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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hopefully, by the time you receive this report the work this spring will have sprung. I fully expect that we will shadow our record numbers and possibly could shatter the record of 12 million manhours set back in 1968.

Could the work just dry up and disappear? If you spent your whole career in the pipeline industry, you've seen it go from wide open to dead still in a matter of months. It is important that you, as a member of Local 798, understand that almost every piece of fossil fuel infrastructure will be contested going forward into the future. Our opponents have developed new strategies to increase the financial risks of these pipeline projects. Blocking and stalling permits causes a viable concern for banks who finance the work. Bankers do not like risk, they like certainty. However, the strategy of delay is more than just economics. It is an opportunity for these opponents to not only raise "awareness," but at the same time raise funds to oppose future projects.

So, if you want to predict what will happen to the pipeline work in the future, you need to write your own destiny. How can you do that you ask? By joining our 798 Action Network, sharing it on social media with your friends, and advocating every single time that the chance appears. We don't have a choice; the war has already begun from the opposing side to kill all pipeline projects. The only decision you need to make is to start fighting alongside your 798 Brothers and Sisters or ignore all the signs and let the opposing party write your destiny. Being a member of Local 798 entitles you access to the best healthcare, a dignified pension, 401(k) and the structure of a National Pipeline Agreement, and it should also instill a certain amount of accountability from you as well.

Steward School 2018 is just around the corner. Please make plans to attend. This is the largest gathering of pipeline constructors in the world. The only way I can describe this event is that it is a pipeline family reunion held during the state fair! Good times, good friends, good conversation and a touch of education thrown in. Monday, April 9, Charity golf tournament. Tuesday the tenth, Lincoln BBQ held at the 798 Training Center. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until noon, we will be covering our National Pipeline Agreement, along with many other issues that affect pipeliners in our industry. Friday at noon, Miller will be hosting our annual Crawfish & Shrimp Boil, also down at the 798 Training Center for all to enjoy.

As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."



Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix

Local 798 Training Center Thank You:

The Local 798 Training Center would like to take this opportunity to thank DeWALT for their generous donation to the Training Center. They are a fulltime sponsor of our facility and we appreciate the generosity of our partners at DeWALT!



Pictured: Front down low, Billy Chenhall. Front row, left to right: is David Allen, Wade Hendricks, Kelly Jellison, Jason Jezik, and Farron Hollabaugh. Back row: Parker Hollabaugh and Ronnie Evans.



Special thanks to P.S.S., Chris Cheatham and Jake Carter for their continued support at the Local 798 Training Center!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



I'd like to thank the membership for entrusting me to serve as Financial Secretary-Treasurer of this great Local Union. I really appreciate that we were able to have a smooth transition as Wade Pilgreen moved into retirement. We had a really good turnout for the January membership meeting, with plenty of good information for members to take back home and to the jobsites. We finished up 2017 with just over 11.6 million manhours, which came in just short of the hours worked in 2008. I still believe 2018 may top both of those years.

2018 Steward School is not far off, and we hope to see you there. Make arrangements to attend, if at all possible, and bring your family. There are plenty of activities scheduled for everyone. If you've never participated in the George Lambert/Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, consider putting a team together and coming out on Monday, or sign up individually and you will be placed with a team.

If you are a Job Steward or think that you may be asked to steward a job in the future, please try to make the Steward Reporting Class. It will follow the Lincoln Electric BBQ Lunch, at the Training Center on Tuesday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Even if you already have experience as a Steward, the class is always a good chance to brush up.

The Ladies of 798 Basket Auction is on Wednesday evening, and if you've never participated in this, you're missing out on a lot of fun. Countless charities have benefitted from this, and it's only grown over the years, thanks to the generosity of our membership. Just think of all the good works our membership and their families do every year: the basket auction; providing Christmas for the battered women's shelter; putting shoes on the feet of children who may not have ever had a new pair of shoes; the list goes on and on. Local 798 Pipeliners are truly the most generous group of people in the world. Also, make plans to attend the Retiree Banquet on Thursday evening April 12. Members with 50+ years of service are honored at the banquet, and it's always nice to hear the words of advice and encouragement they offer up. We all owe these retirees a debt of gratitude for laying the foundation and setting the conditions that we all work under today. All of this is followed up by the regular membership meeting on Friday evening, April 13.

Please remember to participate in Local 798's Action Network. Once you've activated your account, it's as easy as a few clicks to sign your name to petitions and show your support for these projects. Some of you are doing a fantastic job by taking every action that comes through, but many are not participating at all. As Local 798 members, we all know there is strength in numbers, and we must use our numbers to advocate for these projects. The clients are taking notice, and if all of us participate, it will continue to pay off in jobs for our members. Welder Foremen and Job Stewards, please make a habit of speaking to members on your jobs about signing up and participating in the Action Network. Advocacy is going to be the tool that helps us get more of the market share.

If there's anything I can ever help you with, please don't hesitate to call. I am always proud to have the opportunity to serve the membership of this great Local.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin Wallace".

Justin Wallace

January 2018 Membership Meeting





Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

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I am writing this report after returning from Florida. These past couple of months have been spent traveling around, meeting and greeting people, and exploring all the job opportunities that are coming up for bid in the South.

Unfortunately, during these travels I have found several union hands on non-union jobs. This is completely unacceptable! When you sign up with this Local, you agree to a way of life that is held to very standards, a work ethic second to none, and loyalty to your fellow Brothers and Sisters of this Local. WORKING RAT destroys everything our Local stands for and will NOT be tolerated. To those welders that had the sense to roll up and walk away, that was your only warning. To those that haven't been caught yet, your time is coming.

On a more positive note, I have enjoyed receiving phone calls from members letting me know about what's going on in their area. The more informed I am, the better job I can do for you. I will gladly chase down any lead that might result in more union work in the South. Also, we are looking at another record breaking year. So, if you have friends or relatives with the mind and skill set to become members, let me know and I'll do what I can to lead them in the right direction.

