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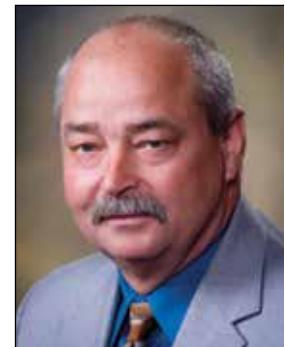
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to welcome David Butterworth and Charles Yates Jr. as new Business Agents for Pipeliners 798. David was hired in early January and is currently working collectively with Rick Taylor in the Northeast. Charlie came on board February 1 and will police the jurisdiction of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Both of these men have shown that they have strong principles, great work ethic and what it takes to represent the membership on into the future. Pipeliners 798, as in life, is ever changing. Sometimes it seems a little scary to make changes when your inner circle seems so perfect, but as your Business Manager, I will continue to do what I believe is best for the welfare of this great Local. Please join with me and let both of these men know that they can expect full support from you, the membership. On a side note, the state of South Carolina will now be added to the jurisdiction of Chris Lancaster.



In January, which is historically one of our slowest months, we dispatched 42 Welders, 7 Journeyman, and 61 Helpers, which is a very good indication of what is to come. The work outlook still looks very robust for the next three years. Some of the major projects that should be starting this year are Sunoco - 300 miles of 20" and possibly paralleled with a 16"; Constitution - 126 miles of 30"; Atlantic Sunrise - 178 miles of 42"; Sabal Trail - 515 miles of 30"-36"; and Florida Southeast Connection - 126 miles of 30"-36". This is just a sampling of some of the major projects. **Most of the man hours for 2015 did not include any big name projects like the jobs above.**

Just as I have said in the last dozen Blue Light issues, opposition to many of the large pipeline projects is still strong. Some of the projects mentioned above, and the 1100 miles of 30" for the Dakota Access, have become political fodder for the presidential candidates seeking nomination. I don't believe we will be reliving the Keystone XL fiasco. However, to make sure that we are getting our message out to the public, we all must double our efforts to unite when called upon. Never neglect your obligation as a member to write a letter, send a text, or make your presence available at town hall meetings to show your support for a more secure and independent nation. We are constantly posting new information about how you can help with these issues on our website, Facebook, and utilizing call blasts to the membership. **This fight against pipelines and your livelihood will never be over. There will always be groups committed to fighting fossil fuels, all while consuming fossil energy every day.**

Once again, I would like to invite you to the 2016 Steward School. If you want to meet and greet at the largest turnout of pipeline constructors in the world, then Tulsa is the place to be on April 6, 7 and 8. As an incentive to encourage you to participate, the door prize at the Friday night regular meeting will be increased to **\$5,000** dollars. However, only those who attend all three days of Steward School will be eligible, and you must be present to win. If you are truly interested in this union, the pipeline industry, and your livelihood, you should mark your calendar and start making reservations. I look forward to seeing you there! As always I am proud to say, **"I work for you, the finest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Hendrix".

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager

Financial Planning Presentations

Chris Brown with the Dave Ramsey team will speak on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. during the upcoming Steward School. Dave Ramsey is a popular radio personality and personal money-management expert, with 4 New York Times best-selling books. His program teaches others how to be responsible with money, acquire wealth to take care of loved ones, retire with dignity, and give generously to others.

We will also have representatives with the Trust Company of Oklahoma, Arkansas Best Federal Credit Union, and the staff from the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund presenting information on the pension and health and welfare benefits provided to the Membership.

We welcome all Members and Spouses to attend this afternoon of presentations. We will have child care available beginning at 12:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend. Please indicate on your Steward School registration form if you would like to utilize the child care services so we may plan accordingly, or you may contact the Union Hall via phone to let us know.



Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone one is doing well and looking forward to this new work season. I would like to begin my comments today by addressing the volatility of the markets. The Dow Jones and the NASDAQ have taken a beating this past month due in large part to the uncertainty in the energy sector, and the downward spiral of the Chinese markets. Russia and the OPEC nations have a strangle hold on the world's oil production which has led to a surplus of oil that is available to the consumer market. These are indeed complex and worrisome issues which directly affect our industry. However, I feel we need to take a look at the broader picture.



I recently conducted a five year analysis of the stock market and my findings were quite surprising. When I took the position of Financial-Secretary in 2011, the Dow Jones was trading around the 12,000 mark which was at the time considered historical. During the five year period since that time, the Dow Jones average has continued to increase, reaching an all-time high of around 18,000 in May 2015. I believe what we are experiencing now is the inevitable correction of the markets. In addition, I believe the OPEC nations and Russia will have to make adjustments to their oil production policies. This past week I was watching an interview given by T. Boone Pickens, one of the greatest oil men of our time. His opinion was one of optimism with oil prices reaching close to fifty dollars per barrel by the end of the year.

I choose to go with the philosophy of cautious optimism. I am proud to report our local is one of the most fiscally sound unions in the nation and I believe we can weather the storm while the markets correct themselves. In addition, I am excited about the amount of work projected to begin this year and we hope to hear about the approval of the Dakota Access in the next couple of weeks. The Mariners East II pipeline is projected to start around April and the Sabal Trail project should begin in June.

Just as we made our voices heard and affected change with DOT regulations, many of our members were active in the approval process of the Dakota Access Project. I want to personally thank everyone who wrote letters in support of the project and took the time to attend the meetings. We even had some members who brought their wives and children to the meetings. I want to give a special thanks to Phillip Wallace, Terry Langley and Jerry Ryan for their efforts in this endeavor. Again, it shows what we can accomplish when we show a united front to our legislative leaders. We must continue our efforts to counterbalance environmental groups with their message that attempts to threaten our livelihood and way of life.

You should have received your registration information for the upcoming Steward School. As I mentioned in the last report, we are excited about the format changes, especially the Steward Handbook. I firmly believe we need to educate our membership on the rights and responsibilities of being a 798 member. Please make plans to attend this fun and informative week, and I want to encourage you to bring your family because the Ladies of 798 have activities planned as well. As usual, the week will begin with the George Lambert/Harry Faucett Scholarship Golf Tournament which will be held Monday, April 4, 2016 at Forest Ridge Golf Course with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. And prior to the tournament, we once again have the former long drive champion, Dan Boever performing his trick shot show starting at 11:00 am. Be sure to show up early to and watch him entertain the crowds.

