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PIPELINERS

UNION 798

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 BUT THE HEART WHICH MAKES
 US BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
 ALTHOUGH THE MEMBERS ON THIS
 WALL DEPARTED THIS WORLD, THEY
 WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED
 IN OUR HEARTS.

IN HONOR OF THE LIVES
 THAT WERE LOST
 WHILE SERVING THE PIPELINE
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Lincoln Electric for a first-class Regional Meeting in Cleveland. Matt Fleming and Lisa Byall, along with countless other Lincoln and 798 employees did a fantastic job of rolling out the red carpet for our members.

Every great company or corporation that strives for longevity must have a succession plan. Local 798 is no different and as we head into the future some changes are in store. I will start with Business Agent Darrell Turner. Darrell has served this Local admirably for over 43 years, the last 12 years as your agent in the Southeast.

He has always been a champion for working people and I am confident he will not change in that regard, although he will be retiring at the end of the year. I want to wish Darrell and his wife, Bonnie, all the best as they move forward to new adventures. Jerry "Dale" Crabtree, Jr., will be coming aboard as Business Agent on October 2 so that he can shadow Darrell for the few remaining months of 2017. Dale is a 31-year Journeyman Welder member and has proven himself to be an asset to 798 and its members. Dale currently serves as Inside Guard at all meetings, and I have received his resignation letter from that position so that he can serve as Business Agent. With Dale moving up, that creates a vacancy that, per the Constitution and By-Laws of Pipeliners Union 798 Article V Section 2, allows the Business Manager to appoint a successor. I have appointed Chad S. Williams, 18-year Journeyman member, to fill the vacancy of Inside Guard. Chad is a third generation pipeliner and I am confident he has what it takes to serve in this position.

Justin Wallace, 18-year Journeyman Welder member, and currently employed at PIBF as Pension & Contributions Manager, will be coming down soon to work in the 798 office to assist and train under Financial Secretary-Treasurer Wade Pilgreen. Wade and I both believe Justin has the mindset and ability to take over the finances when Wade decides to retire. I have appointed Ed Coker to fill the Pension Manager position at the PIBF. Ed is a 10-year Journeyman Welder member, holds a college degree in finance, and was an elected member of the 798 Finance Committee. Ed has resigned from the Finance Committee so that he may serve as Pension & Contributions Manager and interface with the membership. Per the Constitution, as Business Manager, I have appointed Steve Birgy to fill the vacancy on the 798 Finance Committee. Steve is a 25-year Journeyman Welder member who has served this membership well in the field as a Welder, Welder Foreman, Job Steward and is well respected by his peers.

Last, but certainly not least, Shelia Ledbetter and Jaimee Grisham, both long-term 798 employees, will be retiring by year's end. I want to personally thank them for their service and dedication to the membership. I would encourage you to reach out to these men and women when you have the opportunity, and congratulate them for their dedication and service to this great Local, in the past and going forward.

It seems a tad early to talk about Wade leaving, but I just want the membership to know how much he has done for 798. Wade has done so many things for this union and its members that I could fill up the entire Blue Light with accolades about his performance and dedication. I'll try to sum it up with just a few words. The commitment that he has brought to not only his office but the Local in its entirety is impeccable. It has been a real pleasure to work with him. I am proud to call him my friend, and I wish the very best for him and Toni as they start on a new chapter in their life.

Retirees, by the time you receive this report you should have noticed in your bank account that the Trustees have approved a five percent increase on your pension amount and have also agreed to a 13th check, which will also reflect the new raise. I am proud to be a small part of a well-structured and financed pension trust fund. Accruals for the actives were moved up for Journeyman/Welders from \$175 to \$190 per credit and Helpers moved from \$116 to \$126 per credit. Also, to further enhance the stability of the fund, we moved the assumption rate (rate of return in market) down from 6.75% to 6.5% and agreed to maintain 110% funding going forward. Thank you to all the staff and Trustees of PIBF for such a fantastic pension fund!

The work outlook continues to be very strong heading into the fourth quarter of 2017, and all of next year. We must continue to be vigilant in advocating for the client's projects. The clients are the decisions makers when the choice is made regarding which contractors will be hired to construct their pipelines. This advocacy is working, but until I leave this office, I will always believe We Can Do Better! As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who was able to attend our Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH, because you made it an overwhelming successful event! As an organization we are aware that many of you may not be able to attend the meetings throughout the year in Tulsa, and we are so pleased when we are able to see you and your families. I would like to thank Lincoln Electric for so graciously providing its facilities to host our event, and assisting with sponsorship. The company truly has an impressive manufacturing site, and I hope everyone was able to tour the facility. I want to give a special thank you to Matt Fleming and Lisa Byall for all the hard work that went into organizing our event; they went above and beyond for our members, and I am grateful for the many things they do for our Local throughout the year. Also, I would like to thank the vendors who attended in support of our meeting.



I was humbled to see so many new members who attended the meeting who are prepared to take an active role in advancing our great Local. I would ask each of you to welcome these new members into our 798 family, and demonstrate to them by your actions the importance of taking pride in our work and our Local. Once again, I would like to thank Black Schroeder and Guy Williams, on their Right-of-Way Etiquette and Standard of Excellence presentations. If you have not heard these two speak, please view their presentations on our website. I would like to thank our office staff for all they did to prepare for our Regional Meeting. And, I extend a special thank you to Josalyn Johnson, Tracy Lee, Amber Vreeland, and Dwayne Base for traveling to Cleveland and setting up our off-site office to better serve our membership. I was also thankful to see Terry Langley and Chris Lancaster in attendance. Please continue to remember them as they deal with their health issues.

We recently asked our membership to donate their Voluntary Fund Contributions to the American Red Cross to assist those in need due to Hurricane Harvey, and since that time, two additional hurricanes, Irma and Maria, have devastated parts of Florida and the Caribbean. I am proud to report we recently sent a check in the amount of \$81,782.05 to the American Red Cross to assist those in need due to the recent hurricanes, and I would like to personally thank everyone who gave in the name of our Local. I am proud to part of an organization that is willing to help others in their time of catastrophic loss.

The Board of Trustees met in September and I am pleased to report the Board of Trustees have approved pension increases for our membership: Welder/Journeyman from \$175.00 to \$190.00 per credit year and Helper from \$116.00 to \$126.00 per credit year. Retirees will get their retroactive 5 percent increases and a thirteenth check in October, with the increases showing on their November 1 payments. This is a testament to the excellent stewardship of our Board of Trustees and to Bob Kime and Renee Vause at the PIBF Office.

I would like to thank Sheila Ledbetter and Jaimee Grisham for their years of service to our membership. Sheila will be retiring at the end of November, and Jaimee will be retiring in December. If you have the opportunity, please let them how much you appreciate their dedication to our members. Also, I know many of you are aware that Darrell Turner is retiring at the end of the year. I would personally like to thank him for his many years of service to this great Local in many capacities including Job Steward, Welder Foreman, and Business Agent. He treated others with dignity and respect. He will be missed!

