb a ladder with your hands full, and always carry tools in proper carrying devices. When using a scaffold, be sure it is assembled according to the manufacturer's specifications. Check carefully for defects. Standing and working planks should be level and clean. Use toe boards to prevent tools from falling and workers from slipping. Work only with people who practice scaffold safety.

Safety First

PIBF NEWS

Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund
Robert "Bob" Kime, Director

Tax Forms

Consistent with past practice, PIBF will be issuing 1099-R forms to retirees, and PIBF will be issuing W-2 forms to participants for weekly disability benefits, and 1099-R forms to beneficiaries of death benefits. These forms will be issued by the end of January 2016 for the year of 2015. A new form will also be issued – 1095-B forms. This form is a required tax form that will be used in preparing your taxes to verify your months of health insurance coverage.

Medicare Part B

Active members 65 and older who are still working should enroll in Medicare Part A because there is no cost. This coverage is secondary to PIBF. Active eligible members generally are

not required by PIBF to enroll in Part B because PIBF is primary in health insurance coverage while actively covered for both Medicare Part A and Part B, meaning PIBF pays first. In the past, if a member lost active coverage and purchased COBRA, PIBF provided limited coverage because PIBF was considered secondary to Medicare. On December 8, 2015, the Trustees approved, effective immediately, PIBF COBRA coverage as "primary" for Part B claims for those members over 65 that are still working and do not have Medicare Part B.

PIBF strongly recommends that each participant nearing age 65 consult with their local Medicare office to ensure they are making the proper enrollment choices based on their specific situation to avoid any enrollment penalties.

Grandfathered Health Plan

The Board of Trustees for the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund believes this plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act.) As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

918-280-4800 – www.pibf.org

Steward School – April 6-8, 2016

Registration information will soon be mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School, April 6-8, 2016. **If you plan to work in the future as a Steward, Welder Foreman, or Pipeman, make plans to attend.** Please complete your registration information and make your reservations as soon as possible. Additional information on all of the events will be included with your registration packet. Pipeliners Local 798 has group rates at the following facilities:

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel 6808 S. 107th E. Ave. (918) 307-2600

Courtyard by Marriott Woodland Hills 9041 E 71st St. (918) 994-4500

When making reservations, please ask for the Pipeliners Local 798 Steward School rate.

The 17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting the George Lambert / Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held Monday, April 4, 2016 at Forest Ridge Golf Course, 7501 E. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Registration information will be included with your Steward School registration packet.

Lincoln Electric will host a **BBQ** lunch and equipment demonstrations at the Local 798 Training Center on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Classes covering the **Steward Reporting Forms** and **Computer Class** will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Local 798 Training Center, following the Lincoln Barbeque

Steward School registration packets can be picked up at the Local 798 Training Center from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. You can also pick up your packet at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel Tuesday evening, April 5, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and again beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 6, 2016.

Steward School Classes will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2016, and continue through Friday noon, April 8, 2016.

The Family and Retiree Banquet, honoring members with 50 or more years of service will start at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, April 7, 2016. Join us for a delicious dinner and entertainment.

Miller Electric will host the annual **Crawfish Boil** and equipment demonstrations at the Local 798 Training Center on Friday, April 8, 2016 at noon.

The 7th Annual Slick Rig Contest will be held on Friday afternoon at the Local 798 Training Center. A minimum number of participants will be required for this event to be held. Additional information will be provided with your registration packet.

The April Regular Membership Meeting will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, April 8, 2016.

The April Ladies Hospitality will also be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2016.

Special thanks go to our Sponsors: Lincoln Electric, Miller Electric, Mathey Dearman, Pferd, Inc., and Hypertherm, Inc. Lincoln Electric and Miller Electric have once again donated welding machines and other prizes for a drawing to be held Friday evening at the membership meeting. Help us show our appreciation by purchasing a chance to win one of these valuable welding machines. Contact the Union Hall or Local 798 Training Center for additional information. All proceeds will be donated to the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program.

Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Programs

All scholarship applications must be received in our office by January 22, 2016 to be considered for the 2015/2016 Scholarship Programs. You can still obtain an application on the Local 798 website at www.local798.org under the Voluntary Fund tab, or make a request by phone at (918) 622-1900. If you have any questions regarding the Scholarship Program, do not hesitate to call the Union Office.