If you have not already made plans to attend this year's Steward School, get those reservations now. It is the best chance for you to participate, learn important working details of this profession, and make valuable job contacts. To all of our new members: 798 is a family and is family oriented. Make plans to bring your family with you. There will be activities for them while you are attending the school. I look forward to seeing you and your family there. In closing, remember that I am here to serve you, so do not hesitate to call. God bless each one of you, and God bless this great Local.

Pre-Jobs:

Price Gregory:

-Ocala, FL. Heater relocation. Gas Company: Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC. Superintendent: Terry McDaniels. Welder Foreman: Billy Burns. Approx. completion 2-08-18.

Chad Gilbert

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I am writing my report in route to the Colorado Water & Energy Conference. The conference will bring together U.S and Canadian senior leaders in Energy Development and Water Infrastructure planning. I am looking forward to sitting at the table with the men and women who plan infrastructure development in Colorado and throughout the West. I will do my best to relay that Local 798 is looking to be a partner in the construction of all pipelines planned for future development.

I would like to thank Dennis Stiles, Mark Witt, and Justin Head for helping me police the work in my jurisdiction this month. We touched four states and over eight jobsites, talked with four non-union contractors and numerous non-union welders and helpers. We will continue to be on site at non-union projects trying to talk with contractors about the benefits of signing a Union Agreement. Please, if you are contacted to work non-union, call your Business Agent immediately.

With all the good Union work up East, most of the contractors have a full plate, but we do have fair contractors like Michels, Snelson and Hanging H that are bidding projects in the West. Most of the projects are smaller and integrity oriented. We are starting to see larger projects materialize for the West, including the Denbury Riley Ridge which is 240 miles of undetermined size. The project could be released for construction in 2019.

Some of the projects that could start ramping up in early 2019 in my area include: ONEOK Elk Creek Pipeline, 900 miles 20 inch from MT to KS; and Tallgrass Greeley Cheyenne Connector, 75 miles of 42 inch. Hopefully the West will start showing signs of more pipeline construction soon.

I would also like to congratulate Justin Wallace on becoming our Financial Secretary-Treasurer. Justin has been a great asset to the membership as Pension Manager and I look forward, as I am sure others do, to him serving the members in his new role. We all need to support and help Justin any way we can to assure our Local continues to flourish.

I will end my report by reminding everyone to be safe while traveling and work safely on the job. Be your Brother's keeper. If I can be of any help or assistance, please call.



LOCAL 798

"WE HAVE THE GREATEST PIPELINERS IN THE WORLD"

Phillip Wallace

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-Jobs:

Southern Pipeline:

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

Minnesota Limited:

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

Wayne Holden Company:

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

United Piping Inc.:

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

**Join
The Local 798
Action Network**

Black Schroeder

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So far, 2018 is starting out like last year. Several projects have gone out for bid in Texas, but our fair contractors have had no success picking up any jobs. Everyone's saying the same thing: the work is going cheap.

We are getting calls from some of our members and from non-union workers saying that 798 hands are starting to show up on this non-union work. Please understand that if you are seen working for a non-signatory contractor, you will be expelled with a \$10,000 raised initiation fee. Be mindful, any Union Brother or Sister member can file charges on you for performing UA work non-union. If you need a clear definition of what constitutes UA work, don't hesitate to contact a Business Agent, Organizer or an officer of this Local.

Danny and I just attended a safety seminar in Houston hosted by Associated Pipeline that was very impressive. My hat's off to Paul Somerville, the owner of Associated Pipeline. I have never seen an owner take a safety approach like he did; he brought in all of his superintendents and foremen. There were extensive talks all day about how they could work in a safer environment, so that each employee of Associated Pipeline could go home at the end of the job in the same condition as the day they arrived. There were talks about the work in West Virginia and the dangers involved, and how the projects could be completed in a safe manner. There was participation from TransCanada, Enterprise, Caterpillar, John Deere, and PSS among a lot of others. Danny Hendrix and David LaBorde with the Teamsters did an excellent job speaking from the Labor standpoint.

I hope everyone has made reservations for the 2018 Steward School. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Most of the work will be in the mountains of West Virginia this year. Please work safe and watch out for others. We should work safe all the time, not just when it's convenient."

Pre-Jobs:

Trinity Energy Services:

-RMS Shop. Conroe, TX. Run 42" weld procedures for EQT (Mountain Valley Pipeline). Superintendent: Randy Mathis. Welder Foreman: Troy Rice. Job started 1-15-18, this job is complete.

Geeding Construction:

-Cushing, OK to Houston, TX. Install pipe supports in TransCanada Stations. Superintendent: Ed Brooks. Welder Foreman/Steward: Jarod Washmon. Job started, 2-2-18. Completion 2-20-18.

Precision Pipeline:

-CRC Houston, TX. Run 42" weld procedures for EQT (Mountain Valley Pipeline). Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Job started 2-13-18. Completion 3-16-18.

Charles Yates, Jr.

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Well, I'm sure that we are all ready for spring, ready for both the work to break and for Steward School.

The Marcellus-Utica Midstream Conference in Pittsburgh echoed that there is a multitude of proposed energy projects for 2018. The two-billion-dollar Nexus pipeline in Ohio is progressing. In December, they started cutting and clearing in preparation for kicking off the 255-mile pipeline that begins near Hanoverton in Columbiana County, Ohio, and will connect to existing natural gas pipelines in Michigan. As of this report, Latex sent in a notification for its 80 miles of 36" mainline. Unfortunately, some other projects are still waiting on state and water permits or facing environmental resistance. This reinforces the need to stay on top of our Action Network page. Pipeliners Local 798's participation at the conference was well

received. It is apparent we are making a large footprint in the industry. Our booth provides an occasion to build relationships with the oil and gas community, promote 798 labor as a valuable resource for successful projects, and to organize non-union contractors.