Danny and I had the pleasure of visiting the Lonestar Express Project in Crockett, Texas during the month of December. I want to give special thanks to Tom Gross, Director of Pipeline Department for the UA, and David Barnett, Special Representative for the UA, for taking a special interest in our members. They brought a film crew and obtained footage that will be shown during the UA Convention this year. I think it is an honor that our members will be highlighted at the convention, and it shows the importance of our 66 year history. I want to thank Precision Pipeline for granting the film crew access to the project. Also, I want to give a special thanks to Raymond Johnson, Welder Foreman and John Knight, Job Steward for assisting us during this visit.

In closing, I want to give a heartfelt welcome to our new business agents David Butterworth and Charles Yates Jr. Recently, they both have been at the Hall receiving training for their new positions. I am already impressed with their attention to detail and their commitment to our membership. I know you will give them your full support as we lead our local into the future. As always, I am continually blessed to serve this great local and do not hesitate to call if I can be of some assistance.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Wade Pilgreen
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Steward School – April 6-8, 2016

Registration information has been 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. Pipeliners Local 798 has group rates at the following facilities:

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel 6808 S. 107th E. Ave. This hotel is sold out. You can get on the waitlist, or cancel a current reservation by calling 918 307-4046.

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.



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CHRIS LANCASTER

KY, NC, SC, TN

918/270-6735

I would like to start by welcoming Charlie Yates, Jr. and David Butterworth as new Business Agents. I know these guys are good Union members and will do a great job. I am looking forward to working with them.

The work is still slow. I have pre-jobbed 25 miles of 20" for Latex in North Carolina and some other smaller jobs in Ohio. Michels Pipeline has a job coming up in Kentucky for Columbia Gas. This job has a lot of fabrication as well as several miles of relay that should be starting in Mid-February. Piedmont has several projects planned in North Carolina as well. There are several good projects planned that are awaiting permits. It would be very helpful if you could attend the town hall meetings that come up in your area.

The Steward school is not far off. I hope everyone is making plans to attend. Danny has a new agenda planned that is going to be very helpful for us all. It is going to cover all duties of the Welder Foreman, Steward, as well as our responsibilities as members. Also there will be helpful information on the operations of our Local. The retiree banquet is always a great event that I am honored to be able to attend. It is for our 50-year plus members, honoring them for their years of service and dedication to this Local Union. The Ladies of 798 also have several events planned for your spouse, as well as the Basket Auction. This auction is always a fun event and all contributions go to much needed charities. I hope you plan to attend these events.

As for the work starting off a little slow, I hope anyone needing to get their skills where they need to be is taking advantage of the Training Center. The work should be picking up soon. Thanks for all the help in 2015, and I am looking forward to seeing you out in the field in 2016. I wish everyone a safe and prosperous year. See you soon.

I have held the following pre-jobs:

Ace Pipeline:

Clarington, OH. 6 miles of 30" and 1200' of 20". Welder Foreman, Chad Thomas. Superintendent, Mark Wilson. Working 5-10's & 1-8. Approx. completion 7-1-16.

B. Miller Excavating:

Morristown, OH. 2 miles of 12" and 1000' of 3-8". Welder Foreman, Kevin Lancaster. Superintendent, Bryan Rizor. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 3-4-16.

B&G Pipeline:

Creedmoor, NC. Various maintenance. Welder Foreman, Doug Elliott. Superintendent, Victor Cardenas. Working 6-10's. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 12-31-16.

Charps Welding:

Temperance, MI. 10-16" Anomaly digs. Welder Foreman, Jamie Barstad. Superintendent, DJ Omang. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 3-30-16.

Everts Oil and Gas:

Hubbard, OH. 1-24" Fabrication for Compressor Station. Welder Foreman, Boucher Mooney. Superintendent, Abe Mueller. Working 6-10's. Station Agreement. Approx. completion 4-1-16.

Geeding:

Lima, OH. Various maintenance work. Welder Foreman, Steve Baker. Superintendent, Greg Geeding. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 4-30-16.



Henkels and McCoy:

Toledo, OH. Various Anomaly digs. Welder Foreman, Gary Mullins. Superintendent, JC Croft. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 7-1-16.

Infrasource:

Cleveland, OH. 4.8 miles of 12". Welder Foreman, Robert Crocker. Superintendent, Brad Phillips. Working 6-10's. Special Agreement Approx. completion 7-30-16.

Latex:

Hendersonville, NC. 25 miles of 20". Welder Foreman, Mitchell Elliott. Superintendent, Mike Hamilton. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 5-1-16.

United Piping, Inc.:

Mackinaw, MI. 2-8" Tie-ins. Welder Foreman, Steve Jackson. Superintendent, Orvie Haugen. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 2-6-16.

Welded Construction:

Northwood, OH. 23 miles of 24". Welder Foreman, Bill Ferguson. Superintendent, Kevin Ekleberry. Working 6-9's. Approx. completion 7-1-16.

BLACK SCHROEDER

TX

918/270-6743

The work is off to a normal start in 2016: "slow". Congratulations to Charlie Yates Jr. and David Butterworth for their appointment to Business Agent. I feel that Danny made a very good choice with his appointments. He has chosen two very qualified and dedicated agents, who have earned it.

We have just completed the procedures at CRC in Houston, TX for the Dakota Access Project. Things went exceptionally well. By the time you read this report we will also have completed the Sable Trails Procedures at RMS in Conroe, TX.

Precision has laid a little over half the pipe on the Lone Star Express Line. It finally let up raining, and they are starting to make progress.

The pipeline work is very slow in Texas and the drilling is even slower. I talked to a CEO in the drilling industry a week ago and he said it was as bad as 1982. He thought it would start coming back next summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Steward School. I hope everyone listened to Danny and will bring someone with them who has never attended before.

