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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is an invisible network connecting every corner of the United States. Without it, cars wouldn't start and lights wouldn't turn on. If it were stretched out, it would reach around the earth more than 100 times. Most people in our nation never think about where their energy comes from. The nation's sprawling pipeline network is buried underground, out of sight and out of mind.

It wasn't always the case that pipelines crisscrossed the nation, bringing energy where it was needed. When Edwin Drake drilled the world's first commercial oil well in rural Pennsylvania, there was no system for moving oil from the well to a refinery. The 25 barrels a day that gushed out of his primitive well was more oil than anyone had ever seen and there was nowhere to put it. It didn't take long for the drillers to start buying up barrels -- whiskey barrels, molasses barrels and fish barrels -- any barrels they could get their hands on. The barrels were better than washtubs, but they weren't terribly efficient. Intended to hold 42 gallons of oil, they were built to hold 44, in order to allow for two gallons to leak in transit. Leakage aside, it was also really expensive to move oil in barrels, because the wagon masters who manned the horse-drawn wagons that moved them from the well to the railroad charged exorbitant prices. There were huge traffic jams caused by hundreds and hundreds of wagons following the same road to get up to the same railroad terminal. The expense was phenomenal.

All that changed with Samuel Van Syckel, an early Pennsylvania oil trader. He wanted to break the wagon masters' monopoly, and he succeeded. The pipeline Van Syckel built was just 5 miles long and 2 inches in diameter but it could transport up to 2,000 barrels a day from his wells to a nearby rail depot. It was a technological revolution. The wagon masters tried to stop it by sabotaging the line, but in the end, efficiency won out. Although oil continues to be measured in barrels, it took just a few decades for the actual barrels to be rendered obsolete.

By 1920, the American Petroleum Institute estimates there were almost 40,000 miles of pipeline in the country. In the following decade, that number tripled, as welding technology made it easier to build long pipelines. Industry videos promoted the "great network" of "lines of pipe, alive with racing oil!"

As is the case now, people didn't pay a whole lot of attention to that new network, but it was revolutionizing the energy industry. By the end of the 1930s, natural gas had become the primary heating fuel in cities like Houston and Denver. Most East Coast cities still relied on coal or a derivative of coal called "manufactured gas" because no one had built the pipelines to move natural gas long distances. World War II changed that. Not long into the war, German U-boats started torpedoing American oil tankers by the dozens. People on the Atlantic seaboard were actually able to see the fires from these tankers that had been hit. The oil in those tankers was critical to the war machine, so the government built the biggest, longest crude oil pipeline ever, from Texas to New Jersey -- the Big Inch. It worked like a charm. **Many historians agree that without the pipeline, WWII could have very well have had a different outcome.** But then, the war ended and the government got rid of its wartime assets. A Texas company (TexasEastern) bought the Big Inch for \$143 million (\$1.4 billion in today's dollars) and converted it to a natural gas pipeline. It was like opening the floodgates.

Other entrepreneurs soon realized there was this huge market for natural gas in the Northeast. Companies built more pipelines in the next two decades than any time before or since. For the most part though, this pipeline build-out went unnoticed and undocumented. The sexy part of oil and gas has always been exploration and production, and the pipelines follow. But I think it's a good time to be looking back at the history of pipelines. You look at what we've built; this is the envy of the world, the pipeline grid.

Today, the United States has 2.6 million miles of pipeline crisscrossing the country, more than anywhere else in the world. But that pipeline grid doesn't work for the shale boom. While the Big Inch pipeline is still operating, carrying natural gas from Texas to the Northeast, there are few pipelines that can carry oil and gas away from the new boom, places like North Dakota and Pennsylvania. So, a build-out is underway. **More than a hundred major pipeline projects are currently planned for the next five years in North America.** The scale could easily rival that of the 1950s and that has some big implications.

There are pretty fundamental choices being made right now about the fuel of the future; these infrastructure questions are the first volley in the contest over which fuels it will be. Right now, industry projections anticipate the need for half a trillion -- yes, trillion -- dollars of investment in systems to move oil and gas around the country over the next 20 years. But the picture could change if environmentalists and special interest groups are the only voices being heard. Please do your part to help promote the pipeline industry when called upon. Your UA leaders, 798 staff and officers are pushing as hard as we can but we can't do it without your help. As always I am proud to say **"I work for you, the finest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix

Business Manager





Brothers and Sisters,



In Mid-July Danny and I had the great opportunity to attend one of the largest regional meetings in Local 798 history with nearly 1000 members, their families, and friends in attendance. It is a testament to our organization in that it is still one of the strongest unions in the world. I hope everyone who attended had a great time and enjoyed the comradery and fellowship among their fellow members. With all the anticipated work in that area, I predict these meetings will continually increase in size in the future. I would like to thank the 798 staff for attending and for helping to make this meeting the success that it was. I would also like to give a special thanks to Terry Langley and Rick Taylor for all the time they spent organizing this event.

In the past few days we have heard some promising news that the Rover Pipeline, Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Sable Trail Pipeline have awarded some of the work to our contractors. As we have stated in the past year, 2016 continues to look like it could be the largest work season in our history. But keep in mind that all of this work is still dependent upon permitting. So, in the near future you may be asked to send in some comment cards to the Utility Commission in support of these projects. Please take the time to tell them how important these jobs are for the future of this country.

This year definitely started off at a slower pace than expected. But as of last week, when we received the man-hour report for July, it appears we are back on track to work nearly 7 million man-hours this year. With the vast amount of work available, each member should be able to provide for their families and also save for their retirement years. Also, the 401-K and pension funds continue to grow exponentially. The pension fund is on a fast track to becoming a billion dollar fund. If we were asked to set a goal 10 years ago, I don't believe anyone in our organization would've dreamed to set it that high. What a great time it is to be a 798 Pipeliner!

All of the improvements we have made in the funds have come from your hard work out in the field. For this, we want to thank you. However, we should never forget the foundation of what Pipeliners 798 was built on. We should always remember how and why this local has survived all of these years: quality, quantity, and pride. I have visited with several building trade locals that have forgotten that foundation in the past. As a result, they have paid a very high price which included the loss of a large portion of their work. So each day, let us remember how we arrived at this point in our 798's history. Let us continually strive to maintain excellent quality and production in order to ensure this Local will be here for many more years to come.

I have a hard time understanding why any person would work for non-union pipeline contractors. I speak with many of these individuals on a daily basis, and they all complain about their low wages and poor working conditions. Additionally, many of them will never have the opportunity to retire, much less enjoy a quality life during their retirement years. With that being said, I believe that we represent all workers. So if you know of someone who has the required skills and the work ethics we demand, be sure to have them contact one of our organizers in the near future. But keep in mind that we need the "best of the best" to continue the legacy of 798. There are many skilled welders across our country, but it takes a special level of character and integrity to wear the 798 badge.

Both Phillip Wallace and David Barnett are currently in Minnesota attending some scoping meetings in support of the Line 3 replacement project for Enbridge. This work, along with the Sandpiper Pipeline project, looks to be promising for the near future, as long as they are able to obtain the necessary permits. They have stated on the Enbridge website that they hope to begin construction of these lines in 2016. The anticipated completion date is set for 2017. David Barnett, in conjunction with the Pipeline Department and the UA, has played a major role in making sure these projects are approved by all the agencies involved.