Meeting Notice January 8, 2016

The Regular January Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK on Friday, January 8, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

798 Ladies Hospitality & Motel Accommodations

The 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel – 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 – beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016.

The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$91.00. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600.

Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Thank You 

Garrett Hendrix sends out a special thank you to Boomer & Jerry Jennings for writing a letter to the Voluntary Fund for him in his time of need. He also gives thanks to Seth Fentress, Ray Baby, Terry Thibodeaux, Laniece, Tim Adrian, and Josh Kelly who helped him with his dog, Gypsy while he was in the hospital, and to help get him home. Thank you to everyone for the prayers and phone calls.

Doug Winter would like to thank every member of Local 798 for the generous gift at the time of his son's passing. Special thanks to Preston Richard, Mike Bouchard, and Levi McGuire.

Marcus Milstead wants to thank you for giving to the Voluntary Fund. It was a great gift to receive when he had to take time off when his grandparents passed. He is so grateful to be part of the local and so blessed to work with such wonderful people.

Gavin and Breanna Shuman thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. It meant a lot when Breanna's dad passed away. Special thanks to Greg Russell, Gary and Beverly Graham, and Rick Taylor.

Andrew and Jennifer Johnston write to thank you for the kindness you have shown their family during Andrew's extensive hospital stay. The check from the Voluntary Fund was much appreciated.

Gary and Beverly Graham would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Gary is doing well. Special thanks to Jerry and Boomer Jennings, Jr. Overstreet, Wade Pilgreen, and Danny Hendrix.

Willie and Annie Lee wish to thank Danny Hendrix and all of the 798 hands who gave to the Voluntary Fund for the check they received. It helped with medical bills. Special thanks to David Loyd, Terry Tibadeaux, Taffy Ridell, and Amy Fullington on the Sheehan job in Dunmoore, PA.

Marc and Susan Sena express their sincere gratitude for the monetary gift they received from the Voluntary Fund at the passing of Marc's mom. The generous gift helped them travel to the funeral. They give special thanks to Chris Jost for thinking of them during this difficult time.

Steve and Lara Peck are grateful to everyone who give so much and ask nothing in return. There are too many people to list, and they cannot express how humble and overwhelmed they feel.

Charles "Danny" Cloy says thanks to Danny, Wade, and all who give to the Voluntary Fund. The check really helps. Special thanks to Keith Carr, Jesse and Carolyn Brumley, and Kenneth Raimer.

Brent Harper writes to thank all those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It really helps to know your pipeline family is there with you during hard and difficult times. Thanks to the hands on spread #2 in Decatur,

IL for all the calls, texts, flowers, and prayers. Special thanks to Shannon Jackson and J.W.

Paden Harper thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. A special thank you to everyone on the Wayne Fontenot spread in Decatur, IL.

The Ludlow Family would like to express sincere thanks to those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for all the kindness and sympathy shared at the loss of Adalee Ludlow. Special thanks to Robert Deitz, Mitch Leih, Danny Hendrix, and Wade Pilgreen.

Daniel H. Morgan wants to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received in his time of need. Also, he sends a big thank you to the hands on the Price Gregory job in Hepbunville, PA.

Louis Gray says thank you to the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it, for the help he received. Special thanks to Billy Hawkins, Wayne Causey, and Danny Hendrix. He's proud to be a part of the 798 family.

Russ Shurpit extends his thanks to the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received. His family was overwhelmed with appreciation in receiving the help. Special thanks to AJ Malnar for recommending the help.

Carlton Newell writes to thank everyone who contributed to the Voluntary Fund, especially Danny Hendrix, Ronnie Hill, and Michelle Hill. The gift was greatly appreciated after his surgery. He appreciates all the support from Local 798.

Billy & Deborah Shivers send their heartfelt thanks for the help in their time of need. The gift helped so much.

Mike Mathis thanks everyone for the gift he received from all the generous families who have donated to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was such a blessing. Special thanks to Red Robert Rice, Jeff Werder, Ed Stockton, Jr., and everyone on the Bonds Brothers job in Old Saybrook, CT.

Tyler Birgy says thanks you for the donation from the Voluntary Fund to help recover items lost in a fire. He is currently serving overseas in the U.S. Air Force, but is still a proud member of Local 798.