If I can be of assistance to anyone please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

Trinity Energy Services:

Argyle, TX. Build & Install Pipe Supports for Sunoco Pipeline. Superintendent: Charles Mathis II. Welder Foreman: Troy Rice. Working 6-10's. Station Agreement. Completion 3-13-16.

Michels Pipeline:

CRC Houston, TX. Run Procedures for ETP (Dakota Access Pipeline). Superintendent: Buddy Kervin. Welder Foreman: Carl Overstreet. Working 6-10's, mainline rates. This job is complete.

Price Gregory/RMS:

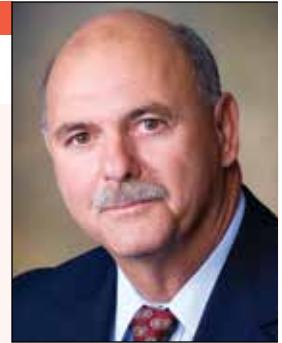
Conroe, TX. Run Procedures for Sabal Trail Pipeline Project, spreads 1, 4, & 5. Superintendent: Terry McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Billy Burns. Working 6-10's, mainline rates. Completion 2-25-16.

PHILLIP W. WALLACE

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

918/270-6738

This Blue Light report comes from Des Moines, Iowa. UA Special Representative from the Pipeline Department, David Barnett, Organizer, Jerry Ryan, and I are here in Iowa to sit on the Iowa Utility Board meetings to support their decision to approve the DAPL. Dakota Access Pipeline is 1141 miles of 30" Crude Pipeline coming from Beaver Lodge, North Dakota thru South Dakota, Iowa, and into Patoka, Illinois. All the States have approved the permits except for Iowa. The last battle ground for this project is here at the Iowa Utilities Board Office where the three Board Members make their decisions on all utilities like water, sewer, electric, gas, and unfortunately Crude Oil Interstate Pipelines. Something they don't really know a lot about, but we DO, and are still telling them about it just like the opposition. Four days of meetings and they could not come together, so we will meet February 19th and then again March 9th and 10th. This will be 9-30" spreads that I expect will be laying pipe this season.



Energy Transfer came to us less than 2 years ago wanting our help in fighting for the permits. We joined forces with them and have worked very well together on the DAPL. In January we heard the Environmentalists had a protest at the Iowa Governor's office, so we crashed it and kicked their tails when we marched on the Iowa State Capital. We had around 35 Local 798 members, relatives, and some wives with babies there despite the short notice and bad weather. I want to thank you for all your help. We also had other UA Members, Operators, Laborers, and Teamsters who showed up to show support. We had around 100 union members and their families attend and we outnumbered the opposition 5 to 1. We hit a home run with the Governor, State Senators, and State Representatives.

The Pipeline Industry is changing and we have to change with it. Gas and oil companies can't just go lay a pipeline anymore. The permit process is a long drawn out task of public hearings and public comments that have to be done by local citizens like you, who live in the affected areas of the Pipeline ROW. Energy Transfer wants our partnership and our craftsmanship to build their pipeline and all the stations. We will make every weld and turn every bolt on this 1141 miles of 30" pipeline.

Now the bad news about the Sandpiper Pipeline in North Dakota and Minnesota. North Dakota has approved the Sandpiper and the Minnesota Utility Commission has it held up for an Environmental Impact Study. The EIS will take most of this work season and I don't expect to lay pipe in 2016 on the Sandpiper. The UA Legal Department representing 798 is headed up by Ellen Boardman. Ms. Boardman is the one we need fighting for us. She keeps coming up with tactics that are working for us. The legal process is slow, but she will not let them go. Ellen is the right person for the job. Thanks for all your hard work.

I hope to see you at the April 2016 Steward School. Every year it keeps getting better and this year I think it will be the best ever. Business Manager Danny Hendrix and Financial Secretary Wade Pilgreen have changed some things that will be very informative for us all. I'm looking forward to this one, and I think the buzz will be the 9 DAPL spreads getting ready to kick off. What a great time to be a 798 Pipeliner. United We Stand & Divided We Fall. Our members and their families proved that at the Iowa State Capital.

DARRELL TURNER

AL, FL, GA, LA, MS

918/270-6737

Labor Unions have historically been vilified for fighting for fair wages and benefits. But the last five years Unions have been viewed in a more positive light by nearly every age group (without the help of media or government). In an era of constant political upheaval, it is astounding that Labor Unions have held their own, especially in the Deep South. People born after 1980 have shown the most support and interest. In fact, 57% of millennials view unions in a positive light compared to 42% of Gen Xers, 41% of baby boomers, and only 28% of seniors.

But all is not rosy. It is far from it. Right to Work (for less) is the law of the land in 25 states. 2015 saw Wisconsin's Governor Scott Walker push his non-union, Right to Work agenda through one of America's most unionized states to become number 25. Kentucky faces an uphill fight to prevent RTW from becoming law this year. That state's new republican governor, Matt Bevin, is making RTW, rolling back voting rights, and Medicaid reduction his top 3 priorities. And Missouri's Legislature passed RTW in 2015, only to see democratic Governor Jay Nixon veto the bill. The rest of that story will be told in the upcoming Missouri Governor's election where every single GOP candidate has publicly pledged to make RTW the law of that state. And in the last few days RTW was passed by the West Virginia Legislature. That state's Governor promised a veto, but the fight is not over. Adversaries believe they can override the Governor's veto.

It is a sad truth that RTW stifles growth in the states where it is law. Work place deaths are 54% higher in Right to Work states. In fact, 7 of the 10 states with the highest unemployment rates are RTW. Employee earnings in RTW states are \$6,000.00 lower on average. Bottom line, RTW plays on uninformed people's fear of joining a union and allows "Big Boss" to run roughshod where unions don't exist.

I have no prejobs to report at this time. However, it appears that we will have ample pipeline work in my jurisdiction this year. Some great work has been awarded in my area, but start-up isn't likely until June and beyond. I would strongly recommend that our members see Director of Training, Farron Hollabaugh, about honing your up-hill welding skills. It is imperative for Building Trades employment that you can run a TIG (heli-arc) root and open butt stick rod up-hill. The 798 Training Center is there for you. Take advantage of it.

