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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As 2015 comes to a close, we can all say Pipeliners 798 and its members have enjoyed another banner year. I know there are some who may not have worked as much as they would have liked, but the opportunities were certainly there for those who possess broad skill sets. We will finish the year with close to 7 million man hours.

2016 is shaping up to be a fantastic year with many major projects scheduled for construction. **Our biggest challenge remains the same and will probably never go away: pipeline opposition by some of the more extreme environmental groups.** We, as a group, must continue to educate and unite to make sure our voices are heard when pipeline projects are being planned, studied, and are in the permit process.

The participation that we provide to the client is invaluable, and is paying dividends with project labor agreements and commitments to use union labor. **Writing letters of support, calling your political leaders, and showing up for the various meetings during the process are the most powerful tools we possess, second only to our pipeline construction skills.** I urge you once again, when called upon for action, please take a moment and reflect on how your actions can help create jobs and projects for the pipeline industry.

Wade has worked diligently, along with Dave Barnett and others in the UA Pipeline Department, to help focus and direct our efforts as to when and where action is needed so we can maximize our potential. I appreciate all who have been engaged when called to action; you are the voice of labor and you are making a difference. Thank you.

Our mission going forward remains the same with this bounty of blessings: properly manning the jobs with the appropriate skill sets so that the contractors can continue to be competitive. **Remember each day, you are Pipeliners 798 and the whole industry is watching.** We must continue to work every day as if our livelihood depended upon it, because it does. **Never let a day go by without realizing that our 798 family is so privileged to have a fantastic wage package, great health care, a livable pension, and structured representation unlike others from the non-union side.** But that privilege does not come without a price. The cost must be offset with our managerial skills, production rates, attitudes, enthusiasm and our commitment to quality every hour of every day of every week. When we follow that simple recipe for success everything else will fall into place; we will continue to be the best value for the price. **Being privileged brings responsibility, and that responsibility entails accountability for our actions on and off the right-of-way.**

I believe the day is very near in this industry when the smart client will look for the greatest value and the best trained workforce, and not just seek out the cheapest workforce available. They will search for partners such as Pipeliners 798, who can provide these retainable labor pools. Not only for the construction of the clients' projects, but to help with public hearings, education of landowners, and facilitation of the permitting process. We must consider long-term value to carry us not only now, but well into the future.

I'm proud to announce that once again we were able to raise our accrual rates by over 10 percent, and give the retirees a 5 percent cost of living raise along with a 13th check. What a blessing it is to be able to give back to those already retired, many of whom helped establish the foundation and reputation of Pipeliners 798 and all it stands for. Looking back to 2008 until today, we have been able to more than double our accrual rates in 7 years, and those already retired have seen an increase almost every single year. But, the best news is that our funds are still well over 110 percent funded! **With the abundance of work that is to take place in the next three to four years I anticipate more improvements to our pension and health plans in the future.**

We are still engaged in the effort over the welding rigs concerning DOT. We have the support of several prominent politicians who are attaching our request to a highway transportation bill. I would like to thank UA General President Bill Hite for his unwavering support on this issue, and also Tom Gross, David Barnett, Mike Mikich, Ellen Boardman and many others who are working through the UA Pipeline Department and the UA Political Department to move this issue along. **I would also like to applaud the welder membership for sending in 2185 letters of support for an exemption and/or variance on our welding rigs. That is exactly the kind of concerted effort that makes things happen!** I'm not certain we will achieve our goal, but I'm positive that everyone gave it their Sunday punch and we should have an answer sometime in the near future.

The holidays are quickly approaching and I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. As always, I am proud to say that **"I work for you, the greatest Pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix

Business Manager





Brothers and Sisters,



When this boom started several years ago, I, like many of you, would have never predicted it would last more than a couple of years at best. It is the same as what we have experienced so many times throughout my career; a few years up, and several years down. But as we look to the future, there appears to be no end in sight to the opportunities that lie ahead.

Every week we continue to learn about new projects being proposed. Our goal is to partner with clients early in the planning stage. We want to show them the value of joining forces with us to ensure these projects make it to the construction phase. We can make this happen if everyone commits to participate in this effort. Our goal is to show the clients that joining forces with the non-union is simply a dead-end road as far as support goes.

Late this summer the financial market took a major downturn for the first time since 2011. It never feels good to look at your investments when they are headed in the wrong direction. But after looking at the balances in the 401-k, I determined if you view this as a savings account, you would realize what a great retirement plan we have. Especially since we already have one of the best pension funds in America. The average American has only \$3,900.00 in his/her savings account. We currently have 5,473 participants in the 401-k and a balance of over \$89 million dollars. That means that the average savings account per participant is \$16,200.00. That is over four times the national average. And given the amount of work that is predicted in the future, that number will continue to grow exponentially.

Recently, we were able to provide all of the pension participants a great raise. As of January 1, 2015, all of our active members who have not had a two-year break in service will receive a nearly ten percent raise on their retirement. The retirees will receive a five percent raise and a much deserved full 13th check. Retirees should have received their 13th check by the time they receive this Blue Light. From time to time, I hear from a young member who is working as an inspector, or in a capacity where they are not receiving benefits. I would urge them to sit down and put a pencil to the numbers to see what they are losing out on for their retirement years.

I would very much like to personally thank all of you for the vast amount of letters that were submitted to both the Iowa Utility Board in support of the Dakota Access Pipeline (4,200 letters), and to the FMCSA (2,185 letters) to show support for the UA and PLCA exemption request submitted on behalf of pipeline rig welders across the country. We, along with the UA, have worked extremely hard on both of these issues. With your support, we can hopefully succeed in both of these ventures. I could personally view each letter as they were delivered to the IUB. It is a great feeling to see the many members who stepped up and showed their support for a project that could provide our members with so much work. This proves that when we unite, we are strong.

When I was elected to come in and work daily in the 798 office I already respected and appreciated the staff we have in the office. But now that I have the opportunity to watch them in action each day, I've realized that this team works extremely hard for you every day. Pipeliners 798 employees are truly the best of the best. In the future, I hope when you call in to conduct your business you will take time to thank them for a job well done. We currently have a few who have been in their positions for around 30 years and have seen the ups and downs of our union and the profession. And through all these times they have continued to work in a direction to serve the membership in the utmost professional manner. I know they make both Danny's and my job much easier with the support they provide us on a daily basis.

During the September meeting we nominated delegates to serve at the 2016 UA Convention scheduled for next summer in San Diego, CA. You should receive your ballot to elect the delegates by the time this Blue Light reaches you. Please be sure to take the time to vote and then return your ballot in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. Each election we mail out approximately 6,000 ballots and only around one-third of them are returned. So let's make it a goal to have this be the largest turnout ever by taking part in this process which is afforded you by being a member of this great organization.

The elected convention delegates will represent our Local at the largest event held by the United Association. They will be casting votes during the convention that will affect each member. So be sure to research the candidates and select those who you think will best serve the membership while at the convention.

I recently read a surprising article which reported that 58% of Americans support the views of organized labor, and they realize the value these organizations bring to the working men and women in the workplace and society as well. Shortly before I read this article, I was telling Danny that with the low percentage of unionism in America, it will not be too long before we will see an upward turn in those numbers. Hopefully, with this latest Gallop poll, this is the beginning of a great thing for the hard working middle class of Americans.

Do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?