Scotty and Tammy Lynne Allen & Family want to thank you for the assistance, phone calls and prayers after Scotty's eye injury. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Phillip Wallace, and Robbie Miller.

David and June Griffin thank you for the gift they received after David's open heart surgery. Your thoughtfulness and caring means a lot. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen. Also thanks to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund.

Betty Burnette says thank you all so much for the beautiful Bible and your kindness at the passing of her husband, Cecil Burnette.

Robert and Susan McBride would like to thank Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Robert's double knee replacement. Special thanks to Darrell Turner.

Benji Rodgers expresses his sincere thanks and appreciation to all who give to the

Voluntary Fund. The help they received following his injury is greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to Darrell Turner, Black Schroeder, Richie Hayes, and many others. It has always been a pleasure to work with all the great men and women who sacrifice so much of their lives every day to lay safe and reliable pipelines!

Michael Shively greatly appreciates the help he received after being in a wreck at the cost of his rig. Thank you to all the members of 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund.

Kenny and Jamie Landis thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Thank you for the prayers and the help received when his mom was on life support. Special thanks to Chris Lancaster, Danny Hendrix, Charlie Yates, Jr., Michael Hawkins, and all the hands on the Sheehan job in Shadyside, OH.

Shawn Harville and Family say thank you for helping make things a little easier financially thru the Voluntary Fund. They are extremely appreciative of the many thoughts and prayers during their family's recent hardships. A special thank you to Cody Cooper, Jim Bellinghausen, and Tim Bellinghausen. May kindness return to you all in the same beautiful way that it was given.

Allen Scarborough wants to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help after his surgery. He gives special thanks to Mitch (Groovy Man) Leih and his wife for all the help and prayers. Thank you Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for all that you do to help in times of need.

Sam and Sherry Jacks would like to thank everyone for the Voluntary Fund gift after Sam's knee surgery. Thanks to all who donate; they greatly appreciate the help.

Mitchell and Kim Elliott would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was greatly appreciated in their time of need and dealing with Kim's illness. It is such an honor to belong to an organization that is so giving and caring. Special thanks to Black Schroeder, Darrell Turner, and all of the Rockford hands and supervision that were in Rosenberg, TX.

Gary McGoyne and Family greatly appreciated the financial contribution. Thank you and God bless you for donating to help a Brother in need.

The Roger Beckett Family wants to thank the Voluntary Fund for the donation made to their family on the recent passing of their beloved son and grandson, Dustin Beckett.

Bernie and Wendy Armstrong write to thank every member who makes the Voluntary Fund possible. They thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls while Bernie was hospitalized. A special thanks to Brothers Charlie Garrett and Rick Taylor.

Leon "Red" Brown sends a big thank you to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his open heart surgery. He is a proud retiree of such a great union as Local 798.

M.K. and Cheryl Jewell are overwhelmed with pride that so many members freely give

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to each other, not only out of their wallets, but out of their hearts with calls, cards and genuine concern. Thank you all for the generous check from the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Bobby Taylor, Brian Anderson, and all the hands on the Sheehan spread in Union City, TN.

Harold Parsons and Family thank you so much for your gift of generosity. It was deeply appreciated!

Elvis and Dianna Stilwell would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. It is one of the best things going for our members in need of a little assistance. Thank you for the check they received after his back surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Rocky Stilwell, Kenny Glaze, and Phillip Wallace.

The Phil Chapman Family deeply appreciate your kindness and concern at Phil's passing. Phil was a loyal member who loved 798. They are proud of his many years as a member.

Bryan and Jan Fox thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund for the assistance they received after his accident and surgery. Also, a special thank you to Tommy and Savannah Collins, Derek Mundy, Steve and Debbie Cannon, and Danny Hendrix.

Rodney Davis thanks everyone of Local 798 for the support. The check his wife received from members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

Tom Shaw says thank you to all the hands from all crafts who give to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was greatly appreciated! Special thanks to "Slick" Hawks, and Wade Pilgreen.

James Johnston expresses his gratitude and thanks to Wade Pilgreen, David Lloyd, Terry Thibodeaux, Dusty Lewis, and everyone who was working on the Sheehan job in Pennsylvania for the collection, prayers, and flowers sent during a difficult time in his life.

Willie Beach and Family want to thank you so much for helping them through this difficult time. The financial help made things so much easier to handle. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Daniel Hendrix and Darrell Turner.

