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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

President Trump has been busy his first week on the job. Just as he promised on the campaign trail, he has pushed for the construction to finish on the Dakota Access and the Keystone XL. I'm not sure when we might see the KXL, but I feel fairly competent that the DAPL will be tied-in at the river before long. Many people, including myself, are wondering about the future pipeline permits now that FERC has only two commissioners. This board usually requires three members for a quorum to make decisions, so moving forward this board needs at least one appointment to fulfill its obligation. Even if an appointment is made, that person would have to be vetted through the Senate, which could take weeks or months. Who knows? At least six major projects totaling more than 10 billion dollars hang in the balance. This includes the Nexus, 250 miles of 36"/42"; PennEast, 120 miles of 36"; and Northern Access Pipeline, 97 miles of 24". Ten billion dollars worth of work is the exact reason we must continue to reach out through our Action Page to advocate for this infrastructure.

The **good news** is that on February 3 (the last day of three commissioners), FERC did approve the Rover Pipeline, which consists of 474 miles of 42" (MI, OH, PA, WV) and 240 miles of laterals (WV, PA, OH) 24"-42". On the same day, FERC also approved the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline (MD, VA, NC, SC) with 57 miles of 30" and 126 miles of 42". Hopefully, job notifications for both projects will be forthcoming by the time you read the Blue Light. Even with these new challenges and obstacles in our way the **work outlook remains very bright for the next few years.**

We have recently started negotiations for the National Pipeline Agreement. Although we have not settled, I do anticipate that we will have a ratified agreement soon.

Steward School 2017 is upon us; I would like to extend an invitation to every member to attend. **If you have never been, what are you waiting on?** Monday, April 10, kicks the week off with our charity golf tournament benefiting our scholarship fund. Tuesday, April 11, a BBQ at the Training Center will be hosted by Lincoln Electric, and on Wednesday, April 12, school begins. Wednesday evening the Ladies of 798 will host their annual basket auction fundraiser. Thursday morning, April 13, it's back to business with the interpretation of the contract. During the evening, we will honor our members with 50 or more years of service with dinner and entertainment. Friday, April 14, we will conclude the contract session at noon and head back to the Training Center for the crawfish and shrimp boil hosted by Miller Electric. The whole week will not only be educational, but a fun-filled atmosphere for meeting new people and visiting with good friends. If you are expecting to work as a Welder Foreman, Pipeman or job Steward, I too am expecting something---you to be here. As always, I am proud to say **"I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager

Thank you to
Michael Roche,
Jake Carter, and
everyone at PSS
for the great
support to
the Local 798
Training Center.





Brothers and Sisters,

What a difference a year can make. I always review previous Blue Light Reports before I begin my new remarks, and I was truly amazed by all the issues and projects that have taken place these past few months. Who would have thought a brash businessman from New York could have connected with middle-class America and be voted in as President? Whether you like President Trump or hate him, I believe it is imperative we support this new leadership. I truly believe he will enact and push through policies that will help lead this nation away from dependence on foreign oil and promote a more energy-friendly environment. This is already evident in the executive orders to complete the Dakota Access and renew the Keystone Pipeline. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for our new General President Mark McManus; he represented the United Association with class and dignity during his recent visit to the White House and his appearance on Hardball with Chris Matthews. These are exciting times for our Local, and I feel like it is a turning point for organized labor in general. I believe we are beginning to see the fruits of our labor, and I appreciate our members for all their hard work and dedication to our craft.

I would like to draw your attention to a new piece of technology that I am excited about because I believe it will refine the way we, as a Local, can make our voices and opinions heard to our legislative and administrative leaders. It is called the American Pipeline Action Network. It is a website that compiles all our promotional efforts into one location. Danny and I have attempted to make it easier for Local 798 members to send letters of support to various leaders around the nation.

It is easy to sign up and join. Simply go to our website, www.local798.org, and click on the link at the top of our page called "Take Action Today." You will then be directed to the American Pipeline Action Network page. When you click the "Join Here" button, you will be directed to a form asking for general information which includes your name, address, email, phone number, and a box to check if you are a member. Anyone can join. In fact, we encourage it. This site is not only for our members, but it also can be utilized by our family, friends, and members of our community. I believe this is a crucial time in our history as a Local, because we are beginning to draw the attention of our sister locals, contractors, and gas companies. Recently, David Butterworth and Terry Langley attended the Marcellus Conference, and the CEO of Williams, Alan Armstrong, stated that he appreciated the efforts of our members in supporting the various projects throughout the Northeast. They have seen that we are serious about advancing our agenda and promoting and protecting our way of life for our families. We want to spread our message to as many people as possible. I encourage you to please post your support to Facebook, or send a tweet after you have electronically signed these documents. It is easy through the Action Page. After you have "signed" the letter of support, you will be taken to a page that will ask if you want to post on Facebook or tweet. Simply select your preferred option and hit post. Then the people you have shared with can join and sign our letters of support. Please use these social media tools to advance our message. If we do not make our voices heard what is the general public hearing from the opposition? Truth or lies? It is up to us to voice truth!

You should have received your registration information for the upcoming Steward School. I encourage you to bring your family as well because this will be a fun and informative week for all. As usual, the week will begin with the George Lambert/Harry Faucett Scholarship Golf Tournament which will be held Monday, April 10, at Forest Ridge Golf Course with tee times beginning at 1 p.m. I will be holding the Steward Computer Training class on Tuesday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at the Training Center. I will be covering the four reports the Job Steward is responsible for submitting to the Hall each week. Charles Yates, Jr., will be assisting with the class this year. And I plan on having some breakout sessions that will provide more hands-on learning for everyone. The PIBF will have their regular session, and Bob Kime has scheduled a firm to come in and give a presentation on wills and trusts. I hope everyone will take advantage of this session, because it is never too early to plan for your future and ensure your assets for your family. Bob has also scheduled a session that will deal with per diem and the correct way to claim it on taxes, as well as other tax issues that are unique to our work.

In closing, I would like to express my deep affection and appreciation for Renee Taylor for her many years of service to our great Local. Some of you may not be aware that she will be retiring effective this June. I encourage all of you to let her know how much she means to you personally and what an asset she has been to our Local. She has seen many changes over the years, some good, others bad, but she has never wavered in her commitment to 798. She has always upheld the standards which our Local represents. She will truly be missed, but we wish her the best as she and her husband, Terry, travel and spend more time with friends and family. Personally, there will be a void in my heart because I cannot tell you how much she has meant to me every day. She made my job easier, gave guidance when needed, and shared her expertise on so many levels. She is not only my colleague, but I am blessed to call her my friend.