Just a quick note regarding the upcoming meeting on Friday, September 11th. We will be nominating and electing officials for the election committee at this meeting. We will also be nominating the delegates who will serve at the 2016 UA convention to be held in San Diego. If you would like to be nominated to become a delegate, we urge you to attend this meeting and take part in this very important process.

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wade Pilgreen

Financial Secretary-Treasurer

LETTER OF APPRECIATION



I am writing this letter in appreciation of the plaque I received at Steward School for my dedication and loyalty to Pipeliners Local Union 798. I became a member of Local 798 in 1968. It has been a privilege and an honor to belong to such a Great Union for 47 years, starting as a Helper and later changing my classification to Journeyman Pipefitter in 1975. I have worked with and met so many friends while working in the pipeline industry. Although I am retired, I take pride in being a 798 Union Member and do my best to be active in any way possible. I also try my best to attend all regular membership meetings I possibly can.

Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Terry Langley, Rick Taylor, and Greg "Snook" Rose for their continued support of me and our Great Union.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Swiney



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CHAD GILBERT

AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, WY

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I'm writing my report while on the road in Nevada policing non-union work. I will start my report by saying how impressive it was to attend the Regional Meeting in Wheeling, WV. Over 700 members attended. Yes, 700 members! Attendance with enormous numbers like these show the strength of our local. It was a pleasure attending and getting to see so many friends working in the area.

Currently out West, we are focused on the Suncor Project. This project is 30 miles of 16 inch in Colorado by Non Signatory Black Eagle Construction. They have started the project with an over 80% repair rate; some members of the community where this pipeline is being built are very concerned, and rightly so, in my opinion. This type of repair rate shows faults in the construction process that could cause problems for the integrity of the project. I would think the best thing that could occur would be the welders on this project be re-tested by an independent 3rd party. With repair rates at this magnitude, it could possibly affect the whole Pipeline Industry, and it's our job to call out contractors, union or non-union, who are doing shoddy work.

I am also working with Operators Local 3 in Elko, NV where there is an informational picket concerning Arizona Pipeline. They are constructing 30 miles of 8 inch. We are putting forth an effort to communicate that skilled, trained, union craftsmen are worth every dime they make. Arizona Pipeline would prosper by recognizing the advantages of union labor. We will continue to monitor this project until completion.

The bids on the SaddleHorn Project are in, and we have a large group of union contractors aggressively bidding the Colorado to Oklahoma Project. We are, of course, in hopes the contractors acquiring this work will be those dedicated to hiring skilled, well-trained men/women like those of our local. I will report when the bids come in.

I hope to see all of you in the field soon. Please call with any questions or concerns. Work Safe and Work Union Proud.



DARRELL TURNER

AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC

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Brothers and Sisters, projects that I have spoken about in previous reports are getting closer to reality. Sable Trail Pipeline, 515 miles of 36" from Tallapoosa County, Alabama through Georgia, to south central Florida is on track for 2016 construction. Duke Energy just purchased a 7.5% share in the \$3.7 billion dollar project proposed by Florida Power & Light, making this venture one of the largest of its kind in the southern United States. The Sable Trail Pipeline, when built, will deliver over 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas daily, beginning in May 2017. Distribution customers, heavy industry, and natural gas fired power plants will benefit from the new supplies as Duke and FPL eliminate coal fired plants in the state of Florida. Currently 62% of all electricity



consumed in the sunshine state is natural gas fueled, and that percentage is definitely going up when the natural gas from this pipeline begins delivery.

Construction contracts have been reviewed and potential contractors have been pre-selected. At this writing I am comfortable in reporting that our contractors have the edge, because they have what it takes to tackle a project of this magnitude. Early evaluations of the bids give the PLCA (our union contractors) 4 of the 6 spreads on the mainline. It also appears at this writing that the laterals will be built union.

I am also pleased to announce that we will have an awesome project in south Louisiana this fall. Several pipe sizes, approximately 29 directional drills, plus 100 miles of lay will make for a very long term job for our members. Also, 17 miles of 16" will be built near Newnan, Georgia beginning in September. Don't let the numbers fool you on this project for Georgia Natural Gas; this will be a very good job with completion in April 2016.

Sheehan Pipeline has 2 awesome projects underway in my jurisdiction. The first job, 230 miles of 30" integrity, originates in Mississippi, crosses Alabama, and terminates in Tennessee for Kinder Morgan Corporation. 80% scale and completion date December 1, 2015.

Sheehan's second integrity job for Trunkline Pipeline Company also begins in Mississippi, crosses Tennessee, Kentucky, and terminates in central Illinois. The 280 miles of 30" upgrade includes a crossing of the Ohio River. 80% scale to the Illinois border, mainline rates in Illinois. Completion April 2016.

We have a scale second to none, and our benefits are off the chart. But it didn't just happen. We didn't wake one morning and discover that we work under the terms and conditions of the best national agreement in existence. No sir! Pride, skill, brotherhood, sacrifice, and a desire to be union made us who we are today; Pipeliners Union 798. Well, why in heck do we have members jeopardize what has taken many years of blood and sweat to build? If you are 798 blue, show it and act accordingly. You other folk are going to miss us when you are gone.

PHILLIP W. WALLACE

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

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I write this Blue Light report from Minnesota where UA Special Representative of the Pipeline Department, David Barnett and I are attending the Public Utility Commission's town meetings along the route of a new Enbridge Project. The Line 3 Replacement of the existing 34" will be abandoned and replaced with a new 36" pipeline. Our members have sleeved this line for several years to keep it in service, but it has outlived its use and is a danger to the environment. Enbridge has decided to abandon the 282 miles of 34" and replace it with 364 miles of 36". US Pipeline replaced 11 miles of this last year, while the Canadians replaced a few miles of it in Canada. Enbridge has a new border crossing and does not have to have a Presidential Permit to cross over. That is great news!

I think this will be on the fast track to get permitted in the fall of 2016. The new pipeline will follow the old 34" ROW from the Joliette Valve in the northeast corner of North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota and then follow the Sandpiper Pipeline ROW into Superior, Wisconsin. I want to thank all the Union Members who took time to go to these Public Comment meetings. Also, thanks to all the UA members from the Minnesota Pipe Trades, Teamsters, and Operating Engineers who took time to travel to western Minnesota for these meetings. You can add this 364 miles of 36" to the 600 miles of 24", and 30" Sandpiper Pipeline, and 1100 miles of 36" Dakota Access Pipeline that will be in my area.

By the time you get this report the the Saddlehorn Pipeline coming from Adams County, Colorado into Cushing, Oklahoma should be awarded. This is a Magellan Midstream Partners Project, and they have never been friendly to Union Labor. All of our contractors have went hard after this work. It will start in October of this year; hopefully we will get some of it.

