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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this report after hearing of the rejection of a river crossing by the Army Corps of Engineers on the Dakota Access Pipeline. This project is 1,172 miles of 30" pipe designed to send American Bakken crude to an American refinery in Patoka, Illinois. It is all but complete except 1,100 ft. under Lake Oahe. This crossing was permitted in July and then was reviewed by not just one Federal judge, but also by a three-member panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals after suit was brought by environmentalists. The four judges all agreed the permit was good, but before the ink was dry on the decision our current Administration bowed to pressure from a small group of radicals who have terrorized not only our workers, but the regulating process itself. I wish I could tell you how this will pan out, but I'm still scratching my head as to why our government agencies are allowing themselves to be held hostage and cannot seem to hold to their original regulatory decision. Nobody wants to contaminate the water or desecrate burial sites. That is why the regulations and permitting processes are in place and are adhered to. Private investments in energy transportation is critical to our economy and security. Those investments will shut down if our government cannot be counted on with certainty when it comes to final permitting. Going forward, this indecision will have devastating effects on when and how clients in the pipeline industry make decisions about future projects to be built. **The only silver lining that I see from this miscarriage of process is that the clients will need more structured advocacy for their projects, and who better than organized labor to fulfill that role.** As I stated in my last report, we are moving forward utilizing social media to help advocate for not just our jobs, but our livelihood and our clients. Whether you believe in Keeping America Great or Let's Make America Great Again, I think we could all agree that for our country to remain the undisputable leader of the free world, it will have to include a balanced energy policy that will involve the building up and maintenance of the pipeline infrastructure of this country. **We are at a crucial crossroads in this world when we let the ideologies of a few dictate the future of America's energy policies and our security.**

The votes have been counted and your voice has been heard. I would like to thank all the candidates that ran for all the various boards for their participation. There was a robust number of qualified candidates, and I would like to congratulate the winners. Thanks again for your support of Wade and myself, along with the offices of President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary, with a no opposition, white ticket. I look forward to working with each of the new board members.

The work outlook continues to be very strong with man-hours finishing out around 6.5 million for 2016. The following information will clearly explain what an energy revolution we are involved in. In 1999, before the widespread production of shale gas in the U.S., the Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimate was that the U.S. had just eight years of natural gas reserves left. Today, thanks to new natural gas discoveries, many experts agree the U.S. has a 100-year supply of natural gas. According to the EIA, the Marcellus natural gas shale formation, primarily in Pennsylvania, is one of the largest natural gas supply areas in the country. In 2015 it was producing about 17 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day, accounting for about 18 percent of total U.S. wellhead production – up from just three percent in 2010. By 2020, Wood Mackenzie forecasts the Marcellus will account for 31 percent of total U.S. production.

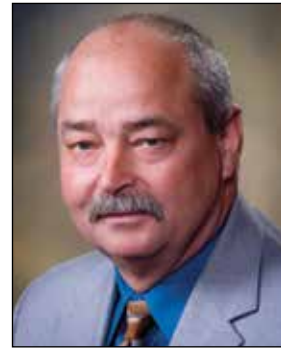
The modern natural gas boom has given the U.S. a chance to achieve genuine energy independence and seriously cut down on carbon emissions. Because of its environmental advantages, natural gas fuels one-third of electric power generation and heats half of all U.S. homes – and those numbers continue to climb. Although the price of natural gas has fallen to historic lows in some regions of the U.S., a lack of sufficient underground pipeline infrastructure has prevented most consumers from fully realizing the advantages of this abundant, economic resource. Currently we are anxiously awaiting the start of many large and small projects including: the Nexus with 250 miles of 36"/42"; the Rover with 711 miles of 42"; the Atlantic Coast with 580 miles of 20"- 42"; the Atlantic Sunrise with 57 miles of 30" and 126 miles of 42"; the Mountaineer Xpress with 150 miles of 36"; the Mountain Valley with 300 miles of 42"; the Mariner East II with 360 miles of 20"; and the Pilgrim Pipeline with 178 miles of 16" and 178 miles of 20". These are just a few of the projects that are awaiting permits.

Steward School is just around the corner on April 12-14, 2017. Please make arrangements to attend now. We have started the negotiations for our National Pipeline Agreement. If you have any thoughts on this matter, please drop me a line. As always, I am proud to say, **"I work for you the greatest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager





Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to begin my report today by expressing my gratitude to you, our members, for your continued efforts to make our Local the strongest in the United Association. I know recent developments with the Dakota Access Pipeline can be discouraging, but we must not lose our vision for the future of our great Local. We will continue to fight and make our voices heard as we continue to demonstrate that our members are the most skilled in the industry. I know as a Local we have historically supported the Democratic candidates, but regardless of your political persuasion I believe President-Elect Donald Trump will bring jobs to our sector of the economy. I believe the oil and gas industry is going to experience an increase in activity as government regulations are decreased and an atmosphere of investment is generated.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the election of our officers and committee members. I was so proud we had such a large group of individuals willing to serve on the Executive Board and the Finance Committee. I would like encourage all our members to take an active role in the business of our Local because your involvement makes us stronger. I want our Local to set the standard for others around the nation. I would like to congratulate Danny Hendrix, Preston Richard, Paul Davis, Guy Williams, and Paul Davis as they return to serve our great Local. I would like to welcome the members of the Executive Board: Troy Post, Charlie Garrett, Randy Mathis, and Cody Pedigo. I know you will carry out your duties with dignity and honor as you uphold the by-laws of our constitution. I would like to congratulate Billy W. Hawkins, Ed Coker, and Guy Simms on your election to the Finance Committee, and I know you will be diligent as you review the business of our Local. I know the returning members of the Examining Board, Clark Eastwood and Mike Miller, will continue to ensure our new applicants meet all membership requirements. As always, I know Dale Crabtree will carry out his responsibilities as Inside Guard with the upmost attention to detail and with a heart of service. All of this would not be possible without the hard work of the election committee members: Farron Hollabaugh, Chris Waeckerle and Glen Lewis. I thank you for your service to our membership. I would like to give a special thank you to our office staff for all they do to serve our members during the election process and throughout the year. We are blessed to have a great group of men and women eager and willing to assist Danny and me as we carry out the day-to-day business of our Local.

Danny and I received some exciting news this past week with the appointment of David Barnett, International Representative to the UA, to the Gas and Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee, which reviews PHMSA's proposed pipeline safety standards and provides recommendations to the committee. David continues to represent Local 798 and our industry with professionalism, and I am proud to call him my colleague and friend. I know he will take on these new responsibilities and demonstrate excellence.