As always, I am continually blessed to serve this great Local. Do not hesitate to call if I can be of some assistance.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wade Pilgreen

Financial Secretary-Treasurer



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DAVID BUTTERWORTH

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I am writing this Blue Light report after returning from the 2017 Marcellus-Utica Conference. This year's conference had a more positive atmosphere due to expected deregulation of the current permitting process. During the conference I listened to gas company CEOs speak about how great the demand is for Northeast Marcellus gas. When there is demand, you need supply, and that is where 798 steps in. The pipelines we build supply the gas needed as our country continues to grow and inevitably demands more energy. There are quite a few projects scheduled for this year, and in 2018 that will help with the supply vs. demand issue that we currently face.

Some of these Northeast projects are: Sunoco's Mariner East 2; National Fuel's Northern Access Project; Columbia Gas/TransCanada's Leach Express and Mountaineer Express; Spectra's Atlantic Bridge; Williams' Atlantic Sunrise; and Energy Transfer's Rover project laterals that run into West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Although I am speculating, I think Dominion's Atlantic Coast Pipeline and EQT's Mountain Valley Pipeline will be 2018 projects, unless the permitting process speeds up exponentially. The jobs described above are mainline projects that will have compressor stations and other various facilities we will man. I also haven't touched on the smaller projects that go every year in this region. In my opinion, 2017 looks to be a solid year.

Rick and I will soon be traveling throughout New York to advocate for National Fuel's Northern Access project. Even as the work picks up we can't forget about our strategy to speak out in favor of our livelihood. At the Marcellus Conference, Williams CEO Alan Armstrong thanked 798 and several other labor organizations for our support of their Atlantic Sunrise project. We are getting noticed. I just hope that these high-level executives don't forget about what we are doing and have done, when they assign bids on future jobs. It would serve them well to use the best Welders, Helpers and Journeymen in the world if they want their project completed on time and under budget. Let's use 2017 to show the clients we are the best by doing our jobs in a professional manner, while keeping safety and quality at the forefront of everything we do. If we do these things, we will most assuredly prosper as a whole.

I look forward to seeing the membership soon at Steward School. If you've never been you need to go. I have always been told that if you are going to be a part of something, then you should actually be a part of it. Steward School is an important and unique part of what makes us who we are as a Local. Please make your travel arrangements if you haven't already done so.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps LLC:

Blairs, VA. 112 miles of 30" Launcher and receiver modifications, valve replacements, gap replacements. Superintendent: Daniel Bendickson. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

Minnesota Limited:

Canonsburg, PA. Replace 8.2 miles of existing 20" pipeline. Superintendent: Fred Leasure. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

Northstar Industries:

Providence, RI. 2"-20" Meter and Regulation Station. Superintendent: Jim Smilikis. Welder Foreman: Steve Coraci. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

RICK TAYLOR

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David Butterworth and I will be traveling to New York to attend various meetings for the Northern Access Pipeline Project. The Northern Access consists of 97 miles of 24" pipeline, new lay in northern Pennsylvania and New York. These meetings are going to play a big part in the way pipelines are being permitted and looked at on a government and environmental level. If you receive a call blast to attend these meetings, do your best to attend. It will make a big difference in permitting these projects. The Rover Pipeline and the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline have received FERC approval, which means these projects should be starting up by early summer. The Mariner East (Sunoco) Pipeline should also be getting underway soon. Smaller projects are starting to pick up around the Northeast, and there should be a good amount of maintenance work to come. I hope everyone has a good 2017.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Steward School April 10-14 this year. If you have not made reservations, please do so ASAP, as the rooms will go fast. Let's make this Steward School one of the best. There are a lot of our members who need to attend and see what Local 798 is all about: the lunches, the Retiree Dinner, and the Ladies of 798. The NPLA will be read in its entirety this year. We have a few members who need to sit through Black's version of PIPELINE ETIQUETTE. Actually, we have a lot of them, so please attend.

I have been getting a lot of calls about when I'm going to retire. I'm going to make it easy. My plans are to retire after Steward School 2017. I thank Danny, Wade and the membership for allowing me to serve in the capacity of Business Agent. All of you have made my job easy in so many ways. I will continue to visit with each of you at meetings. I will also be available in any way to help in the future. David Butterworth will take over the duties in the Northeast and will do an amazing job. You are in very capable hands.

I want to thank all my fellow Business Agents, Organizers, David Barnett, and our leadership for making this job memorable. We learned from each other and learned we could depend on each other. I also want to thank my close friends and family for their support. I appreciate you more than you know. I look forward to spending more time with you. I want to thank a man who brought this union back to the forefront, Jim Moss. Jim took us all under his wing and made us understand what it means to be a union member, along with making sure the NPLA was upheld. Jim had the wisdom to bring in Danny Hendrix and in October 2006, Danny hired me as an Agent. From that day, I have not looked back. What a journey it has been. Thanks to all and God Bless.

If I can help in any way, please call.

As Always, Be Safe! Be Proud! Be Union!

Pre-Jobs:

Blue Flame Pipeline:

Smithburg, WV. Five miles of 24" and three miles of 20" pipeline new lay for Antero Resources. Welder Foreman: Robert Morris. Superintendent: Cliff Frymier. Working 6-10s. High Scale.

CHAD GILBERT

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY

918/270-6736



I am writing my report from my office in Colorado where we have had a hard winter this year. Spring is starting to try to peak through, and we are all ready to get the year started off right by attending the Local Union 798 Steward School in Tulsa, OK.

I urge everyone who wants to Steward a project to attend. Classes will be available for learning computer skills to fill out reports. We will be going over the Contract and answering any questions that are brought forth. The Steward School is also a great time to socialize and network. The Ladies of 798 basket auction is always a highlight. Norma Kay and the ladies have done a great job each year supporting charities and helping to show that the members of 798 are caring and generous. We have a Slick Rig Contest, BBQ, crawfish boil and much more.