Dan and Debbie Phillips send out a huge thank you for your generous donation. The kindness and generosity of the Voluntary Fund is greatly appreciated. The Brothers and Sisters of 798 are truly a great family. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Ricky Jones.

Matthew Ward writes to thank you for the help he received at the time of his loss. Special thanks to Tom Collins, Luke Otte, and Sarah LeBrun and the Ladies of 798 for the care packages they sent his children and wife.

Robert and Connie Logan thank everyone for their contributions to the Voluntary Fund for the financial support it gives their members in their time of need. Special thanks to F.H. Tucker for going out of his way to help.

Michael Loyd and Family would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The money was greatly appreciated.

Roy E. Whitehead, 84 year-old Retired Welder of Buna, TX passed away September 30, 2015.

Darrell E. Romans, 74 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Grove City, OH passed away October 14, 2015.

Cecil Burnette, 77 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Russell Springs, KY passed away October 17, 2015.

Carl Hill, 91 year-old Retired Welder of Oberlin, LA passed away October 17, 2015.

Wylie S. Norred, 85 year-old Retired Welder of Lampasas, TX passed away November 3, 2015.

Hubert W. Yearwood, 77 year-old Retired Helper of Toccoa, GA passed away November 6, 2015.

Louis W. Teeter, 57 year-old Welder of Muldrow, OK passed away November 10, 2015.

Chester R. Hughes, 78 year-old Retired Helper of Gorman, TX passed away November 15, 2015.

Chester O. Williams, 78 year-old Retired Welder of Vidor, TX passed away December 6, 2015.

RETIREMENTS

Christopher A. Baldrige, Welder, New Iberia, LA

Mark R. Chase, Helper, Winnsboro, LA

Charles E. Dumas, Jr., Helper, Bastrop, LA

Loyd D. Lindsey, Helper, Bradford, AR

Jefrey L. Millikin, Welder, Waynesburg, PA

Steve Moore, Welder, Marshall, TX

Harry N. Stefanick, Journeyman Spacer, Palm Bay, FL

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Coke, Farmall, John Deer, and NASCAR licensed fabrics available. \$12.00 – \$14.00 plus shipping. FR Digital Camouflage Non-reversible - \$15.00 plus shipping. Embroidery \$1.00 per letter. Call or text Carol at (970) 420-0199 or email: CJW19290@aol.com.

Welders for sale: Lincoln 200 Amp Red Face, 250 Amp, Classic III 300 Amp; all gas engines. Lincoln Classic II, III (2) 300 D's, 300 Amp Voltages, all diesels, even have 2 Millers. All welders in Michigan. Call Tom at (616) 340-7348.

2003 Chevrolet, extended cab, 3500 diesel welding truck with steel bed. Brand new Jasper motor with 12,700 miles, 6 speed, new paint job, newer tires, new windshield, new clutch, seats have always been covered. Welder SAE300, Perkins Diesel, runs great. Sell for \$38,000. **2013 Cardinal 5th wheel 40ft RV.** Has rear living room with fireplace, center kitchen with sink island, 2 door refrigerator, huge shower, king size Donald Trump bed, 4 season, new tires upgraded to 12 ply. \$49,500. Call Don at (541) 294-0966.

2008 Carriage Cameo 35ft model F34CK3. In excellent condition with 3 slide outs, combination washer/dryer, lots of closet and drawer space. An all season's unit prices at \$15,785 below NADA book retail value. A very high end unit in immaculate condition! Must sell. Located in central Arkansas. Pictures are available. Contact Brett at (501) 207-2145 or (501) 454-3652.

1985 Lincoln SA200 with a 1958 generator in it. Motor completely rebuilt 1.5 years ago. All new brushes and shunts. No hour meter, approximately 800 hours. Wired for remote with remote included. \$4,000 Call or text (563) 508-7241.

2010 Montana 5th Wheel. 37ft, MOD. 3585, Hickory Edition, moving to Montana package. Four season with washer dryer combo, rear kitchen, 2 a/c's, 3 slides, 2 TV's, 2 Fantastic fans. Like new, pulled less than 1500 miles. \$32,500. Call Tommy (918) 605-8171 or (918) 645-6698.