New Prejobs:

Michels Pipeline:

- Marshalltown, IA. Metering Station for TransCanada. Spreadman, Tony Neeld. Welder Foreman, Jacob Crandall. Job Steward, Derick Strong.
- Red Oak, IA. 8.6 miles of 6" for Alliant. Spreadman, Nick Walters. Welder Foreman, Tracy Lester. Job Steward, Dennis Sharp.
- Maryville, MO. 2500 ft. of 24" HDD for ANR. Spreadman, Rodney Jacobs. Welder Foreman, Buddy Patton. Job Steward, Lynn Landreth.

Midwest C&M:

- Lindenwold, IL. Compressor Station for Exxon Mobil. Spreadman, William Doane. Welder Foreman, Scott Hunderman. Job Steward, Wayne Petz.

United Piping:

- Bemidji, MN. 380 miles of 26" Hydro for Enbridge. Spreadman, Dave Halberg. Welder Foreman, Steve Jackson. Job Steward, Billy Wood.



BLACK SCHROEDER

TX

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It was great to go back up to the Northeast again to see so many old friends, and have the opportunity to meet so many members at the regional meeting in Wheeling, WV. The turnout on Sunday afternoon was unbelievable! It undoubtedly had to be the largest regional meeting ever recorded.

At this time I am attending Federal Energy Regulatory Commission meetings in South Texas for three proposed LNG projects in Brownsville, Texas: Rio Grande LNG, Annova LNG, and Texas LNG. There are also several proposed pipeline projects such as the Rio Bravo Pipeline, which is 130 miles of dual 42" that will bring feed gas from Kingsville to Port Isabel. It will be permitted with the Rio Grande LNG. If approved, this project will start construction in 2017 or 2018. This is just one of the several proposed LNG pipelines feeding gas into these proposed LNG facilities.

Rockford has just about completed the El Rancho Pipeline for Enterprise in Rosenberg. It finally quit raining after about 45 inches, and then fell into a drought. They will most likely final out the last week of August. Precision, at this time, still does not have a definite starting date on the Lone Star Express, although rumors say around the middle to the last of September.

Just recently I have received several calls from helpers out welding for non-signatory contractors, trying to bring up their skill sets. **"You are not exempt from charges and losing your book. It is illegal for any UA member to work non-union."** No one is exempt from the rules.

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

New Pre-Jobs:

Precision Pipeline:

Houston, TX. Run Procedures for ETC (Lone Star Express Project) spreads 5 & 6 at CRC Evans. Superintendent, Kevin Olerud. Welder Foreman, Tim Gintz. 15% Reduction. Job Complete.

Trinity Energy Services:

– Beeville, TX. Compressor Station Shut Down for South Cross. Superintendent, CJ Polito. Welder Foreman, Ronny Voyles. Started, 8-6-15. Completion, 8-15-15.

– Hermleigh, TX. Station for Sunoco (Navigator Pump Station). Superintendent, Shane Gothard. Welder Foreman, Eddie Chastain. Working 6-10's. Started, 7-13-15. Completion, 9-13-15.



RICK TAYLOR

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

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Thanks to everyone who made it out to the Regional Meeting in Wheeling, WV. There were 738 members signed in for the meeting. Everyone had a great time. The highlights Danny and Wade gave were very informative and I have received lots of great feedback. Black gave his Pipeline Etiquette speech, which got a lot of attention. I received calls afterwards from members wanting a copy of it. Guy Williams gave his version of Standard for Excellence speech which was well received. I also want to thank all the Inside Guards for a job well done. Most of you work long hours six days a week and I understand the sacrifice you made. I also know many of you drove long distances to be at the meeting. There were a lot of new members who attended that have never been to a union meeting. It says a lot about why we have the Union we have. The members make the Union what it is. The September Membership Meeting is coming up and there will be nominations for the 2016 UA Convention.

The Ladies also had a great turnout and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for taking such good care of us and making everyone feel welcome.

The work in my area is really taking off now. The Dispatch office is staying busy trying to dispatch members to these jobs. Even the contractors are having problems finding employees for their side of the quota. It is a busy time for all. A true Union member will help man the work wherever the job is. Those are the true leaders of our organization and I salute you. Our leadership continues to work hard to get us the best wages, benefits, and retirement because of the members. It takes us all working together to make that happen.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call.

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



Pre-Jobs

Alex E. Paris Contracting:

Washington, PA. 1.5 miles of 12" pipe with HDD for Access Midstream. Welder Foreman, Les Stevenson. Superintendent, Dave Duncan. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

– Nitro, WV. Fabrication various sizes for ICON Midstream. Welder Foreman, Teddy Thomas. Superintendent, Kelly Moss. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

– Alma, WV. 5.5 miles of 20" pipe for ICON Midstream. Welder Foreman, Brett Strickland. Superintendent, Roman McKown. Mainline Rates. Working 4-11's & 1-10.

– Mobley, WV. 5,000' of 6" & 2,500' of 24" pipe for Mark West. Welder Foreman, Charlie Thomas. Superintendent, Cecil Hill. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's

Appalachian Pipeline Contractors:

Agawam, MA. Hydro testing 10.1 miles of 24" pipe and install 1 valve for Kinder Morgan, Inc. Welder Foreman, Rusty Wallace. Superintendent, Ben Gruetzmacher. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Associated Pipe Line Construction, Inc.:

Slippery Rock, PA. Launchers and Receivers Installation/PA & VA for Columbia Pipeline Group. Welder Foreman, Doug Winter. Superintendent, Steve Abbott. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

B. Miller Excavating:

Jane Lew, WV. 4,800' of 30" Lay and Lift/Hydro Test 20" pipe for Dominion Transmission. Welder Foreman, Kevin Lancaster. Superintendent, Austin White. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

Henkels & McCoy:

Washington, PA. 20,825' of 16", 8,500' of 12", 7,982' of 8" & Cutouts and Abandonment (24") for NiSource Midstream. Welder Foreman, Tim Hathaway. Superintendent, Dave Csepegi. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Infrasource Construction, LLC.:

Connellsville, PA. 4,686' of 4" & 8" River crossing & Pipe replacement for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania. Welder Foreman, Sherman Snuffer. Superintendent, Jeramie Brown. Special Agreement. Working 6-10's.

Kirila Contractors, Inc.:

Claremont, PA. 5 miles of 12" pipe new lay for National Fuel Gas. Welder Foreman, Andrew Blakeslee. Superintendent, Ron Kirila. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

Michels Pipeline:

4 miles of 12" pipeline new lay for Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. Welder Foreman, Mark Mathis. Superintendent, Johnny Kroner. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Mid-Ohio Contracting, Inc.:

Washington, PA. 18,000' of 12" install for EQT. Welder Foreman, Adam Kandle. Superintendent, Ted Waller. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's & 1-8.

Otis Eastern Services, Inc.:

– Moundsville, WV. Install inter-connects & associated assemblies, various sizes for Spectra Energy. Welder Foreman, Sam Sandbothe. Superintendent, Earl McDonald. Integrity Management and Maintenance. Working 6-10's.

– Ruff Creek, PA. 15,000' of 24", 30", & 36" Take up and relay for Spectra Energy. Welder Foreman, Clint Campbell. Superintendent, Hubert Ross. Integrity Management and Maintenance Work. Working 6-10's.