With the winter conditions, the contractors haven't mobilized on any work yet. We had contractors bidding 13 miles of 20-inch in Durango, CO, for BP. Rumor is that it went to an unfair contractor. We actually took this project under a concession to be bid low scale and still didn't get the project. It's amazing how cheap some of the non-union contractors are willing to work for. I will be giving this project a lot of attention in the coming months. I will be calling out the gas company and contractor

if they choose to pay unfair wages and for the lack of safe working conditions due to bidding so cheap.

I hope everyone is getting ready for a great work season. And no matter your politics, it's a great thing that after the membership fought so hard, we are finally going to get the Keystone border crossing approved by President Trump.

God Bless and have a great and safe work year.

CHRIS LANCASTER

KY, NC, SC, TN

918/270-6735

Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone has had a good holiday season and is ready for the work year. I have pre-jobs a few jobs in NC and have several good jobs coming up. It looks like we are going to have a great year. I encourage anyone needing to brush up on their welding skills to take advantage of the Training Center so you will be ready for this work season.

Steward School is not far off. Hopefully, a large number of you will be able to attend. Not only it is a great learning opportunity to better understand the agreement we work under, but there are also several fun activities. The Ladies of 798 Basket Auction is an exciting event that helps several charities. For those of you who like golf, the tournament is a fun event as well. I understand there will also be a sporting clay shoot for gun enthusiasts. The Lincoln BBQ will be on Tuesday, and the Miller Electric Crawfish Boil is on Friday.

The Family and Retiree Banquet on Thursday night, honoring members with 50 or more years of service, is an event everyone needs to make plans to attend. These retirees are the ones who helped shape our union and gave us the great, safe working conditions we enjoy today. Come and thank these retirees for their dedication to the life they have made for us.

I hope to see you at Steward School or out on the ROW this year. Thank you for all your hard work last year, and I hope everyone makes 2017 a great year.

Pre-jobs:

B&G Pipeline:

- Creedmoor, NC. Various Maintenance. Welder Foreman: Doug Elliott. Superintendent: Victor Cardenas. Working 5-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 12-31-17.
- Wilmington, NC. 6-8" Fabrication. Welder Foreman: Nathan Ferguson. Superintendent: Blake Friel. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 3-10-17.



CHARLES YATES, JR.

IN, MI, OH

918/270-6746

I am proud to report that 798 stood union strong in Kenton, Ohio, at the ESS Action Protest on February 2. We had close to 100 in attendance. Thank you to all the members who made the trip and braved the cold. Thank you to Danny and Wade as well for the support and assistance with notifying members. The call blasts and our new action page website (www.action.local798.org) really spread the word in a hurry. Your participation impacts the effectiveness of our message against non-union labor and securing our future work. Remember, there is strength in numbers and together we can accomplish so much more.

Steward School is another opportunity for membership participation and to positively impact our union reputation. Steward School attendance provides a solid foundation of contract interpretations and job responsibilities. This annual meeting is beneficial for everyone, but essential for pipemen, welder foremen, and stewards. Jobs run much smoother if we are all on the same page, which conveys professionalism to contractors and gas companies. Send in your registration and plan for great fellowship, informative sessions, social events, and the charity basket auction. The computer class on Tuesday, April 11, also provides clarification and one-on-one instruction for the required weekly Steward Reports. This class is for all levels of computer skills. Whether this is your first time as a Steward, you hope to be a Steward in the future, or you are a Steward who needs to review and learn the updates, don't miss this class.

Finally, I know many of you are anxious to start earning your 2017 man hours. The work in my area has started to thaw with several smaller projects scheduled to kick off in March. FERC has been quite busy with approval of the LEACH, NEXUS, and ROVER. No job notifications yet, but I anticipate something in the next few



months. All the letters, calls, and township meetings have really paid off. We need to continue using these tools in support of all pipeline projects. If you haven't already signed up for the new pipeliners' action page, please do. I'll see you at Steward School.

Pre-Jobs:

1127 Construction:

- Canton, OH. 6,185' of 20" replacement in Stark County, OH for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: Jeff Smith. Welder Foreman: Dave Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 4/21/17.
- Akron, OH. 1,100' of 8" replacement in Portage County, OH for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: Jeff Smith. Welder Foreman: Mike Albrecht. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 5/1/17.

Ace Pipeline:

- Hopedale, OH. 6,400' of 20" and 1,200' of 10" new lay for Mark West. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3/18/17.

Big Inch:

- Maumee, OH. Install 10" meter skidded with 24" launcher for Energy Transfer Panhandle Eastern. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Layne Richard. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 2/15/17.

Contractor Rentals:

- Emergency call-out and maintenance blanket updates for Marathon. Approx. completion 6/4/17.
- Lima, OH. 2" thru 12" mainline pump station in Allen County, OH for Marathon Petroleum Company. Superintendent: Matt Hill. Welder Foreman: Roger Myers. Working 4-10s and 1-8. Approx. completion 4/1/17.

Foltz Welding:

- Lima, OH. 150' of 10" bolt-up in Allen County, OH for Marathon. Superintendent: Joe Pennington. Welder Foreman: Ryan Usry. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Geeding Construction:

- Hillard, OH. 2,000' of 6" reroute and bore in Union and Mason Counties, OH. Superintendent: Jason Bruno. Welder Foreman: Michael Johnson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3/8/17.

Henkels and McCoy:

- Wakeman, OH. Maintenance and anomaly investigation blanket work in various locations in OH, MI, and PA for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: J.C. Croft. Welder Foreman: Andy Anderson. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6/4/17.

Mid-Ohio:

- Dover, OH. 8,100' of 12" new lay plus fabrication for Mark West. Superintendent: Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman: Matt Ward. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 2/28/17.
- Emergency call-out and maintenance blanket updates for Dominion and Mark West. Approx. completion 6/4/17.

Minnesota Limited:

- Dover, OH. Pre-fabrication for station for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Gary Hawke. Welder Foreman: Aaron Schrontz. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 3/25/17.
- Emergency call-out and maintenance blanket updates for Dominion, Mark West, Columbia Gas, Vectren and EQT. Approx. completion 6/4/17.