As we approach the end of another great year in the pipeline industry, I hope each of you are afforded the opportunity to spend some quality time at home with your family and friends. I know providing for the ones we love so much is the very reason that we travel across the country, spending so many months away from home. I truly hope that you have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

If there is any way I can assist you throughout the year, do not hesitate to give me a call. It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve every day!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wade Pilgreen

Financial Secretary-Treasurer



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You should have received your ballots to vote on representatives to attend the 2016 UA Convention. These representatives will be your voice in deciding who will guide the UA leadership. If you are working away from home, you might want to call and get your ballot mailed to a temporary address or have someone forward your ballot to you. Your voted ballot must be in by 9:00 am CST on December 10, 2015.

Another great work year is now coming to a close. The work has been abundant these last several years; anyone who wanted to work was able to and make a good living for their families. There have been times I really needed someone to step up and help out. I am pleased to say there always was someone there when needed. Man hours worked as of the end of September were 4,994,000. It is not what was expected, but in whole it has been very good for our membership and Local 798. I would like to thank Danny, Wade, and the Trustees for the Pension Fund increase and for all they do in making our Pension the best of the best.

As natural gas continues to grow in the Marcellus and Utica shale plays, major gas companies are working closely with natural gas producers to provide new transportation options to deliver gas from the supply basin to the interstate market. This is accomplished by connecting production areas to the transmission mainline systems. Here are some of the projects slated to transmission lines for 2016. (Columbia Gas Transmission) Leach Xpress, which is approximately 160 miles of pipeline in Ohio and West Virginia. (Transco) Atlantic Sunrise Project which is 57 miles of 30" and 125.2 miles of 42" in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. (Dominion) Atlantic Coast Pipeline 550 miles of 36" & 42" in West Virginia, Virginia and Northern North Carolina. (Sunoco) Mariner East 2 has 350 miles of 20" pipe in Pennsylvania. (Columbia Pipeline Group) Mountaineer Xpress 165 miles of 36" in West Virginia for 2017. I have Job Notifications on the Constitution Pipeline in New York. Henkels & McCoy has three spreads, 77.11 miles of 30" pipe. Start date is unknown at this time. Midwestern Pipeline has been awarded the Double Jointing pipe for the Leach Xpress by Dura Bond/ Columbia Gas. Starting date is around December 1, 2015. These are just a handful of projects that are proposed for 2016.

We have a new contractor signed to the National Pipeline Agreement. I would like to welcome Durr Mechanical Construction out of New York City, NY to the family of Local 798. We look forward to working with them in the future.

I would like to wish everyone and their families Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call:

As Always: Be Safe! Be Proud! Be Union!

Pre-Jobs

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Mobley, WV. 7 miles of 20" New Lay for ICON Midstream. Superintendent, Dana Keaton. Welder Foreman, Josh Nichols. Working 5-10's. Mainline Rates.
- Chicora, PA. 4500' of 10" and 2500' of 10" for Columbia Gas. Superintendent, Cecil Hill. Welder Foreman, Charlie Thomas. Working 5-10's. Mainline Rates.

Charps Welding:

- Amherst, NY. 12" Maintenance/Sleeving for Enbridge. Superintendent, DJ Omang. Welder Foreman, Bobby Greene. Working 5-10's. Integrity Management and Maintenance Work.



Contractors Rental Corporation:

- Waynesburg, PA. 700' of 30" pipe New Lay for Rice Midstream. Superintendent, Chuck Barnett. Welder Foreman, Greg Rose. Mainline Rates.
- Bentleyville, PA. 4,000' of 24" New Lay for Rice Energy. Superintendent, Chuck Barnett. Welder Foreman, Dave Gainer. Working 5-10's. Mainline Rates.

Henkels and McCoy, Inc.:

- Delta, PA. Phase 2: 16" x 4" valve replacement for Williams/Transco Gas Pipeline. Superintendent, Richard Imes. Welder Foreman, Richard Warren. Working 6-10's. Mainline Rates.
- Montrose, NY. Removal of 13.3 miles of 26" & install 42" meter stations and facilities for Spectra Energy. Superintendent, Chad Simmons. Welder Foreman, Jason Steed. Working 6-10's. Mainline Rates.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- New Castle, PA. 3,500' of 8" pipe replacement for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania. Superintendent, Jeramie Brown. Welder Foreman, Brad Jenkins. Working 6-10's. Special Agreement Rates.
- York, PA. 10,500' of 12" pipe replacement for NiSource Distribution. Superintendent, Dale Bloom. Welder Foreman, Jody Kimbrell. Working 5-10's. Special Agreement Rates.

Kirila Contracting, Inc.:

- Union City, PA. 6 miles of pigging and testing of 10" pipe for National Fuel Gas. Superintendent, Ronald Kirila, Jr. Welder Foreman, Ted Hazelet. Working 5-10's. Mainline Rates.

LMC Industrial Contractors:

- Wheatfield, NY. 12" meter station NY, 20"-16"-12" & 8" tie-ins PA for National Fuel Gas. Superintendent, Jim Ziegler. Welder Foreman, Mike Trevett. Working 5-8's. Station Rates.

Mid-Ohio Contracting, Inc.:

- Washington, PA. 17,000' of 12" New Lay for EQT. Superintendent, Ted Waller. Welder Foreman, Adam Kandle. Working 5-11's. Mainline Rates.

Otis Eastern Services, Inc.:

- Caledonia, NY. 1,200' of 10" replacement for Buckeye Partners, LP. Superintendent, Karl Niedermaier. Welder Foreman, Dale Barefoot. Working 6-10's. Integrity Management and Maintenance Work.
- Moundsville, WV. Installation of Interconnects & Associated Assemblies for Spectra Energy. Superintendent, Earl McDonald. Welder Foreman, Ryan Copley. Working 6-10's. Integrity Management and Maintenance Work.

Pete Gould & Sons, Inc.:

- Salver, PA. 11,000' of 8" pipe New Lay for EQT. Superintendent, James Gould. Welder Foreman, Chris Butts. Working 5-10's. Mainline Rates.

Precision Pipeline, LLC:

- Canton, PA. 7 miles of 24" & 6 miles of 16" pipe New Lay for Regency (ETC). Superintendent, Ronnie Michalkovich. Welder Foreman, Dave Marsh. Working 6-10's. Mainline Rates.
- Mansfield, PA. 5,000' of 16" pipe New Lay for Shell Appalachia. Superintendent, Jim Mallon. Welder Foreman, George Leshock. Working 6-10's. Mainline Rates.

U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:

- Peach Bottom, PA. 11.17 miles of 20" pipeline/Regulator Station for Williams/Transco. Superintendent, Jason West. Welder Foreman, Heath Cowan. Working 6-10's. Mainline Rates.

Union Pipeline, Inc.:

- Butler, PA. 23,000' of 20" pipe New Lay for Poly-Cor. Superintendent, Perry Rogers. Welder Foreman, Terry Sampsel. Working 5-10's. Mainline Rates.

Welded Construction, L.P.:

- Hughesville, PA. SCC Hydrostatic Test 14.3 miles of 24" pipe for Williams/Transcontinental Gas. Superintendent, Art Gavlock. Welder Foreman, Fred Calvert. Working 6-10's. Mainline Rates.