I would like to welcome Dale Crabtree to his new position as Business Agent. Dale has been a UA member in good standing since 1986, and he is a third generation 798 member with a long family tradition of upholding the values of our great Local. Dale has served our membership in many different roles including Welder Foreman, Job Steward, and Inside Guard. I know he will continue to serve our membership with honor and loyalty. Ed Coker will assume the position of Pension Director beginning October 1, 2017. He has been a UA member in good standing for 10 years, and is a second generation 798 member. Ed has served as Job Steward, as a member of the Finance Committee, and as a delegate to the 2016 UA Convention. Please help me welcome Ed to his new position. He will be an asset as he moves forward with his new duties. After thoughtful consideration, Danny and I believe Justin Wallace is the right person to take over my duties as Financial Secretary-Treasurer. He has been a UA member in good standing for 18 years, served as a Job Steward, as a delegate to two UA conventions, and served as the Pension Director for more than five years. I have worked closely with Justin, and attended several financial seminars with him. He has the foundation to oversee the monetary aspects of our Local. In my opinion, he possesses the most important quality needed for the position of Financial Secretary Treasurer: character. I firmly believe he is a man you can trust, and he will have the best interests of this Local in mind with every decision he makes. Please welcome him as he transitions over to his new position.

In closing, as always, thank you for allowing me to serve this great Local. If I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wade Pilgreen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wade Pilgreen
Financial Secretary-Treasurer





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Darrell Turner

AL, FL, GA, MS
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Brothers and Sisters, get ready to rumble. Unless the sky falls in, we are on the edge of pipelining history. Both Pipeliners Local Union 798 and our membership are expected to set man-hour records in 2018. And while it is a fact that our fortunes have multiplied since 2008, the best is yet to come.

Local 798 has become the "Billion Dollar" Local, thanks to incredible leadership, dedicated and skilled members, megaprojects, and man-hours. A successful organization must have a plan, and Pipeliners Local Union 798 is no different. Led by Business Manager Hendrix and Financial Secretary-Treasurer Pilgreen, Local 798 has grown to become the distinct leader in the pipeline industry. While their work is visionary, we must support them at every turn in the road. In union, there is strength.

By the time this report reaches your mailbox, Dale Crabtree will be onboard as the newest Business Representative of Local 798. Brother Crabtree has been selected to oversee the states of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Dale will do an incredible job, and I wish him (and his family) Godspeed. He and I will travel together until I officially retire on December 31, 2017.

Future pipeline construction in the South certainly won't resemble the spring of 2017, but we do have some nice jobs on the books for early 2018. Air Liquids Corporation is planning some heavy wall 12" near St. James, Louisiana. American Midstream Pipeline Company will build 45 miles of 16" in Alabama. CenterPoint Energy plans to construct a 12" lateral at Lafayette, Louisiana. Driftwood LNG has 98 miles of

42" and 36" on the books near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Commonwealth Gas will lay four miles of 30" near Cameron, Louisiana. Florida Power & Light will lay five miles of 30" near Okeechobee, Florida. Southern Natural Gas will construct 6.5 miles of 30" near Atlanta, Georgia. This SONAT project will include the purchase of an existing pipeline grid and undetermined anomalies. The project has also garnered the attention of the non-union sector.

This will be my last Blue Light report to the membership of Local 798. I have experienced an incredible journey and a GOD-sent career. While I don't know what my future holds, this much is certain. I'm not going home; I am home.

Remember, this is your Local. We work for you. Call me if there's anything I can assist you with.

Pre-Jobs:

Appalachian Pipeline:

-Mooresville, NC. 7 miles of 8" for SCANNA. Mainline rates, working 6-10s, Rig.

Chad Gilbert

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY
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I would like to start my report by thanking Hanging H Pipeline Construction for signing the National Pipeline Agreement. Hanging H will construct projects from gathering lines to major transmission projects across the U.S. The company will be based out of Washington state and Colorado. We look forward to having another major union contractor from the West. I know the members of Local 798 will work hard to make Hanging H a very successful company.

The maintenance in the West is starting to wind down for the winter months, but more is planned to start in the spring of 2018. We also have been notified that Tallgrass Energy is looking to do 75 miles of 42-inch to bring Colorado gas to the Rockies Express in late 2018 or early 2019. This will be the biggest job bid in the West in quite some time, and hopefully our contractors will be in the money on this one.



LOCAL 798

"WE HAVE THE GREATEST PIPELINERS IN THE WORLD"

If you are a new member and have questions about working rules or hiring out single-hand on building trades work; please call. If you are contacted to go to work non-union please contact the Business Agent who oversees the jurisdiction where the job is located. This will enable us to be more proactive on the jobs going non-union in our area.

I will close my report by wishing all our members happy and blessed holidays which are coming soon. May we all give thanks for those we love and for our Brothers and Sisters of the Local. I hope everyone has quality time with their families and friends and reflects on the good things Pipeliners Union 798 has provided, and the prosperity it has brought us.

Pre-Jobs:

ARB:

-Reno, NV. Drain Lines Replacements. Gas Company: Kinder Morgan. Steward: Jeremy Hodge. Working 5-8s, Station Agreement.

Michels:

-Mountain Green, UT. Integrity work 4,500 ft. of 8 inch. Gas Company: Phillips 66. Steward: Jordan Lindsay. Working 5-8s, 90% Scale.

Phillip Wallace

AR, IA, KS, MN, MT, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD
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I want to start off by commenting on the Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH. I think this was the best Regional Meeting I've ever been involved in. Lincoln Electric provided the place to hold this meeting at its world headquarters, and in my opinion, it was a total success. The hospitality that Lincoln showed our membership was right on the mark. Everyone who came to the meeting on their only day off showed their commitment and support for this Local Union. That's what a brotherhood and sisterhood is all about. Thanks to our Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Wade Pilgreen and their office staff for putting the event together and making it work so well. Also, thanks Lincoln Electric and all the other vendors that showed up with all their products. Local 798 and these vendors have a long-lasting partnership that doesn't exist anywhere else in the pipelining industry.

I met a lot of new members at the meeting that came on board this year to join this union and get away from the non-union sector where they have no representation as workers, no health care for their wives and babies, and no pension when they retire. I want to welcome all of you to this organization and say to you, this was the most important decision of your life. Some new members will not stay with us for one reason or another. It takes a strong commitment to make Union Membership work for you. Nothing will be given to you. You have to earn it to be successful in this business. It's not hard to do, but you must work hard, and show up every day, sober and ready to put in your 10 hours so you can get paid what you deserve. Our members will help you in any way if you have a teachable spirit and attitude. If you need to hone your welding skills, we have



a training center that will get you to where you need to be. You will find out that the inspector will treat you a lot tougher than they did on the non-union side. But that's ok, we're used to it. We come right back at them with skilled craftsmanship. Take part in your Local Union and try to make every weld better than the last one. Never be satisfied with "that's good enough to make it." Take pride in your work, and you will go far in this Union. Welcome, new Brothers and Sisters.