One of the best ways to prepare for the work season is to attend Steward School. Our week-long event is an atmosphere of fellowship while interacting with Brother and Sister members beyond the ROW. Join contractors, sister local representatives, keynote speakers, and special guests from the UA for our annual opportunity to brush-up on contract knowledge through interpretations, Q & A, and updates. One such industry update is the new DOT policy regarding opiate prescriptions. I'm sure this topic will be discussed at length during our Steward School sessions. Those who want to be Stewards this year, be sure to sign-up for the Steward Reporting Class.

In conclusion, I want to acknowledge the official January retirement of our Financial Secretary-Treasurer Wade Pilgreen. I'm happy for him, yet sad to see him go. Wade has been a great friend and union brother who indeed made things a little bit better every day with his work ethic, sense of humor, and dedication to 798. He will truly be missed. Best wishes to both Wade and Toni for a peaceful retirement. Justin Wallace, however, has provided a smooth transition and will pursue the office of Financial Secretary-Treasurer with the same heart and focus as his predecessor. Congratulations Justin for being the unopposed nominee and officially being sworn in at the January regular membership meeting.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me. Remember to always support our Ladies of 798, especially at Steward School.

Pre-Jobs:

1127 Construction:

-Akron, OH. Blanket emergency call-out in Ohio for Dominion Energy. Superintendent: Nick Smith. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Akron, OH. 30" launchers and receivers for Dominion Energy. Superintendent: Rick Mathia. Welder Foreman: Dave Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 3-22-18.

Contractors Rental Corp.:

-Various locations IN, MI, OH, KY, WV, PA. Continued blanket for emergency and call-out work for Marathon Petroleum Company. Superintendent: Christopher Randolph. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

Geeding Construction:

-Columbus, OH. 12" cut-outs and road bore for Buckeye. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Brad Jenkins. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-5-18.

Henkels and McCoy:

-Wakeman, OH. Blanket maintenance services and anomaly investigation in OH, MI, IN, MI, PA for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: J.C. Croft. Welder Foreman: Michael Hawk. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

InterCon Construction, Inc.:

-Upper Peninsula, MI. 36 integrity digs for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Nick Gretzinger. Welder Foreman: Russ Messer. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 3-1-18.

Kirila Contractors:

-Brookfield, OH. Maintenance shop blanket. Superintendent: Ronald Kirila. Welder Foreman: Ted Hazelet. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

Meade:

-South Bend, IN. Under 2 miles to fabricate, build 2 stations, bore 1,000' and open cut 8,700' of 16" located in St. Joseph County IN for NipsCo. Superintendent: Josh Hanna. Welder Foreman: Bob Rose. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-15-18.

Minnesota Limited:

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in OH, PA, WV for Dominion. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in OH, PA, WV for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in OH, PA, WV for TransCanada-CPG. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Blanket emergency call-out work in IN, OH, PA, WV for Vectren. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Dover, OH. Continued blanket shop work only. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Evansville, IN. Blanket emergency call-out and maintenance work in IN, OH, KY for Vectren. Superintendent: Greg Frazier. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working TBA. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

-Lebanon, IN. Installation of new regulation station, 2"-6" piping for Vectren. Superintendent: Doug Vaughn. Welder Foreman: Francisco Sarrazola. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 2-9-18.

R. L. Morris and Sons:

-Kalkaska, MI. 3-22" integrity digs on high pressure line 600 upstream of gate station for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Brent Kniss. Welder Foreman: Mark Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 2-13-18.

Roberts:

-Various locations IN, MI, OH, PA. Blanket for integrity maintenance for Buckeye. Superintendent: Bobby Westrafer. Welder Foreman: TBA. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

Snelson:

-Kensington, OH. Nexus compressor station, pipe size 36"-1" for Nexus (Enbridge). Superintendent: Abraham Mueller. Welder Foreman: Mike Bouchard. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-15-18.

Welded:

-Orion Township, MI. Replace 1,100' of 22" on line 600 for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William Ferguson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-1-18.

David Butterworth

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The 2018 Steward School is fast approaching, and I would like to encourage everyone to attend. This annual meeting is an important part of our Local's rich history. Not only will you learn about the agreement and our precedents and practices, but you will have the opportunity to spend time with those members you have not seen in a while. I have always looked forward to attending this event and hopefully the membership will share in my enthusiasm by making their reservations after reading this article. If you are going to be a part of this great Local, then actually be a part of it by being in Tulsa April 9th-13th.

I have recently received numerous calls asking about when the work is going to break. All signs are pointing to Spring 2018, with the Mountaineer Express and Mountain Valley receiving their highly sought-after West Virginia and Virginia 401 Water Quality permits. The process has started, and trees are being cleared for pipeline construction. With these two projects we are looking at 460 miles of 36" and 42" pipe that will be kicking off in WV and VA. It also looks like the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (600 miles of 42" in WV, VA and NC) will do some work in 2018, but how much and where will depend on permits being secured for all three states.

I wrote in my last report about how important safety will be in the Northeast in 2018. I have worked on two previous projects where deaths have occurred, both happened on steep hillside jobs and terrain was a factor in each of the incidents. We need to look out for each other and be dedicated to making it home every day the same way we reported to work that morning. Please be focused on safety all day, every day. I will continue to drive this point home throughout 2018, because it is something that weighs heavy on my mind. I have seen the terrain where these lines will be laid; it is no joke, and it must be respected.

In closing, I would like to address those members who are currently or have worked non-union recently. Being a union member involves some sacrifice. Historically, we haven't worked year-round, year in and year out, as we are currently doing. The retired members know this, but some of the younger and newer members set their budget and lifestyle up on working 365 days a year. The unorganized need to work all year because they are working for cut-rate wages with no health benefits or pension.