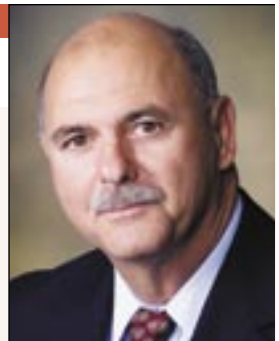
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I'd like to say thanks again to Danny, Wade, Grant, & the Contractor Trustees for another outstanding raise on our pension. Just when you think things are really good, it keeps getting better.

I have had a lot of calls about the Precision job in Texas. At the time I am writing this article we are scheduled to have a Pre-Job conference on October 21st. The warehouse is in Crockett, TX and it will be sometime in November before the pipe gang kicks off.



The Welder Foreman will be Raymond Johnson and the job will consist of 130 miles of 30" mainline. One of the local papers wrote an article about this project being done by Union Labor and how good it would be for the community, so let's show these people in Crockett what real Union Craftsman are. Practice good etiquette on and off the ROW.

It was really good to see so many members interested in attending the 39th UA Convention in San Diego, CA. Good luck to everyone running.

I would like to thank Bexar Pipeline & Utilities, Inc. and Woody Bratcher for signing the NPLA. Welcome aboard and we wish you all the luck.

With all the work on the books for next year, always remember we have to keep our quality and stay productive to be **"Best of the Best, We Are Pipeliners 798."**

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting. If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

New Pre-Jobs:

Bexar Pipeline & Utilities Inc.:

San Antonio, TX. 700' of 6" Road change outs for Grey Forest. Superintendent, Woodrow Bratcher. Started 10-12-15. Completion, 10-16-15. Special Agreement.

Michels Pipeline:

Midland, TX. 24" Sleeve Work for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent, Matt Ross. Welder Foreman, Ben Wienke. Started 9-18-15. Job Complete.

Rockford Corporation:

Rosenberg, TX. 20" Tie-ins for Enterprise. Superintendent, Dickey Langston. Welder Foreman, John White. Started 10-3-15. Job Complete.

US Pipeline:

Houston, TX. Run 24" & 30" Procedures for Enbridge Energy (Sand Piper Project) at CRC Evans. Superintendent, Brad Vickers. Welder Foreman, Dennis Jackson. Job Started 8-17-15. Job Complete.

PHILLIP W. WALLACE

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

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Fall is upon us and 2016 will be here before you know it. The work in my area has peaked out and will start slowing down some. Roughly 95% of my jobs have been maintenance or replacement work. These are good jobs that don't put a lot of people to work, but the ones who do this type of work stay pretty busy. Just about all the Gas Companies in the Mid-West area require the in-service welding test. It's not just Enbridge anymore. PHMSA is cracking down on them and they are replacing, or upgrading the spots where the pipelines are in the worst shape. This will go on for years to come.

From all indications 2016 will be the start of the next boom of big pipe projects for which we have been fighting the opposition in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. It looks like we are gaining support, but still have several town meetings to come in November and December, mainly in the battle state of Iowa. We battle The Sierra Club, The 100 Grannies, and about 8 or 10 more groups that fight all construction projects, but especially crude pipelines. These groups don't have a big number of protestors, but they evidently don't have steady jobs because they are at these meetings every time the door is open.

If you live in Iowa close to these town meetings try to attend and take part in your communities. Show the Public Utility Board how much these jobs mean to you and your families. If you're working and cannot attend, send your family members. You don't have to be a pipeliner to support these projects. Please take interest and help support these pipelines.

We have a new project in Oklahoma that is currently in the permit process. Wade Pilgreen, Black Schroder, Ronnie Hill, and I have made the first round of meetings for the Sooner Trails Pipeline. It consists of 320 miles of 36" that Southern Star needs to get laid in order to bring the Natural Gas out of the central part of Oklahoma. This starts at Kingfisher, Oklahoma and ties in south of Paris, Texas. Southern Star has NextEra on board to engineer and construct this pipeline. There will be Scoping Meetings along this route some time in December, which is where the public comments can be heard. Just to let you know how long it takes to get permits these days, the earliest this will go will be April of 2017. Please support your Local at these town meetings.

The years' end is coming up fast so get all you can this year, and be ready for another boom starting in mid-2016.

Don't ever forget: United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

New Prejobs:

B&G Pipeline:

Muskogee, OK. 12" Anomaly digs for Enable Energy. Spreadman, Jason Russell.

Welder Foreman, Nathan Ferguson. Steward, David Dickerson.

Charps Welding:

Rugby, ND. Anomaly digs for Enbridge ND. Spreadman, Mark Olson. Welder Foreman, Chris Eklund. Steward, Troy Richoux.

Geeding Construction:

Drumright, OK. Station fab and install for Enbridge. Spreadman, Greg Geeding. Steward / Welder Foreman, Ed Bohannon.

Michels Pipeline:

- Holyrood, KS; Lorraine, KS; and Beatrice, NE. Station Modifications.

Spreadman, Travis Novac. Steward / Welder Foreman, Kevin Davis.

- Bozeman, MT. 1200 ft. of 10" HDD for Phillips 66. Spreadman, Craig Ayers. Steward, Chad Willet. Pipeman, Lloyd D. "Ike" Mason.

Minnesota Limited:

West Alton, MO. 4000 ft. of 22" HDD for Enbridge Energy. Spreadman, Ladie Durkin. Welder Foreman, Josh Nepean. Pipeman, Dino Shelton. Steward, Jerry Dale Crabtree Jr.

Roberts Pipeline:

Tiffin, IA. 1200 ft. of 12" HDD for Buckeye. Spreadman, David Hill. Welder Foreman, Tim Gintz. Pipeman, Chris Hoover. Steward, Taylor Gintz.

Southern Pipeline:

- Searcy, AR. 39 miles of 12" for Magellan. Spreadman, Glenn Ray Maneritch. Welder Foreman, Curtis Mason. Pipeman, John Tucker. Steward, Todd Hartle.

- Conway, AR. Station Modifications for SWN. Spreadman, Marcus Thomason. Welder Foreman, Steve Bundy. Steward, Mike Varner.

CHRIS LANCASTER

IN, KY, MI, NC, OH, TN

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I am writing this report while on the road doing job visits throughout Ohio. I can't tell you how good it feels to be back in action; visiting, pre-jobbing, and representing my Brothers and Sisters.

Some of the larger jobs in the Ohio area are beginning to finish up as they are getting the pipe laid out. However, I still have several small jobs going in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. I also still have several more to pre-job. The work outlook for this next year is looking very promising.

It was good to see those who were able to attend the September meeting. It was a very informative, and I would like to congratulate those who were newly elected to the Election Committee. I know they will do a great job in the upcoming election. The December meeting is not far off and I hope you will be able to attend. I look forward to visiting with each of you.

The holidays are almost here. I hope everyone has had a good year and are looking forward to a happy holiday season. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. I hope to see you soon.

I have held the following pre-jobs:

B&G Pipeline:

Hudson NC. 14,461' of 8". Welder Foreman, Naaman Warren. Superintendent, Anthony Gutkowski. Working 6-10's. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 11-14-15.

Geeding Construction:

Wood River, IL. 10-12" Anomaly digs in IL and IN. Welder Foreman, Luke Hahn. Superintendent, Dusty Lickteig. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-15-15.

Michels Pipeline:

Defiance, OH. Compressor Station Piping. Welder Foreman, John Monden. Superintendent, Craig Watson. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 12-15-15.