Plan on attending this year's Steward School, and bring somebody with you. It will be here before we know it. Business Manager Hendrix and Financial Secretary Pilgreen have put together an agenda that will make this year's school the best ever. Call me if I can be of help to you. I look forward to visiting with you all in April.

CHAD GILBERT

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY

918/270-6736

I would like to start my report by thanking members who helped support the three day protest for unfair wages and working conditions against Sterling Management, LLC, in Brush, CO. Some members drove from as far as West Virginia and Arizona to attend. The weather conditions were sub-freezing, but the members were positive and looked to spread the message that higher wages and better working conditions are achievable for our industry. The Sterling Campaign has consisted of hand billing of information about the benefits of being union. We have also pushed worker safety issues and the raising of wages for welder helpers. Welder helpers are being paid \$12 an hour with no per diem or waiting time on snow outs or holidays.



I feel we have been extremely effective in getting our message out to the workers and the public. In my opinion, these new shorter action protests are more effective than old style pickets that I feel do not work these days. If you can get 100 members to protest for 3 days and your numbers grow, this in my opinion is much better than a long picket where your numbers shrink. You can do multiple protests on each campaign which enables you to pick the times to protest, and it also lessens the hardship on the members who sometimes are far from home. Hand billing, before and after the protest, allows workers an avenue to contact the Union for help with safety & environmental concerns. I promise we are working as hard as we can to bring better conditions to our industry and promote unionism.

I have pre-jobbed the blanket maintenance for Xcel Energy in CO for Snelson. Snelson Management feels 2016 will surpass 2015 in manpower and market share on integrity and maintenance work in Colorado. Hopefully this will enable members who look forward to working in the West increased job opportunities.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the Steward School in 2016. Danny has changed the agenda to include the Policy of the Local Union and it will be very informative for all. I also look forward to attending and supporting the Ladies of 798 Basket Auction. We are very lucky to have so many that work so hard to promote good works in the communities where they live and work. The Ladies of 798 show the caring and giving side of our membership. We appreciate those who help meet needs of those less fortunate. I urge everyone to support this cause which strengthens our involvement in our local/work communities.

We also have two new agents that I'm sure the members will want to meet. David Butterworth and Charles Yates, Jr. will both be a great asset to our local, and I look forward to working with both of them.

I hope everyone has a prosperous year. Stay safe out there, and I hope to see you at the Steward School or in the field soon.

New Pre Jobs:

Snelson Pipeline:

Henderson, CO. Blanket Maintenance. Welder Foreman, James Slavens. Steward, Steve Schreibvogel. Integrity Agreement. Working 5-8's.

CHARLES YATES, JR.

IN, MI, OH

918/270-6746

It's hard to believe I am writing for the Blue Light. I can remember my first union meeting with Dad some thirty-five years ago. How times have changed. Yet one thing is still the same; hard working Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers standing together for a common goal.

Our annual Steward School reinforces that common goal. The new general session format will be valuable to all members, but especially if you intend to be a Job Steward this year. The membership relies on our Stewards for representation on the ROW. Attend in April to sharpen your skills.

The Ladies of 798 Basket Auction is another event to show both your union pride and team spirit. This year's Wednesday night activity is a sports-themed auction. Our Ladies of 798 work hard organizing projects for charity in the towns where we work and need our participation. Wear your team apparel and bring your checkbooks to cheer on our ladies and your fellow members. I'll be the one wearing a Patriots jersey.



Before I head out on the road for job visits, let me say thank you to: Danny Hendrix for the platform to make a difference; Wade Pilgreen for getting me rigged-up; and to the Business Agents who are helping me with this transition. Congratulations to our new Business Agent, David Butterworth. I look forward to working with you. It was also a pleasure serving on the Executive Board with my co-officers.

Remember that you – the rank and file members are the flesh and blood of this organization. You are the front lines when you work hard, work safe, and uphold conditions. These words have meaning. When we work hard, we provide a fair day's work for a fair day's wage. When we work safe, we get back home to our families in one piece. When we uphold conditions, we protect what's rightfully ours. **Let's stand together every day on every job to remain UNION STRONG.**

Pre-Jobs

1127 Construction Inc.:

Akron, OH. Emergency call out work for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent, Jeff Smith. Welder Foreman, Dave Kandle. Working 5-8's.

Contractor Rentals:

Work in IN, MI, OH, KY, WV, and PA. Blanket pre-job for emergency call-out work for Marathon. Superintendent, Matt Hall.

Quest Construction:

Fairpoint, OH. 2-12" Risers/install pre-fabbed 12" pig traps for Blue Racer Midstream. Superintendent, John Fitzwater. Welder Foreman, Matt Delik. Working 6-10's.

Roberts Pipeline:

Perrysburg, OH. 6-10" Anomaly digs for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent, Matt Colley. Welder Foreman, Brian Boyett. Working 6-10's.

RICK TAYLOR

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

918/270-6739

I would like to start my report by congratulating David Butterworth and Charlie Yates, Jr. for their appointments to Business Agents. These two come well recommended and will be an asset to Local 798. David will be working with me in the northeast. We will share the pre-jobbing and the everyday Business Agent duties.



I attended a Marcellus – Utica Shale conference in Pittsburg this past month with David Butterworth and Terry Langley. There were around 2,000 in attendance, even though the snow had closed many roadways and airports. We had the opportunity to visit with many different gas company representatives, contractor representatives, and individuals involved in the oil and gas industry.

The work outlook is still very optimistic, although the permitting process is taking longer than anticipated, the work is starting to pick up. Ace Pipeline and Apex Pipeline were awarded 30+ miles of 30" in West Virginia for EQT and these spreads are getting started. The Columbia Leach Express, 160 miles of 36", is slated for later this year. Columbia Midstream has two new projects expected to start early this year, Gibraltar with 16 miles of 36", and Buffalo with 9 miles of 36", both pipelines in western Pennsylvania. These jobs might not seem like large projects, but it will be good work for the areas they are in. The Mariner East Project, approximately 357 miles of 20" and 16", is expected to start early for Ohio and Pennsylvania.