Otis Eastern:

- Middletown, OH. Install One 10" flange in Butler County, OH for Spectra Energy. Superintendent: Skip Holley. Welder Foreman: Glenn Nichols. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Precision:

- Brownstown, MI. Inspection digs in Wayne and Monroe Counties, MI for Buckeye Pipeline. Superintendent: Bill Ekleberry. Welder Foreman: Roger Williams. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Quest Construction:

- Fairpoint, OH. 6" meter station in Belmont County, OH for Blue Racer Midstream. Superintendent: John Fitzwater. Welder Foreman: Ryan West. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

R.L. Coolsaet:

- Battle Creek, MI. One 8" emergency dig for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. Superintendent: Craig Scully. Welder Foreman: Keith Kongsjord. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Roberts Pipeline:

- Various locations in IN, MI, OH, PA. Integrity and maintenance blanket work for Buckeye. Superintendent: Bobby Westrafer. Welder Foreman: Brian Boyett. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 6/4/17.

Union Pipeline:

- Freeport, OH. Assist nitrogen test and Two 12" tie-ins for Mark West. Superintendent: Rich Grasselli. Welder Foreman: Willard Watson. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Martins Ferry, OH. 21, 395' of 20" new lay in Belmont County, OH for Mark

West. Superintendent: Harry Rogers. Welder Foreman: Willard Watson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5/1/17.

UPI:

Various locations in IA, IN, MI, OH. Integrity and maintenance blanket work for BP Pipelines US. Superintendent: Nate Rickard. Welder Foreman: Bob Humphrey. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 6/4/17.

VEC:

Hubbard, OH. Blanket shop station fabrication for various gas companies. Superintendent: John Telesz. Welder Foreman: David Vasconi. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4/30/17.

PHILLIP W. WALLACE

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

918/270-6738

The 2016 work season turned out well for our members with around 6.5 million man hours worked. This year will be even better with all the big-inch work in the northeastern states to move the natural gas out of the Marcellus and Utica gas fields. We have worked for several years gathering energy in these areas and now it must be moved out to the American people who need it. There is also big pipe being laid down south in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida that has been going all winter. What a great start for a new year for 798 Pipeliners. I think the 2017 work season will start three months sooner than last year, so get your homework done and get ready to hit the road to the Rover, Leach, Nexus, and four or five more projects in the Northeast.

I look at the job line every night to see what's moving and shaking, and to see what numbers are being dispatched. Welders are being dispatched in the high 500s, and some high scale Helper jobs in the south are going unfilled. Over 200 non-book Helpers were put to work last year in my area on the Dakota Access Pipeline because no one applied for these jobs. I predict we will double that number of new Helper members this year. On February 6, we had 984 Welders and 870 Helpers on the Out-of-Work List. That is not good. The job line is one of the best, if not the best, tools this membership has to make a good living for their families. It works very well if you use it, and we have a lot of Helpers who don't use it to their advantage to secure work. Dispatcher Ricky Jones and the ladies in the Dispatch Office do a fantastic job getting people on the road almost every day. During January, there were just a few days that no orders were turned in, and that is very unusual for a January.

The work in my area will drop considerably this year with no big projects that I know of at this time. This area will be back to the Maintenance and Integrity work. This is good work, it just doesn't put a lot of people to work. It only takes from two to eight Welders to man these jobs.

I think the new President, Donald Trump, will be good for the working men and women of this country. I don't know how good Trump will be for that Union Book in your pocket in the long run, but with him in charge you will get to use that Union Book a lot more. I was really shocked when on his first day in office, Trump invited UA President Mark McManus and other labor leaders to meet with him in the White House. From everything I saw on MSNBC and the emails I got about it, everything was a total success. Trump knows that highly skilled and trained workers are needed to get this country's energy infrastructure in place to rule the world in the energy business.

President Trump also knows all about the Dakota Access Pipeline; that Union Workers built 1,170 miles of 30" Crude Pipeline in 7 1/2 months. He has ordered the Army Corps of Engineers to issue the easements to finish the DAPL directional drill of the Missouri River's Lake Oahe Reservoir in North Dakota. This final piece completes the DAPL which spans from the Bakken Oil Field of North Dakota to Patoka, IL. By the time that you receive this Blue Light, I think the bore will be pulled and tied in.

Thanks to all the Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers who made the Dakota Access Pipeline a success. Not just the construction, but thanks for all the phone calls, letters, and showing up at these town hall meetings along the route of DAPL. We worked over two years fighting for these permits. The whole world was watching this unfold with some wanting us to fail, but we did not. That's what happens when you have a group that stands together and believes in something. In this day and time, you must get involved in these movements because the opposition wants to stop all pipelines, not just a specific pipeline. They don't have big numbers in their groups but they have 100 percent involvement. You need to get involved, your next job may depend on it. United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

If you can, make plans to attend the Steward School the second week in April. The format this year is covering the National Pipeline Agreement. I have invited company owners, project managers, spread men, and their office managers to come and learn our agreement, and ask questions if they don't understand this contract. You don't have to be a member to come to Steward School. Welder Foremen and Pipemen



should bring your Spread Man and his field office people.

Thanks for all the hard work you do for your family and your organization. Hope to see you in the field.

Pre-jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

St. Joe, MO. TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Pipe Replacements. Welder Foreman: Mark Usery. Steward: Warren Lyda.

Charps LLC:

- Clearbrook, MN. Enbridge and Koch Pipeline Fab and Replacements. New company owner and Superintendent: Greg Todavich. Welder Foreman: Pete Dremmel (LU 15). Steward: Levi Novacek.

- Clearbrook, MN. Enbridge Sleeving in MN and ND. Spreadman: Greg Todavich. Welder Foreman: Dale Hamness (LU 300). Job Steward: Ledell Sappington.

McCizer Pipeline:

Judsonia, AR. Center Point Energy Fab and Changeouts. Spreadman: Chad Townsend. Steward: Rocky Stilwell.

Wayne Holden Company:

Little Rock, AR. Center Point Energy. 4,000 ft. of 10" Congested replacement. Spreadman: Stanley Eaves. Job Steward: Curtis Mason.

BLACK SCHROEDER

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918/270-6743

I hope everyone has prepared to attend this year's Steward School. It will be a week packed with activities! We start with the Charity Golf Tournament and the Lincoln Electric BBQ. There will be lots of guest speakers in the main sessions, and we will be going over the contract to help our membership understand it. The Ladies of 798 annual basket auction and the Retirees Banquet are always special events to attend. Miller Electric will host a crawfish and shrimp boil at noon Friday, and then we will end with the April Regular Membership Meeting on Friday night. There will be lots of fun and fellowship, plus education and a perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends while making new ones.