Precision Pipeline, LLC.:

Clymer, NY. 3 miles of 30" pipeline new lay for Kinder Morgan. Welder Foreman, Andy Hunt. Superintendent, Chad Ward. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Price Gregory International, Inc.:

9.5 miles of 24" pipeline for Regency Marcellus Gas Gathering. Welder Foreman, Rodger Hastings. Superintendent, Doug Gregory. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Rockford Corporation, Inc.:

Montrose, PA. 6.8 miles of 16" pipeline for Williams Midstream. Welder Foreman, Jesse Davis. Superintendent, Kevin Shaw. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Sheehan Pipeline Construction Company:

Dunmoore, PA. Construction of approximately 11.7 miles of 42" & 5.31 miles of 42" & Fab for Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company. Welder Foreman, David Loyd. Superintendent, Cotton Jordan. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

Trumbull Pipeline Services:

Finleyville, PA. 60' to 100' of 20" pipe replacement for EQT. Welder Foreman, Eric Jones. Superintendent, Dewayne Collins. Mainline Rates. Working 5-10's.

U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:

Clendenin, WV. Metering Station modifications for Columbia Gas/Kinder Morgan. Welder Foreman, Andy Davis. Superintendent, Todd Strassburg. Station Agreement, High Rates. Working 6-10's.

Union Pipeline, Inc.:

Butler, PA. 13,200' of 12" pipe New lay for Poly-Cor. Welder Foreman, Mike Fisher. Superintendent, Jim Contini. Special Agreement, High rates. Working 5-10's.

Welded Construction, L.P.:

LaCrosse, VA. 24" Weld investigations for Williams Pipeline/Transco. Welder Foreman, Keith Carroll. Superintendent, Al Kunkle. Mainline Rates. Working 6-10's.

CHRIS LANCASTER

IN, KY, MI, NC, OH, TN

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I am writing this report from home while recovering from surgery. I'm doing a lot better and hoping to be back to working full time soon. I miss seeing and talking on the phone with everyone. I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers; it's a really good feeling knowing I belong to such a caring organization. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Thanks to Danny, Wade, all the Agents, Organizers, Staff and Members for helping me during my time of need.

I've been talking to Terry Langley and it seems as though the work isn't going to be slowing down anytime soon, and next year is still looking great. Terry is doing a great job and I want to give him a special thanks for all the help he has given me and this Local. I hope to see everyone at the September meeting.

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline:

Bethesda, OH. 3 Miles of 20" New Lay. Superintendent, Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman, David Mitchell. Steward, Jason Pitts. Start 8-10-15. Completion 9-05-15.

Charps Welding:

Vassar, MI. 30" & 20" Integrity Digs and Maintenance. Superintendent, Mark Olson. Start 6-20-15. Completion 11-01-15.

Foltz Welding:

Portland, IN. Install Fabrication on 50 Miles 22" pipe and test. Superintendent, Kevin Cain. Welder Foreman, James Adams. Steward, Scotty Scott. Start 8-10-15. Completion 10-31-15.

Michels Pipeline:

Belmont, OH. 12.5 Miles of 30" New Lay. Superintendent, Freddie McKenzie. Welder Foreman, Carl Overstreet, JR. Steward, Jerry Jennings. Start 7-8-15. Completion 11-01-15.

Mid-Ohio Contracting:

Morristown, OH. 7000' of 12" New Lay. Superintendent, Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman, Brian Voytko. Steward, Matt West. Start 8-10-15. Completion 9-05-15.

United Piping:

Machinaw City, MI. 2-20" Receivers, 1-30" Launcher and associated piping. Superintendent, John Moore. Welder Foreman, Dan Mitchell. Steward, Robert Humphrey. Start 8-10-15. Completion 9-30-15.



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Meeting Notice September 11, 2015

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS: Nomination and Election of an Election Committee and Nominations for Convention Delegates. The Election Committee will oversee the 2015 Election of Convention Delegates for the 2016 UA Convention. Therefore, Election Committee Members will not be eligible to seek election as a Convention Delegate.

Nomination and Election of an Election Committee: As provided in the Local 798 Constitution & By-Laws under Article XVII, Elections, Section 7: "For each general election for officers, an Election Committee consisting of three (3) members will be nominated and elected at the nominating meeting. The member with the highest number of votes shall be Chairman of said committee, or, if no such plurality exists, the Committee shall appoint its own Chairman. The nominating meeting will be held at least one meeting prior to the election meeting. Its term of office shall be for that election only."

Any member who has been in continuous good standing for the two years prior to election is eligible to run for Election Committee. Nominations will be accepted on the floor at the Membership meeting. In addition, letters of nomination may be submitted via fax to 918 627-9327, via email to information@local798.org, or via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Faxed, emailed and mailed nominations must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Friday, September 11, 2015. 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 must be submitted prior to the start of the September 11, 2015 membership meeting. Letters can be submitted via fax to 918 627-9327, via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147 or via email to information@local798.org. It is the nominee's responsibility to verify that the nomination acceptance letter has been received by the Local Union office.

The secret ballot election will be conducted during the September 11, 2015 membership meeting. Election Committee Members will not be eligible to run for Convention Delegate, and should plan to attend a meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Local 798 Union office.

See the Nomination and Election Notice for Convention Delegates located elsewhere within this issue of the Blue Light Reports for information concerning the Nomination and Election procedures for Convention Delegates.

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, September 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL 798 2016 CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

This Notice provides important information regarding the nomination process for the upcoming Local 798 2016 U.A. General Convention Delegates. If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact the Union Hall.

NOMINATIONS

1. A meeting to nominate convention delegates will be held on Friday, September 11, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST), at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. No Local 798 member shall be eligible as a convention delegate or alternate unless he shall have been a good standing member of the Local Union which he is to represent for at least two (2) continuous years previous to his election and he remains in good standing from the date of his election through the period of the convention. The date of the "election" for purposes of determining eligibility to serve as a convention delegate or alternate 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 run for convention delegate or alternate.

3. Nominations for convention delegates will be accepted from the floor at the nominations meeting. A candidate may nominate himself and need not have a second. If a member is not present at the meeting, he may be nominated or nominate himself by sending a written notice of his acceptance of nomination as a convention delegate. Such written notice may be delivered by hand, mail, or facsimile to the Union Office, or by email to nominations@local798.org. Written notice must be received in the Local Union in Tulsa, Oklahoma no later than 12:00 p.m. noon (CST) on the day of nominations, Friday, September 11, 2015. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on July 1, 2015 and deactivated at 12:00 p.m. noon (CST) on Friday, September 11, 2015.) The names of all candidates received by this deadline will be announced at the nominations meeting.

4. Under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act ("LMRDA"), a member who has been convicted of certain crimes may not hold office or serve as a convention delegate for a maximum of 13 years following the date of conviction or the end of imprisonment, whichever is later. Please call the U.S. Department of Labor, or the Chairman of the Election Committee if you have a question about this provision of the LMRDA.

5. The Election Committee will conduct a candidate's meeting on Saturday, September 11, 2015. All candidates and their observers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be conducted at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will start at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

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 Saundra 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. 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.

3. Ballots will be counted on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma starting at 9:00 a.m. (CST).

4. 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.