Mid-Ohio Contracting:

Dayton, OH. 9300' of 8". Welder Foreman, Matt Harris. Superintendent, James Hawk. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 12-12-15.

Minnesota Limited:

- Elmira, MI. Meter station and interconnect. Welder Foreman, Mike Johnson. Superintendent, Aric Bjerklie. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 11-7-15.

- Hancock, MI. 560' of 8" HDD. Welder Foreman, Tony Abbott. Superintendent, Wayne Engstrom. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 10-31-15.

RL Coolsaet:

Romulus, MI. 26" Road crossing. Welder Foreman, Roger Mullins.

Superintendent, Randy Recker. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 10-21-15.

Roberts Pipeline:

Sulphur Spring, IN. 10-12" Meter station. Welder Foreman, Kyle Stassen.

Superintendent, Robin Kriz. Working 5-10's. Approx. completion 10-18-15.



DARRELL TURNER

AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC

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Pipeline aren't relegated to the process of approving a pipeline and associated facilities. We just report to the construction site and do our thing, right? Well, not so fast. We actually have the opportunity to influence decision makers by supporting a pipeline project from its inception. Many times our Business Manager, Danny Hendrix, and our Financial Secretary, Wade Pilgreen, have asked the LU 798 membership to attend public hearings, write letters, and make calls to let the public know who we are and what we do for a living. Brothers Hendrix and Pilgreen understand that it is crucial to our livelihood as Pipeliners, and to the Pipeline Industry. That is why 798 members must let the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission know that we support building pipelines as much as our opposition opposes us building them. The FERC makes the final decision to build or not to build most of the pipelines that provide our members livelihood. **So, please respond when Danny asks that our collective voices be heard. A future project could depend on it.**

The FERC is an independent federal agency that regulates natural gas and oil pipelines throughout America. FERC also reviews proposals to build LNG facilities including pipelines, plants, terminals, and interstate natural gas systems. FERC reviews and regulates the transmission and sale of natural gas for resale in interstate commerce as well as oil transportation. FERC also approves the siting and abandonment of pipeline and storage facilities, and licenses and inspects pipeline contractor lay down yards for the purpose of building FERC pipelines and related facilities.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is composed of up to five (5) commissioners who are appointed by the President of the United States with the consent of the United States Senate. The members serve 5 year terms and have an equal vote on regulatory matters, regardless of political persuasion. **So, please answer the call when Danny requests it. A future project (and our livelihood) could depend on it.**

The work in my area is holding steady at present. We have some excellent jobs



underway, and the future for pipelines down south couldn't be brighter. The Sable Trail Project in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida is awarded and scheduled for startup in June 2016. The Hillabee Expansion, consisting of 42" and 48" loops in Alabama is also awarded to a fair contractor, kick off is early summer. The Dalton Express, another great project to be built in second quarter 2016, includes 16" through 30" in northwest Georgia's mountain region. Contractors have the bid packages. 2016 should also see construction of the Cheniere Trail project in south Louisiana. The job consists of over 125 miles of new lay, large pipe. The FERC approved this fantastic project only this month. And get this, the permitting process and open meetings began in 2011, nearly 4 and 1/2 years ago.

I'm getting lots of calls about Price-Gregory's current project in south Louisiana. At this writing the contractor is still waiting on a construction start for the approximately 16 to 18 month job. Speculation aside, a job of this magnitude might be best kicked off when the sun is high. Only time will tell us that answer. No pre-job scheduled at this writing.

Jobs in Progress:

Foltz Welding:

Between MS and Southern IL. Integrity work for Marathon Oil. Mainline rates, completion early November, 2015.

Sheehan:

- Between MS and KY. Integrity work for Kinder Morgan. 80% Scale, completion spring 2016.

- Between MS and Southern IL. Integrity work for Trunk Line Pipeline. 80% scale, completion May 2016.

New Pre-Jobs:

DD Pipeline Services:

Athens, AL. 2 miles of 8" for Alabama Utilities. Special rates, mainline extension. Completion early November.

Foltz Welding:

MS and TN. Anomaly digs (2 weeks work) for Marathon Oil. Main line rates. Project will be completed by the time you read this report.

TJ Construction:

Fab work for American Midstream Gas. Special rates. Project will be completed by the time you read this report.

US Pipeline:

Mulga, AL. 10.5 miles of 24" Replacement for Kinder Morgan mainline rates.

To my Brothers and Sisters, thank you for allowing me to work for you. I am blessed more than words can say.

CHAD GILBERT

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I am writing my report while observing Sterling Construction, who was awarded the Colorado spread of the Saddlehorn Pipeline. In my opinion, Sterling pays unfair wages and has poor working conditions for its employees. We must work hard to ensure that this contractor is building a safe pipeline for Colorado and is held to the same standards that a fair contractor is held. We must also make sure that Sterling Construction does not put employees into dangerous positions when trying to construct this pipeline on the cheap, and cutting corners by lacking a quality trained workforce. If you are in the area and would like to help, please call me.

Snelson Construction is continuing to get maintenance work from Xcel Energy, and is looking to double its workforce in the Denver area in 2016. The 798'ers are leading the way on these projects and are working hard to grow the market share in this region. I am extremely proud our guys are out shining the non-union workforce in the area by having fewer accidents and better repair rates, not to mention a huge difference in production.

Rimrock Midstream has a 20" pipeline out for bid in Colorado. The line is named the Grand Mesa and runs to Cushing, OK. We have contractors who have made the pre-qualification list and are bidding the pipeline. We should know the successful bidders by December.

I would like to end my report hoping everyone has made a good living in 2015, and that you and your families have been blessed with health and happiness. Please always remember our Brothers and Sisters who haven't been as fortunate.

Call anytime I can be of help.

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The Silent Killer "Confined Space"

Danger is usually something we can see with our eyes, or hear with our ears. The serious dangers associated with confined spaces, however, are invisible and silent.

Entering a pipeline, tank, vault, boiler or manhole, for example, can be a hazardous journey for anyone who doesn't respect the unknown, potential killers that may lurk inside. A variety of conditions make working in a confined space uncomfortable, such as minimal room, abnormal temperatures, or difficult entries. However, the life threatening condition is simply the quality of air that exists in the space. The laws of human physiology are unbending about what must be done before entering a confined space, and well-trained workers know and follow prescribed steps. Even so, tragedies continue to occur when individuals disregard these critical steps and assume, "What you can't see can't hurt you!"

WHAT IS A CONFINED SPACE? OSHA defines a confined space as any space which, by design:

- Is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work,
- Has limited or restricted means for entry or exit;
- Has unfavorable natural ventilation which could allow or produce dangerous atmospheric contaminants, and
- A space which is not intended for continuous occupancy.

Examples are: Pipelines, tanks, vessels, silos, storage

bins, hoppers, vaults, and pits.

WHAT ARE THE ATMOSPHERIC HAZARDS OF A CONFINED SPACE?

Let's focus on the major atmospheric hazards associated with confined spaces: oxygen deficiency, toxic vapors or gases, and flammable vapors or gases.

1. Oxygen Deficient Atmospheres. These are atmospheres that contain less than 19.5% oxygen.

2. Toxic vapors & gases that exceed their Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) should be considered Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH).