The work in my area is still mostly Maintenance and Integrity. These are good jobs, they just don't put a lot of people to work. Our welders need to have the Lo Hi skills along with the downhill welding, and the Lo Hi is run Open Butt. Enbridge, Koch, Northern Natural Gas, Enable, and more gas and oil companies are going to the in-service weld testing. These are small crews and the welders need to be able to fab it, test it, weld the stopples on the old line, and tie the new piece in. Integrity work is the future of this Local when the big-inch work slows down some day.

I still have some mainline projects on the books for the next two or three years. The Keystone XL is in the permit block right now but the Nebraska Utility Commission will make some decisions before years' end. The Line 3 Replacement in Minnesota is also held up on permits, but I think it will be resolved sometime early to mid-2018. The Sandpiper Pipeline in Minnesota is dead. Enbridge has sold and shipped the 24" and 30" pipe out of Minnesota to Oklahoma and Texas. The sad part of this is, I don't look for any of that pipe to be laid by union members down south.

The work in the Northeast seems to be holding up for the next few years, so take advantage of the work available!

What a great time to be a 798 Pipeliner.
Never forget, United We Stand, Divided We fall.

Black Schroeder

TX
918-270-6743

Since the last Blue Light report, the United States and the Caribbean have been hit by three major hurricanes. It's so sad to drive down the roads and see so many families' homes flooded or destroyed and all their belongings piled up on the roads and streets. These hurricanes didn't discriminate against anyone whether rich or poor. If you live on the Gulf Coast or Florida, you know what I am talking about. If that wasn't enough tragedy for this country, now we have a massacre in Las Vegas. We need to pray for the victims of these unforeseen tragedies. If you are a victim of one of these circumstances, please contact the Business Agent in your area or Local Union 798 for help.

If you did not attend the Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH, at Lincoln Electric's facility, you missed something great. Lincoln Electric went all out as our host. Special thanks to Matt Fleming and Lisa Byall for their hard work and compassion for 798. Thanks to all the members and families who took their day off to drive over and spend the day. Wow! What a turn out.



Our trustees for our pension, Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Grant Sample, hit another grand slam with our pension increase. Thanks to them and the trustees on the contractor's side, it's great to be a Union Pipeliner. With all the work coming up in the future, it isn't over yet.

I would like to welcome the new officers and staff: Justin Hornback, Jerry Dale Crabtree, Ed Coker, Chad Williams, Steve Birgy, and Justin Wallace.

A lot of rumors are going around about work in Texas. As of this writing, we don't have any signed contracts, but our contractors are bidding a lot of work, anywhere from 42" down to 12". Several large projects are going out for bid that will start in West Texas and go to the Gulf Coast. If any of these projects are awarded to fair contractors, it will probably be 2018 before construction begins.

Thanksgiving is almost here. I hope everyone has a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving, and also a very Merry Christmas.

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

Pre-Jobs:

US Pipeline, Inc.:

-Houston, TX. CRC Run 42", 36", 20" & 16" weld procedures for Dominion Energy (Atlantic Coast Pipeline).

Superintendent: Justin Dunn. Welder Foreman: Carroll Morris. Working 6-10s. Started 10-3-17. Approx. Completion 11-3-17.

Charles Yates, Jr.

IN, MI, OH
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I am pleased to report that the Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH, couldn't have gone any better. Thank you for taking your day off to participate in our local union activities. This tremendous event was a great opportunity to shake hands, answer questions, and network in a relaxed atmosphere.

I'd also like to once again thank the Lincoln Electric team for being such gracious hosts. They provided a friendly staff, professional tour of the facility, a comfortable location, and overall, paid close attention to every detail. Special recognition goes to Lincoln Electric CEO Chris Mapes, Matt Fleming, Lisa Byall, Rick Trivisonno, and Rose Kirk.

I was approached by many at the Regional Meeting inquiring about the Nexus project status. The most recent update indicated that the gas company and contractors have not been able to agree on winter rates despite submitting multiple bid packages for consideration. Latex now tentatively plans to kick off with road bore crews the first of April with the mainline to follow in late April. Sources with Michels tell me that there is still a strong possibility to lay seven miles of congested area in Michigan along with some road bores this fall. More than likely the remaining spreads will follow in the spring also.

Hopefully, everyone has taken advantage of the plentiful man-hours this year as the slower winter season is creeping up with lay-offs and many projects near completion.



To re-emphasize what Phillip Wallace mentioned in his last Blue Light report, when you have a UA book in your pocket, you have made a commitment to only work union. If you go back non-union then you are a RAT and you will get caught. Do not go back to work non-union. Non-union is not an option. Don't throw away what so many of you have worked so hard for. Just a reminder that there is building and trades work where you can continue earning wages and benefits throughout the winter. Lately, I have received some notifications for smaller projects. Many of these are sleeving jobs which require low-hydrogen qualifications. If your skill set does not include this type of welding, please spend some time practicing at the Local 798 Training Center in Tulsa. Success is no accident. It is important to stay active and participate. Read your contract, maintain your equipment, attend meetings, visit the job line, go where the work is, save your money, and as always remain union strong.

I know we sound like a broken record at times, but it is important to continue to advocate for our jobs. Use the American Pipeline Action network and attend town hall meetings. Danny spoke of this at our last two meetings and you will continue to hear us echo this topic. Pipeline projects can be pushed forward politically by using these tools. If we are to continue gaining valuable man-hours for our membership and preserving retiree benefits, we MUST continue this effort.

In closing, congratulations to Jerry Dale Crabtree, Justin Wallace, Steve Birgy, Chad Williams, and Ed Coker on your recent appointments. I am confident these gentlemen will work hard in the best interest of our organization. Welcome aboard.

As always, if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call and happy holidays to you.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

-Howell, MI. Tie-in 30" pipe spool for Vector.

Superintendent: Kyle Bjerke. Welder Foreman: Pete Dremmel. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-17.

Foltz Welding:

-Montezuma, IN. Take-up 2,492' of 24" HDD and relay 2,393' of 24" HDD for PanHandle Eastern Pipeline-ETC.

Superintendent: Scott Schoonover. Welder Foreman: Quinton Curry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-1-17.

-Clinton, IN. 1,200'-22" bore for Marathon Pipeline.

Superintendent: Jeff Huffman. Welder Foreman: James Adams. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-15-17.

Geeding:

-Oregon, OH. 16" loop line and cut-outs for Buckeye.

Superintendent: Logan Versious. Welder Foreman: William Hawks. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-17.

Henkels and McCoy:

-Milford, MI. Install 3,800' of 30" by-pass pipeline between K line, B line, and E line for DTE Energy. Superintendent:

Gordon Donnelly. Welder Foreman: Roger Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-20-17.

-Gaylord, MI. Installation of meters, heaters, odorizers, and regulation equipment on new receipt meter station for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Mark Skowronski. Welder Foreman: Matthew Sheets. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 09-30-17.

-Mt. Pleasant, MI. Remove 38' of existing 12" pipeline and install 2-20" valves for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Tim Comben. Welder Foreman: Jeffrey Lange. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-13-17.