I want to remind everyone of the 2016 Steward School in April. If you are wanting to be a Job Steward, or planning on a Welder Foreman job, you should have your reservations already; if not, you should be planning on making them soon. Hope to see many of you at the Steward School this year. It is always a good time to visit with everyone.

If I can be of any assistance to you please call. **As Always; Be Safe! Be Proud! Be Union!**

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

New Martinsville, WV. New lay-11 miles of 30" pipeline for Equitans. Superintendent, Sam Jarvis. Welder Foreman, Jason Pitts. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's and 1-8.

Alex E. Paris Construction Company, Inc.:

- Waynesburg, PA. .8 miles of 12" Pipe/new lay for CNS Gas Company. Superintendent, Nick Wilson. Welder Foreman, Brett Strickland. Special Agreement with High Rates. Working 5-10's.
- Atlasburg, PA. .5 mile of 12" & .2 mile of 20"/New lay for Markwest Energy. Superintendent, Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman, Frank Post Jr. Mainline Rates. Working 5-9's.

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Nitro, WV. Various sizes of fabrication for Columbia Gas. Superintendent, Cody Vickers. Welder Foreman, Jason Smith. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.
- North Fork, WV. 3,000' of 16" steel and 7 miles of 30" steel for EQT. Superintendent, Cecil Hill. Welder Foreman, Charlie Thomas. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

Bond Bros. Inc.:

Burrillville, RI. Pre fabrication for 10 meter stations in CT and MA for Spectra

Energy. Superintendent, John Lamperti. Welder Foreman, Ed Stockwell Jr. Station Agreement with High Rates.

Otis Eastern Services:

- Monkton, MD. 3,500' of 26" pipe/new installation for Columbia Pipeline Group. Superintendent, Danny Cox. Welder Foreman, Daniel Jones. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.
- Kirkwood, NY. 9.5 miles of 16" new installation for Williams Field Services. Superintendent, Rod Tyson. Welder Foreman, Ryan Copley. Special Agreement with High Rates. Working 6-10's.

DAVID BUTTERWORTH

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

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I would like to start my report by saying thank you to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Rick Taylor and the members who have influenced me and helped me get to this point in my career. If it weren't for some of the craftsmen that I have had the privilege to work alongside over the years this appointment would not have been possible. Next, I would like to ask the older members to teach the younger generation about how important quality, craftsmanship and professionalism is to our trade. That without those qualities, we would not be able to function at our current high level of efficiency. The younger members in turn need to be humble and listen, because if you do this, the opportunities will be there for you to move ahead in this industry and in our local union.

Since I came on board in January I have had the pleasure to work with Rick Taylor and Terry Langley in several different capacities. Terry and I attended the Pennsylvania Governor's Task Force meeting in Harrisburg, PA. This meeting was a real "eye opener" for me as to how strong the anti-pipeline environmental groups have become, and how important it has become for us to voice our opinion in favor of our livelihoods, which is pipeline construction. I still believe in my heart that pipelines are the safest and most efficient way to transport gas. Please get out and support our industry because if we don't, the opposition will undoubtedly become stronger and we will lose our voice.

Rick Taylor, Terry Langley and I attended the Marcellus and Utica Shale Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. At this conference we were able to network with gas company representatives, contractor representatives and many other individuals involved in the oil and gas industry. Rick and I have been meeting just about every day to work on the training involved with this job. I couldn't ask for a better man to learn from and am elated to be brought in to a situation where I will be able to have the time to grow and learn under his guidance. I have also been contacting building trade locals for members who have asked for my assistance.

I would like to close by saying that I believe that this is an important honor that will not be taken lightly and a job that I will work to the best of my ability. That being said, I promise to always keep the membership foremost on my mind now and in the future.

Attention Job Stewards

Steward Form Reporting Class

April 5, 2016 1:00 P.M.

Local 798 Training Center

Pipeliner Local 798 will be holding a computer class focusing on Steward Reporting for any member who plans to work in the future as a Job Steward, or those current Job Stewards who want to update their skills on the electronic forms. The class will be held at the Local 798 Training Center on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

For these classes, you will be required to provide your own laptop with Microsoft Excel software and should have an email program you use. You MUST REGISTER for the Reporting Form Class by completing the information on the Steward School Registration form, or by contacting the Union Hall via phone or via email to information@local798.org.

Steward School is upon us! We are excited and have been working all winter on the things we are planning for Steward School. The information we are gathering is going to be helpful and easy to understand. Being more organized is what 798 and its entire membership is about. With the documents we are putting together we will be more unified than ever.

The Dispatch Office is planning on going into detail on what No-Show and No-Go really mean, and what the repercussions of both are. This information is so that you the member will know what you should and should not do for your own welfare. If you can't get to the job you need to call dispatch first. We want you to understand the Dispatch Policies, how they work, and the reasoning behind them. Plans are to discuss the Dispatch Policies early and get all the way through them. This way the contractors that are visiting will understand issues such as: how they should place their orders; how placing orders on certain days have advantages over other days; and why the Welder Foreman must be the person who calls the order in.



Dispatch Report

By Ricky Jones

We don't have room to tell it all here. That is why we want you to come to Steward School!

The number of members we have dispatched so far this year:

Welders - 55

Journeymen - 8

Helpers - 80

The numbers on the Out Of Work list as of mailing.

Welders - 1266

Journeymen - 239

Helpers - 1604

Building Trades work is steadily picking up. We are getting a few Welders and Journeymen out on this type of work each week. Get your UA certs updated. It is the calling card the other locals want to see.

Also look into getting your OSHA 10 card updated. Or even a new one. It is often the requirement of Building Trades work so have an OSHA 10 card before you get there.

Looking forward to seeing you this year at the 2016 Steward School.