I have tried to procure some building trades work and have found some of that work for those who would like to work it, but it has been slower this year in comparison with the previous two years. There will be times when the entire oil and gas industry slows down, and jobs become scarce. At last count, I had approximately 1,100 members working in my jurisdiction. It is a huge blessing to have that many folks working in the Northeast in the dead of winter. Times will not always be like this. We need to learn to save our money and not count on the boom times.

If you feel you need to jump back over the fence after you've worked six months or more out of our Local, then I suggest you jump back over there and stay over there. You are not helping the union movement, which is constantly fighting for work conditions and worker's rights in a largely for profit oil and gas industry that could care less about your rights and working conditions.

If you jump back and forth, you are a problem not the solution. The solution is to organize the entire industry. The way to do that is to only work union!

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

-Salem, WV. 15,400' of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates: Working 5-10s.

Apex Pipeline Services:

-Elkins, WV. 11 miles of 26" take-up and re-lay for WB Express. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Welder Foreman: Kevin Lancaster. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
-Nitro, WV. 5,000' of 36" new-lay and fabrication install for WB Express. Superintendent: Cecil Hill. Welder Foreman: Charlie Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
-Seneca Rocks, WV. 15 miles of 26" take-up and re-lay for WB Express. Superintendent: Dana Keaton. Welder Foreman: Josh Nichols. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Blue Flame Pipeline:

-Smithburg, WV. Additional 3.4 miles of 30" new-lay. Superintendent: Cliff Frymier. Welder Foreman: Matt Harris. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Henkels and McCoy:

-Orangeville, PA. ASR West Diamond Meter Station. Superintendent: Gary Seidel. Welder Foreman: Gary Mullin. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Otis Eastern:

-Milford, PA. 8 miles of 16" install and associated fab. Superintendent: Rod Tyson. Welder Foreman: Ryan Copley. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

Precision Pipeline:

-Mansfield, PA. 10 miles of 16", 12" and 8" steel plus 10 miles of 16" poly. Superintendent: Jim Mallon. Welder Foreman: Luke Bruns. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Price-Gregory International:

-Yorktown Heights, NY. Install approx. 200' of 60" casing for HDD. Superintendent: Buck Hines. Welder Foreman: Jerry Haynes. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10s.

Rockford Corporation:

-Montrose, PA. 4.97 miles of 16" tie-ins (Job taken from non-union contractor). Superintendent: Kevlin Shaw. Welder Foreman: Jesse Davis. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Chris Lancaster

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I am writing this report after returning home from the Tennessee Pipe Trades in East TN. It was a very informative meeting and it was enjoyable getting to meet with the business managers and agents from various locals around the area. I also had a good visit with those who attended Local 798's January membership meeting. Danny had a great message to present to the membership, as well as highlighting upcoming work that will brighten our future. Congratulations to Justin Wallace for being successful in the recent election as Financial Secretary Treasurer. I'm looking forward to working with him as I'm sure he will serve our Local in a successful and professional manner.

The work in my area is still slow for now. The winter has been hard and has influenced some of the work getting started. It looks like the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will get started by early spring. There will be plenty of work this year, so if you are needing to improve your skill sets, now is a good time to go to the Training Center and brush up.

Steward School is just around the corner. I hope you are making plans to attend. It is sure to be an educational, as well as a fun event. I hope to see you on the ROW soon. If I can be of help, don't hesitate to call.

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline:

-Creedmoor, NC. Various maintenance. Welder Foreman: Ricky Clifton. Superintendent: Victor Cardenas. Working 5-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

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The United Association Scholarship Fund is currently in the process of accepting applications for the 2018/2019 academic year. UA Members in good standing, their children, grandchildren, and spouses are eligible to apply as long as they are dependent on 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 14, 2018.

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





DISPATCH REPORT By Ricky Jones

As of the date of this writing, the wheel has:

**1,374 Welders
203 Journeymen
1,851 Helpers**

This message is very important to all members and applies to those who utilize the Out-of-Work wheel, as well as those who are dispatched or contract hired. The new DOT drug testing laws will impact many of us. I am referring to the addition of testing for semi-synthetic opioids: hydrocodone, oxycodone, hydromorphone and oxymorphone. Some of the common brand names for these are OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Lortab, Norco, Exalgo and Dilaudid. There may be others that I am unaware of.

The purpose of this message is to let you know the necessary steps that you now must take in order to pursue pipeline work if you are prescribed any of these medications.

- If you have any prescriptions containing these semi-synthetic opioids and you attempt to go to work on a pipeline, it is advisable that you talk with your doctor and clarify whether he/she will be able to write a letter saying you are fit for duty. Particularly, a letter specifying that you are able to perform safety sensitive work, such as performing pipeline and fabrication work on the pipeline construction. It also may be beneficial to talk with your prescribing doctor about any and all plans of treatment that can provide reliable pain relief.

- Once you are informed that your drug test provided positive results for these opioids, you will have five (5) business days to have your prescribing doctor get in touch with the Medical Review Officer.

- If the doctor cannot convince the MRO that you can safely perform your work, the contractor will have the right to terminate you for being unfit for duty.

- The drug test result will be changed to list as negative once you have proof of a legal prescription. This will mean that you are not subject to the Rehab steps in the National Pipeline Agreement or DOT.

This law has only been in effect for a month and it is proving to be very difficult to get our members through this process and on the job. There have only been a few members who have satisfied the MRO's specifications. This is affecting many of our members who are simply trying to work for a living but are dealing with chronic pain. Feel free to contact the Dispatch Office at (918) 610-2761. We will do our best to assist you in this matter.

The Building & Trades work has been very slow this winter. We continue to search for Building & Trades work, but we truly expect that our pipeline work will arrive first and at a greater pace, so be prepared.