-Shelbyville, IN. Modify existing equalizer and jumper lines on existing launchers and receivers at five locations (3 locations in Indiana and 2 locations in Ohio, blended wage for helpers: Indiana/Ohio \$29.34) for Trans/Canada. Superintendent: Mike Ford. Welder Foreman: Ricky Oliver. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-18-17.

Michels:

-Wauseon, OH. Replace 550' of 30" in Fulton County for TransCanada Pipeline. Superintendent: Brian Smith. Welder Foreman: Josh McGee. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Midwest C&M Construction:

-Dearborn, MI. 2"-12" metro-station O2 pipeline in Wayne County, Michigan for Praxair Pipeline. Superintendent: Shane Davis. Welder Foreman: Scott Hunderman. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 10-11-17.

Minnesota Limited:

-Richmond, IN. Hartland regulator station rebuilds in Wayne County, Indiana for Vectren. Superintendent: Zach Sedarski. Welder Foreman: Mark Feagin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-16-17.

-Pittsboro, IN. Purge and assist 14"-2" in Hendrix County, Indiana for TallGrass. Superintendent: Kerry Schott. Welder Foreman: C.J. Polito. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

-Bloomington, IN. 3 miles of 6" new lay in Noble County, Indiana for Nipsco. Superintendent: Kerry Schott. Welder Foreman: Brian VanDyne. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-23-17.

PJ Steel:

-Ravenna, MI. 16" launcher/receiver in Kent County for Mich-Con. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Casey Butterfield. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 09-30-17.

-Six Lakes, MI. Cap 15-4" lines in well field for Mich-Con. Superintendent: Don Knoph. Welder Foreman: Thomas Shaw. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 09-29-17.

Roberts:

-Toledo, OH. 10" integrity digs in Lucas County for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Justin Robinette. Welder Foreman: Brad Jenkins. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion (ongoing).

-Bluffton, OH. 600' of 10" directional drill for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westrater. Welder Foreman: Jason Rudd. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-23-17.

-Toledo, OH. 600' of 16" hydro-test in Lorain County for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westrater. Welder Foreman: Tracy Lester. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-11-2017.

UPI:

-Portland, IN. Demo existing pulsation bottles, install new one in Jay County, partial demo and pipe supports in Defiance, OH 2"-36" for TransCanada. Superintendent: Chad Izzard. Welder Foreman: Josh Degnan. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-17.

Welded:

-Mt. Morris, MI. Install 26" crossover valves and mainline valve on line 700 in Saginaw County for Consumers Energy.

David Butterworth

CT, DE, MI, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV
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I am writing this report while on the road pre-jobbing the Atlantic Sunrise. The ASR consists of 183 miles of 42, 36, and 30-inch pipe that runs from Tunkhannock, PA, to Lancaster, PA. The project also includes three compressor stations, all of which are being built by union labor. The Spreads are as follows:

Spread 1-Michels, 37.5 miles of 30"; Spread 2-Henkels & McCoy, 21.7 miles of 30"; Spread 3 has not yet been awarded; Spread 4-Latex, 29.4 miles of 42"; Spread 5-Welded, 17 miles of 42"; Spread 6-Welded, 41 miles of 42"; Spread 7-Welded, 37 miles of 42".

These spreads for the ASR will provide good work for our members and should give us a full head of steam heading into next spring. I am still receiving phone calls from applicants looking to gain membership into Local 798. Due to our current growth in membership, I look for the ASR to be manned mostly by our current members. If next year's projected work goes according to plan, I could see us having to reach out to the unorganized and our sister locals once again. The 2018 projects include: the Mountain Valley Pipeline, 350 miles of 42" in WV and VA; the Mountaineer Express, 195 miles of 36" in WV; and the "granddaddy" of them all, 600 miles of 42" Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which runs through some of the toughest terrain in the entire U.S. This will truly be a historic project, and someday many of you will be able to tell your children and grandchildren that you were a vital part of the ACP. What a time to be a Pipeliner!

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline:

-West Union, WV. Install one 20" MLV actuator. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. (Job Complete).

Alex E. Paris Contracting:

-Atlasburg, PA. 500' of 20" new-lay plus hot taps. Superintendent: Heath Calvert. Welder Foreman: Terry Sampsel. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion: 9-29-17.

Appellation Prefab:

-Kingsley, PA. Install launcher and receiver 20" and up. Superintendent: Travis Orwick. Welder Foreman: Andrew Kingsland. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 11-15-17.

Blue Flame Pipeline:

-Smithburg, WV. Additional 2 miles of 16" and .5 mile of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Cliff Frymier. Welder Foreman: Shawn Meier. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion: Ongoing.

B. Miller Excavating:

-Glendale, WV. Approx. 4 miles of 24", 6 miles of 16 & 24" dual-lay plus 5 miles of 16" poly. Superintendent: Brian Miller. Welder Foreman: Alex Yoak. Mainline rates. Working 5-11s. Approx. Completion: 3-1-18.
-Beaver Falls, PA. 260' of 30" relocation and lift. Superintendent: Bryan Rizar. Welder Foreman: Barrett Evans. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-18-17.

Bond Brothers:

-Somerville, MA. 1,200' 24" HDD, 10" & 16" anomalies plus fab. Superintendent: Michael Moore. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell, Sr. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion: 11-22-17.
-Burrillville, RI. Install prefab meter skid 10" and below, hot taps, hydro. Superintendent: Ed Stockwell, Sr. Welder Foreman: Steven West. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-11-17.

Frank Lill and Sons:

-Renovo, PA. 3" station fuel-gas piping. Superintendent: Troy Teeter. Welder Foreman: Mike Donohue. Station Agreement paying High Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-16-17.

Grae-Con Process Piping:

-Cameron, WV/Powhatan Point, OH. 12" and up compressor station piping. Superintendent: Steve Perry. Welder Foreman: Richard Williams. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 7-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-14-17.

GPL Construction:

-Wallingford, CT. Additional 2,500' of 16" street work. Superintendent: Michael Gaudette. Welder Foreman: Kenneth Jones. Special Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion: 12-1-17.

Henkels & McCoy:

-Sweet Valley, PA. 21.7 miles of 30" (ASR Spread 2). Superintendent: Jerry Bash. Welder Foreman: Richard Warren. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 6-1-18.

InfraSource Construction:

-Bridgeville, PA. Robinson Run POD relocation 2" & 4". Superintendent: Jeramie Brown. Welder Foreman: Gee Cuffey Jr. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-31-17.

Intercon Construction:

-Campbell, NY. Integrity work plus 12" HDD. Superintendent: Aaron Zila. Welder Foreman: Patrick Kingsland. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-31-17.

Kirila Contractors:

-Ludlow, PA. 80' of 8" creek crossing plus 750' of 8" hydro. Superintendent: Ron Kirila. Welder Foreman: Ted Hazelet. Special Agreement. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion: 9-19-17.

Michels Pipeline:

-Massena, NY. Launcher and receiver upgrade 6" & 12". Superintendent: Eric Grundman. Welder Foreman: Travis Rowe. Integrity Management Paying High Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 11-3-17.