The United Association will be issuing new membership cards in the coming weeks, and I would like to highlight some of changes. Beginning January 1, 2017, membership cards will be replaced in three-year cycles rather than the previous two-year cycle; thus, you will note that the front side of the new card shows a date range of 2017-2019. The backside of the new membership card will not include placeholders for dues stamps due to the addition of a new QR code. We will provide our members with a paid-through date on their dues receipts, and you will need to bring this document to the job site and provide it along with your new membership card to the Job Steward at the beginning of the job. On a date to-be-determined in mid-2017, the QR code on the membership cards will be activated. By scanning the QR code, Locals will be able to access and print the member's card information, including the member's current address and UA certifications. This unique feature will allow our Job Stewards to scan the QR code located on the back of the membership card by using an app from their smartphone. These apps will be available for free at various app stores depending on whether you have an Apple or Android product. Another feature provided by scanning the QR Code will be the ability to access the UA E-Travel system, which, together with the new membership card itself, will replace the physical travel card. Please remember these scanning features will not be available until mid-2017. Therefore, you will continue to provide your physical travel card until further notice. I will discuss these additional changes at a later date as more information is provided by the UA.

By the time you receive this report, we will have added a new feature to our website called the Action Center. This new addition will provide you with the ability to easily access a variety of resources that will assist you with contacting your local government officials in support of our various projects. We hope you will take advantage of this new process because it is another way to make our voices heard!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, and I am overwhelmed with the outpouring of support you have given me over these past five years. I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability as you are always at the center of my decisions. I am blessed to be a member of our great Local and look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wade Pilgreen

Financial Secretary-Treasurer



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BLACK SCHROEDER

TX

918/270-6743

I have just returned home after attending the December membership and staff meetings. Congratulations to all the officers that were reelected and the newly elected ones. If you ran and did not get elected, hold your head up high. Members like you are the reason we have a great local union. You show up, participate, attend the meetings, and are the back bone of this organization. For unions to survive, there must be participation in union elections, activities and meetings.



Danny and Wade have done a great job putting together a program that entails turning all 798 members and their families into advocates for our pipeline work in the future. It will be called "PIPELINERS ACTION PAGE." This should be completed in January. It is very important that every member, your families and friends participate. Our leadership has gone to great extremes to try to ensure we all have a bright future, so we too can live the American Dream and be able to retire and keep drawing our pension for decades to come. **"IT IS UP TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO STEP UP AND DO YOUR PART"** just as we all did on the welding rigs.

Danny reported on the work outlook at the December meeting, and it looks very bright for the next few years. We just completed procedures for several large projects in Charlie, Rick and David's areas. Associated Pipeline picked up 24 miles of 48-inch heavy wall near Corpus Christi, TX. The procedures have been completed, and the start date will be approximately mid-January.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a prosperous 2017. Be safe and stay healthy. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipeline:

- Houston, TX. CRC. Run 48" weld procedures for Cheniere Energy. Superintendent: Byron Johnson. Welder Foreman: Charles Beddingfield. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Started 11-14-16. Job is complete.
- Houston, TX. CRC. Run weld procedures for the Leach Express. Superintendent: Mark Nail and James Silva. Welder Foreman: Charles Beddingfield. Working 6-10s. Ohio scale. Started 11-29-16. Completion 12-20-16.

Geeding Construction:

Abbott, TX. 8" Line Lowering for Explorer Pipeline. Superintendent: Bobby Cannon. Welder Foreman/Steward: Andy Gnade. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Started 10-18-16. Job is complete.

Latex Construction:

Conroe, TX. RMS Shop. Run 36" weld procedures for Nexus project. Superintendent: Mitchell Elliot. Welder Foreman: Jeff Doyle. 6-10s. Ohio scale. Started 11-9-16. Job is complete.

Michels Pipeline:

Houston, TX. CRC. Run 36" weld procedures for Nexus Project. Superintendent: Charles Kervin. Working 6-10s. Ohio scale. Started 11-7-16. Job is complete.

Midwest C&M Construction:

Irving, TX. Station work and maintenance for Exxon Mobil. Superintendent: Robert Doane. Welder Foreman: Charlie Featherston. Working 6-10s. Station. Started 11-17-16. Completed 12-23-16.

DARRELL TURNER

AL, FL, GA, LA, MS

918/270-6737

Brothers and Sisters,

This year has certainly flown by. It seems like only yesterday that the pending work in my jurisdiction was the hot topic at the National Pipeline Conference, and that was nine months ago. Those projects are in full swing now and about 85 percent manned at this printing. We currently have a total of 960 Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers working throughout my jurisdiction on mega projects that will last well into the spring and early summer. There is a lot of serious welding going on for the clients and contractors that demand quality and quantity, and our membership is getting the job done.

The current atmosphere of pipeline bashing is growing. I'm not sure that the anti-pipeline construction crowd is bigger than we are, but they surely are organized. Their minds are made up to stop every project, and they won't be swayed. Reason is out the door, common sense be damned, and the livelihood and future of the pipeline construction industry is in grave jeopardy. We must respond loudly and quickly. So, what is the answer? We must fight fire with fire. We must become more organized than the opposition. And we must be more determined than they are. To advocate for our jobs was unheard of until recently. Now it is the new norm. That means that we, as pipeliners, must become proactive, not reactive. We must fight for our livelihood in every locale in America where pipelines are constructed. To remain silent and complacent is no longer an option. Our jobs depend on it. If you believe it, you are well ahead of the curve. If you doubt it, you better get on board yesterday.

By the time this article reaches your mailbox, Christmas Day will be a memory. My prayer to every member is a safe and joyous holiday season, and a prosperous and healthy 2017.



CHAD GILBERT

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY

918/270-6736

I am writing my report after attending the December meeting. I would like to start by congratulating all newly elected officers. It is an awesome responsibility to work for the membership, and I am sure those elected will do a great job. For those who ran and did not get elected, do not give up. Just because you did not win this election cycle does not mean that you are not a vital voice for our membership. We all share the load. Just as winning brings responsibilities, so does loss. Responsibilities include sharing your knowledge with your Brothers and Sisters in areas where you can assist, working together, and supporting the elected leaders. These things are required if we want to keep our Union strong.

The jobs in my area are winding down for the winter. Snelson has laid off all but a small crew in Henderson, CO, doing maintenance for Xcel Energy. Snelson plans on returning in the spring for what should be another season of work in the Denver area. Michels has reduced to one crew in Colorado Springs. Work for Magellan should be finishing shortly. The Phillips 66 work has been completed, and the Ameresco work in Phoenix will start back up in March 2017.