At the time of this writing the 48-inch Associated job is just about in full force. So far, they have scanned well over 200 48-inch heavy-wall-welds with only one blemish. This shows how we are going to prevail, by showing up every day, and doing what we do best. Good job! Ya'll are off to a great start!

Spectra Energy has awarded Strike 168 miles of 48-inch heavy-wall that goes from Corpus Christi to Brownsville. It blows my mind how a company like Spectra could even consider a company like Strike to build a pipeline of that magnitude. They are running procedures at CRC and have already had their share of problems. We did not have a single contractor on their bid list. If you get caught down there helping Strike on this project, it doesn't matter whether you are UA, Operator, Laborer or Teamster, you might as well stay with them, because you will not work on any more Union projects. If you get hired out inspecting on this project, please contact me.

If you are not working right now and your skill sets are a little rusty, this is the perfect time for you to go to Tulsa and take advantage of your Training Center. You have the best instructors in the world. It looks like this is the calm before the storm so take advantage and upgrade your skills. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipeline:

Sinton, TX. 21.6 miles of 48" and 2.7 miles of 36" Mainline for Cheniere Energy. Superintendent: Byron Johnson. Welder Foreman: Charles Beddingfield. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Started 1-5-17. Completion 6-11-17.

Michels Pipeline:

Houston, TX. CRC. Finish 36" weld procedures for Nexus Project. Superintendent: Charles Kervin. Welder Foreman: Carl Overstreet. Working 6-10s. Ohio scale. Started 2-13-17. Completion 2-18-17.

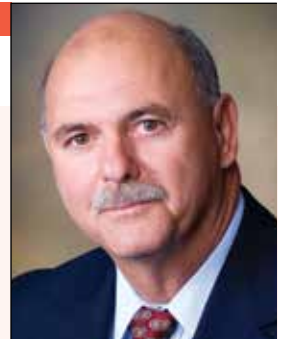
Precision Pipeline:

Houston, TX. CRC. Run 42" & 36" weld procedures for ETC "Rover Project." Superintendent: Guy Williams. Welder Foreman: Buster Chapman. Working 6-10s. Ohio scale. Started 1-4-17. Completion 2-18-17.

US Pipeline:

- Houston, TX. CRC. Run 42" & 36" weld procedures for ETC "Rover Project." Superintendent: Wayne Fontenot. Welder Foreman: Heath Cowan. Working 6-10s. Ohio scale. Started 1-4-17. Job is complete.

- Houston, TX. CRC. Run 12" weld procedures for Southern Company, job is in AL. Superintendent: Dana Bratcher. Welder Foreman/Steward: Scotty Jackson. Working 6-10s. Started 1-9-17. Job is complete.



DARRELL TURNER

AL, FL, GA, LA, MS
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Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! What a winter this has been. 798 membership stood up in our recent union election and knocked it out of the park. Congratulations to Danny, Wade, and all the newly elected officers. And a special thank you to every candidate that sought office. Participating in our Local's affairs makes us stronger, and that makes us all winners.

As an organization, we are on the mountain top, but I think the sky is the limit. And we have so much to be thankful for. When I count my blessings that I am a 798 Pipeliner, I find myself more and more grateful each time. The good things that Local 798 provides its membership far outweighs the un-pleasantries that occur in our business.

We all know that Local 798 is the concrete that holds the pipeline construction industry together. That is a given. Even the open shop that professes to despise us, follows our every move and listens to our every word. The big non-union contractors didn't just happen. When we connect the dots (and look deep into their history), they grew because unionists or former unionists helped them grow. It is kind of like a brush fire. The more you fan it, the bigger it gets. So, what am I saying? We must fight for what is ours. We are either union or we are not. There can't be a middle ground. It doesn't exist. We know the rules and our contractors know the benefits and risks. Support our union! Give our contractors a fair day's work for a day's pay. Work smart and proud. Don't just hang out on the back seat. Fight for that front seat. That's where the action is.

2017 has the potential to be an awesome pipe-lay year, and 2018 could turn out to be the pipeline year that we've all dreamed of. Danny and Wade are focused on the present, but they are looking to our future as well. Remember, their vision must be



our vision. And the United Association's new team, led by Brother Mark McManus, has a plan (in place) that will grow the UA and increase market share across the board. Yes sir, the stars are aligned for Pipeliners Local Union 798 and The United Association.

By the time this report gets to your mailbox or job site, much of the pipe will be laid across my jurisdiction, and many 798 members will have an eye on the next job. Back-end crews will continue lowering in, tying in, and testing of the newly completed pipelines, connections, and fabrication for some time to come. I want to thank the Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers who went above and beyond. You certainly know who you are and what you did. You are a magnificent silent majority that goes to work every day and does your thing. Thank you.

Don't forget the 2017 Steward School. A full week of training, activities, comradery, fun, and food are planned. The week is centered around the entire family unit. PIBF has some important (free) health care tests for those interested. The Ladies of 798 Basket Auction is like the world's fair. It just gets bigger and better. And the facilities, if you've never been to the "HALL", it will blow your mind. Thinking back some 50 years to my first Tulsa visit, it was exciting and bold for this teenager. Today I get starry-eyed thinking that I got to make some small difference.

Pre-Jobs:

Price Gregory:

Phoenix City, AL. 16+ miles of 36" underway for Sable Trail Pipeline.

US Pipeline:

Mobile, AL. 4,500 feet of 24" (starting date February 10, 2017). Mainline rates, congested for the Southern Company, one of America's leading electric producing companies.

I would like to add some wonderful news. The Southern Company is dedicated to using all union labor on its projects, including pipeline and station. The Southern Company is comprised of Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Mississippi Power and Light, and Georgia Natural Gas, to name a few of the key companies under a very large umbrella.

Call on me if I can be of assistance. I will do what I can, if I can.