MJ Electric:

-Ellicott City, MD. Instrumentation work for ASR station. Superintendent: TBD. Welder Foreman: Kevin Rimpela. Station Agreement paying High-Scale. Working 4-10s. Approx. Completion: (Ongoing)

Otis Eastern:

-East Eden, NY. 7 miles of 24" install plus take-up. Superintendent: Butch Niedermaier. Welder Foreman: Shane Puerto. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 12-8-17.
-Wellsville, NY. 20" anomalies in NY, various PA counties plus hydro. Superintendent: Tony Neidermaier. Welder Foreman: Eric Jones. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion 11-5-17.

The Hillis Group:

-Easton, PA. 500" of 24" take-up and re-lay. Superintendent: David Arbaugh. Welder Foreman: Danny Burdge. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. (Job Complete.)

The Napp Grecco Company:

-Pottstown, PA. Welding support for 50 miles of 18" hydro. Superintendent: Donnie Space. Welder Foreman: Robert Powers. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. (Job Complete.)

U.S. Pipeline:

-Medway, MA. 10" & 12" fab install between hot taps. Superintendent: Bobby Ludwig. Welder Foreman: Tyler Vincent. Integrity Management paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion: 10-20-17.

VEC:

-Cameron, WV. Providing welding support to compressor station. Superintendent: John Telesz. Welder Foreman: Justin Trammell. Mainline rates. Working 7-10s. Approx. Completion: 9-30-17.



Chris Lancaster

KY, NC, SC, TN
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I want to start by thanking all the members and their families for taking time out to attend the Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH. The turnout was huge. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great meeting, as well as touring Lincoln's huge company. Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen put on a great and informative meeting. I want to thank the Inside Guards for the good job they did keeping things going in an orderly manner. Also, thanks to Lincoln Electric for allowing us to use its facility to put on this meeting.

Danny spoke about the work for this year and said we could reach ten million-man-hours for 2017. He also said 2018 and 2019 could be record-breaking years if we can get the permits for the work. That, alone, should be enough reason for all of us to attend town hall meetings to voice our support for acquiring these permits. These are jobs for you!

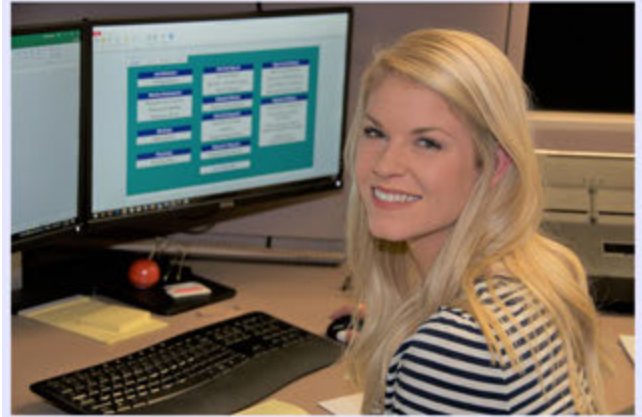
I want to congratulate Jerry Dale Crabtree for his appointment as Business Agent when Darrell Turner retires. He has some hard shoes to fill, but I know he is up to the task and will do a great job. I'm looking forward to working with him. Also, congratulations to Justin Wallace for his appointment as Financial Secretary-Treasurer when Wade Pilgreen retires. I know Justin will be an asset to us in this capacity. Congratulations to Ed Coker for his appointment as Pension Director and Steve Birgy for his appointment to the Finance Committee. I'm sure they will serve the membership with the same personal commitment and professionalism they have always shown in the field.

The work has slowed down a little, but it looks as if it will be picking back up through the last few months of the year. I haven't pre-jobbed anything in my area in the past few months, but I'm sure that is going to change soon with the Atlantic Coast and Atlantic Sunrise projects awaiting start.

I hope everyone is having a great and safe year, and wish all a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope to see you in the field soon.



Featured Personnel



Jordan Brasiola has been pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Oklahoma State University for the past few years. She assisted the PIBF with documents scanning during the summer and fall of 2015. She joined Local 798 in May of 2017 as a full-time employee to process Voluntary Fund reports and assist in other areas when needed. Jordan enjoys spending time with her family and friends on the weekends and helps coach cheerleading in Sand Springs, OK.

Justin Wallace is a second-generation Journeyman Welder who has been a member in good standing since his initiation on June 4, 1999. He has worked as a 798 Welder's Helper, Welder, Welder Foreman, and Job Steward. In 2012, he was appointed to the position of Pension and Contributions Manager by 798 Business Manager Danny Hendrix. He has continuously worked at the Fund Office since that time, and has enjoyed being in a position that gives him the opportunity to assist the membership with their pension, health and welfare benefits, 401(k), and various other issues. He was extremely proud to be elected by the membership to represent Local 798 as a delegate to the 39th UA General Convention in 2016. Justin grew up in Bald Knob, AR, and currently resides in Claremore, OK, with his wife, Amy, and their children, Wyatt and Tenley. Amy is an active member of the Ladies of 798. "Local 798 has been good to me and my family, and I look forward to continuing to serve Local 798 in the future."



Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr. joined Local Union 798 in 1986. He is very proud to be a third-generation union member following in the footsteps of his grandfather, the late A.D. "Buddy" Crabtree, and his father, Jerry Dale Crabtree Sr. He has had the pleasure of serving this Local as a Helper, Welder, Welding Steward, Welding Foreman, and Mechanized Welding Technician. Thanks to the generosity of his fellow members, he has been the elected Inside Guard since 2014, a UA Delegate in 2011, and a UA Sergeant of Arms in 2016. Dale has been married to Shawna Crabtree since 1988, together they have three children, Autumn Brooke Crabtree, August DeLainey Crabtree (Huff), and Jerry Dale Crabtree III. He is a resident of Fouke, Arkansas. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, spoiling his grandkids, hunting, fishing, and restoring old vehicles.



IMPORTANT PLAN CHANGES

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Pension Fund, Pipeline Industry Annuity 401(k) Plan, and Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund, met on September 13, 2017, and approved plan changes. These important Pension Plan, 401(k) Plan, and Health and Welfare Plan changes will affect active participants and retirees. The PIBF office recently sent a packet of information to all plan participants. Inside the packet is a document titled Summary of Material Plan Modifications dated September 2017, which outlines all the recent changes. Several highlighted changes include:

- Increase the accrual rate retroactive for all Journeyman participants' past years to \$190.00 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 \$126.00 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, 2017, or later. Future year accrual rates will be \$190.00 for Journeymen and \$126.00 for Helpers.
- 5% increase and a 13th check for those retired before January 1, 2017.
- Adoption of a hardship provision which will allow the member to withdraw employee contributions from the 401(k) Plan to repair a vehicle or equipment necessary for the performance of duties related to pipeline construction. Proper documentation and compliance with existing Internal Revenue Service rules and plan rules will apply.
- Effective January 1, 2017, plan participants will no longer be required to earn 20 years of credited service prior to retirement to be eligible for retiree health coverage. Any plan participant who retires with less than 20 years of credited service can earn the additional years needed to get to 20 years of credited service after retirement. Other rules to obtain retiree coverage remain in effect.
- The time to request the short term \$250 weekly disability has been changed from 90 days to 180 days effective September 1, 2017.

SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION BOOKLET (SPD)

The fund office recently sent an updated Pension Plan SPD booklet to plan participants. If you did not receive the packet, you should contact the PIBF office to make sure your address on file is correct. The PIBF staff and outside consultants are working on the Benefit Fund SPD booklet. This booklet is being delayed due to the uncertainty of congress revising the Affordable Care Act rules. The 401(k) SPD will be in revision early next year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2018

As in the past, PIBF will be sending open enrollment forms to the membership to enroll young adults between the ages of 19-26. The forms will be mailed to the membership in mid to late October 2017 and must be returned no later than December 15, 2017. If forms are submitted after December 15, the participant may be required to submit an explanation for submitting the form late. Generally, the Trustees must approve open enrollment forms received after March 31, 2018. Forms are also available online at www.pibf.org.

Dues Increase Notice

In accordance with the constitutional change voted on by the delegates of the 2016 United Association Convention, effective January 1, 2018, the monthly dues rate for members under the age of 65 will increase to \$31 per month. The monthly dues rate for retired members under the age of 65 will also increase to \$31 per month. Once a member reaches the age of 65, his/her monthly dues will be decreased to \$20 per month, effective the month following their 65th birthday.

Scholarship Notice

In January 2018, following the conclusion of the fall 2017 semester, the Pipeliners Voluntary Scholarship Fund will award ten general scholarships of \$3,000 each. A screening committee will select the winners from the qualifying applicants. Any Local 798 member or his/her immediate family (spouse, child, or grandchild), who has graduated from high school and is currently attending at least the first semester of an accredited college, may apply. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

The Voluntary Fund has sponsored the Scholarship Program since 1969. The Scholarship Fund owes its success to the generous contributions of the Local 798 membership. Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

The Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$7,500, will also be awarded. It has been funded by Voluntary Fund donations, memorial donations in honor of Harry Faucett, and through the generous contributions and sponsorships at the annual golf tournament. This scholarship is awarded to the highest-ranking applicant meeting the qualifications for the Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. Only applicants who have maintained a minimum 3.2 GPA in their college level coursework will be considered for this award.

Application forms for the 2017/2018 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the fall semester. Written requests should be addressed to Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147-0798. Applications may also be downloaded online from the Local Union website at www.local798.org. The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarship Program section.

An instruction sheet accompanies the application and appraisal forms. Adherence to the rules and compliance with the requirements are necessary to be eligible for consideration in the final screening process. Completed forms should be returned along with copies of all previous college transcripts. It is the applicant's responsibility to have their college or university registrar's office immediately mail in a transcript of their grades upon completion of the fall semester. Sufficient time is allowed for the receipt of fall transcripts, but a cut-off date is necessary to process all applicants through the screening committee. Applicants will be disqualified if all materials, including the application, appraisal forms, and transcripts, are not received by the January 22, 2018 deadline.

Holiday Notice

The Officers and Staff of Pipeliners Local Union 798, the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund, and the Local 798 Training Center wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season.

Our offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.



2017 Service Awards

The September/October 2017 issue of the Blue Light provided incorrect information regarding some members receiving Service Awards. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Fred J. Merlino, Jr.
Welder
Zelienople, PA

Hobart M. Hundley, Sr.
Welder
South Point, OH



Shelby J. Gaudet
Welder
Pierre Part, LA

Rufus Bex, Jr.
Welder
Falmouth, KY

Tommy R. Manning
Welder
Buna, TX

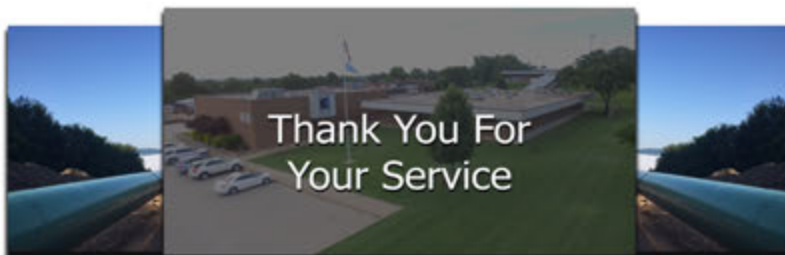
Frank D. Bex
Welder
Hebron, KY

Jackie E. Smith
Welder
Carthage, TX



Rufus Bex, III
Helper
Cresson, PA

Members
Honored With
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Certificates





DISPATCH REPORT By Ricky Jones

The summer of 2017 is a summer to remember! This year has been nothing less than remarkable. The hours we have worked as a Local and the numbers we have dispatched are amazing to look back on, and the year still has 88 days left. We have two new pre-jobs in the Dispatch Office for the Atlantic Sunrise, and expect two more in the next ten days. This could put 125 welders to work by Thanksgiving alone, not counting the other small jobs that may pop up between now and then. We have great hope and expectations for the remainder of the year and the upcoming 2018 season.

But let's look back on the year. We have never started off a year like this. During April of 2016 we dispatched 64 Welders, 22 Journeymen and 119 Helpers. In April of 2017, it was 540 Welders, 61 Journeymen and 803 Helpers. I do not believe we have ever had an April or another single month like this before. We followed up with 1,082,030 hours worked in May, which is the largest ever for the month of May since we began keeping records. Our total for 2016 was 6,508,175 man-hours. The number dispatched was 1,207 Welders, 211 Journeymen and 2,018 Helpers. At this moment, we already have 8,706,546 man-hours for the year, with 1,634 Welders, 177 Journeymen and 2,932 Helpers dispatched so far. The lower Journeymen numbers indicate the the number of larger jobs we have this year compared to the many small jobs we had last year.

One other bit of business I would like to mention is the fact that as October rolls around each year, we begin to put together a spreadsheet for those members who are interested in working Building and Trades. Feel free to call the Dispatch Office at (918) 610-2761 and ask to have your name placed on this spreadsheet. If we have sister locals calling us looking for help we will reach out to you and see if you are interested in working Building and Trades for a few weeks. This is single-hand but could be better than unemployment and helps you accumulate insurance and pension hours.

The Dispatch Office wants to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Safe work and safe journeys.

Children's Shoe Drive

On September 9, 2017, Pipeliners Local 798, Ladies of 798, and the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund teamed up with Bob and Cindy Carpenter of the United Craftsmen Children's Shoe Drive to help Tulsa area children in need. Together, we hosted 135 children from various children's homes in the Tulsa area at Shoe Carnival for a shoe shopping experience. With the assistance of more than 55 volunteers, we helped 135 children purchase 202 pairs of new shoes and 650 pairs of socks! After the shopping trip, the children, their families, and the volunteers enjoyed a lunch catered by The Gnarley Dawg at the Training Center. We would like to thank the Shoe Carnival, The Gnarley Dawg, and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!