We have started back on the Water Drains in Tucson for ARB and that should be completed by the time you receive this report.

Q3 is finishing a Reg. Station for Xcel on its Blanket, and we also have welders working for UA Local 208 in Denver on distribution for Q3. Hopefully, all will start back up in Spring 2017 using even more manpower.

I would like to thank Danny and Wade for putting me on the Board of Directors for the Flaming Gorge Water Pipeline, a Wyco project. Although this job is at least three years away, I will be asking our members to help support this project. It will use union labor and we will help support the project on permit issues. The project consists of over 1,000 miles of water pipeline and will bring much needed water reserves to the Colorado region. These types of projects are hard to get permits for in the West, but if it can be done Local 798 can do it.

In closing, I hope all members and their families had a great 2016 and that 2017 will be even better. Don't forget those members who had hardship last year. It's our job to help lift them up and be there for them if we can. If I can be of any assistance, please call anytime.

Pre Jobs:

ARB:

Tucson, AZ. Restart and Finish Final Drain Line. Kiewit. Steward: Luskey Morris. Working 5-10s. Mainline Agreement.



Q3:

Denver, CO. Open Blanket. Finish Reg. Stations for Xcel Energy. Steward: Russ Wierema. Working 5-8s. Integrity Agreement.

RICK TAYLOR

CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV
918/270-6739



Another year has passed us by and is in the records. 2017 has a brighter work outlook on larger projects in the Northeast, with work that was tossed aside this past year due to permitting issues. We can look forward to projects like the Mariner East 2, 350-plus miles of 16" and 20" in Pennsylvania; the Leach Express 150-plus miles of 36" in Ohio and West Virginia; and the Atlantic Sunrise starting with 42" in Pennsylvania and going to 30" and 36" in the southern states. These are just a few projects that are expected to go when the permitting process is approved. There should be other projects along with the maintenance work awaiting approval.

Danny and Wade are working hard on a new web page that will give our members a chance to voice their opinions on various issues that will determine the way pipeline work is being permitted on state and federal levels. I will say that I am not a big fan of websites. I will also say that we, as union members, need to step up to the plate and follow our leaders as they take Local 798 to a higher level. Check it out and let your voice be heard.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers of Local 798, and thank the ones who took the time to put their names on the ballot to run for these positions. You are a part of this great organization; it is your Union. There were over 5,000 ballots sent to our members to vote and only a little over 1,500 ballots returned. That means only approximately 26 percent of our membership took the time to vote. If you want to be a member of this organization, then stand up and be accountable. It is your right and responsibility.

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year. If I can help in anyway, please call.

As always, Be Safe! Be Proud! Be Union!

Pre Jobs:

Alex E. Paris Construction:

Graysville, PA. 3.08 miles of 16", 3.08 miles of 12" and .05 mile of 8" pipe for Cone Midstream (Consol Energy). Superintendent: Nick Wilson. Welder Foreman: Robert Bell, Jr. Working 5-10s. High Wages.

B. Miller Excavating Inc.:

Masontown, WV. 4,000 ft. of 3" poly/Well Line Hook Up for HG Energy. Superintendent: Brian Rizer. Welder Foreman: Deryn Godfrey. Working 5-10s. Special Agreement.

CHRIS LANCASTER

KY, NC, SC, TN
918/270-6735



I am writing this report after returning home from the December union meeting. It was a good turnout and enjoyable to visit with those able to attend. The election is over, and I would like to congratulate all the officers who were elected. I'm sure they will do a great job in their positions. Also, thanks to those who ran. It's a good feeling to see so many interested in the security of our union.

The work in my area has slowed down for the holidays to only a few small jobs. There are several good jobs planned for next year pending permitting. This work year is almost over, and I hope everyone has had a good work year. Also, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

The January meeting is just around the corner. I hope to see you there. If you are not able to attend, I hope to see you on the right of way soon. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and dedication to make 2016 another year to be a proud 798 member. I hope you all have a prosperous 2017. Thanks to all.

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline:

- Rockingham, NC. 16" Sleeves. Welder Foreman: Al Wilbanks. Superintendent: Anthony Guthowski. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 12-15-16.

- Snow Hill, NC. 3,150 ft. of 12" HDD. Welder Foreman: Clark VanHouten. Superintendent: Samuel Wilson. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 11-12-16.

DAVID BUTTERWORTH

CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV
918/270-6745



By the time you read this report the Christmas holidays will have come and gone. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2016. The work in the Northeast has slowed down, and we look forward to the 2017 work season. Historically in the Northeast, winter work has been slow, with the exception being the winters of 2008 through 2012. This one looks to be slow like those of the past.

As for 2017, we have some major projects on the docket, including the Atlantic Bridge in New York and Connecticut, the Mariner East 2 in Pennsylvania, and the Rover lateral lines that run into West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Keep in mind that permits are pending on these projects, but I am hopeful that they will go in 2017. Also, a number of "unnamed" projects will take place in 2017.

"Permits pending" is a phrase that we hear a lot these days in our industry. This phrase makes it hard to predict the starting dates on many of these projects. I am glad to report that 798 is taking a proactive approach to this issue by developing a web page so that we can actively advocate for upcoming pipeline projects in our country. We received a snapshot of what this webpage can do for our Local during the December membership meeting. When this page is ready in a couple of weeks, please be sure to check it out and use it as an action tool to let your voice be heard in this new battle that is being waged against our way of life.

Wade and Danny have worked hard to get this thing going and now it is up to you, the membership, to follow through by doing your part. I feel it is now our job as a union to take full advantage of this page by using and sharing with those who are less educated about what we do. We have approximately 6,500 members and I hope that every single one of us uses this page to our advantage, and we make it grow to unimaginable heights. We had roughly 26 percent of the membership vote in our election. If that holds true in regards to our new webpage, we will fail and our voice will not be heard. The environmentalists are passionate, and we must be more passionate than they are. Winston Churchill once said, "**We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.**" Remember these words as we move forward together as a Local union in this new environmentally challenged era of the pipeline industry.

Pre-Jobs:

Alex E. Paris:

Atlasburg, PA. 900 ft. of pipe work 12"-20" and miscellaneous fab. Superintendent: Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman: Frank Post, Jr. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10s.

Bond Brothers:

Burrillville, RI. Prefab meter station piping 12" and below. Superintendent: James Comeau. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell. Station fringes paying High-Scale. Working 5-8s. Job Complete.