Kenton, OH
Picket
February 2017





Welded
Smithfield, OH



Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Claims

The PIBF would like to emphasize that the deadline for submitting 2016 HRA claims for reimbursement is March 31, 2017. If you submit a 2016 claim after that date, it will be denied. Below is a brief summary on filling out the HRA form:

THREE EASY HRA FILING STEPS

NOTICE: All the required information is taken directly from the PIBF Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

1. **COMPLETE TOP PORTION OF FORM**

- Employee name
- PIBF U.I.D. #
- Patient name (one family member per form)

2. **LIST HEALTHCARE EXPENSES**

- Service date
- Provider name / Pharmacy name
- PIBF claim number (or write "RX" if a prescription claim)
- Member Balance (This is your out of pocket expense as listed on the EOB)

- Itemized pharmacy statement instead of individual RX receipts

3. **SIGN, DATE AND SUBMIT THE FORM**

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be at Steward School again this year. The PIBF continues to offer this screening because the tests being offered by Life Line Screening are detecting medical problems, which left unattended, could lead to more serious health issues. A form to sign up for an appointment is in the Steward School pack and limited space will be available for walk-ins.

Workman's Compensation Claims

The PIBF staff continues to receive calls from members injured on the job. If you are injured on the job, it is your responsibility to complete the necessary paperwork immediately to preserve your rights. PIBF does not pay medical expenses on job-related injuries unless the Workman's Compensation Carrier denies the claim. If the Workman's Compensation Carrier denies your claim, PIBF must have a copy of the denial including supporting reports outlining why the claim was not covered by the contractor insurance before PIBF will consider assuming responsibility for the injury

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Houston, TX

Brothers and Sisters, I am writing this report from West Texas while checking on non-union jobs. The work out here is still slow, but a few smaller jobs are going on. It seems the drilling is starting to pick up in this area so that's always a good sign for us. As usual, when the work slows the non-union waste no time slashing wages and good conditions are nonexistent. Many are working for contract wages with no overtime, furnishing consumables or liability insurance.

On the bright side, we have experienced a good work year in 2016, and the winter work coming into 2017 has been a blessing to say the least. From all indications, 2017 looks to be a fantastic year for us. There appears to be enough work that we may be looking for Welders, Journeymen and Helpers early in the year.

I feel that the oil and gas industry will do very well in the next few years. There are a lot of projects on the books in the near future, but some of them face heavy opposition from various organizations. I would like to ask each of you to help promote these jobs. After all, they are our jobs and we must make every effort to be more vocal than the opposition. From time to time you will receive call blasts, emails and notices on social media to act in support of these jobs. When you receive these notices, please help in any way possible.

It was very encouraging to see President Trump sign executive orders expediting the permitting of the DAPL and KXL and requiring American made pipe on future projects. These are just a couple of big projects that have fallen victim to massive protests, mostly spurred on by misinformation. It's up to us to show support and make sure the facts are out there. Whatever you can do, whether sending emails, writing letters, making phone calls or showing up to public meetings, please take the time to do it. Our livelihood depends on it.

As most of you know President Trump met with various union officials to see what can be done to put the construction trades back to work. I do not know if this has ever happened

before. I don't remember in my lifetime when a U.S. President invited Union leaders into the White House for their input, especially on the first day of business. It was good to see our General President, Brother Mark McManus, included in this meeting. This seems to me to have been a historical meeting. It's good to see the President of the United States interested in what working people have to say and taking the time to sit down and actually have a one-on-one conversation with labor.

Steward School is right around the corner. I hope everyone plans to attend. As always, a good time will be had by all. But most importantly, the knowledge we come away with is invaluable. Nothing promotes peace and harmony on the job like Steward School. Even if you never desire to be a job Steward or Welder Foreman, it's imperative that we are all on the same page and have a mutual understanding of the contract and/or working rules. And if you want to make new friends, meet old friends, or make some good job contacts, this is the place to do it.

With the amount of work coming up, we are certainly going to need some good, qualified people. If you know of any have them give me a call.

I'm spending a lot of time on the road mostly in West Texas and eastern New Mexico. If anyone has any information that would be helpful in these areas, please contact me. It's a big country out here and I can use all the help I can get. One phone call or text has saved me several hundred miles before.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone, please do not hesitate to call. If I don't answer, leave a message. I am in a lot of no-service areas, sometimes for hours.

I'm hoping everyone has a prosperous and safe work year in 2017. See y'all in April.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill

(918) 284-6862



ORGANIZING REPORT

Amber Vreeland is a lover of all things green, a creative thinker, encourager, grace-giver, and Christ follower. She lives in Jenks, OK, with her husband of 15 years, Travis, and their three daughters, Trinity, Raina, and Sora. Her job duties at Local 798 include coordinating the Blue Light, processing UA Burial Benefits, handling three percent Working Dues and Assessments, along with other varied opportunities to serve the Local.

Featured Personnel



Mark Parks is the IT Manager at Local 798, coming onboard in August 2008. He has been in the IT field since 1992. He has been married to his wife, Cathy, for 28 years, and they have three children and seven grandchildren. His hobbies are video and graphics design.

Featured Personnel



March is here! I sincerely hope I am sending out Welders, Journeymen and Helpers in large numbers soon after you get this report. We have no guarantees at this point, but it appears permitting jobs may get easier. Job notifications, followed by Pre-Jobs, will be flowing into the dispatch office soon.

Until then, take time to take care of the details concerning you.

Your phone number. Make sure it is correct and you have a second number on file so we can call and leave a message if your first number is in a bad service area or damaged.

E-Mail address. Get one. Make sure you have it on file here in our office. Make sure to write the password down somewhere you can always find it.

Make sure you are on the wheel. Check and double check to make sure. Know where you are on the wheel. I will be calling off the top. Don't let me sneak up on you unprepared. It would be better to find and take a job before getting into a desperate situation where you must take whatever job I have available that day.

Place your name back on the wheel within five days any time you are laid off or terminated, regardless of the cause. If you have not exceeded your allotted hours, you could possibly return to your original Out-of-Work Date which would be much lower on the wheel when you return.

Read the Dispatch Policy. Understand how the hours are calculated. When you start a new Out-of-Work Date you are allowed 300 hours on National Pipeline Agreement work. We usually refer to this work as "high scale." If you go to work on a new Out-of-Work Date and work high scale for 299 hours, and are then laid off, run off for bad welds, or miss a test, you



Dispatch Report

By Ricky Jones

will retain your original Out-of-Work position. If you work 300 hours, you will start over with a new Out-of-Work Date. We count all hours that benefits are paid on, regardless of the UA local you are working in.