January 2016 Membership Meeting



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We are a nation of doers. Now more than ever, Americans are on the pursuit of, well, everything. Extreme multi-tasking is more common today than it has ever been. Between emails, text messages, phone calls and the massive shift toward relentless communication, people everywhere are rushing to get things done faster, easier and more effectively. But when it comes to driving, it's never been more important to just slow down. Your safety, your life, and the lives of others all depend on you to make the right choices behind the wheel.

TOP 3 CAUSES OF CAR ACCIDENTS IN AMERICA

Car accidents are a serious epidemic in the United States. Roughly **10 million** people are involved in car accidents annually. It's also the leading cause of death for teenagers in America according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There's no denying that car accidents cause needless injury, death, and devastation every year.

3. Drunk Driving

Driving under the influence is one of the most dangerous behaviors on the road today. Over 1.41 million drivers were arrested in 2010 on suspicion of driving under the influence. MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving – estimates that 300,000 incidents of drunk driving occur daily. It goes without saying that drunk driving is hazardous and irresponsible. Accidents that occur by way of drunk driving are completely preventable. Do your part

Safety First

by always designating a sober driver well ahead of time. Prepay and arrange for your taxi ride before going out. Hide your friend's keys if you suspect they may be too intoxicated to drive.

2. Speeding

Everything around us is centered on the lure of quick convenience. Drive-thrus, ATMs, and corner stores are just some examples of our need for speed. But on the roadway, speed is undoubtedly deadly. Speeding is one of the most prevalent causes of car accident today according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Speeding contributes to about a third of all car accidents in America. Slow down and give yourself ample time to get where you need to go. It's not worth saving 10 minutes for the potential of losing your life or putting another person in danger.

1. Distracted Driving

Distracted driving continues to be the number one leading cause of car accidents in America. Talking on the phone, texting, eating, reading, grooming, and talking are just some of the ways drivers get distracted behind the wheel. Drivers who use a handheld device are 4 times more likely to get into a car accident than drivers who pay attention to the road ahead. Individuals who text message while driving are 23 times more likely to get into an accident. Do not risk your safety or your life. Put everything down and pay attention to the road ahead. It's the single most important thing you can do today to reduce your risk of getting into a car accident.

Get to Know Your Pipeliners Local Union 798 Support Staff

Left to Right:

Back Row:
Liz Rogers, *Monthly Dues*
Julie Roe, *Receptionist*
Shelia Ledbetter, *Membership*
Renee' Taylor, *Office Manager*
Cathy Blackmore, *Dispatch*
Jaimee Grisham, *Working Dues*
Cindy Martin, *Dispatch*



Front Row:

Josalyn Johnson, *Out-of-Work List / Job Notifications*
Jolene Rimes, *Dispatch*
Kiersten Bizer, *Voluntary Fund*
Tracy Lee, *Accounting*
Amber Vreeland, *Working Dues / Blue Light / Burial Benefit*



Left to Right:

Dwayne Base,
Maintenance Supervisor
Mark Parks,
Information and Technology



Sterling Protest, Colorado



PIBF NEWS *Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund* Robert "Bob" Kime, Director

Monthly Retirement Benefits

Prior to January 1, 2016, retirees had the choice of receiving a check in the mail each month or electronically depositing their monthly pension payment into a checking or savings account. The policy of the Fund relating to monthly pension payments has changed for future retirees. Effective January 1, 2016, all new retirees MUST use direct deposit. The Fund office will continue to issue checks to those members who retired prior to 2016 who chose that option; however, pension checks that are lost in the mail will not be replaced until the 20th of the month. Any participant who is currently receiving a pension can convert to direct deposit. The Fund highly recommends that you have your pension benefit electronically deposited into your bank account. If you choose this convenience, your pension benefit will be deposited on the first business day of each month and will not be subject to the uncertainty of post office delivery.

Retirees Working for Non-Contributing Employers

Contractors who work under the National Pipeline Agreement or other similar agreements pay substantial fringe contributions to the PIBF to provide great retirement benefits and retiree health coverage. With the amount of work available and the generous options the Management and Labor Trustees have made available to retirees who choose to continue working, it is highly unlikely that any participant would work for a non-contributing employer. Unfortunately, that does happen from time to time. The PIBF would like to remind all participants that under the Agreement, if you are working for a non-contributing employer and are participating in the retiree health plan, the participant immediately loses the retiree health coverage and can never re-establish that benefit.

Steward School

Life Line Screening will be at the Steward School again this year. Since 2011, significant health issues have been detected saving the PIBF substantial health dollars, but above all else, saving lives and quality of life for those participants who were not aware of their health issues. For instance, Life Line Screening detected numerous carotid artery problems, many of which needed immediate attention and if had been left untreated, could have led to stroke or death. Life Line screening also detected thyroid cancer in one participant and high blood pressure and cholesterol problems with numerous members. If you have never been through the screening, you should consider this year as your "first" year for the testing. (Life Line Screening is a no-cost benefit to the member and spouse.)

PIBF Steward School Session

During the PIBF portion of the Steward School, spouses are welcome to attend. The goal of this session is to inform the membership of all benefits available at PIBF and to help the membership organize their finances for a prosperous future. The agenda for the PIBF session will consist of the following:

1. 401(k) presentation –Trust Company of Oklahoma with Bob McCormick and Karen Ellis
2. Dave Ramsey Group –Total Money Makeover with Chris Brown. This session will include The Total Money Makeover Book and a study guide.
3. Overview of Benefits available to the membership through the PIBF.

918-280-4800 - www.pibf.org

Thank You

Alice Begishe and Family say thanks for helping them in their time of need. The money helped them out greatly.

Doris Haines and the Family of Chester O. Williams greatly appreciate your kindness and concern when Chester passed away. Thank you for everything.

Charles and Jane Veach would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of 798 for helping during a difficult time. Special thanks to Darrell Turner and Pete Dobbs for their time.

Kenny Tucker thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his back surgery. He's recovering nicely and going to physical therapy. Special thanks to Deano Shelton, Wade Pilgreen, Dale Crabtree, Steve Tolley, Carl Overstreet, Sam Jacks and Larry Collier.