5. 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).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

In January 2016, following the conclusion of the Fall 2015 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 relative (spouse, child, or grandchild) who has graduated 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.

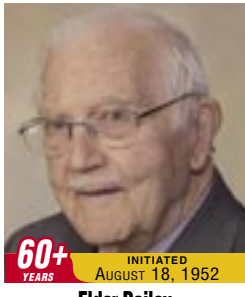
The Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$7,500 will also be awarded. It has been funded by Voluntary Fund donations, memorial donations in dedication to Harry Faucett, and through the generous contributions and sponsorships made at the annual golf tournament. This scholarship is 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.

Additionally, the Ernie Miller Scholarship was established to encourage students attending Trade Schools to enter careers oriented towards Labor Unions. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one recipient for the 2015/2016 school term. All applicants will be ranked according to academic achievement and the potential of success in their chosen field of study.

Application forms for the 2015/2016 Scholarship Programs are now available for students enrolled in the fall semester. Written requests should be addressed to Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. Applications may also be downloaded online from the Local Union website at www.local798.org. It is available under the Scholarship Program section.

An instruction sheet accompanies the application and appraisal forms. Particular attention to the rules, and compliance with the requirements is necessary in order 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 the 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 receipt of fall transcripts, but a cut-off date is necessary to process all files 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, 2016 deadline.

Members Honored With U.A. Certificates



60+
YEARS INITIATED
AUGUST 18, 1952
Elder Bailey
Quitman, MS
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 18, 1953
Kenneth Battles
Antlers, OK
Welder



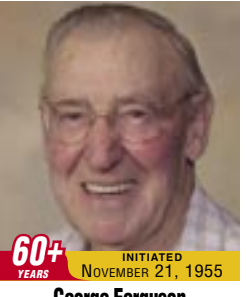
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S. Coffeyville, OK
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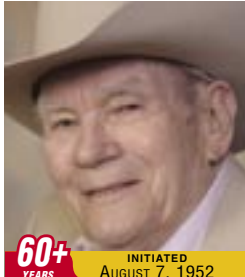
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Howard Cook
Bartlesville, OK
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DECEMBER 20, 1955
Raymond "Keith" Edwards
Monroe, LA
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
NOVEMBER 21, 1955
George Ferguson
Carson City, NV
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
AUGUST 7, 1952
Bernard Gaston
Eufaula, OK
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
JUNE 4, 1953
Earl Kesner
Tulsa, OK
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
JUNE 1, 1954
Kenneth W. Kilcrease, Sr.
Kerens, TX
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
OCTOBER 2, 1953
Fred J. Merlino, Jr.
Zelienople, PA
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 29, 1951
Tommy Robison
Lamar, OK
Welder



60+
YEARS INITIATED
JUNE 20, 1955
Joe C. Warren
Scottsdale, AZ
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
DECEMBER 27, 1956
Doyle R. Battles
Antlers, OK
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
FEBRUARY 11, 1957
Theodore "Ted" Brown, Jr.
Pryor, OK
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
FEBRUARY 21, 1956
Harold Hollabaugh
Langley, OK
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
NOVEMBER 17, 1958
Jerry Kitrell
Mayetta, KS
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
FEBRUARY 15, 1960
Joe Martinez
Elwood, IL
Helper



55+
YEARS INITIATED
JUNE 13, 1959
John S. Miller
Searcy, AR
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
NOVEMBER 23, 1956
Donald "Cheyenne" Pate
Hallettsville, TX
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
OCTOBER 4, 1960
George H. Pendergraft
Seneca, MO
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 5, 1958
John D. Post
Avella, PA
Welder



55+
YEARS INITIATED
JULY 22, 1958
William "Bucky" Price
Renovo, PA
Journeyman Spacer



55+
YEARS INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 19, 1957
Howard Rush
North Zulch, TX
Welder



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YEARS INITIATED
AUGUST 16, 1956
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Montgomery, TX
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Grant Sample
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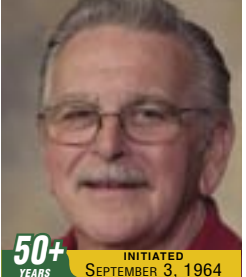
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APRIL 21, 1960
Darrel Wright
Mena, AR
Welder



50+
YEARS INITIATED
MAY 3, 1965
John P. Areno, III
Sulphur, LA
Welder



50+
YEARS INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 3, 1964
Donald P. Armstrong
Atlanta, TX
Welder



50+
YEARS INITIATED
NOVEMBER 15, 1961
Albert Ashby
Tularosa, NM
Journeyman Spacer



50+ YEARS INITIATED DECEMBER 29, 1965

Tommy Atkins
Bixby, OK
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 19, 1962

Charlie Balch
Grove, OK
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 19, 1962

John Balch
Jenks, OK
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED MAY 16, 1961

Kenneth Bloomfield
Cleveland, OK
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED APRIL 24, 1965

Carl W. Cannon
Whitesville, KY
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED MAY 10, 1965

Ray Corry
Fair View Heights, IL
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED FEBRUARY 11, 1965

Norval L. Cummings
Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1965

Frederick P. Curran
Renovo, PA
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED AUGUST 9, 1965

Jimmie Davis
Tuscumbia, AL
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 17, 1963

Ivan Degeyter
Florien, LA
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED NOVEMBER 9, 1964

Alton R. Diserens
Normangee, TX
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED AUGUST 22, 1963

Roy N. Doshier
Oak Grove, LA
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 19, 1962

Bobby P. Earnest
Huron, TN
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED DECEMBER 10, 1963

Clark Eastwood
Farmerville, LA
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED AUGUST 13, 1964

Ronnie Greenhill
Olive Hill, KY
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED MAY 11, 1965

Max W. Helms
Mecosta, MI
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 31, 1961

Joseph Henderson
Claremore, OK
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED MAY 25, 1965

Doyle Hendrix
Tulsa, OK
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED JUNE 28, 1965

Myron "Jack" Johnson
Moran, KS
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 20, 1965

Robert W. Johnson, Jr.
Strong, AR
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED JUNE 24, 1963

Buddy Kervin
Village Mills, TX
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50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 8, 1965

George B. Korner
Westerville, OH
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 27, 1965

Louie Langley
Morriton, AR
Journeyman Spacer



50+ YEARS INITIATED DECEMBER 8, 1965

Charles W. Mathis
Graham, TX
Journeyman Spacer



50+ YEARS INITIATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1965

Coy "Billy" McBrayer
Dumas, TX
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED MAY 3, 1965

Donnie Monceaux
Lake Charles, LA
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED JULY 20, 1964

Donald Oaks
Mount Pleasant, MI
Welder



50+ YEARS INITIATED NOVEMBER 30, 1965

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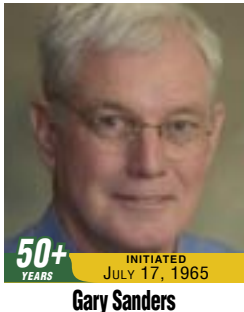


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Larry Rhodes
Lexington, TN
Welder



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50+ YEARS INITIATED JUNE 30, 1965