Brothers and Sisters, due to limited spacing, SHORT & PERSONAL items are published as space permits. We try to print some in each category, and will get to yours as soon as possible. All items must be submitted in writing.



Paul Jacobs, Jr.
Alex Paris
in Washington, PA

I am writing this report after returning from the December membership meeting. It was great to see such a good turn out and to visit with so many fellow Union Brothers and Sisters.

I would like to thank everyone who voted and everyone who placed their names on the ballot for Delegates to the 2016 U.A. Convention. It's a very good sign when you see so many willing to not only support, but also participate and represent their Local Union. All of these men and women are what makes Local 798 so great. A Union is only as strong as its membership and we have the best, in my opinion, in the U.A.

I joined Local 798 as a Welder member 34 years ago and when I did, I asked the Organizer that sold me a book what I could do to be the best union member possible; what I could do to benefit my Local Union? His reply was fairly simple, "Educate yourself, read your contract, and above all when the doors open for a meeting at the hall you be there. If you have to take off work, buy a plane ticket or make other sacrifices. You be there and participate, meet people and become a part of it." I took that advice and I will say today it was the best advice I have ever taken, and no truer words were ever spoken. Those Union meetings are the best place to meet new people and the best place to find out how your Union works, and how it works for you. If you have questions or concerns that is the place to get the correct answers straight from the podium.

The big news at the meeting was the exemption of welding rigs from the DOT regulations. This just goes to show what we can accomplish when we are UNITED and ORGANIZED. I have often heard the phrase "It would take an act of Congress" to get something changed. Well that's exactly what it took and we made it happen. I think that is something to be very proud of. With that said, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the leadership of the U.A. and Local 798 for all the hard work they did to accomplish something many said couldn't be done. But who I really would like to thank is you, the membership of Local 798 for taking the time to send all the letters that turned the tide. Business Manager Danny Hendrix called on you to act in support of your Local and you reacted. That is what it took



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to achieve the seemingly unachievable.

This is a huge win for pipeline welders all across the country and we have very much to be proud of. As always, the non-union sector also benefited from our action while they contributed nothing to the effort other than low wages and deplorable working conditions.

I have been involved in several projects lately and will say this: slavery is alive and well among the Rat Contractors today. We have observed Welder Helpers having to work for 12 or 13 bucks an hour with no benefits, no travel pay, or waiting time. Now you tell me how a person can live off that paying hotel bills, meals, and trying to feed a family while paying everyday bills? When a person works and is paid so little that there is nothing left after paying expenses, what else could this be other than a form of slavery. Anybody who works deserves a living wage. Enough to have a savings, enough to enjoy leisure time with their families without worrying where the next meal will come from. This is not only deplorable but in my opinion should be criminal. It's sad when the owner of a company has multimillion dollar vacation properties across the country and many other luxury items while denying the very people who made him rich a living wage.

It's even sadder when the only hope he can give his employees is to hope they can get a few more hours overtime, or to hope he doesn't get rained out, or hope he can go straight from one job to the other without missing a much needed pay check. That sounds more like a hopeless situation if you ask me. The only real HOPE for these men and women is to ORGANIZE. They just need to realize it and stand up to the oppression once and for all.

I hope to see all of you at the January meeting. Please plan to attend, you will be glad you did. As always if I can do anything for you please don't hesitate to call, or if you have information that would be beneficial to our efforts I always need the help. I am in a lot of areas without service and also get a lot of calls so if I don't answer leave a message I will call you back.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill

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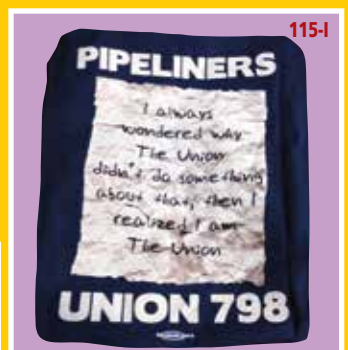
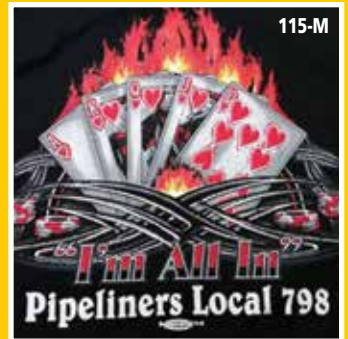
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