3. Flammable or Combustible Atmospheres are those in which flammable or combustible vapors/gases are equal to or greater than 10% Lower Exposure Limit (LEL). Remember to always check both the LEL & PEL of a suspected substance in the air!

Safety First

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE A CONFINED SPACE IS "SAFE FOR WORKERS"?

A trained person must always test the atmosphere of a confined space before anyone enters. If low oxygen, or elevated toxicity, or flammability is found when tested, the space is not safe for entry!

When entering a confined space you must follow strict safety procedures. Many people have died because they did not do this, or were not fully prepared for the serious hazards involved. ALWAYS remind yourself of the possible dangers involved in entering confined spaces and take the necessary precautions.

This time of year creates the two most beautiful places in the world: the pipeline ROW, and the deer woods. A person is blessed to be doing either.

The Dispatch Office is taking this time to prepare for the next big wave of work. We don't know when it's coming, but we are doing everything possible to be ready. Please, help us help you. Take the time to call us to verify your Out-of-Work Card is up to date and filled out the way you want it. I hate to tell someone, who has called in for a job, they do not have the skills checked needed for the job. There is a 48 hour waiting period every time you make a change, so don't miss an opportunity for a job by waiting to the last minute to make a change.

Phone numbers!!! They are our number one life-line in this industry when it comes to staying connected. If we try to reach you, or anyone in the business office attempts to reach you, and there is No answer, NO VOICE MAIL, and No returned phone call your name is REMOVED from the out-of-work list. It is so important to stay on top of these communication issues.

The next major communication issue we have are E-Mail Addresses. These are important for all members to be able to log into the Member's Only Section on the Local 798 website. Important information is available to you inside the member's only section including a portion of your tax information. It is much easier to acquire the information when you need it, rather than digging through the mail and keeping up with it throughout the year.

Not only for tax purposes, but many of you may not realize that we now send your dispatch information via e-mail. It has all the information you need for your dispatch; Welder Foreman, phone numbers, warehouse address, and when you are supposed to be there. Never fear, we still read everything off to you if you don't have an e-mail on file. This is not to make our job easier, but yours.

We are working to get everyone dispatched as fast as possible. We want the last person dispatched, at the end of the day to have as much time as possible to get his gear together and get on the road. At one time, it was a struggle to get 60 people dispatched by the end of the day. With some of the changes that have been made, we believe we might be able to move as many as 80 people through



Dispatch Report

By Ricky Jones

in an 8 hour shift.

Everyone needs an e-mail address in the times we live in. It is mandatory for Welder Foremen and Job Stewards. For all members it will become more and more useful.

Building Trades Work! If you want some of it, you need to get a UA Welding Certification at a UA testing facility like the Training Center here in Tulsa, OK.

- UA21 is a 2" .436 6010 UH bead, 7018 LH out.
- UA22 is a 2" .436 Heli-ARC bead and hot-hotpass. Fill and cap 7018 LH out. Using 3/32 rod on the fill and cap. However the reinforcement can be no higher than 1/8. No visible porosity, No filing, grinding or recapping on any of the finished product. It will be the toughest BT test you take.
- UA41 is a 2" .218 wall Heli-Arc bead and all the way out.

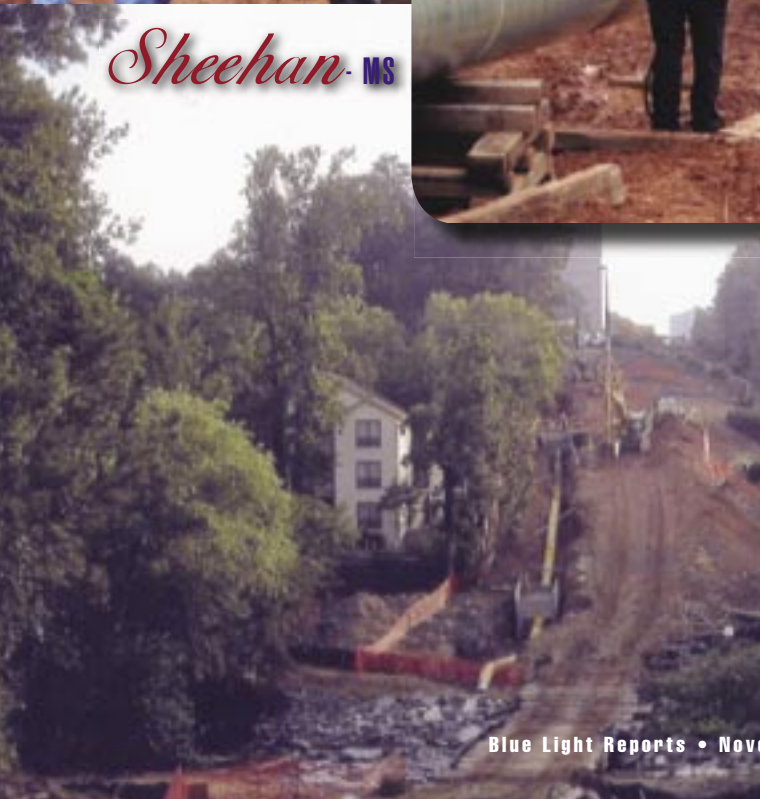
These three are the most important for getting on BT work, all of which are on a 45. Once you get these certs, they are easy to keep up. One way is to weld a pass in whichever process you are tested, at least every 6 months. When you come by the Training Center, it will update you for another 6 months. These Certifications are important. Get them and keep them. So many times we find BT work for our members, but by the time they are certified it's too late. The scale is usually around \$30.00 and no per diem. It does however, help you get into another quarter for unemployment if you need it. And it can give you that little bit extra to put you where you need to be on pension and healthcare.

Let me shut this down with a reminder. You should have received your ballot for UA delegates about the time you get this Blue Light. Please participate in selecting the leadership you send to the UA Convention. Vote NOW!! Don't put it off. Vote!! Fill out the ballot and mail it in. This selection of delegates always has a further reaching effect than what happens at the convention. Support who you want in leadership.

Final closing. I want to wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.



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Trinity Sunoco Station Hermeleigh, TX



Trinity Sunoco Pipeline Midland, TX



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

There is still time to participate in the 2015/2016 Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Local 798 office by January 23, 2016. Applications are available on the Local 798 website at www.local798.org under the Voluntary Fund tab, or you can make a request by phone at (918) 622-1900. If you have any questions regarding the Scholarship Program, do not hesitate to call.

PIBF NEWS

Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund
Robert "Bob" Kline, Director

Pipeline Industry Pension Fund / Plan Improvements

The following pension improvements and changes will be implemented for plan participants earning pension credits and retired participants in the Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF):

1. Increase the accrual rate retroactive for all Journeyman participants' past years to \$160.00 provided the participant does not have a break in service of two years or more and increase the Helper rate for all Helper participants to \$106.00 provided the participant does not have a break in service of two years or more. This benefit increase is retroactive for anyone retiring January 1, 2015 or later. Future year accrual rates will be \$160.00 for Journeymen and \$106.00 for Helpers.
2. Retired participant members or widows who retired prior to January 1, 2015 and are in pay status on December 31, 2014, will receive a 5% increase effective January 1, 2015.
3. PIBF will issue a full 13th check in 2015 for participants that retired prior to January 1, 2015, who are in pay status on January 1, 2015. If the participant dies before January 1, 2015, and his designated beneficiary is in pay status on January 1, 2015, the beneficiary will get a 13th check based on their beneficiary amount. The 13th check will be equivalent to a full monthly benefit after the 5% increase is added.
4. In accordance with plan rules prior to January 1, 2013, a retiree age 62 or older could work and receive his monthly pension benefit; however, accrual increases were limited and in most cases the retiree did not get an increase from working. In 2013, the Trustees changed the rule for the years 2013 and 2014 allowing a retiree age 62 or older to work, receive a monthly pension check, and earn full accrual benefits based on the hours worked. This was subsequently extended through 2016. This benefit has been extended through 2018.
5. Active participants and retired participants age 62 or older can earn one year of pension credit for 1,200 hours and 1 1/2 years pension credit for 1,800 hours. In 2014 the Trustees unanimously approved a temporary benefit for the years of 2015 and 2016 which allows a participant to earn 1 3/4 years of credit for 2,080 hours and 2 full years of credit for 2,200 hours. This benefit has been extended through 2018.