William "Joe" Scott
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Journeyman Spacer



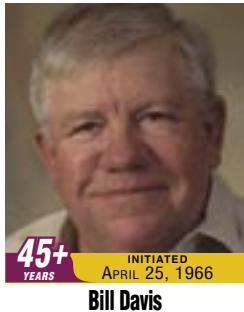
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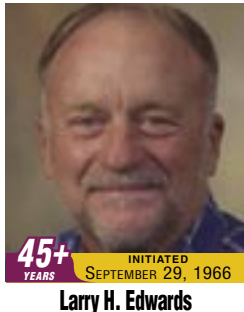
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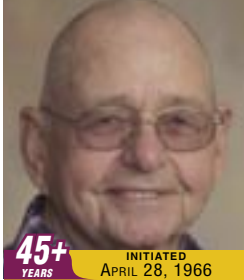
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Bill Davis
Spiro, OK
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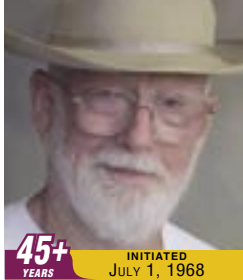
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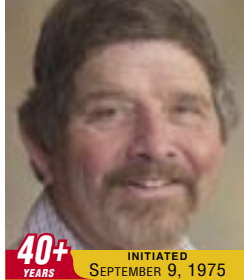
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Marty O'Brien
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Journeyman Spacer



45+ YEARS INITIATED JULY 1, 1968

Claude Pendergraft
Jay, OK
Helper



40+ YEARS INITIATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

David E. Allen
Nowata, OK
Welder



40+ YEARS INITIATED JULY 25, 1973

Russell D. Bailey
Haynesville, LA
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40+ YEARS INITIATED MARCH 18, 1975

Benny Barnett
Haskell, OK
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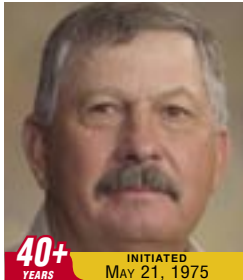
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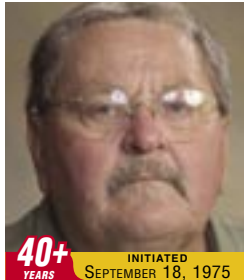
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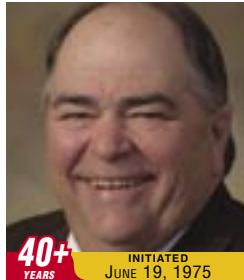
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Alan Johnson
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40+ YEARS INITIATED JUNE 19, 1975

Ricky G. Jones
Bald Knob, AR
Welder



40+ YEARS INITIATED OCTOBER 1, 1975

Chris Lancaster
Scotts Hill, TN
Welder



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Rickey Morgan
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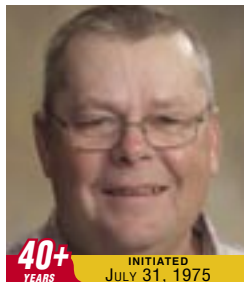
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Bobby Taylor
Sulphur, LA
Welder



40+ YEARS INITIATED MARCH 20, 1971

Cliff Taylor
Tulsa, OK
Journeyman Spacer



40+ YEARS INITIATED JULY 31, 1975

Randal J. Taylor
Clendenin, WV
Journeyman Spacer



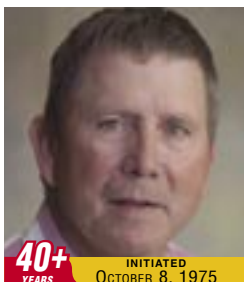
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James H. Thomas
New Smyrna Beach, FL
Helper



40+ YEARS INITIATED AUGUST 2, 1975

Ted R. Thomas
Falling Rock, WV
Welder



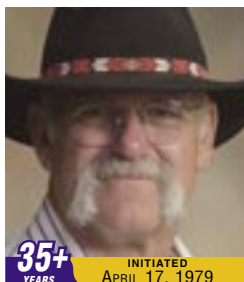
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Jerry Tomlinson
Iredell, TX
Welder



40+ YEARS INITIATED DECEMBER 17, 1975

Phillip W. Wallace
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Welder



35+ YEARS INITIATED APRIL 17, 1979

Peter Ashby
Cadillac, MI
Welder



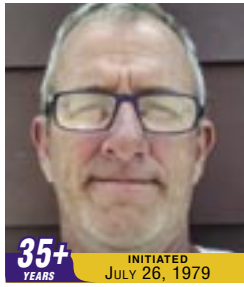
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Roger Barnett
Haskell, OK
Welder



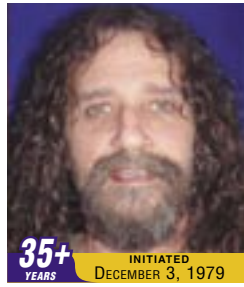
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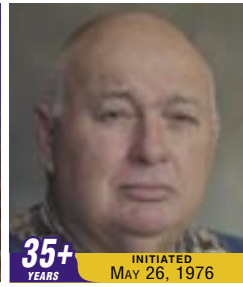
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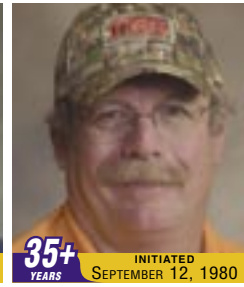
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Craig E. Easley
Ironwood, MI
Welder



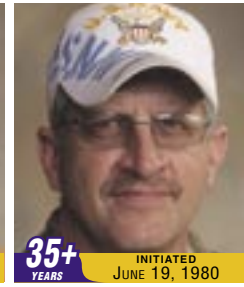
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Forest, LA
Welder



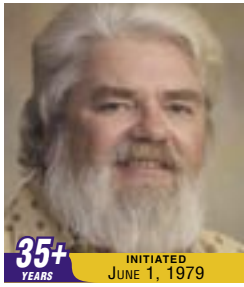
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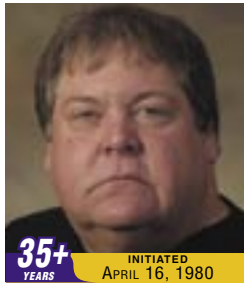
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JUNE 19, 1980

Jim A. Rini
New Philadelphia, OH
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Gene Walker, Jr.
Willow Wood, OH
Journeyman Spacer



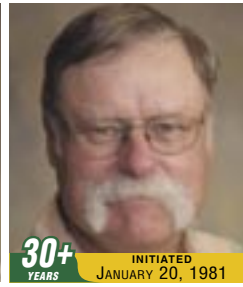
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Michael W. Williams
Louisville, KY
Journeyman Spacer



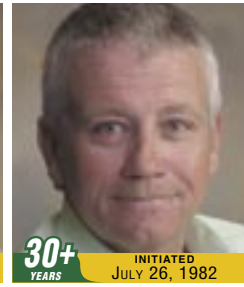
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Welder