PIBF NEWS

Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund

Robert "Bob" Kime - Director

Renee Vause - Assistant Director

918-280-4800

www.pibf.org

Normal Retirement Ages

The Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF) normal retirement age for participants that entered the plan prior to January 1, 2013, is 65 and for those participants that entered the plan on or after January 1, 2013, the normal retirement age is 67. Most participants believe early retirement is between 55 and 60 (or 57 and 62 for those entering the plan on or after January 1, 2013). Participants can retire 10 years prior to the normal retirement ages but are only assessed early reduction adjustments at ½% per month for the first five years of retirement before the normal retirement age. The plan absorbs the early reduction adjustments during the last five years of retirement prior to the normal retirement ages.

Requirement to Notify PIPF of Retirement Intentions

The PIPF sends all participants nearing their normal retirement age a letter to verify that the participant is aware that they can take their retirement and that the participant can retire immediately, at the normal retirement age, or wait. In any case, the participant must send the completed form back so the PIPF staff will know the participant's retirement intentions. A participant can choose to wait past the normal retirement age to retire, but the final required date to retire under IRS rules is 70 ½.

Because the Trustees approved the age 62 in service distribution rule, which allows a participant to retire at age 62 and draw the monthly pension and continue to work, very few participants choose to wait to the full normal retirement age or age 70 ½ to retire.

Pension Calculator

The PIBF recently installed a pension calculator on the PIBF website at www.pibf.org. Because the calculator uses personal information, the plan participant must log in through the "Members Login" link located on the top right of the website and select "Calculate Pension Estimate" from the menu. PIBF staff would like to get feedback from the membership to determine if the calculator is easy to use and if it provides the information you want to see. You are welcome to submit your thoughts and comments by emailing support@pibf.org.

PIBF at Steward School

PIBF's presentation Thursday afternoon at Steward School will include guest speakers from The Trust Company of Oklahoma who will cover our 401(k) plan, and a speaker from Vanguard who will talk about 529 college savings plans as a financial planning and retirement tool. As in the past, the PIBF staff will be available throughout the Steward School for member questions.



ORGANIZING REPORT By Ronnie Hill

We have started a new work year and it seems to be picking up rapidly. It certainly looks like we are facing another good year, and that is truly a blessing. We need to strive to man our work as best we can and to be the most productive, highly skilled craftsmen in the field.

I have been spending a lot of time in West Texas lately, and it's a sad state of affairs to say the least. Jobs are totally unorganized and wages at an all-time low. People are wearing out good and expensive trucks on extremely long drives on rough, crowded and dangerous roads for pennies. One contractor expects its employees to work a full month before getting a check. It's past time these workers showed some solidarity and came together for a common cause. It's the same principle our nation has stood upon for years. We may seem divided at times and at odds with each other, but the presence of unforeseen tragedies will always show the true solidarity of the American people. Whether it be a natural disaster or manmade calamity, such events always bring us together as one. And so should our quest for a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, with benefits for ourselves and our families.

The union worker is the backbone of this nation. Without us, this country will come to a halt overnight. If only the unorganized workers would understand the power they have. They hold in their hands the ability to turn this industry around overnight. All they lack is the sense of solidarity and fortitude to take a stand and demand what every skilled pipeline worker deserves. It's not a strike or wobble that these rat contractors fear, its solidarity. They can hire replacements if you are not united, but if you stand together in solidarity, there is nowhere to turn except to give you what you deserve. We all seek productivity and national prosperity, but first you must become independent of these brutal working conditions and stagnant wages. Your demands will be viewed as an inconvenience by the non-union contractors. But in the long term, it will help not only you and your families, but the contractor as well. Nothing exhibits this better than Henry Ford's \$5 a day wages. When Ford raised wages from \$2.25 a day to \$5 a day, production went from 170,000 vehicles to 202,000.

The first thing many will say is "everybody won't do this." I am aware of that. The truth is everybody doesn't have to (although it would be nice if they did). Not everybody out there is a skilled craftsman. You know that as well I as I do. There are many unqualified workers on the non-union side, and the skilled workers take up their slack. Be honest. How many jobs have you non-union welders been on that the quality of a welder's work was terrible and you had to fix somebody else's mistakes? I witness it daily. Then what happens when its layoff time? Do they remember what you did for them, or do they keep the kin people and "yes" men?

The bottom line is, if you are the real deal, if you are a skilled pipeline welder, you need to belong to Local 798. You need to be drawing top wages, getting health care, retirement, 401(k) and all the working conditions that go with it. Don't waste your time working a dead-end job and wearing your truck out with no gain. You have needs and rights and shouldn't have to face it alone. Come with us in solidarity for not only your benefit, but for the benefit of the industry and all our livelihoods. The few dollars you pay a month for dues is a small price to pay for the benefits mentioned and to belong to a group that stands together for the settlement of grievances. The sense of belonging is the very essence of unionism - knowing you have people who care about you, your family, your needs and rights.

While we are speaking about solidarity let's talk about our Action Network. It is serving us well, helping to protect and jump start our jobs, but we must do better. We need 100% participation. Send it to your relatives, friends and neighbors. If you don't have an email on file, create one or get someone to create it for you. Get on Facebook and Twitter. Get the word out in support of these projects; your livelihood depends on it.

I would like to take this time to congratulate Justin Wallace as our new Financial Secretary-Treasurer. I have known Justin for a long time, as well as his family. He is certainly an upstanding family man, who's integrity is second to none. He is also a skilled craftsman with a very good work ethic. Justin will certainly be an asset to this Local for years to come.

Steward School is rapidly approaching and hopefully everyone is planning to attend. It will be another enjoyable time with lots of things to learn. If you're a new member and have never attended, please make plans. You will enjoy it, not to mention meeting a lot of people that are influential in the pipeline business.

If I can be of help to anyone, please don't hesitate to call. Also, if you have information that will help in our organizing efforts, I would certainly like to hear about it. Hoping everyone has a safe and productive work year.

Fraternally,

Ronnie M Hill
918-284-6862

Meeting Notice – April 13, 2018

The April Regular Membership Meeting will be held Friday evening,
April 13, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality – 6 p.m.