Craig and Vickie Chumley say thank you for the help after his wife's unexpected surgery. They are so thankful to be a part of the 798 family who come together to help their own in times of need. Special thanks to Don and Chrissy Hawkins.

Mike and Cathy Ikerd sincerely thank the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift in their time of need. They thank all 798 members who give so generously.

Benjamin and Kaelin Martin appreciate the money that was sent when Kaelin was having surgery. They are thankful to be a part of the 798 family!

Dan and Rachael Castro thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The donation they received following Dan's accident has been such a tremendous help. Special thanks to all the members on the Crockett, TX spread.

David Parish wants to thank everyone for the donation he received. He appreciates the help very much.

Jack May thanks everyone for your support of the Voluntary Fund. He is blessed to work with a great group of caring, thoughtful members who support each other in time of need. Special thanks to Howard Rush.

James Osburn, Jr. would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The assistance he received after his wife's hospital stay due to a stroke is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Shannon Jackson and Wade Pilgreen.

Keith and Berna Carr say thank you to the men and women who give to the Voluntary Fund. It was a help in their time of need. Special thanks to Larry Edwards.

Howard "Coonie" Lancaster thanks everyone so much for thinking of him. Special thanks to Greg Cooper and Donald Hurst.

Bruce and Andrea Carroll want to thank the 798 family and all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was much appreciated, as were the kind words and thoughts after the passing of Bruce's dad during the holiday season. Special thanks to Darrell

Turner and Danny Hendrix.

Darrin Jackson is grateful for everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The money he received helped a lot.

Frank Bowker and Family thank those who contribute to the Voluntary fund. It was a blessing to receive the benefit as a result of an ice storm that hit them on Thanksgiving weekend. Special thanks go out to Billy Wayne Hawkins for his genuine concern, also Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

Russ Shurpit expresses appreciation for the help received from the Voluntary Fund. He and his family are amazed at your generosity. Thank you and God bless you.

Gordan Ham wants to thank everyone for the Voluntary Fund check. He says it is such a comfort to know that he is part of a brotherhood that supports its members in their time of need. He appreciated the gift very much.

Kenneth (Doc) and Pauline Tawney are thankful for the help from the Voluntary Fund. Doc is still working thru his stroke. December was rough, but Doc is starting the New Year better. Thank you to everyone for their prayers and support.

Kevin Parton thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. He and his family appreciate the help during this time.

Joel Mallette would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes to it, for the money received to help with expenses during his time of sorrow. The support means the world to him.

Chuck and Debbie Lashbrook send a big thank you to the Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The check received was a big help. Special thanks to Kevin Pattison, Raymond Johnson, and John Knight.

Lynn and Barbara Brumley say thank you to all who give to the Voluntary Fund. With Lynn's back surgery and the passing of his mother, the gift was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Elvis Stillwell, Troy Glaze, Phillip Wallace, Ricky Jones, Wade Pilgreen, and Danny Hendrix.

Carroll Tuggle expresses appreciation for the Voluntary Fund received after having a knee replacement in December 2015. Special thanks to Johnnny May for the letter he sent, and many thanks to all who give to the Voluntary Fund.

Steven Yost writes to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798. Thank you for your charity and support in a time of loss and sorrow in the passing of his son, Steven Yost, Jr. (aka Beeb). Special thanks to Waymon Cater, Renee Singleton, and all the Bailey Mine crew from Henkels & McCoy.

Richard and Tina Brown would like to thank their 798 Brothers and Sisters for thinking of them during such a difficult time. Their family appreciates all of your thoughts and prayers.

Jerry Minor thanks the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. He appreciates the help he received after his back

surgery. Special thanks to Jerry (Toni) Bond, Gary Lucas, Travis Lomax, and Benji Rodgers.

Lanny and Jan Flora express a heartfelt thanks to all the members of Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund. The loss of their eldest daughter this past December was something no parent should endure. The response they received on behalf of 798 is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Jim Slavens and Steve Schreibvogel.

The Family of Larry Balch wish to thank the membership for the help received from the Voluntary Fund during a time of need compounded by their great personal loss, shared by so many Brothers and Sisters of Local 798. A special thanks to Darrell Turner, John Balch, and Danny Hendrix.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Christopher and Ashley Boggs announce the arrival of their baby boy, **Jamison Wade Boggs**. He arrived January 14, 2016 weighing 7lbs and 18 inches long. Jamison and mommy are doing great and his older brothers, Jace and Braxton are glad he is here!

Cliff Taylor and Sue Smith were married on January 9, 2016. Congratulations to the happy couple!

IN MEMORIAM

Carolyn L. Bell, 50 year-old Helper of Muldrow, OK passed away December 5, 2015.

Lee D. Bishop, 79 year-old Retired Welder of Satsuma, FL passed away December 12, 2015.

Richard C. Shoemaker, 59 year-old Retired Helper of Connellsville, PA passed away December 16, 2015.

Patricia A. Misiorek, 70 year-old Retired Helper of Taylorville, IL passed away January 10, 2016.

Claude Darrell Vick, 44 year-old Helper of Coalgate, OK passed away January 10, 2016.

Charles A. Balch, 73 year-old Retired Welder of Grove, OK passed away January 12, 2016.

Julius E. Crabtree, 88 year-old Retired Welder of Fouke, AR passed away January 16, 2016.

Henry W. Young, 92 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Iva, SC passed away January 23, 2016.

Elton Brumley, 89 year-old Retired Welder of Oak Grove, LA passed away January 31, 2016.

Michael R. Carrington, 65 year-old Helper of Lexington, TN passed away February 2, 2016.

Rodney S. Gregory, 51 year-old Welder of Picayune, MS passed away February 2, 2016.

Johnny M. Cooper, 64 year-old Welder of New Caney, TX passed away February 4, 2016.

Richard G. Behne, 77 year-old Retired Welder

of Brackettville, TX passed away February 5, 2016.