Hours are combined if you work high scale on one job, say 200 hours, then are laid off and go back to work. The hours follow you and add up. If you go out on a new Out-of-Work Date and end up working only Intermediate or Special Agreement low scale, then you could work up to 599 hours, get laid off, and still be at your original Out-of-Work Date. If you reach 600 hours, and are then laid off, you will start at the bottom with a new Out-of-Work Date.

Here is another scenario. If you go to work and you work 200 hours high scale, get laid off, get back on the wheel and go to work on anything less than high scale, then you are allowed a combination of 449 before losing your position.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a great work season. It looks very promising. Get ready for it. Be prepared to work as long as this boom holds out. Thank God, our future looks so bright the next few years.

Out-of-Work Roster Voice Mail (918) 663-3200

Position on Out-of-Work List (918) 610-2746

Jobline (918) 610-2745

Numbers on the wheel as of this writing:

Welders: 961

Journeymen: 188

Helpers 848

Retired Welder Edell Usry always told his family he didn't like riding in a Cadillac when he was here, and didn't want his last ride to be in one either. Per his request, he was transported to his final resting place on the bed of a welding rig. The rig belongs to Brother Ryan Usry (Edell's son).



Steward School

April 10-14, 2017

Registration information has been mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School, April 10-14, 2017. **If you plan to work in the future as a Steward, Welder Foreman, or Pipeman, please make plans to attend.** Please complete your registration information and make your reservations as soon as possible. You may also fill out your registration form on the home page of our website at www.local798.org.

Pipeliners Local 798 has a group rate of \$94.00 at the following facilities:

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave. This hotel is currently sold out. You can place yourself 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.

— **The 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**, benefiting 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 has been included with your Steward School registration packet.

— **Lincoln Electric** will host the annual **BBQ Lunch** and equipment demonstrations at the Local 798 Training Center on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at noon.

— **The Steward Reporting Forms and Computer Class** will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at the Local 798 Training Center.

— **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 Friday, April 14, 2017, at noon.

— **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 has been 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 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2017.

Membership Meeting Notice

April 14, 2017

The Regular April Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies of 798 Hospitality – 6:30 P.M.

Both will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK., Phone: (918) 307-2600.

Attention Job Stewards

Steward Form Reporting Class

April 11, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Local 798 Training Center

Pipeliners 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 11, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

For these classes, you will be required to provide your own laptop with Microsoft Office 2013 or higher, and an email program that 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, (918) 622-1900, or via email to information@local798.org.

UA Scholarships Available

The United Association Scholarship Fund is currently in the process of accepting applications for the 2017/2018 academic year. UA Members in good standing, 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 to apply. **The deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2017.**

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.

Thank You 

Gene A. Walker, Sr., and Family would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It is nice to belong to a local union that takes care of the retired as well as the regular members.

Raymond Keith Edwards and Family thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift during Keith's radiation treatment. The treatment worked, and things are a lot better now. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Darrell Turner and Randy Martin.

Marty and Peggy Farrell want to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund as well as those on the job site based out of Cusseta, Alabama, for the continuous kindness and support that have been shown to their family in this time of need. Thanks to all the Union Brothers and Sisters who visited the hospital and a special thanks to Tim, Annie, and Job Steward Joe for going above and beyond anything they could have imagined. Your prayers and support are appreciated more than words can express. Marty is back in Michigan and recovering well.

Richard and Debby Duncan take this opportunity to thank the members who donate to Voluntary Fund for the help they received during Debby's recent stay in the hospital. She is doing much better and they appreciate your thoughts and prayers. They especially thank Donnie Lindsey and Landon Duncan.

David "Squirrel" and Pam Bird are grateful to all contributing members for the check they received from the Voluntary Fund. Pam is doing well after the knee replacement. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Wayne Causey.

Charles Dinkens would like to thank everyone for the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund. It helped so much. Special thanks to Dennis Stiles, Danny Hendrix, David Lloyd and Charlie Yates, Jr.

The Phillip Sample Family writes to say the money received from the Voluntary Fund was much appreciated and needed. Thank you to all who donate each week. Special thanks to Becky Sample Marchetti.

Elizabeth Lane expresses her gratitude for all that Pipeliners Local 798 has done for her since her husband, Jesse Lane, passed away. She has much respect and appreciation for all the officers and members of Local 798. The beautiful, white Catholic Bible is very special and of great consolation to her.

Reid Hebert, Jr. and Family appreciate the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund. They are very thankful for this Local and the members who contribute to the fund.

Ida Ross and Family cannot express how truly grateful they are for the care and concern that has been extended to them from the local upon the passing of Ida's husband, Ronald R. Ross. Special thanks to Cory

Sharp, Glen Sharp, Darrell Turner, Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Robert Kime. The beautiful Bible will be cherished for generations to come.

Denny Stewart writes to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received in his time of need after being hospitalized with pneumonia and a staff infection. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen and Danny Hendrix.

Kelen McCleary wishes to thank everyone for their support after the passing of her husband, William "Willie" McCleary. Willie truly cared for the union and the people with whom he worked. Thank you for the beautiful Bible and the lovely card. It was a thoughtful gift and is very much appreciated.

Wilma Lively, Executive Director of Day Spring Villa, expresses love and appreciation for Pipeliners Local 798. Thank you for making their women and children feel special.

Jarrold Choate and Family greatly appreciate the help from the Voluntary Fund and thank everyone who contributes to it. Special thanks to Black Schroeder, John White and Mitchell Elliott.

Bobby Lewis and Family send their thanks for the expressions of support and compassion on their recent loss. They take comfort from the sympathy and generosity you have extended to their family.

James "Scooter" Folk, Jr., is very grateful for the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund. The money will help with medical bills due to his motorcycle accident. Special thanks to Rick Thomas, James Gleitz, David Butterworth, and fellow members who make this fund possible.

Robert and Donna McCray write to say your generosity of spirit is inspiring. They are so grateful for the prayers and help received. Things are slowly improving after a rough year of sickness. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

James and Tina Harris would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Joseph Torres. The check was very helpful when he was unable to work for medical reasons.

Kenneth Robertson wishes to thank the supporters of the Voluntary Fund for the well wishes and gift. We have an amazing pipeline family and he is honored to be a part of it. Special thanks to friends and family for their support.

Charlie and Stephanie Yates thank everyone for your expressions of kindness and sympathy at the passing of Charles Yates, Sr. Your thoughtfulness touched them deeply and offered comfort during their time of sorrow.