918-280-4800 - www.pibf.org

Important Disclaimer

Pension benefit increases are approved only when the actuarial consultants have confirmed that the Pipeline Industry Pension Fund is in a sound financial position and any improvement will not jeopardize the long-term goals of the plan. A 13th check is a one-time benefit, not an on-going benefit, and is based entirely on the Fund's circumstances at the time. Participants/retirees/beneficiaries should not assume that the same or similar benefit will be approved in any future years.

LOCAL 798
2016 CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATES
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

1. The General President has directed that the election for convention delegates/alternates be conducted by mail ballot. There will be no manual balloting.
2. Global Election Services, Inc. shall administer the election. Global Election Services, Inc. is headquartered at 1229 Theodora St., Elmont, NY 11003. The Global Election Services, Inc. representative conducting the Local 798 election is Sandra Tovin. Global Election Services, Inc. has advised that it will utilize the services of East River Mail to conduct the mailing. East River Mail is located at 41-12 38th St., Long Island City, NY 11101.
3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 16, 2015.
4. Members who do not receive a ballot, or who need a "duplicate" ballot must contact Global Election Services directly at 1-800-864-1263. Thus, for example, if a member does not receive a ballot at the address provided to Local 798, or is no longer receiving mail at that address, he may request a duplicate ballot from Global Election Services. Members must call personally to obtain a duplicate ballot; they may not have another individual call for them. The member will be asked to provide identifying membership information (such as a book number or social security number) to obtain a duplicate ballot. Global Election Services will provide the member with a confirmation number.
5. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to vote in the election unless he has been a member of the United Association and Local 798 for at least a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of election shall not be eligible to vote. The "date of election" for purposes of determining eligibility to vote is October 28, 2015. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 28, 2015, he will not be eligible to vote.
6. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, OK US Post Office Box printed on the outer return envelope by 9:00 a.m. (CST) on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Any ballot that is returned to the post office later than this date and time will not be counted. Ballots will be counted on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave. Tulsa, OK starting at 9:30 a.m. (CST).
7. The results of the election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST) at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
8. In the event there is a tie vote for convention delegates/alternates and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those convention delegates for whom there is a tie vote. Ballots will be mailed on February 26, 2016 and will be counted on April 4, 2016 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:00 a.m. (CST). The results of any run-off election will be announced at the Regular Union Membership meeting to be held on April 8, 2016 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST).

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CONVENTION DELEGATE ALTERNATE NOMINEES

Ballot Position#	Name to Appear on Ballot				
		33	Ricky Jones	68	Jimmy Hankins
		34	Jeremy Ryan	69	Tim Hart
		35	Mike Miller	70	Phillip Wallace
1	Jeff Martin	36	Dana L. Scott	71	Charlie Simmons
2	Brett Mason	37	Chuck Seale	72	Preston (Prez) Richard
3	Ralph (Kirk) Kirkland	38	Skye Spivey	73	Phillip McCann
4	Charles E. Yates Jr	39	Richard Joeris	74	Danny Poole
5	Michael L. Mathis	40	R. Keith Edwards	75	John W. Johnny Johnson
6	Bobby S Taylor Jr	41	Alva R. Hodson	76	Cassidy Croley
7	Greg "Snook" Rose	42	Kevin Leeper	77	Terry Thibodeaux
8	Robbie Miller	43	Tommy Ray Manning	78	Monty K. Samford
9	David B. Davis	44	Jerry Ryan	79	Donald R. (Paw Paw) Hawkins Sr.
10	David Layton	45	Buddy Kervin	80	Tim Gintz
11	W.F. (Buster) Chapman	46	Grant Sample	81	Clay L. Francis
12	Jason E. Knight	47	Ed Coker	82	Justin Fromme
13	Jerry Jennings	48	Ronnie M. Hill	83	Guy Simms
14	Joshua Jones	49	Bobby Taylor (LA)	84	Jr Overstreet
15	Farron Hollabaugh	50	Rick Taylor	85	Chad Simmons
16	Jeffrey Doyle	51	Chad Gilbert	86	David A. Loyd
17	Clark Eastwood	52	Alan K. Johnson	87	Weston Mathis
18	Charlie Garrett	53	Woodrow "Woody" Bratcher	88	Brian Anderson
19	Billy Earl Hawkins	54	Guy S. Williams	89	David Butterworth
20	Mitch (Groovy Man) Leih	55	John W. Knight Jr	90	Darrell Turner
21	Joe W. Gaines	56	Jerry "Dale" Crabtree, Jr.	91	Randy Mathis
22	Juan M. Rivera	57	Justin Wallace	92	Rusty Bailey
23	Billie Finley	58	Terry L. Langley	93	Troy Post
24	Justin F. Hill	59	Zac Crymes	94	Micheal D. Fitzhenry
25	Rye Hawkins	60	David (Phil) Starbuck	95	Kathleen (Taffi) Reidl
26	Jimmy Dunn	61	Levi M. Novacek	96	Frank Bowker
27	Mickey Don (Donkey) Westerman	62	A J Malnar III	97	Cody Pedigo
28	Chad S. Williams	63	Kent D Fritts	98	Steve Birgy
29	Summer J. Hawkins	64	Paul Davis	99	Billy Burns
30	Harold C. Pitts	65	Chris A. Lancaster	100	Vernon "Stann" Campbell
31	Raymond Johnson	66	Black Schroeder	101	Jeff "Woody" Peterson
32	Jimmy Pedigo	67	Derick D. Strong	102	Jimmy Dodd

Thank You

Beverly, Matthew, Joshua, and Ryan Ogg are honored by the love and support everyone has given upon the passing of Gilmer "Chuck" Ogg. Chuck was a proud pipeliner and cherished all the friends he worked with over the years.

The McGovern Family write to say thank you to the members working on the Associated Pipeline job in Burgettstown, PA for the thoughtfulness and donations in memory of Michael. Also, the Bible that was received was deeply appreciated.

Wendell and Bonita Coker says thank you to all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the recent assistance following his surgery. Special thanks to Terry Langley.

Beverly Maddox wants to thank everyone for the love and support shown at the passing of her mother, Louise Beard. It is an honor and wonderful privilege to be a part of this great organization.

Ralph Vigoren was blessed to receive the gift from the Voluntary Fund after having a heart attack on a job in Wisconsin. The gift is very helpful during this time.