RETIREMENTS

Rex R. Antle, Welder, Skiatook, OK

Betty L. Armstrong, Helper, Atlanta, TX

Rick D. Battles, Helper, Tinley Park, IL

Jeffrey A. Bergkamp, Welder, Saginaw, MI

Scott D. Bruner, Helper, Wetumka, OK

Royce W. Burkheart, Helper, Corning, AR

Tommy L. Childs, Welder, Cambridge, OH

Robert W. Cone, Helper, Iraan, TX

Buddy D. Cook, Helper, Oil Trough, AR

Glen D. Ellington, Welder, Pawnee, OK

Gary D. Hall, Welder, Wardville, OK

Davy L. Johnston, Jr., Welder, Hot Springs Village, AR

James E. Lee, Welder, Amite, LA

Donna Murphrey, Helper, Shepherd, TX

Marty R. O'Brien, Journeyman Spacer, Greenbrier, AR

Paul L. Paillette, Welder, Vicksburg, MS

James E. Redmond, Sr., Welder, Ewan, NJ

Kenneth G. Sampson, Helper, Chickasha, OK

Mark C. Strong, Helper, Taos, NM

Avery C. Taylor, Helper, Minden, LA

Edward D. Taylor, Helper, Ada, OK

Randal J. Taylor, Journeyman Spacer, Clendenin, WV

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Randie R. Wolverton, Welder, Moore, OK

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flooring, carpet in bedroom with king size bed, porcelain toilet in separate water closet, large corner shower, and lots of storage! Asking \$20,000. Please call (850) 258-6689.

Lincoln SA250. Perkins Diesel with remote, cut down to length of a 200. Runs and welds. New battery. Machine is at Local 798 Training Center. Feel free to go try it out. \$3,500. Call Kelly at (563) 580-7749.

Miller Pipe Pro 304. 400 hours, 300 ft welding lead with Tidwell reel and remote. Extra Miller remote and Miller suitcase welder. \$10,500.00 OBO. Call (501) 230-6558. Located in Bald Knob, AR.

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.

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.

UA Scholarships Available

The United Association Scholarship Fund is currently in the process of accepting applications for the 2016/2017 academic year. UA Members in good standing, and their Children, Grandchildren, and Spouses are eligible to apply as long as they are dependent upon the Union Member's financial support. Awards are based on academic achievement and potential, personal achievement, and community involvement. Financial need may also be considered when making the awards. You must be a full-time student, and the application must be postmarked by June 15, 2016.

You can find the application by logging into UA.ORG. If you do not have computer access, please call Local 798 and we will place an application in the mail to you.

REMEMBER WHEN...



Submitted by Retired Journeyman Spacer member, Robert Gravois, Sr. This picture is of him and his welding rig in 1967 in Amarillo, TX. The truck was a retired Fire Engine that Gravois repurposed as his rig.

I am writing this report after returning from a trip to South Texas. The non-union activity in that area has slowed considerably. West Texas still has some activity and I plan to spend a lot of time in that area in the future.

We have concentrated on several non-union jobs in central TX, OK, KS and CO in the last couple of months. I received several calls from members and non-union welders reporting possible union members working on these jobs, and one in particular in central TX. After a thorough investigation of the people working there I am very happy to report that there were NO union members working on these particular jobs. Although there were some ex-members who had already been expelled. This was very good news to me because it just shows that the vast majority of our members support our Local Union and stand in solidarity together.

The worst possible thing a union member can do in my opinion is to work non-union. Why anyone would want to support and help the non-union sector to not only survive, but to prosper. These Rat contractors are in direct competition with our good, fair union contractors. When a person carries his or her superior skill and training to that side it only serves to tear down everything we have worked and fought for our whole lives. Not only that, they have broken their word and Oath of Obligation that each of us swore to uphold when obtaining membership. I have always felt a person's word should be their bond and as our Oath states, when a person breaks that bond they no longer deserve trust or assistance.

When the non-union worker is standing on a ROW 15 years after retirement age, you and I will have spent 15 years at our own leisure enjoying a good pension and 401(k). That's what it's all about in the end; being able to live out your life after years of hard work with some financial security and dignity. But to me one of the biggest achievements is knowing that against



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seemingly overwhelming odds we stood up for something good and honorable. That we made a better industry and a better life for not only ourselves and our families, but for all men and women and their families in this business. Just being a part of that is something to be very proud of.

With that said I would like to just say thank you to all the members who called or emailed with information on non-union activity, or possible members working on the dark side. You are truly the backbone of this Local Union and show your loyalty and dedication by fulfilling your obligation. This is a big country and no one person alone can police it by himself. It takes every single member, and we certainly have a lot of committed members.

Steward School is just around the corner and I hope to see a record turnout at the April membership meeting. If you haven't made plans to attend it's never too late. If you have never been to Steward School please plan to attend. Bring your family because there is something for everyone. This is the best place to meet new people and see old friends, make job connections, and above all learn our contract and proper job site etiquette. It's not all business either. There will be plenty of good food, entertainment and lots of drawings for various prizes. The Ladies of 798 will have many activities for spouses and the opportunity to become involved in many charitable activities helping those less fortunate.

If I can be of any help please do not hesitate to call. If you have any information that would be helpful to our cause I would certainly appreciate it. I am in a lot of no-service areas so if I don't answer please leave a voice mail and I will call you back as soon as possible.

*Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill
(918) 284-6862*



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- 101-C** – Camo Summer Cap \$14.00
- 101-J** – White Cotten Brushed Twill w / Sandwich Bill \$13.00

T-SHIRTS

- 115-B** – Safety Short-Sleeved Pocket T-Shirt \$14.00
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- 115-E** – American Labor T-Shirt Black \$12.00
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 115-R-BL** – Rumble of Unity Short-Sleeved Pocket T-Shirt, Black \$13.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 115-S** – Gray T-Shirt w/Logo and pocket \$13.00
(S, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

JACKETS

- 116** – Navy Logo Hoodie \$25.00
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 4XL)
- 140** – Local 798 Carhartt Navy Blue Jacket with Hood \$77.00
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 207** – Pullover Windshirt w/patches Bone Color \$60.00
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 4XL)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 104** – Navy Leather Portfolio \$15.00
- 130** – 798 Keychain \$8.00
- 132** – 798 Computer Bag \$25.00
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