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

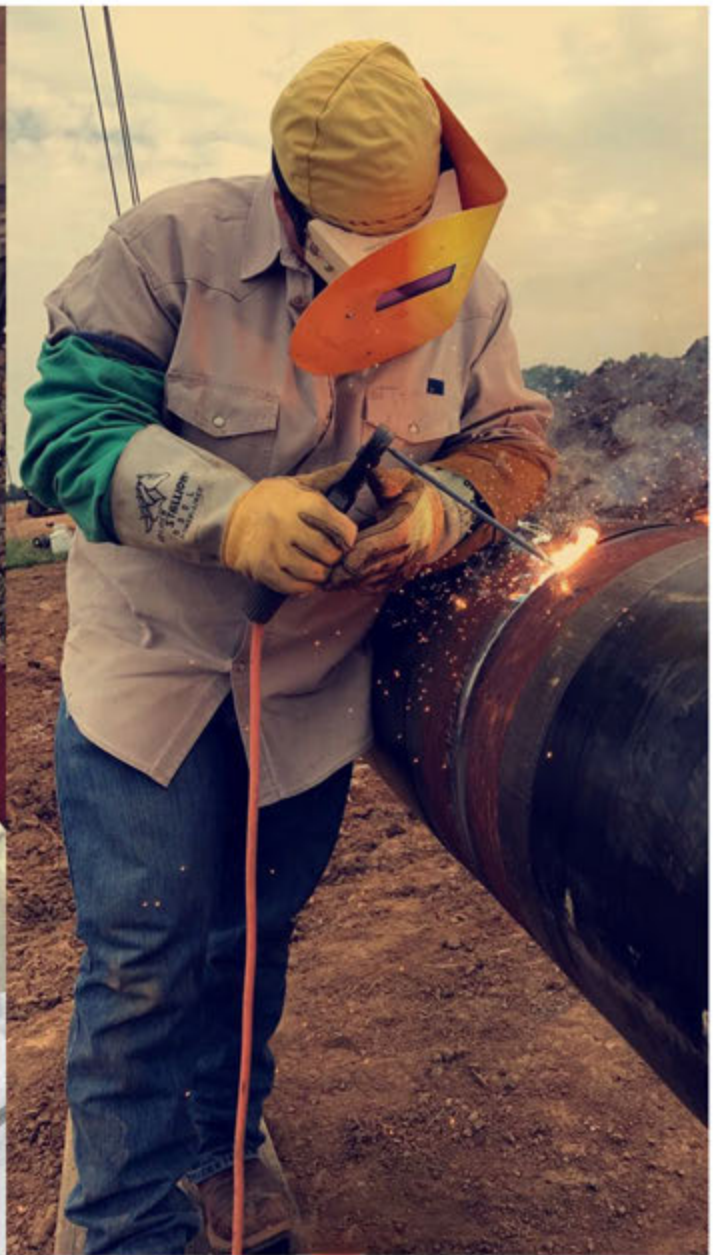
Attention Job Stewards

Steward Form Reporting Class
April 10, 2018 - 1 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 10, 2018, beginning at 1 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 Hall via phone, (918) 622-1900, or via email to information@local798.org.

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Pipeliners Local Union 798

“We do it right the first time!”

Local Union 798 has been fully dedicated and determined since 1949 to provide leadership, representation, and fair treatment to all Pipeliners in the industry. Local 798 has long been recognized as the industry leader in pipeline and pipe welding with high quality job performance from its members. We continue to meet the needs of our nation’s energy infrastructure, while providing opportunities for training, health and welfare benefits, pension and 401(k). We fight for workers’ rights, and we also believe in a good day’s work for a day’s pay. We do it right the first time!

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AN ENERGY FUTURE BUILT ON EXCELLENCE

Pipeline workers build the pipelines that give communities across the country access to critical energy production. The country has benefited greatly from the use of our domestic oil and natural gas. These domestic resources have contributed billions of dollars to the national economy and has moved the United States closer to energy independence. Yet, the Nation does not have the necessary pipeline infrastructure to connect its oil and gas production with consuming markets across the nation and beyond. Take action today and join the growing network of energy advocates that understand the need for new pipeline infrastructure.

PIPELINERS LOCAL UNION 798 “THE GREATEST PIPELINERS IN THE WORLD”



Steward School – April 9-13, 2018

Registration information has been mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School, April 9-13, 2018. **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/night at the following facilities:

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

This hotel is currently sold out. You can place yourself on the waitlist or cancel a current reservation by calling (918) 307-4046.

Courtyard Marriott Woodland Hills – 9011 E. 71st St. Tulsa, OK (800) 626-6873

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

-The 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting the George Lambert/Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held Monday, April 9, 2018, at Forest Ridge Golf Course, 7501 F. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Additional information was included with your Steward School registration packet.

-Steward School registration packets can be picked up at the Local 798 Training Center from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. You can also pick up your packet at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel Tuesday evening, April 10, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m., and again beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 11, 2018.

Lincoln Electric will host the annual Barbeque and equipment demonstrations at the Local 798 Training Center on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at noon.

-A class covering the Steward Reporting Forms will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at the Local 798 Training Center, following the Lincoln Barbeque.

-Steward School Sessions will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel beginning promptly at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2018, and continue through noon Friday, April 13, 2018.

-The Family and Retiree Banquet, honoring members with 50 or more years of membership will start at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, April 12, 2018. 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 13, 2018, at noon.

-The 9th 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 was included with your Steward School registration packet.



STEWARD SCHOOL

Short and Personal

Thank You

The Feaglin Family sends thanks to everyone in Local 798 for the check they received. It was a blessing and very appreciated.

Jessie (Bud) Stilwell thanks all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received during his recent illness and hospital stay. The help is greatly appreciated.