Terry and Pamela Thibodeaux would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Voluntary Fund, for the gift received after Terry's surgery. Special thanks to Guy Williams, Preston Richard, Danny Hendrix, and Wade Pilgreen.

Douglas and Tammy Ashby greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of all the Brother and Sister members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received will help with medical expenses.

June Dettmann and Family cannot express their heartfelt thanks for the condolence and concern that has been extended toward them. They are very thankful to everyone and appreciate your support in their time of loss.

Ray and Pam Brumley write to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. They appreciate the support they received when Ray's mother, Eva Brumley, passed away. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Preston Richard, and all the members working for Associated Pipeline in Wellsville, OH.

Somer Murnan appreciates your kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of her father, Richard "Dwayne" Murnan. He was so proud of being a part of this union.

Eddie Brumley says a big thank you to all who give to the Voluntary Fund. Thank you for all your prayers for his wife when she was hospitalized.

John Tucker would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. His family greatly appreciates the help during their time of loss.

The Family of Christie Berti thank all their fellow members for donating to the

Voluntary Fund. They are grateful her injuries were healed and she was able to return to work. Special appreciation to Preston Richard and his Helper, Seth, and also Cody Haynes, Wade Pilgreen, and Danny Hendrix.

Rollie and Nancy Hart send their thanks to the members of 798 for the help during Nancy's illness; it was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Kevin Harper.

Mark Usery and Family say thank you to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift received after the death of his mother. It was greatly appreciated.

The Freeman Family write to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received during their time of need after Jimmy's back surgery. Special thanks to Ed Coker, Terry Langley, and Lane Richard.

Lloyd and Elisa Lewis appreciate the donation they received from the Voluntary Fund. It was greatly appreciated after Lloyd started having health issues.

Brandon and Heather Williams thank all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, and for the help they received while their son was having tests run on his kidneys. Special thanks to Ed Coker and the Associated spread in Burgettstown, PA.

Charlie Tyson thanks the members of Local 798 for their kind consideration to his family during his time of recovery from surgery.

Chrissy Hawkins wants to thank her Brothers and Sisters for contributing to the Voluntary Fund. She appreciates the thoughtfulness of Billy Earl Hawkins, Steve Birgy, and Craig Stanfield.

Bo and Joyce Johnston send out a heartfelt thanks to the Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes to it for the check received. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Danny Hendrix, and Lester Hall.

Janice Robinson appreciates the kindness of the Voluntary Fund, the members, and staff of Local 798.

Susan Church Robertson writes to all her Brothers and Sisters, thanking them for their generosity in the check she received from the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Steve Gatehouse and all those who have been there for her.

The Roger Dale Eaves Family send a heartfelt thank you to all 798 members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Cody Haynes, Preston Richard, Kyle Tigert, Jeff Tigert, and all the Brothers and Sisters on the Associated spread in Wellsville, OH for their additional support and consideration. It is with great pride they are members of an organization whose generosity and support have been present when they've lost a loved one. Uncle Dale loved his pipeline work and friends.

Jerry and Wanda Bratcher want to thank everyone for the assistance from the Voluntary Fund. The help will go towards vehicle modification and medical equipment not covered by insurance. It is truly a blessing! Special thanks to Bobby Fontenot,

Richard Prater, Darrell Turner, and Preston Richard.

Shaun Fox says thank you with much gratitude to fellow members of 798 for donations that make the Voluntary Fund happen. He recently hit a rough patch in life and the money that was sent allowed him to take care of things that would otherwise be hanging over his head. He extends a personal thank you to Worm Nichols for all his help.

Mark and Scott Niman received your letters and generous gift for the passing of their mother, Elmira. She was a great support to their father, Robert, who was a Welder member for over 50 years, and then to her sons after his passing. They would like to thank Daniel Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, and all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. They also thank Otis Eastern and Sunoco, with a special thanks to George Varner and Butch McCahren.

Stephanie, Jamey, and J.W. Stover say thank you for caring for a fellow pipeliner and his family. It was an accident that didn't need to happen, but it means so much that you care. Thank you and God bless you.

Robert "KY" and Nancy Spencer sent their deepest thanks to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received while he was in the hospital for a severe stroke. He appreciated all the cards, visits, and phone calls from his 798 Brothers and Sisters, especially Billy Kidd & family, Fred Crager, Turkey Hundley, and Donnie Jones. Nancy said that when KY passed away there was an outpouring of love and support from the pipeline family and she is ever so grateful, especially to those who attended the funeral.

Philip "Danny" and Kathy Carpenter would like to thank the 798 members for the gift that was sent. It helped a lot in their time of need. Special thanks to Doug Ore, and Ted and Charlie Thomas.

Aaron Albright sincerely thanks you all for your donations to the Voluntary Fund. He could not be more grateful to be a member of such a great group of men and women.

Pipeliners Local 798 Officers and Staff thank everyone for their contributions to the Voluntary Fund in honor of Todd Post and Mike McGovern. Thank you for honoring these fine, upstanding members in a way which will continue to touch many more lives through the Voluntary Fund.

Marty Greger and Family send their thanks for the support he received when he was injured in Bridgeport, WV. Special thanks to Precision Pipeline and Brad Moser for going out of their way to help him.

Jeffrey Lambert and Family want to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the money they received. The money helped with expenses and was greatly appreciated.

William "Thomas" Pitts, Jr. writes to thank the Voluntary Fund for the financial support it gives to the membership in their time of need! Special thanks to the members who weekly exhibit a caring and benevolent concern for their fellow Brothers and Sisters

through their contributions!

John and Patricia Post, Troy Post, and Lori Gordon would like to send a special thanks to Local 798 for the donation and all the cards, flowers, and everyone who came to the memorial service for Todd Post. Your love and support was greatly appreciated.

John and Connie Monden thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Your generous contribution was much appreciated. It will help to replace their RV which was destroyed in a fire in July. Special thanks to Juan and Ester Rivera.

Mark and Joy Drewery express their thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters who helped take care of them thru Joy's health emergency. They also thank you for the financial help they received.

Mary Michael would like to thank everyone for the gift received from the Voluntary Fund. Also, special thanks for the cards, phone calls, and flowers at the passing of her husband.

Ricky and Janie Griffin are so thankful to be a part of a pipeline family that cares. Thank you to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Matt Ingram, Billy Burns, and everyone on the Price Gregory spread for their concern.

Sam Clark, a proud 50-year member, says thank you to everyone for the help from the Voluntary Fund after his accident. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Preston Richard.

Kaleb and Normandy Howerton are grateful to the contributors of the Voluntary Fund for the generous donation they received to aid them in their time of need.

James "David" Mitchell sends his thanks to all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

IN MEMORIAM

Larry R. Burnett, 58 year-old Helper of Elgin, TX passed away May 6, 2015.

Lucinda J. Weber, 57 year-old Retired Helper of Russell, AR passed away August 10, 2015.

Jacob R. Rice, 83 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of New Freeport, PA passed away August 27, 2015.

Wynyard L. Carter, 80 year-old Retired Welder of Carlsbad, NM passed away September 2, 2015.

Robert E. Spencer, 75 year-old Retired Helper of Wallingford, KY passed away September 15, 2015.

Jerry R. Willsie, 83 year-old Retired Welder of Meadville, MO passed away September 20, 2015.

Carlton W. Brown, 68 year-old Retired Welder of Claremore, OK passed away September 25, 2015.