Trumbull Corporation:

Johnstown, PA. 400 ft. of 20" pipe replacement. Superintendent: Dwayne Collins. Welder Foreman: Jeff Taylor. Integrity Management paying high-scale. Working 5-10s. Job Complete.

PHILLIP W. WALLACE

AR, IA, KS, MN, MT, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD
918/270-6738



I write this Blue Light Report after returning home from the December membership meeting. The officer election votes were counted, and the new 798 officers will be put in place at the January 2017 meeting. Congratulations to the new officers, and thanks to all the candidates who ran for office. The Election Committee did a great job to make this election a success by overseeing the election company through the entire process to ensure a good, clean election. There were only 1,561 ballots counted out of over 5,000 eligible ballots mailed out. That's not a very good percentage of members taking an interest in your Local.

By the time you receive this Blue Light, the Dakota Access Pipeline will be complete except for the 7,500 foot HDD crossing of the Missouri River in Bismarck, North Dakota. This 1,170 miles of 30" pipeline was completed in seven months, and now the missing link is the 7,500-foot piece held up by the Standing Rock Sioux that have been protesting since Labor Day 2016. To me, it's a shame that our contractors and union members who follow the rules and abide by the laws, can't do their job without being guarded by law and military enforcement. This is America, the land of the free

where everyone has the right to protest anything they feel is not right, but that doesn't give a person the right to break the law as the protesters have in North Dakota. This pipeline will be completed soon. The Army Corp of Engineers may require a re-route around the Standing Rock. If they do, we are the ones that can do the job and do it well, if they get out of our way. I'm proud of the job our Welders, Helpers, and Journeyman did on the DAPL Project. This pipeline was built right, with safety the number one priority, and with the lowest repair rates in the industry. Our contractors and all four crafts worked in a professional manner to overcome tough inspection, bad weather, mud, and blizzards in the northern states to get this job done in record time.

Other work in my area will be back to mainly Maintenance and Integrity for 2017. Since the Diamond Pipeline in Oklahoma and Arkansas was awarded to non-union contractors, and the Sandpiper Pipeline was shut down by the same groups that are protesting all pipelines across the country, I will be back to being the maintenance man again. The Diamond Line is a 440-mile, 20-inch crude oil pipeline going from Cushing, Oklahoma, to Memphis, Tennessee. Plains All American has awarded this in three spreads. Spread 1 in Oklahoma was awarded to Pumpco, Spread 2 in western Arkansas was awarded to Strike, and Spread 3 into Memphis was awarded to Energy Services South. Plains led me to believe since last April that the two Arkansas spreads would be awarded to union contractors. I see now that was a big lie. I will do anything I can to stop this project. I will contact the Bold Nebraska folks to try to get them to start a Bold Oklahoma and Arkansas. If we can't build it right with Union Labor, I don't want it built at all. Arkansas's governor, senators, and congressmen have a petition to stop the Diamond Line. You would think they could get it done.

Man-hours for 2016 should hit 6.5 million. Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen predict that 2017 will be around nine million. Darrell Turner's area in the Southeast has the work this winter with around 900 members on jobs. This work will run into spring of 2017. With all the Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and other Northeast states getting started, spring will be the beginning of a good year. What a great time to be a 798 Pipeliner.

April will be here before you know it so make plans to come to the Steward School and bring someone with you who has never been. Welder Foremen, bring your spread men and office managers to Tulsa so they can get schooled as we do. You don't have to be a UA member to attend Steward School.

I hope everyone had a merry and happy holiday season, and will be prosperous in the New Year. Never forget: United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

CHARLES YATES, JR.

IN, MI, OH

918/270-6746

The 2016 general election is another for the history books. We had a healthy campaign that included both veterans and novices. Those of you who ran for office should be commended for participating. It takes guts to put yourself in a position of vulnerability. Congratulations to all the successful candidates. It is an honor and a heavy responsibility to hold such positions.

The job notifications in my jurisdiction have slowed down quite a bit as winter settles in. However, 2017 still looks to be a prosperous year with opportunity for man hours. Those opportunities also present the challenge of competing with the non-union sector. In order for us to maintain our market share of these projects, it is crucial for Local 798 to outperform every time. We must convince the gas companies to choose union labor. We can make union labor more appealing by setting a good example and being more productive. What does that look like? Arriving to work early, dressed in appropriate attire, truck prepped and in good condition, and ready to give a full day's work.

We've all heard the stories of making some ungodly number of welds in a ten-hour day. That is the truth. That is no exaggeration. Hands had pride in themselves and our union. They worked all day long from the time they set-in and started the fire in the morning until they rattled the pipe in the evening. When that bus pulled up to the pipe gang, we would bail out anxious to get to work. That is part of our tradition taught by our retirees who showed us how to work hard and get it done well.

Dad loved to tell those pipeline stories: his first pipeline job in 1958, his initiation into 798 in 1960, living in those damn man camps in Alaska, he and I welding across the pipe from each other. I know those stories by heart. To the many who also shared stories remembering Dad fondly and offering your condolences, I thank you. I'm proud of those memories. I'm proud of him. Proud of his accomplishments and contributions to 798 as a welder, steward, long time finance committee member, UA delegate, Business Agent in Alaska during the Trans Alaska pipeline, and Business Agent over nine southern states. I am proud to carry on the traditions my father taught me and many others. Traditions of finding satisfaction in hard work,



knowing the value of a work ethic, and having a hunger to earn your own way. I will continue to go to work every day trying my hardest to take care of his legacy, our legacy, and all that I hold dear. I have big shoes to fill. You will be missed Dad, but not forgotten.

Pre-Jobs:

1127 Construction:

Akron, OH. 50 ft. of 30" and 200 ft. of 24" inside station for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: Joe Smith. Welder Foreman: Dave Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11/18/16.

Alex Paris Contracting:

Atlasburg, PA (job location Powhatan, OH). .3 miles of 3", 4", 12", 20", and 24" plus fabrication for Mark West Utica. Superintendent: Dave Duncan. Welder Foreman: James White. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1/13/17.

Charps Welding:

Bay City, MI. 30" tie-in for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Brandon Olson. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Contractor Rentals:

- Hartford City, IN. 22" and 18" tie-in for Marathon Petroleum. Welder Foreman: Russell O'Brian. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

- Alexandria, OH. 67 miles of 10" and 33 miles of 8" hydrotest for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: Matt Hill. Welder Foreman: Teddy Payne. Working 4-10s and 1-8. Job complete.