Zac Crymes writes to thank Matt Harris, Wade Pilgreen, and the rest of the 798 family for the recent monetary support he received from the Voluntary Fund. He would also like to thank everyone who reached out after his accident.

David "Tado" and Rhonda Spann send their thanks for the help received after Rhonda's back surgery. Special thanks to Ronny Curry and Mike Cockrell.

Joyce Lehr says thank you to all who made it possible for the retirees to receive a 13th check, plus a raise. May the Lord keep you safe on and off the job.

John Cates appreciates the help received and sends his thanks to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Also to the members on the Associated spread in Malta, OH; your heart-felt condolences meant a lot.

Carol Merrick wishes to thank you for your kindness and contribution. The help was needed and much appreciated while she battles her 2nd bout of cancer.

Randy and Kim Harlan can't say thank you enough to all those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the monetary support they received. They also thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Special thanks to Gary Weems, Wade Pilgreen, Guy Simms and Danny Hendrix for thinking of them.

Dillon Guesman and Family thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. They appreciate the gift as it helped so much in their time of need. A special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen for their assistance.

Lisa Red Eagle thanks the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift. She would like to thank all of those who donate to the fund and extends a special thanks to Rusty Evans, Chad Gilbert, Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen. On behalf of the Richard Joeris Family, she also expresses special thanks to everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers during Richard's illness and upon his passing.

Old Bates Campground in Sesser, IL, was fortunate enough to host a number of Local 798 Pipeliners members and their families in the summer of 2016. They wanted to say thank you for your business and for the kindness and respect that was shown to their customers, campground and staff.

Jerry Vickery thanks the Local 798 Voluntary Fund and Danny Hendrix for the recent monetary help. It will help with doctor bills from his wife's kidney cancer operation.

George Lewis, II thanks Local 798 and all the members who give to the Voluntary Fund. Your gift made his wife feel important before she passed away. He sends thanks to Tom and Aaron Shaw for thinking of them.

The Family of Herbert Holder thanks everyone for the beautiful memory book that was sent when he passed away. Local 798 was his brotherhood for his lifetime.

Luis Flores and Family thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received was greatly appreciated in their time of need. Special thanks to Brandon Williams for making it possible.

Dave and Natalie Lucero & Family say thank you for the check they received. The donation was greatly appreciated.

Jimmy Laminack is filled with pride knowing he has Brothers and Sisters who care. He thanks each person who has contributed to the Voluntary Fund over the years. Special thanks to Darrell Turner, Daniel Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

Rodger Hastings sends out a thank you for sending him the help from the Voluntary Fund in his time of need. It was greatly appreciated.

Bill and Eshton Ritenour thanks the Voluntary Fund and all the Brothers and Sisters who make it possible. Thank You for your support and prayers as Bill struggles to recover from ulcerative colitis. They would especially like to thank Charley Fromme for thinking of them.

Dave and Cheryl Lightfoot of Wildcat Dry Cleaners in Canton, OH say it has been a great honor to do business with the wonderful people with the Rover Pipeline. They met and now maintain an awesome relationship with some of the finest people they have ever encountered. Special thanks to Mike Crawford and Jimmy Dick for spreading the word!

DaySpring Villa sends a heartfelt thank you for the care and support that the Voluntary Fund and Pipeliner's Local 798 has extended to them. Thank you for the generosity!

Mack and Barbara Doyle thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Barbara's surgery. Special thanks to Charles Lynch, Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

The Family of John Smith thank everyone for the kindness and support they received with the passing of his father. Special thanks to Neal Crabtree and Steve Birgy on the Rover project. Also, great appreciation to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

Rick and Denise Taylor & Family send their sincere thank you for your kindness following the passing of Rick Taylor, II. They are so grateful for the support they have received during this sad time. They appreciate the flowers, meals, visits and phone calls. It has all meant so much to them.

Jeremy Taylor and Parker say thank you for the kindness shown to their family during their time of sadness.

Rosa Lou Bates say thank you to Local 798 for the support and beautiful Bible she received at the passing of Alton Bates. Your care has been very much appreciated.

Grant Smith writes to express his sincere gratitude. He and his family are truly thankful for the aid they received from the Voluntary Fund. A big thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, and Brother Bill.

Nick Kebert says it's good to be a member of the greatest pipeliner family. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Puddin Usry and Warren Lyda.

Diane Paul extends her thanks to everyone who has contributed to the fund over the years. With special appreciation to long time member & friend, Johnnie Carroll and her family. Also, thank you

to Michele & the PIBF staff who helped her so much in coordinating her insurance coverage during this time.

Frank and Sue Young thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. A thank you to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen, with a special thank you to Greg and Debbie Rose.

Adolph "Ed" Noga and Family send a big thank you to all the 798 members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The assistance received during Ed's hospital stay and recovery has been greatly appreciated!

Colden Shane Scarborough thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Cassidy Croley, Junior Overstreet and the Michel's crew in Michigan.

Richard Herrera-Castillo expresses his sincere gratitude for the compassion and generosity shown by Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund. The gift was an immense help with his wife's medical needs. Special thanks to William Herrera.

Steven Strege thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. He gives special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Darrell Turner.

Tim and Linda Emerick thank the supporters of the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. Special thanks to Fred Calvert and Bill Lemon. Also, thank you to those who made condolences to the family during their time of loss.

Joyce Mulkey says thank you to Local 798 for the beautiful white Bible and the acknowledgement of the passing of John Mulkey.

Robert and Christy Houston thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated, after having to deal with the mold issue in their house. A special thanks to Janet Degeyter.

Joan and Darrin Jackson write to thank you for the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund. They send special thanks to Ryan Schwartz, Cory Schwartz and Phillip Wallace.

Charlie Tyson sends his thanks to the Voluntary Fund for the support his family received as he recuperates from back surgery.

Marilyn Catching says the support and encouragement shown to the family of Boyd Catching, Sr., during this difficult time has been greatly appreciated. The Bible is beautiful – thank you.