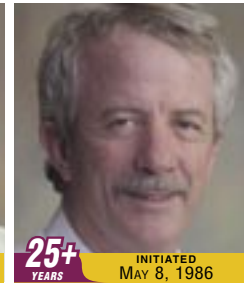
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Richard Joeris
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Welder



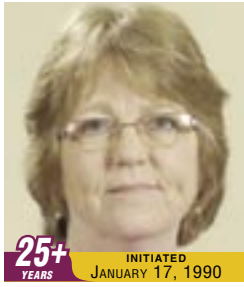
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Randall Mathis
Graham, TX
Welder



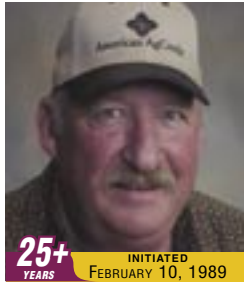
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Frank Bowker
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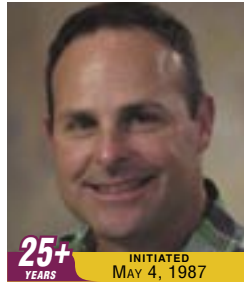
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Alma Fay Gandee
Gay, WV
Helper



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FEBRUARY 10, 1989

Steve Schreibvogel
Keenesburg, CO
Welder



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Donnie and Pamela Goodin send their deepest thanks to the Voluntary Fund. The money will be used toward medical expenses for Pamela. Although there is a long way to go for a full recovery, they are hopeful it will happen in time.

John and Mary McCollum appreciate the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund. It was useful toward travel expenses after their daughter passed away.

Monty and Janet Samford express their gratitude for the recent check they received from the Voluntary Fund. The contribution greatly helped when they had to travel several states to attend a funeral.

Billy and Terri Burchfield would like to thank everyone for the monetary gift they received from the Voluntary Fund after Terri fell and broke three bones in her back. Thank you to all who donate to the fund with special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Danny Burdge, Barrett Arnold, and Barry English.

Teddy and Rebecca Payne say a huge thank you to all of the Brothers and Sisters who graciously donated to the Voluntary Fund. The money will go towards medical expenses. Thanks again!

Jack and Betty Campbell send a special thank you to all 798 members, the Voluntary Fund, and most of all to welder members Scott Campbell and Johnny Ray Warren for all your help, thoughts, and prayers after Jack's neck surgery.

Clayton Smith and Family are very appreciative to everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Jesse Davis, Dean Smith, and the rest of the Rockford crew in Montrose, PA. They will be forever grateful.

James Warner and Family want to thank all contributors of the Voluntary Fund for the help received after his recent arm operations. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Phillip Wallace, David Warner, and Kyle Hill. May God bless Local 798 and its members.

Ricky and Becky Standridge would like to thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund. Becky is getting better after her surgery; the check will help with medical bills. Special thanks to David and Jonathan Dickerson, Wayne and Jennifer Bates, Danny Hendrix, and Wade Pilgreen.

Steve Barbre writes to say the assistance he received was sincerely appreciated. It is an honor to belong to such a great organization. Special thanks to Darrell Turner and Black Schroeder.

Aaron Ridenbaugh expresses gratitude for the check he recently received. It will help a lot while trying to heal and letting the legal process take its course. He is proud to be a part of the Union Brotherhood.

Juan Rivera sends a thank you to everyone for the help they received at the passing of

his uncle. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, John Monden, Andy Hurlbert, Craig Watson, Eddy Douglas and the hands on the Sheldon, WI job.

Jerry Murray and Family appreciated the help they received from the Voluntary Fund. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness at the passing of his wife, Joan.

Lucinda Weber thanks the Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes to it. The funds have helped with expenses that insurance does not cover. Special thanks to Carroll Tuggle and Wade Pilgreen.

Larry B. Edwards sends his thanks to the officers and members of the greatest labor union, for the gift received from the Voluntary Fund to help battle liver cancer. Special thanks to R.J. Todd.

Cheryl Ann Moore wants to say thank you to all the members who give to the Voluntary Fund. Members of 798 truly care about other members. Special thanks to Alan Boyd, Danny Poole, and Jimmy Dodd. To other Brothers and Sisters who call, thank you and love you all.

Newman Joe Robison is grateful for the help since his heart attack. He says thank you to the Voluntary Fund and the 798 members. A special thank you to Tommy Joe Robison and Daniel Hendrix.

Tommy and Shelly Lester would like to thank Preston Richard, Kenny Glaze, and all the wonderful Brothers and Sisters in Local 798 for the gift from the Voluntary Fund. Everyone's concern and contribution has been very much appreciated since Shelly was diagnosed with cancer. They appreciate all your prayers.

Stann Campbell sincerely thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. A special thank you to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Black Schroeder, and Darrell Turner.

Larry Messick says thank you to all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received. A special thank you to Jerry Herring and the Big Inch crew in OH / PA.

Earl Walls and Family would like to thank Local 798 and all the Brothers and Sisters for their support. They want to give a special thanks to Rick Taylor.

F. Dee and Donna Usry were so blessed to receive the gift from the Voluntary Fund during his hospital stay. He would like to give a special thanks to Alton Hill, Harold Black, John White, and Richie Hayes.

Chad Franklin appreciates the help received from the Voluntary Fund. A special thank you to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, and all of the members who have contributed to the Voluntary Fund.

Bruce Weeks writes to say what an honor it is to belong to such a great group of people who care. He wants to thank Neil Crabtree and Travis Crabtree for being so thoughtful to consider him as a recipient of the Voluntary Fund.

Black and Tuffy Schroeder want to thank

everyone for the love and support shown at the passing of Black's mother. The flowers were beautiful and the phone calls have been appreciated.

Reid Baso and Family thank you for your heartfelt concern regarding their oldest daughter, Rylie. There are no words to express how you have touched their hearts, and are grateful for the financial donation. There is nothing in the world like this family.

James Miller and Family would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was deeply appreciated and will help tremendously with medical bills. A special thanks to Michael Layrock, Wade Pilgreen, and Danny Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bunton extend a big thank you to the Voluntary Fund and everyone who gives to it, for the gift they received. It was extremely thoughtful and really helped them out.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dartton say thank you for helping them in their time of need. They cannot tell you how needed the money was during this difficult time.

Ronnie and Michelle Hill would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received will help with repairs after their home flooded. Special thanks to Danny and Norma Kay Hendrix.

Anthony Jackson appreciates the assistance he and his family received from the Voluntary Fund after his emergency surgery. Thank you to all the Brother and Sister members who contributed to the fund. A special thank you to Billy Hawkins, Steve Birgy, and Wade Pilgreen.

Ronald and Judi Hoyt have no words to express how thankful they are to all of you. Your kindness at the passing of their son was very thoughtful and generous. May God bless and keep you all safe.

Kenny and Linda Dye thank the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Kenny's heart surgery. It is going to be a big help with the medical expense. Thanks again to all who contribute. Special thanks to Michael Hawkins' crew.

Billy Joe Anglin says thank you for your support during his surgery. Special thanks to Wayne White.

Charles "Bud" Dinkens would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone who donates to it for the help he received after his hip surgery.

The Jacob Rice Family thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received. It was greatly appreciated and helped with medical bills. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix.