ORGANIZING REPORT
By Ronnie Hill

I am writing this Blue Light report from West Texas. The non-union work out here is somewhat steady with the majority being smaller jobs. Nothing has changed much; wages and working conditions are still deplorable and well below prevailing wage.

I attended the September Regular Membership Meeting, and it was as always very enjoyable and informative. I think the highlight of this year had to be the Regional Meeting held in Cleveland, OH. I got to see many old friends and meet many new ones. It was good to meet the new members that I had spoken with on the phone but had never met personally. It's always nice to be able to put a face to the voice. The attendance was very impressive, being well over 800. It was a very good show of solidarity and support for your Local Union. Thank you all for participating and making this meeting a success.

A special thanks to Lincoln Electric for hosting our meeting. Lincoln Electric went over the top to help make this a successful event. Lincoln Electric's hospitality was unbelievable and they handled it with true professionalism. We had a great meeting area set up with good food and refreshments on hand. Lincoln provided tours of its facility so you could get an inside look at the way they produce the products we use on a daily basis. These tours were very impressive and informative, and the sheer size of the facility is amazing. Many vendors were on-site with booths set up offering information and samples of products. A very special thanks to Matt Fleming and Lisa Byall, and the entire Lincoln Electric Team for your unwavering support and your gracious hospitality to 798 and its members. It is greatly appreciated.

It is certainly a great time to be a 798 Pipeliner. The advances we have made under the leadership of Business Manager Danny Hendrix are unbelievable to say the very least. In the last few weeks we have seen yet another pension increase, making our retirement package the envy of the industry. Our retirees also received a five percent raise and a 13th check. When I joined the Local 36 years ago, I never dreamed I could be looking at this kind of retirement. Our pension, coupled with our 401(k), will assure a comfortable retirement. It's comforting to know that Michelle and I can retire without worrying about having the funds to live a normal, comfortable life, with dignity. That is something the non-union worker cannot even imagine, because all they will ever get on retirement day is their last paycheck.

It has been a very busy and productive year for us and for that we are thankful. I know we have all been working long hours, either on the ROW or otherwise. I commend our Dispatcher, Brother Ricky Jones, for the fantastic job he has done manning our work during this busy time. Most don't see what goes on behind the scenes, but Ricky has worked as hard or harder than anyone making sure the contractors got their orders filled. Not only has he accomplished this enormous feat, he did it with deliberation and in a calm manner. Ricky is a true professional. I would like to thank all the people who came over to the right side and stood up against the non-union oppression. You are to be commended for standing up and saying no more. It was the best decision in my life to join 798, and you will consider it the best decision you ever made also.

The non-union side continues to exploit their employees, pay inadequate wages, and allow shameful working conditions. The production and quality on that side is deplorable, with very little organization or determination. But then it would be hard for me to be motivated when a company was getting rich off the sweat of my back. Somebody like that deserves about ten joints a day. They laugh on the way to the bank while their employees struggle to make ends meet. I have had some non-union welders share their reasoning; they are making enough money, but in the same breath they say they have to work 365 days a year. If you have to work 365 days a year pipelining, you're not making enough money. That's a fact. If you have to work 365 days a year, someone is taking advantage of you. But there is an alternative, and that is to join with us. Together we can ensure that the entire industry is organized from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico. So that wherever you work on a pipeline ROW, you will receive union scale, health care benefits, retirement, a 401(k), and the best working conditions in the industry. Stop letting these Rat contractors steal food off your table to fill their own pockets. Join 798, help organize in the field while working non-union, stand up for what you deserve, and what everyone who works in the pipeline industry deserves. If you're working on a non-union pipeline job, call me and let's talk. Help us organize these unscrupulous contractors. You don't owe them any loyalty. It's the other way around. They used you when they needed you, for as little as they could get by with, and then forgot who you were when they finished. How many of your checks have been wrong? How many of you had to furnish water cans, mud boards, clear lens, gloves, etc.? How many have been called to a job and then refused employment with no compensation or rained out without a penny? How many of you have health care that doesn't cost you an arm and a leg? How many of you can retire with a steady income and if something happens to you, your wife will also have a steady income? You don't owe these people anything, but they owe you a lot and its time they pay up. Many non-union welders and helpers did have the courage to step forward this year and we welcome them. Let's all stand together now and organize this entire industry!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and I hope everyone has a very enjoyable holiday. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the December and January meetings. If I can help anyone, please give me a call anytime. If you can help me, please give me a call. That goes for retirees as well. You would be surprised sometimes what just a little bit of information can do. It's a great honor to work for you and a great honor to be among the best pipeliners in the world. Stay union strong and proud.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill

MEETING NOTICES

Meeting Notice December 8, 2017

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 8, 2017 beginning at 7 p.m.

798 Ladies Hospitality & Hotel Accommodations

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel – 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 – beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017. The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$94. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Meeting Notice January 12, 2018

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 12, 2018 beginning at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: Nomination and Election of an Election Committee. The Election Committee will oversee the 2018 Special Election of Local 798 Financial Secretary-Treasurer. Therefore, Election Committee Members will not be eligible to seek election as a Local 798 Officer.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AN ELECTION COMMITTEE: As provided in the Local 798 Constitution & By-Laws under Article XVII, Elections, Section 7: "For each general election for officers, an Election Committee consisting of three (3) members will be nominated and elected at the nominating meeting. The member with the highest number of votes shall be Chairman of said committee, or, if no such plurality exists, the Committee shall appoint its own Chairman. The nominating meeting will be held at least one meeting prior to the election meeting. Its term of office shall be for that election only." Any member who has been in continuous good standing for the two years prior to election is eligible to run for Election Committee. Nominations will be accepted on the floor at the Membership meeting. In addition, letters of nomination may be submitted via fax to 918-627-9327, via email to nominations@local798.org, or via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. **Faxed, emailed and mailed nominations must be submitted by 12 noon on Friday, January 12, 2018.** It is the nominator's responsibility to verify that the nomination has been received in the Local Union office. All nominees must sign a nomination acceptance letter. Nomination acceptance letters should be submitted prior to the start of the January 12, 2018 membership meeting. Letters can be submitted via fax to 918-627-9327, via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147 or via email to nominations@local798.org. It is the nominee's responsibility to verify that the nomination acceptance letter has been received by the Local Union office. The secret ballot election will be conducted during the January 12, 2018 membership meeting. Election Committee Members will not be eligible to run for a Local 798 Officer position, and should plan to attend a meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 9 a.m. at the Local 798 Union office.

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Short and Personal

Thank You

Charles and Theresa Taylor want to let you know how much they appreciate the help and moral support they received during his hospital stay and cancer diagnosis.

Tommy Drake would like to thank all the 798 members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his wife's surgery.

The Watkins Family says thank you for the help they received. Your kindness meant a lot to them.

Seth Harris thanks everyone in Local 798 for the check he received. It was an unexpected blessing.

Brian Voytko and Family sincerely thank the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the generous help received from the Voluntary Fund. His mother, also, extends a special thank you.

Delisa Allen wishes to thank the entire Malta, OH, spread for the help received from the Voluntary Fund.