Foltz Welding:

Lima, OH. Emergency 12" anomaly digs for Marathon. Superintendent: Hank Hull. Welder Foreman: Jay Kuhn. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Geeding Construction:

- Green Castle, IN. 1,200 ft. of 8" bore for Marathon Pipeline. Welder Foreman: Randy Williams. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

- Indianapolis, IN. 8" river bore for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Jason Bruno. Welder Foreman: Randy Williams. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

- Johannesburg, MI. 12" valve tie-in for TransCanada. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Gary Oaks. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

- Lima, OH. 2" small piping installation for Sunoco. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Gary Oaks. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

InterCon:

Stockbridge, MI. Hydrotesting fire suppression system for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Russ Sennhenn. Welder Foreman: Richard Compeau. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Meade:

- Goshen, IN. 4,500 ft. of 8" install for Nipsco. Superintendent: Steve Harter. Welder Foreman: Jason Spurgeon. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12/21/16.

- Lafayette, IN. 2150' of 12" HDD for Vectren. Superintendent: John Karlsson. Welder Foreman: Colby Shaffer. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Mid-Ohio:

Mt. Pleasant Pike, OH. 8,791 ft. of 12" new lay for Mark West. Superintendent: Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman: Matt Ward. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Minnesota Limited:

Evansville, IN. Interconnect 4" through 8" station fabrication for Vectren. Superintendent: Greg Frazier. Welder Foreman: Francisco Sarrazola. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1/31/17.

Otis Eastern:

Barnesville, OH. 12 miles of 16" install for Rice Energy. Superintendent: Rod Tyson. Welder Foreman: Ryan Copley. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4/1/17.

Quest Construction:

Marietta, OH. 6" meter station for Blue Racer Midstream. Superintendent: John Fitzwater. Welder Foreman: Keith Kongsjord. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12/23/16.

R.L. Coolsaet:

Montague, MI. Pigging plus 8" temporary piping for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Pat Duffy. Welder Foreman: Bobby Monroe. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Roberts Pipeline:

- Columbia Station, OH. 300 ft. of 12" relay for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Andy Anderson. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

- Lima, OH. 15 ft. of 14" bolt-up plus 8" welds on pig trap for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: A. J. Meyer. Welder Foreman: A. J. Meyer. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Union Pipeline:

- Bridgeport, OH. 30" fabrication for Mark West. Superintendent: Rich Grasselli. Welder Foreman: Willard Watson. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

- Freeport, OH. 10" and 12" tie-ins for Mark West. Superintendent: Rich Grasselli. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12/21/16.



Price Gregory in Gonzales, LA



2016 Officer Election Results

President		Finance Committee			
Preston (Prez) Richard	1,311	Billy W. Hawkins	796	Jimmy Dick	339
		Ed Coker	652	Neil "Brent" Harper	328
Vice President		Guy Simms	459	Juan M. Rivera	286
Paul Davis	1,310	Jerry H. Haynes	445	Richard "Richie" Hayes	263
		Steve L. Birgy	440	Bobby S. Taylor, Jr.	248
Business Manager		Jeremy Ryan	300	Chuck Seale	217
Daniel C. Hendrix	1,364	Jerry Jennings	272	Lee Allen	215
		David Layton	264	Terry J. Thibodeaux	196
Financial Secretary-Treasurer		Greg M. Russell	262	Phillip McCann	185
Wade Pilgreen	1,377	James (Scooter) Folk, Jr.	185	Frank Bowker	155
		George E. Duchon	106	David N. Hall	97
Recording Secretary				Charles "Charlie" J. Sonnier	85
Guy S. Williams	1,322	Executive Board		Bobby D. Smith	85
Inside Guard		Troy Post	807	Examining Board	
Jerry "Dale" Crabtree, Jr.	1,204	Randy Mathis	616	Mike Miller	900
Brian George Scott May	258	Charlie Garrett	456	Clark Eastwood	870
		Cody D. Pedigo	436	Mitchell S. Pendergraft	689
		Jeffery H. Doyle	417	Roger D. Burrow	397
		Donald (Paw-Paw) Hawkins, Sr.	355		

I am writing this report after attending the December membership meeting. It was good, as always, to see a nice turn out.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers. I feel that we have chosen not only a qualified group of officers, but all are of the highest integrity. There was an outstanding group of people on the ballot and any one of them perfectly capable. It's always a good sign to see so many people willing to step up and serve their local union. You all deserve congratulations regardless if you were elected or not.

Congratulations to Business Manager Danny Hendrix and Financial-Secretary Wade Pilgreen on a white ticket. This is a great honor that shows you have led this Local Union in the right direction, and the membership fully approves.

We have been blessed with another good work year and it continues into the winter. By all indications, we can look forward to another good one next year. I can certainly remember those lean years, and the amount of work we have had in the last 10 to 12 years has been unbelievable. Actually, the outlook seems to be bright for everyone in the oil and gas industry. The new administration coming into the White House may not be the most pro-union administration we have ever had, but from all indications it seems to be the most pro-oil and gas administration we have ever had. It seems that deregulation is going to be a priority which should free up a lot of work. Some of these regulations are useless and only delay and even kill some projects. Deregulation can be a double-edged sword because if it's easier for our contractors, it is easier for the non-union sector. But as we know, they are rarely held to the same standard as we are and have been affected little by some of these regulations. So maybe it will work in our favor. Only time will tell.

Some of our work, including the KXL, Sabal Trail and some sections of the DAPL, has been stifled by radical environmental groups for the last few years. Although many of these people are well meaning, they simply are not educated on what we do and how we do it. Many are spurred on by professional agitators who care little about the facts, but more about their agenda no matter how bizarre it may be. One thing I can give them credit for is that they are well organized. We can learn from them and if we are to be successful in combating this we must become as dedicated and diligent to our cause as they are to theirs. We are in the process of establishing a means to

better organize and mobilize our membership when we need to resist these efforts to deprive of us our livelihood. We have a large membership, and a loud voice is what is heard. I hope everyone, active and retired, will join in and help in this struggle that we face. We are the most highly skilled and unified pipeliners in the world. Surely, we can band together and become the best activists when our jobs depend on it.

Radical environmentalists are not the only opposition we have. Although the non-union work down here has been slow, they are still alive and only waiting for the work to pick up in the oil fields. We must slow this assault by the non-union contractors, and it will take the same approach as against our other enemies.