Philip R. Chapman, 65 year-old Retired Welder of Texarkana, TX passed away September 28, 2015.

RETIREMENTS

Dennis R. Adkins, Welder, Judsonia, AR

Billy B. Anderson, Journeyman Spacer, Deridder, LA

Steven R. Bird, Journeyman Spacer, Clendenin, WV

Stanley R. Chapman, Welder, Lake Charles, LA

Gary E. Coates, Journeyman Spacer, Judsonia, AR

Patrick H. Cottrill, Helper, Spencer, WV
James M. Davis, Welder, North Augusta, SC
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Sidney F. Henry, Helper, Gurdon, AR
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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.

The Local 798 Training Center extends a special Thank You to Henkels and McCoy for their donation of pipe from a job in Washington, PA. We certainly appreciate the generous help and support we receive from our vendors. Pictured left to right: John Williams, Senior Welding Inspector; Kenneth Woodson, Chief. Dave Csepegi, Henkels Superintendent; Paul Mullins, Welder Foreman; John Johnson, Steward.



I have experienced a record number of calls over the last month. The vast majority of them are non-union welders. The story from each one is always the same: Their wages have been cut, hired on jobs and when they showed up no work or compensation for their travel and time is available. Many are owed thousands of dollars due to checks being wrong with promises that it will be made up on the next week, but rarely, if ever is the money made right. Deplorable working conditions and safety violations. They report if they speak up they are fired or laid off with a phony excuse and are not welcome to ever come back. The really sad part is their fellow workers stand idly by and don't say a word for fear of retaliation.

Instead of reaping the fruits of their labor they have become victims of unscrupulous employers who put greed and power above fairness and honesty. But this is really self-inflicted because that's the end result of rejecting Solidarity and Representation. All these welders need to do, is roll up their leads and come stand with us. Then and only then will they receive what they rightfully deserve in compensation for their work. There is truth in the saying "cheap labor isn't skilled, and skilled labor isn't cheap."

I had passed along to me a binder marked "CONFIDENTIAL." It was written for a major non-union pipeline contractor by anti-union attorneys and directed to be viewed by management only. The sole content of this document was meant to circumvent and undermine their employee's efforts to organize and have any type of voice on the job site. The very thought of their employees being organized and having any kind of structure sends them into a frenzy. But what is so one-sided about this whole thing is the very companies that employ these tactics have no problem with organizing amongst themselves.

There are countless associations that companies become members of, pay dues, and band together because they understand that in unity there is strength. They even admit in their mission statements that their goal is to promote their interest and share

their common goals. These associations are essentially a union and nothing more. But let their employees mention the same thing and they are totally against it. Now I ask, why is it acceptable for non-union contractors to join an association for their protection and benefit, but it's not ok for the very people who keep them in business from their hard work to do the same? I think the answer is loud and clear: it is greed, control, and a classic case of "do as I say do, not as I do."

It is time non-union welders stood up and demanded the same consideration and start doing their part. We have shouldered the burden alone long enough. After all "an injury to one is an injury to all." Many of the calls I have received have been the result of some of our members talking to them and explaining the benefits of unity. And to those of you who have, I applaud you because that's what we are about. Each and every one of us is, and should be, an organizer wherever we are. I am happy to see many have stepped up and steered these people in the direction of organized labor.

I am hoping everyone has had a prosperous and safe work year. It appears that the next couple years are going to be really good. Everyone have an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday, wherever you are. I have had to spend many holidays on the road due to being on a job. Although it wasn't what I would have wished for, it was what I chose to do for a living. Even if away from home Michelle and I always had lots of good friends with which to enjoy our time off. It's a blessing to have such a huge family as 798.

Don't forget, if you are available plan to come to the regular membership meeting in December. Nothing makes us stronger as a union than the full support and participation of the membership.

If you have any information you feel would be beneficial, or if I can help you in any way please don't hesitate to call.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill

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ORGANIZING R E P O R T

Meeting Notice December 11, 2015

The Regular December Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK on Friday, December 11, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Special Business: Announcement of the results of the 2016 UA Convention Delegates/Alternates Election.

798 Ladies Hospitality & Motel Accommodations

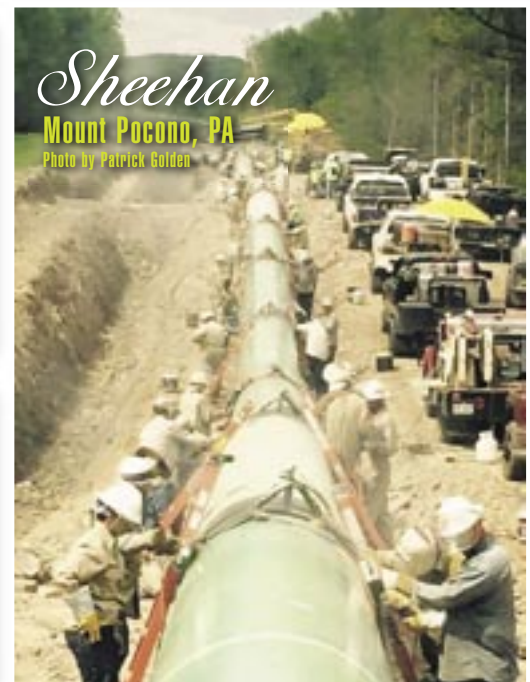
The 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel – 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 – beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2015. The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$91.00. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Meeting Notice January 8, 2016

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

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Featured Products

CAPS

- 101-C2** – Camo Winter Cap \$11.00
- 101-F** – Bone, "Union Yes" Sandwich Bill \$12.00
- 101-N** – Bone/Camo Legacy Continues \$14.00
- 201** – Pipeliners Blue Flame Hat \$13.00

T-SHIRTS

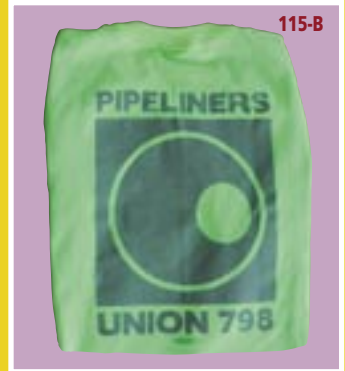
- 115-B** – Safety Short Sleeved Pocketed T-Shirt \$14.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 115-E** – American Labor T-Shirt Black \$12.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 115-I** – I Am Union T-Shirt \$10.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 115-H** – Heart of America T-Shirt Black \$10.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

JACKETS

- 116** – Navy Logo Hoodie \$24.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 4XL)
- 140** – Local 798 Carhartt Navy Blue Jacket with Hood \$76.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)
- 207** – Pullover Windshirt w/pockets Bone Color \$60.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 4XL)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 131** – 65th Anniversary Case Knife \$63.00
- 135** – Local 798 Blanket \$32.00
- 136** – Local Union 798 Glasses (set of 4) \$5.00
- 139** – Local 798 Logo Knife \$10.00



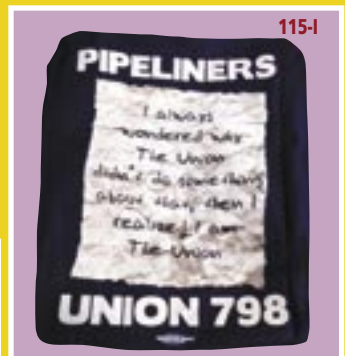
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