Kenny and Linda Dye are so grateful for your help after Kenny's surgery. He is still recovering slow but sure. It is wonderful to be a part of such a family as 798!

The Bergkamp Family wish to thank everyone on Joe Norris' job, and everyone at the Hall for all the help and support after Jeff Bergkamp passed away.

Donnie and Debbie Miller say thank you to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. Special thanks to Taffy R. The Family of Matthew Sample extend their thanks to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received when Matt passed away. The Bible will be treasured.

Michael "Bee Bop" and Ethel Blanchard would like to thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Ethel's recent diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer. Special thanks go to Lanny Dyer, Jerry Tomlinson, Paul Davis, Billy Hawkins, and Brian Anderson.

Frank Bowker thanks all those 798 members and other pipeliners who support the Voluntary Fund. His daughter had a kidney transplant in July and is now recovering at home. Special thanks go to all the people on the Price Gregory spread in Ashland, KY, also Bugsy, David Butterworth, Roger Rabbit, Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

James and Kathy Hathorn send their thanks to the Voluntary fund, and especially everyone who contributes to it. The assistance was greatly appreciated.

Jeff and Pam Ross thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary fund. Pam still has another surgery, but they have been blessed with the support and kindness of all their friends. Special thanks to James Melvin, Albert Pauley and Charlie Yates. God bless you for your kindness in this difficult time.

Curtis Mason says thanks you to all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received after the death of his mother. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Phillip Wallace, and Michael Dunn.

Rebecca Sample Marchetti writes to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift helped so much toward covering missed work and travel when her uncle, Matthew Sample, passed unexpectedly. Special thanks to "Uncle" Johnny Johnson and Danny Hendrix. What a wonderful organization that helps provide for members in their time of need.

Scott and Judy Johnson appreciate the gift that was given during their time of loss. Special thanks to the members on the U.S. Pipeline Clarington Lateral spread.

James Popejoy would like to thank each person for the contributions to the Voluntary Fund. He would also like to thank Chad Springer, Charlie Yates, Danny Hendrix and Wade Pilgreen.

Jim Warner and Pauline Blakeman send a special thank you to everyone for the thoughts, prayers, care, and support for their son, Gus Blakeman.

Warren and Barb Jones sincerely recognize the kindness shown by each and every member for their contributions to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen and Phillip Wallace.

Grady Butler thanks everyone for the gift he received after his injury. It was very appreciated.

Short and Personal

William Hemze expresses his heartfelt thank you to all 798 members and their families for the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund. The generosity was completely unexpected and helped make a difficult time a lot less painful. A special thank you to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Jimmy Dick, and Andy Anderson for your kindness.

Mark Heath takes this opportunity to thank Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund. He is happy to report his heart procedure went well and he is feeling better. Thanks to Job Steward Keith Kongsjord at Price Gregory for your kindness and support.

Elizabeth Sample and Family thank this wonderful and caring organization for the help they received. It was deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund.

Brandon and Sonya Hagan write to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute each week to the Voluntary Fund for the help received after an auto accident involving his welding rig. It was unexpected, but greatly appreciated as it assisted with paying for a rental truck so he could continue working and supporting his family.

Charles "Sonny" Matics thanks everyone for remembering him during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is truly appreciated.

Jerry and Crystal Nolan would like to thank the Brothers and Sisters who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help during their time of hardship. Special thanks to those Brothers and Sisters on the Welded spread. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Gregory Patkos and Family send their thanks for the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund.

Bill and Sharon Ross appreciate the help they received after Sharon's accident. Thank you to all members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. A special thanks to Brian Anderson, Cyrus Roof and Billy Woods.

John Wilson says thank you for the assistance he received from the Voluntary Fund during a recent illness in the family. A special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen and Larry Rhodes.

Janelle Hartness sends her thanks for the gift she received from the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated.

Teddy Myers, Jr., and Family express their gratitude to the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798. When they were in a time in need, they had a family that they could count on, and that was you! They are so proud to be a part of this union. May God bless each one of you!

Ralph and Nancy Suter would like to especially thank Todd Post for making sure they received help after a flood ruined their house.

Jason and Molly Moore are extremely grateful for the financial support extended to them. It is such a blessing to belong to such a wonderful organization that lovingly looks out for each other.

Michael Brewer and Family say the prayers, gifts and love their family received from their 798 family after Michael's accident were immensely helpful and appreciated. Thank you to all of the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. They are humbled by the love and support they have received.

Jason and Keri Carlson & family thank all of those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. Thank you for the beautiful letter, and for thinking of them at this difficult time.

Chad Prosper would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the generous contribution he received in his time of need. It was greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Donald "Duck" Armstrong and Kurt O'Brien, Jr.

Stetson and Kate Salazar express their deepest thanks for the gift they received when they were in need. Special thanks to Lori Jones, Tory Rice, Ed Coker, and the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798.

Beverly Maddox says thank you for the generous gift during the traumatic time of destruction of her home and rebuilding. The help is so greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Brothers Carroll Tuggle, George Ellis, Wade Pilgreen, and Danny Hendrix.

Kendra Loudermilk and Deidra Cate are thankful for the generous gift they received from the Voluntary Fund after the passing of their father, William A. Wright. He was a proud member of 798 for over 45 years and his love for welding was passed down to all four of his grandsons. They believe he would be honored to know Local 798 thought of his family during this difficult time.

In Memoriam

Matthew J. Sample, 57-year-old Helper of Haskell, OK, passed away July 28, 2017.

Marlin D. Thompson, Sr., 86-year-old Retired Welder of Gallipolis, OH, passed away August 3, 2017.

David J. Beresford, 67-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Cameron, WV, passed away August 12, 2017.

Owen M. Hartness, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Peru, KS, passed away August 13, 2017.

James A. Garrett, 89-year-old Retired Welder of Bowie, TX, passed away August 19, 2017.

Henry J. Drown, Jr., 79-year-old Retired Welder of Wooster, OH, passed away August 22, 2017.

Lousious E. Perry, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Houston, TX, passed away September 5, 2017.

Billy A. Ayers, Jr., 70-year-old Retired Helper of Gilmer, TX, passed away September 7, 2017.

Herman G. Croy, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Del City, OK, passed away August 8, 2017.

James M. Franklin, 92-year-old Retired Welder of Gurdon, AR, passed away September 8, 2017.

Retirements

Terry D. Bittle, Welder, Tumbling Shoals, AR

John P. Brashear, Welder, Ruston, LA

Percy Collins, Jr., Helper, Franklin, OH

Cary Poe George, Helper, Wetumka, OK

Mark C. Hobson, Helper, Lake Village, AR

Daniel M. Leihl, Helper, Oak Grove, LA

Ronnie K. Loggins, Welder, Lufkin, TX

Charlie C. Martin, Journeyman Spacer, Humble, TX

Robert W. McBride, Helper, Morgan, TX

William M. Plemmons, Helper, Fouke, AR

Brian E. Roberts, Journeyman Spacer, Belle Vernon, PA

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