I have had many calls from non-union welders wanting a job, but many are only interested in a job and have little or no loyalty to our cause. Those who did support us came into 798 and have been doing good. It's a good feeling when a topnotch hand comes over to our side and calls you to say how well they were accepted and treated on their first job, and how much better their conditions are on the jobsite. In turn, they take that message back to their friends who are still working non-union, and it peaks their interest as well. The welders are the key. Without the welder, the non-union cannot survive. If anyone talks to any non-union welders who are qualified, tell them if they will contact me and help us with our organizing campaigns, they will be given the opportunity to join us. If anyone is contacted by a non-union contractor offering work, call me. Depending on the job I could possibly use you to help in our efforts.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you all have a prosperous year in 2017. If I can be of assistance to you in any way feel free to call anytime. If I do not answer leave a message, and I will call you back as soon as I am off the phone or get service. If you can provide us with any information, please let me know no matter how insignificant it may seem. Your information could just be the missing piece to the puzzle we need.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill

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ORGANIZING REPORT

COBRA Rates

The PIBF monthly COBRA premium rates were last increased September 1, 2013. The Fund's consultants advised the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting that the allowable maximum rate could be as much as \$318 per month for single coverage and \$764 per month for family coverage. However, after careful review, the Board of Trustees agreed to increasing the single coverage from \$270 per month to \$300 per month and family coverage from \$600 per month to \$690 per month effective January 1, 2017.

Open Enrollment for 19 to 26-year-old Children for 2017

The PIBF sent Health Care open enrollment forms to all plan participants in November 2016. To keep your child/children from the ages of 19 to 26 on your insurance, you must complete and return the open enrollment notice. Each year, we have several plan participants that fail to return the form timely. The last filing date is December 31, 2016; however, the Trustees allow a late enrollment period through February. You must provide a written explanation why you are late. After February 28, 2017, you must appeal to the Board of Trustees requesting consideration in adding the child/children to your plan.

Monthly Medicare Premiums

The following schedule taken from the Medicare.gov website outlines the premium structure for Medicare for 2017.

The standard Part B premium amount in 2017 will be \$134 (or higher depending on your income). However, most people who get Social Security benefits will pay less than this amount. This is because the Part B premium increased more than the cost-of-living increase for 2017 Social Security benefits. If you pay your Part B premium through your monthly Social Security benefit, you'll pay less **(\$109 on average)**.

If you're in 1 of these 5 groups, here's what you'll pay:

If your yearly income in 2015 (for what you pay in 2017) was			You pay each month (in 2017)
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$85,000 or less	\$134.00
above \$85,000 up to \$107,000	above \$170,000 up to \$214,000	Not applicable	\$187.50
above \$107,000 up to \$160,000	above \$214,000 up to \$320,000	Not applicable	\$267.90
above \$160,000 up to \$214,000	above \$320,000 up to \$428,000	above \$85,000 and up to \$129,000	\$348.30
above \$214,000	above \$428,000	above \$129,000	\$428.60

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Regular Membership Meeting

DECEMBER 9, 2016





Thank You

Jerrid and Tracy Wilcox & Family want to thank you for the contribution they received during their hardship. It was nice to know they have Brothers and Sisters who care for each other. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen and Danny Hendrix.

Gregory T. Rogers sends his thanks out to all his Brothers and Sisters for the generous donation from the Voluntary Fund. He thanks everyone for all your thoughts and prayers while he was in the hospital.

Jerry and Darlene Harper would like to say thank you to everyone who was responsible for sending them a gift in their time of need. It was a blessing during Jerry's illness. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen.

Bradley Ellis says thank you to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. He is grateful for the donation he received. The help was greatly appreciated.

Kathy Morgan wants to thank everyone for the generous check she received after the hurricane. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Darrell Turner, and Greg Fontenot.

Alan and Sherry Fagg would like to thank each member for the unexpected funds they received during Sherry's illness and surgery. The kindness, prayers and support they received from their Brothers and Sisters during this stressful time was overwhelming.

John D. Murphy, II sends his thanks to the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it for the wonderful kindness in thoughts and deeds during his loss.

Jerry and Ardina Hughes would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received while fighting Ardina's cancer. Thanks to Buster Chapman, Billy Hawkins, and Brian Anderson.

Harold Keith Carr appreciates the support from the Voluntary Fund and all the members of Local 798. A special thanks to Robert Contreras for his help.

Bill Murray thanks everyone for the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund after an accident left him unable to work for three months.

The John S. Miller Family write to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was a big help. Special thanks to Phillip Wallace and Joe Spradlin.

Brandon and Heather Williams would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The contribution they received while their son had kidney surgery was greatly appreciated. They would like to send a special thanks to Jimmy Dick and everyone working on the Precision job in Ottumwa, IA.

Jean and Heather Fontenot have many challenges ahead of them and want to thank you all for your support, prayers and for the gift from the Voluntary Fund.

Nick and Tonita Walters are grateful for the generous check they received from the Voluntary Fund. Your generosity greatly touched them in their time of need. They appreciate all the prayers and concern for their family.

Richard Joeris would like to thank all the

members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, and the PIBF staff.

Robert M. "Red" Rice sends a thank you to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help his family received when his wife suffered a heart attack in August, and again in September. She is doing well at this time. Special thanks to Rob Antle and everyone affiliated with Local Union 798.

Densel and Elizabeth Stewart say a special thank you to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received following both of their knee surgeries during 2016. The help was a blessing and both are recovering. Special thanks to Mike Miller and the entire 798 family.

Don and Dana Foster would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to make it possible. They know that everyone who gives works hard for their money and without you, it would not be possible. Special thanks to Jeff Doyle and Billy Martel.

Mark A. Witt thanks all who donate to the Voluntary Fund and to those who helped during his mom's relocation. Special thanks to Chad Gilbert and Wade Pilgreen for the job they do.

Eric Jones expresses his heartfelt appreciation for the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund. The help he received over the past few months has been overwhelming, and he wants to thank every person who gives to the Fund. Special thanks to Barky Zoller, Charlie Staten, Rick Taylor, David Butterworth, Danny Hendrix, and Wade Pilgreen for all their help and patience.

Mike and Esther Runion would like to thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after the loss of their granddaughter in a car accident. Special thanks to Philip Wallace, Chad Gilbert, and all those who worked for Appalachian Pipeline in Bozeman, MT.

Kenny Tucker writes to thank all those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received following double knee replacement. He is happy to report he is now walking. Special thanks to David "Tado" Spann, Jason Black, Kurt Kirkland, Stan Campbell and Mike Miller.

Michael and Heather Waller send their thanks to all who give to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was greatly appreciated.

Tyler Carter would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received after his leg injury. Special thanks to Kenny Glaze, Raymond Johnson, Matt Cowart, and all the friends and co-workers on the North Dakota Access Pipeline job in Bismarck, ND, for all their help and concern.