Mike Shaw and Family send their thanks for the generous donation from the Voluntary Fund during their time of loss.

Don and Betty Armstrong thank all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund, for the help they received. It is a blessing to be a member of Local 798.

Tanya Lamon would like to thank her Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the thoughtful and generous help during her surgeries and recovery. Special thanks to Kimberly Johnson and Angela Guyton.

Tommy Childs sends his deepest appreciation to all those who donate to the Voluntary Fund. After a total shoulder replacement and exercise, he is finally pain free. Special thanks to Tommy Ray Manning and Pattie Trujillo.

David Marsh writes to say thank you to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, and for the help he received this last year. Thank you to all the hard-working hands who give so generously. Special thanks to Chippy, Mike Fessenden and Danny Cox.

Joyce Leibr says thank you to the members of Local 798 who give generously to the Voluntary Fund. With God, family, and friends like you she will get through this tough time. A very special thank you to Mike Miller for his thoughtfulness.

Kent Fritts thanks the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it for the help received during an extended hospital stay. The gift was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Kenneth Martin.

The Family of Ed McCormack, II, would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The money has helped greatly during his chemo treatments.

Lee Roy and Betty Ann Warren want to thank their 798 pipeline friends and family who generously give to the Voluntary Fund. The help they received was totally unexpected and greatly appreciated. Special thanks and hugs to Nathan Campbell, Richard Warren and Tammy Warren.

Timothy Snyder and Family are grateful to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the generous check they received. Special thanks to Dave Marsh and Paula Roberts.

Robert S. Ford would like to thank all his Brothers and Sisters at 798 for the generous gift he received during his recent time of need. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen and Wayne Knight, your help was very much appreciated. God bless you all!

Frances Lafitte and Family will always be grateful for your kindness and support at the passing of her husband, Bell "Pete" Lafitte.

Gwendell Mason greatly appreciated the generous gift she received from the Voluntary Fund after her surgery. She thanks all her Brothers and Sisters for the gift of love and care. Special thanks to Carroll Tuggle for his care and concern.

Russ and Carol Wierema thank all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received. It will help relieve some of the financial burdens incurred after Carol's father was diagnosed with cancer. He was overwhelmed to tears with the kindness of the brotherhood and their gift to him. A

Special thanks to Chad Gilbert.

Donald R. Hawkins, Jr., expresses his sincere thanks to the Voluntary Fund for the donation received after his recent back surgery. He is doing much better but still recovering each day. He is so thankful and proud to be a member of 798. Special thanks to Tyler Simms.

Gary and Beverly Graham would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone who donates to it, for the donation they received after their basement got flooded from high water. Special thanks to Greg Russell, Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

Frank Borelli thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received in his time of need.

James H. Thomas wishes to thank all the members of Local 798 who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received. The gift will help him in his battle with cancer. Special thanks to Steve Edwards and Chad Gilbert.

Cecil and Tamra Kilgore thank the Voluntary fund and all members who contribute to it, for the help received in time of illness. Special thanks to J.R. Edwards, Ed McCormick, and Kevin Kilgore.

David Souza and Family write to thank you for the money they received while he was laid up having ear surgery. A special thank you to J.C. Cooper, Wade Pilgreen, and all the hands who donate to the Voluntary Fund!

Robert Harris and Family express their gratitude and appreciation for the assistance from the Voluntary Fund during their recent time of need. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Charlie Yates, William Martel, and all the 798 Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund.

Lloyd "Ike" Mason and Family would like to thank those members who contribute to the Voluntary fund. He is doing well after having bilateral knee replacement surgery in January. A special thank you goes out to Phillip Wallace and Todd Hartle.

Sarah and Gary Overson are so thankful for the generosity and kindness of all members of Local 798. They sincerely appreciate the help they received.

John S. Heaton and Family express their deepest gratitude to the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, for the gift they received.

Steve and Dusty Edwards are extremely grateful for the help they received from the Voluntary Fund after lightning damaged their vehicles and travel trailer in Silver Springs, FL. Special thanks to Bobby Taylor, Jr., Billy Burns, Erika Hogle, Denise Barrett, and all the hands on the Price Gregory job in Ocala, FL.

IN MEMORIAM

Douglas Cowan, 61-year-old Helper of Hominy, OK, passed away November 6, 2016.

Jimmy C. Curry, 74-year-old Retired Welder of Beckville, TX, passed away December 17, 2016.

Bell Y. "Pete" Lafitte, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Pelican, LA, passed away December 31, 2016.

Michael R. Baker, 59-year-old Journeyman Spacer of Augusta, WI, passed away January 2, 2017.

Harold F. Green, 75-year-old Retired Welder of Kilbourne, LA, passed away January 6, 2017.

Jeffery P. Mathis, 49-year-old Retired Welder of Graham, TX, passed away January 15, 2017.

Rodney D. Mitchell, 68-year-old Helper of Surprise, AZ, passed away January 16, 2017.

Edell A. Usry, 64-year-old Retired Welder of Wilmar, AR, passed away January 25, 2017.

William C. Frymier, 77-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Linn, WV, passed away January 30, 2017.

Bernard J. Armstrong, 69-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Emporium, PA, passed away January 31, 2017.

Lowell G. Hulsey, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Searcy, AR, passed away February 3, 2017.

J D Williams, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Eufaula, OK, passed away February 3, 2017.

Brandon M. Gilbert, 33-year-old Helper of Yukon, OK, passed away February 4, 2017.

Douglas E. Midkiff, 41-year-old Helper of Meadow Bridge, WV, passed away February 7, 2017.

RETIREMENTS

James M. Baker, Welder, Masontown, PA

Mark E. Ballou, Helper, Clare, MI

Stephen H. Dancy, Journeyman Spacer, Live Oak, FL

Timothy A. Gintz, Welder, Hodges, AL

C. Robert Grimm, Journeyman Spacer, Kemp, TX

Wallace J. Gros, Jr., Welder, Sulphur, LA

Daryl T. Hipp, Welder, Denver, NC

Ronald W. Johnson, Welder, Carencro, LA

Bobby G. Monroe, Welder, Henryetta, OK

Ronnie F. Pardon, Welder, Oak Grove, LA

Diane J. Paul, Helper, Mt. Pleasant, PA

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