James Harris thanks everyone for the support from the Voluntary Fund. The gift he received during his first hip surgery was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters who donated to the fund with a special thanks to Billy Hawkins and Stephanie Schemenauer.

Ronnie Lampton thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help he received was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Elizabeth Lampton.

Tracy Brown received help from the Voluntary Fund at a time of great need. He is grateful to be a part of a great brotherhood! A big thank you to all who donate to the fund.

Travis and Mary Crabtree thank the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Travis' gallbladder surgery. They extend a special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Danny Hendrix and Bruce Weeks.

Jacob and Danyle Wallis are truly grateful to all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the help they received after Jacob's knee replacement surgery. Special thank you to Black Schroeder and Patrick Wallis.

Dean Evans and Family thank everyone for the support they have received during their loss and sorrow.

Glenny "Maynard" and Lucille Maneritch appreciate the monetary donation they received from the Voluntary Fund. They want to thank Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Phillip Wallace, Carroll Tuggle, and all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund.

Lannie and Georgiana Dyer, son Billy Dyer and wife Dee, daughters Penny Macdonald and Tina Brewer express their appreciation and gratitude to the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the kindness and support at the passing of Robert Lane Dyer. Special thanks to Jerry Tomlinson, Billy Hawkins, Donald Hawkins, Paul Davis, and Michael and Kimberly Schmidl.

Justin Baur and Family send their thanks for the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund after complications from his knee surgery. Special thanks to Ed Coker for all his support during this time.

Matt Franklin thanks Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and all who support the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after shoulder surgery. Special thanks to Chris Baldridge and David Bullerworth.

Buddy and Nancy Costlow thank the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Black Schroeder, Wade Pilgreen and Danny Hendrix.

Doug Gochneaur and Family thank all the Brothers and Sisters for giving to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Tim Whipkey and the members on the Welded Construction job.

Rebecca Wallace and Family thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during the loss of her father, Doug Herrington. Thank you for the Bible, it is beautiful!

Alton Hill is grateful for the gift he received after his surgery. He sends his thanks to the members of Local 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Dale Crabtree and Diana Martin.



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.

In Memoriam

Douglas H. Hughes, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Lamesa, TX, passed away on October 23, 2017.

Michael R. Quigley, 78-year-old Retired Helper of Allegany, NY, passed away on December 4, 2017.

Robert L. McGinnis, 92-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Tyler, TX, passed away December 8, 2017.

Clay E. King, 90-year-old Retired Welder of Avondale, AZ, passed away on December 9, 2017.

Boyd D. Catching, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Luling, TX, passed away on December 11, 2017.

John K. Neal, 61 year old Isolated Journeyman Welder of Houston, TX, passed away on December 15, 2017.

William L. Whisenhunt, 94-year-old Retired Helper of Farmington, AR, passed away on December 20, 2017.

Earnest A. Bates, 85-year-old Retired Welder of Andrews, TX, passed away on December 21, 2017.

Ray T. Cater, 87-year-old Retired Welder of Shreveport, LA, passed away on December 23, 2017.

Matthew D. Landi, 21-year-old Helper of Carrollton, MO, passed away December 23, 2017.

Robert E. Thompson, 63-year-old Retired Helper of Glenville, WV, passed away on December 28, 2017.

Samuel G. Clark, Jr., 73-year-old Retired Helper of West Point, MS, passed away on December 29, 2017.

Benjamin B. Warfield, III, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Lake Village, AR, passed away on December 30, 2017.

Richard K. Taylor, II, 36 year old Welder of Ovapa, WV, passed away on January 2, 2018.

Alton D. Braud, 64-year-old Retired Welder of Baker, LA, passed away on January 6, 2018.

Harold "Doug" Herrington, 61-year-old Retired Welder of Bastrop, LA, passed away on January 6, 2018.

Billy D. Bridges, 11-year-old Welder of Shreveport, LA, passed away on January 7, 2018.

Troy G. Nix, 40-year-old Helper of Calvin, OK, passed away on January 13, 2018.

Delbert Jones, Jr., 87-year-old Retired Welder of Clendenin, WV, passed away January 14, 2018.

Joseph Tallerico, 93-year-old Retired Welder of Waynesburg, PA, passed away January 16, 2018.

Cecil L. Bohannon, 74-year-old Retired Helper of Afton, OK, passed away on January 17, 2018.

Retirements

Jeffery T. Burdette, Helper, Clendenin, WV

Billy J. Chenhall, Jr., Helper, Boynton, OK

Michael L. Cockrell, Welder, Carthage, TX

Charles D. Easley, Helper, Tronwood, MT

Brian P. Fulton, Helper, Calvin, OK

Sherry L. Lee, Helper, Parkersburg, WV

Robert D. Nagel, Welder, Taylorsville, UT

Namblisham Narine, Welder, Wellington, IL

Gary S. Pope, Welder, Weatherford, TX

Jeffrey L. Ross, Welder, Wayne, WV

Thomas C. Shaw, Welder, Remus, MI

Goopersad Sookoo, Welder, Holbrook, NY

Craig M. Williams, Fayette City, PA

Swap & Sell

2005 Keystone Montana - Fifth wheel trailer with 3 slides in very good condition. Has central air, washer and dryer, built in sweeper, 2 TVs. Retired and need to sell. Asking \$15,000.00 or best offer. Call (774) 554-7053 or (774) 263-5547. Located in Washington, PA.

2015 Keystone Montana - 40 ft., 6 slides, fireplace, leather recliner/couch combo, love seat (both couch and love seat make out to queen size beds). Samsung residential fridge, washer/dryer (not a combo unit), automatic leveling system, central vacuum, king size bed in rear bedroom, 2 flat screens, 2 a/c units. Barely used, hasn't been smoked in or any pets. Like brand new. \$48,000. Charley Fromme (580) 771-1744.

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