Bob and Mendie Butterworth appreciate the generous help they received from the Voluntary Fund after the flood hit their hometown. Special thanks to Frank Bowker, Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Rick Taylor.

Larry Bowen would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift he received after the recent West Virginia floods.

Douglas E. Collins says thank you for the help he received from the Voluntary Fund after his wife passed away. He is appreciative that the Voluntary Fund was there to help him financially through an extremely tough

and dark stretch. He expresses gratitude to those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, those who administer the Fund, and the visionaries who began the Voluntary Fund.

Gary and Rosemarie King would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help they received. It means so much to be thought of at this difficult time. May God bless you.

Brad and Joni Mudd wish to thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was a great help during their daughter's hospital stay. Special thanks to Warren Lyda and all the hands on the Michels job in Yankton, SD.

Bonnie Whitt is grateful to the Voluntary Fund and the Local 798 family for the money she received after her brain surgery. So far, she is doing well. The help was greatly appreciated.

Natalie Childs writes to say thank you to everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund, for the gift she received after having neck surgery and was unable to work. This is a great program that helps our Brothers and Sisters in a time of need. Special thanks to Patricia and Randy Trujillo.

Patrick Faulkner sincerely thanks those who give to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received. He is so grateful the fund is available for those going through rough patches in life.

Clark Shaffer extends his gratitude to everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund for the money he received after the passing of his father. Words cannot explain how it feels to belong to such a great organization. Special thanks to Dave Vasconi, Bob Houston, Brian "BR" Roberts, and the rest of the crew at VEC.

Joe and Terry Ellis express their thanks to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received during Terry's recovery from knee replacement.

Curtis and Cindy Wortham write to thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes to it for the check they received. It was more than appreciated. Special thanks to Bobby Smith and Steven Morris.

Randy and Wahlea Sample convey their thanks to this wonderful union, it's membership, the officers, and the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund for the 13th check they received. It means a lot to those who are retired or disabled.

Don Pawloski and Family would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was truly appreciated. Special thanks to Steve Birgy.

Sam and Mary Jo Herren would like to thank those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received following Mary Jo's surgery. The help was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Jason and Nicole Johnson, Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

John and Martha Tourangeau say thank you to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the donation, but also for the prayers, flowers, cards, and words of support. Your support came during an extremely difficult time. It is a great honor to be part of an organization that takes so much pride in helping others in their time of need.

Gary D. Hall takes this opportunity to thank the Voluntary fund and everyone in Local 798 for the help he received. It's a good feeling knowing you get to hang out with the

"Best Pipeliners in the World." Special thanks to Clay and Shannon Lafaye.

Bryan Stevenson writes to say thank you to the Voluntary Fund and the Brotherhood for the help he received in his time of need. He really appreciated it. Special thanks to the Brother and Sisters who helped make it happen.

Mack and Crystal Mantle would like to say thank you to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received earlier this year following Mack's surgery. He is doing much better.

James Smyrl sends his thanks to those members who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received following his recent knee replacement. Special thanks to Grant Sample.

Fay Gregory would like to thank Local 798 for the beautiful Bible and support she received following the unexpected, accidental loss of her husband, Bradford Gregory. It was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Harold and Diana L'Hote and Glenn and Julie Ammons.

Brian Landry and Family thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received. It was a blessing. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Chris Baldrige, Ernie Tyson, and Wally and Pat Gros.

James Dobber Varnell would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received after he broke his hip. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Phillip Wallace and Ronnie Jernigan.

Williams Construction says thank you to Local 798 for being a hole sponsor for the 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament which benefited the United Way.

Bucktail Medical Center expresses gratitude to Danny Hendrix, Local 798, and all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, for the donation it received in memory of Joyce Curran, the late wife of 798 member Frederick Curran.

IN MEMORIAM

Erve Heigle, 90-year-old Retired Welder of Heber Springs, AR, passed away September 7, 2016.

Orville S. McMahan, 82-year-old Retired Helper of Sand Springs, OK, passed away September 26, 2016.

Ted F. Faulkner, 64-year-old Helper of Hominy, OK, passed away September 27, 2016.

Shaun A. Fox, 38-year-old Helper of Clendenin, WV, passed away October 16, 2016.

Joel L. Mallette, 58-year-old Retired Welder of Saucier, MS, passed away October 18, 2016.

Robert L. Moss, 81-year-old Retired Helper of Jonesboro, AR, passed away October 19, 2016.

Stanley F. Bieri, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Ewart, MI, passed away October 27, 2016.

Delbert R. Poe, 92-year-old Retired Welder of Hempstead, TX, passed away November 4, 2016.

Ronald R. Ross, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Semmes, AL, passed away November 11, 2016.

Charles E. Yates, Sr., 78-year-old Retired Welder of Vaiden, MS, passed away November 19, 2016.

Tommy W. Black, 77-year-old Retired Welder of Wewoka, OK, passed away November 24, 2016.

William C. McCleary, 89-year-old Retired Welder of Clendenin, WV, passed away November 25, 2016.

RETIREMENTS

Jimmy E. Ballard, Helper, Weir, MS

James N. Barnes, Welder, Hartford, KY

Donald R. Benavides, Helper, Campbellton, TX

Timothy L. Duarte, Helper, Taylorsville, MS

Troy D. Glaze, Welder, Bald Knob, AR

Gary R. Hodges, Helper, New Castle, VA

John H. Hundley, Journeyman Spacer, Genoa, WV

Kermit G. Hunt, Helper, Clendenin, WV

Richard A. Joeris, Welder, Buffalo Gap, WV

Alan K. Johnson, Welder, Frankston, TX

Littlely W. Matthews, II, Journeyman Spacer, Daphne, AL

Frank E. Parker, Helper, Enid, OK

Marc E. Pattison, Journeyman Spacer, Claysville, PA

Pamela G. Rainwater, Helper, Mill Hall, PA

Haskell R. Spurlock, Helper, Patriot, OH

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SA200 Lincoln Welder. Call Paul (501) 328-3802.

2006 34RLDK Mountaineer 5th Wheel. Made by Newmar. One owner, double slide outs, original bedding & curtains. Wood cabinets, W/D prep, refrigerator w/ice maker, two Samsung TV's, Michelin tires. \$25,000. Also, **2006 F350 Lariat**. Super duty power stroke turbo diesel V8 with added 55-gallon combination fuel/tool box. One owner. \$27,000 or (\$50,000 for 5th Wheel and pickup). Contact Wayne or Karen at (940) 390-6990 or (940) 479-2237.

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.

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Member
Honored With
U.A. Certificate



Roy H. "Buddy" Rutledge
Retired Welder
Portland, AR

Meeting Notice January 13, 2017

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 13, 2017 beginning at 7 p.m.

Special Business:
Installation of Officers

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 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017. The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$94.00. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.



798 Training Center Thank You

The 798 Training Center would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Lilyerd and Minnesota Limited for the generous contribution to the Training Center.

Julie Roe began her career at Local Union 798 as the receptionist in September 2002. She has had the privilege of meeting numerous members over the years during meeting week, and has enjoyed listening to stories of their experiences working on the pipeline and of their families. She has been married to the love of her life, Glen, for 40 years and has lived in Beggs, OK for 30 years. They have two grown daughters, Priscilla and Alyssa, and have been blessed with three grandsons, Dylan, Joshua, and Wyatt Dean. Julie loves spending her free time with family and friends. She feels very blessed to be able to work for such a wonderful organization, which not only appreciates its employees, but shows its appreciation in so many ways. If Julie hasn't met you or visited with you on the phone over the years, she looks forward to doing so in the future.

Featured Personnel



Dwayne Base is the Building Maintenance Supervisor. His duties include, but are not limited to: building maintenance, janitorial, grounds care, vehicle care, deliveries, meeting organizing, and much more.

He has been married to his wonderful wife, Ginny, for 25 years and they have two grown children and one granddaughter. His interests include hunting, kayaking, and most outdoor activities. He has been at Local 798 for over 31 years, having begun working at Pipeliners in 1985, at the age of 17. He would like to thank the officers, staff, and members for his employment. He and his family have been greatly blessed.

Featured Personnel



REMINDER

Your monthly dues and working assessments paid for 2016 are available to you on the Member's Only Login area of the Local 798 Website. Once logged in, you can click on the payment history page and enter any year period to view the total amount of monthly dues paid during that time. To view your working assessments and organizing fees paid, you must go to the work hour page and enter the date range you need, and it will give you the totals for that time frame. Please remember, hours are typically reported 30 - 45 days behind, so if you worked in December, those working assessments will not appear until late January to mid-February 2017.

Your emailed year-end reports will not be available until after February 20, 2017. If you do not have an email address on file, your year-end reports will be mailed to your home address. We will be working diligently to get this information out to all members, so we will be unable to provide the information over the phone prior to that date. However, you may obtain this information when logged into the Member's Only Login area of the website as indicated above. Please keep in mind that it is our goal to provide the membership all the information they need, while striving to do so in the most cost efficient ways possible.

Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Programs

All scholarship applications must be received in our office by January 20, 2017, to be considered for the 2016/2017 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.

I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. January 2017 is here!

Now we can get on to what is next. We have two jobs in the southeast that should be loading up this week or next. One high scale and one intermediate. One more job in south Texas may start by the end of the month. That's not bad for January, but it is also all I know of right now.

In Dispatch, we are turning our attention to Building Trade work for the winter until our work picks up. I suggest we all do the same.

Welders need to have your OSHA 10 card up to date. Many BT contractors require your OSHA card be no more than three years old. If you can afford it, a TWIC (866-289-9673) card is not a bad idea.

A UA 21, 22 and 41 are the best basic tests you need. If you have had these certs and let them expire, then get in a UA test facility and update. One weld with GTAW and SMAW will bring most of your certs back into good standing. You do not always need a UA cert, but sometimes you do. They are looking for good welders just like everybody else. You don't have to be a super welder, but one that knows how to work with the people around them and make sound, clean welds. Combo welders (Heli-ARC and uphill stick) go to the work the fastest.

Journeyman just need the OSHA and the TWIC card in most places. I don't get a lot of calls for Journeyman, but when I do it is all at once. So,



Dispatch Report

By Ricky Jones

you must be prepared. Also, if you have the paperwork from where you have taken a drug test, some locals want you to have paperwork showing you have had a drug test in the last six months.

We worked a lot of people on BT last year, and I hope we do even better this year. Use this time to accumulate Pension hours! Just a few now can be enough to put you over that 1200, 1800 or 2200-hour mark. Whatever your goal is, now is the time to get started on your pension credits.

Call Dispatch and ask to be put on our BT spread sheet. The ladies will ask you a few questions about what you may be interested in and qualify for. We will use our call blast system to reach out if we get any large BT orders in here.

If you want to know the latest news, be at the January 13, 2017, Local 798 Union meeting! That is the best way to know. Don't rely on word of mouth. Find out for yourself the latest information available.

Take time to make sure all your contact information is correct here at the union hall. Update your phone numbers, e-mail and mailing address. Do it now while you have time. Don't let something like bad contact information cost you a job.

I believe we have a great year ahead of us. So, if you are not working today rest up. Get your equipment ready. Come to the Training Center and get your skills ready for another long year of work opportunities.

2016 DaySpring Villa Christmas Party

During the holiday season the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund, along with Pipeliners Local 798 joined with the Ladies of 798, and the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund to host the 3rd annual Christmas party for the women and children of DaySpring Villa in Sand Springs, OK. We want to extend our sincerest appreciation to all who helped contribute to the success of this event. Additionally, we would like to thank the sponsors that were a big part of that success: Andolini's Pizzeria, 2 Pops Catering, Merritt's Bakery, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and QuikTrip.



Update Your Information!

The beginning of a new year is a great time to update all your contact information with the Hall. Simply log in to the Member's Only Login at www.local798.org to verify your information is up to date. This includes mailing address, phone numbers, email address and demographics.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Steward School – April 12-14, 2017

Registration information will soon be mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School, April 12-14, 2017. **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 the events will be included with your registration packet. Pipeliners Local 798 has a group rate of \$94.00/night 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 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting the George Lambert / Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held Monday, April 10, 2017, at Forest Ridge Golf Course, 7501 E. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Registration information will be included with your Steward School registration packet.

Classes covering the *Steward Reporting Forms* and *Computer Class* will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 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 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Tuesday,

April 11, 2017. You can also pick up your packet at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m., and again beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 12, 2017.

Steward School Classes will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel beginning promptly at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2017, and continue through noon Friday, April 14, 2017.

The Family and Retiree Banquet, honoring members with 50 or more years of service will start at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, April 13, 2017. 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 14, 2017, at noon.

The 8th Annual Slick Rig Contest will be held on Friday afternoon at the Local 798 Training Center. A minimum number of 10 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 p.m. Friday evening, April 14, 2017.

The April Ladies Hospitality will also be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2017.

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