Matthew Johnson says thank you to everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Larry Edwards, and every 798 member who finds it in their hearts to help their fellow members during difficult times.

Chrissy Hawkins wants to thank her Brothers and Sisters of this great local for contributing

to the Voluntary Fund. She appreciates the thoughtfulness of Billy Earl Hawkins, Steve Birgy, and Craig Stanfield during her time of loss.

Richard Shannon and Family cannot express how thankful they are for the help from the Voluntary Fund. This gift will help them get back on their feet after having such a rough year.

Jeff Bergkamp writes to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received was very helpful and appreciated. Special thanks to Kent Jewel and Cole Haukap for taking care of him, his family, and his rig while he was in the hospital.

Steve Tolley and Family would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help he received while he was in the hospital, and thru his illness. Special thanks to Darrell Turner and all his old friends for all the calls and prayers.

Bo & Joyce Johnston send out a heartfelt thanks to the Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes to it, for the check they received. It is a great and one of a kind organization we belong to! Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen, Danny Hendrix, and Lester Hall.

IN MEMORIAM

O.H. Howell, 79 year-old Retired Welder of Nicholson, MS passed away June 6, 2015.

Kermit M. Schreckhise, 96 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Winnfield, LA passed away June 21, 2015.

James M. Rhoades, 101 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Westminster, CO passed away June 27, 2015.

Gilmer H. Ogg, 55 year-old Journeyman Spacer of Pryor, OK passed away June 29, 2015.

Gordon Simpson, 86 year-old Retired Welder of Houston, AR passed away July 10, 2015.

Charles P. Kilgore, 77 year-old Retired Welder of Dundas, IL passed away July 15, 2015.

Allen Joseph Polizzi, 62 year-old Retired Welder of Covington, LA passed away July 24, 2015.

Riley Leavell, 68 year-old Retired Helper of Lamar, AR passed away August 2, 2015.

Michael C. McGovern, 54 year-old Welder of Dallas, PA passed away August 2, 2015.

Todd D. Post, 52 year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Cuero, TX passed away August 2, 2015.

Kenneth B. Roberts, 91 year-old Retired Welder of New Iberia, LA passed away August 2, 2015.

Richard D. Murnan, 54 year-old Helper of Bartlesville, OK passed away August 7, 2015.



Daniel E. Brasiel, Helper, West Monroe, LA

Alton D. Braud, Welder, Baker, LA

Douglas R. Burdine, Welder, Livingston, TX

Deborah L. Colbert, Helper, Towanda, PA

Jimmy A. Foreman, Sr., Welder, Vinton, LA

Rick E. Grubbs, Helper, Claremore, OK

Mark L. Hall, Welder, Ponca City, OK

Robert L. Hardin, Welder, Channelview, TX

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Carey L. Miller, Welder, Brownsboro, TX

Bobby R. Noble, Welder, Frost, TX

Jerry Pass, Journeyman Spacer, Lexington, KY

Todd D. Post, Journeyman Spacer, Cuero, TX

Terry R. Sampsel, Welder, Massillon, OH

Dennis A. Sawyer, Welder, Norman, OK

Jerry J. Scarlett, Helper, Columbus, NE

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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.



PSS Companies, as a leader in the distribution of supplies and service to the pipeline industry would like to express our sincere appreciation to Pipeliner's Local 798 for the support we have received throughout the past year. Our sponsorship for 798 has provided us with the opportunity to meet and greet hundreds of members during the Annual Steward's Meeting as well as during the first Annual PSS Expo held in Houston, TX this past April. During face to face discussions with contractors, superintendents, welder foremen and welders, we are able to provide valuable solutions to the many problems that face them on a daily basis.

At the Expo we provided several informative breakout sessions hosted by manufacturers that focused on specific products. Attendees were also able to interact with several of our partners to gain knowledge of the latest technologies in products from safety supplies, coatings, rigging, material handling, pigs, welding products, and services from mats to fuel and transportation. We certainly hope you will plan to be with us next year.

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PSS Companies would like to express our sincere thanks to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, and Farron Hollabaugh for their constant support. We would also like to thank all of the members of the Pipeliners Local 798 for your support in allowing us to provide you with supplies and services in your continued efforts to make our industry safe, environmentally secure, and profitable. Please don't hesitate to call on any of our locations or highly trained, knowledgeable sales people for assistance.

Here is some quick information on what the Out-of-Work List has been doing this summer:

Beginning May 1, 2015 we had 1100 Welders on the Out-of-Work List compared to 559 now. The Journeymen had 220 and is down to 122. Our Helpers were at 1450 and are now at 482. The Local has dispatched 506 Welders, 106 Journeyman and 790 Helpers, all since May 1. Please realize the contractor is matching all these numbers, and most members get on the list even if they plan on being contract hired. This many people coming off the wheel can only mean work is good! There is no down turn in sight at the present, and more work is scheduled to begin in September.

We are doing everything possible to assure our members easy access to get back to work as quickly and easily as possible



Dispatch Report

By Ricky Jones

sible when laid off. Also, we are working diligently to fill the job orders and get our members back on the job sites quickly. Always get on the list as soon as you are terminated regardless of the cause, even when traveling in other locals. We can sort that out later.

The Jobline can be accessed Monday thru Friday from 6 p.m. until 7 a.m. at (918) 610-2745. Please be aware that unfilled jobs are available on the 798 website at www.local798.org on the Dispatch/Jobs page until approximately 3:30 p.m. Central Time. These jobs can be offered first come, first served after the day's Jobline has been called. If we can help, give us a call in the Dispatch Office at (918) 610-2761. We are in the office Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and most Saturday mornings.

It was good to see so many old friends and new ones at the Wheeling, WV Regional Meeting. That was truly a show of unity. This sense of unity and brotherhood is something non-union workers never get to experience.

We are truly a big family and like all families we look out for each other. It's this kind of unity that guarantees us a living wage and benefits.

That's exactly why the non-union sector in this country is so afraid of organized labor. They know that when men and women stick together and pool their resources it gives them more power to bargain for better wages and conditions. It also means that workers are not at the mercy of management alone; they have a voice and it must be heard.

Many employers respect worker's rights and basic freedoms. These are the ones that sign a union contract and agree to negotiate in good faith with their employees. But it seems the other side will stop at nothing to keep from giving their employees a voice and resort to many different tactics to suppress them.

One day they may appear to be making up for past violations with sudden changes in attitude. They may even admit wrong doing and promise to change; that it will never happen again. They may try bribery with temporary changes and improvements. But these are just temporary changes to keep them pacified until they aren't needed any longer.

If these don't work they may resort to scare tactics. They threaten to close their doors and lay everyone off. In some cases, they even hire highly paid union-busting consultants to use any number of tactics against us. Sometimes they will pay these people more money than it would cost to pay prevailing wage. They also love to spread lies about the union trying to convince their employees that the union is not good for workers. They try to convince them that you have no voice in the union, which we all know is a lie. They try to frighten their workers by telling them how they will have to pay dues, etc. What they fail to mention is those dues bring large rewards in the form of pay raises, benefits, job security, representation, and better working conditions. The added pay and benefits workers receive belonging to a union far outweigh the cost of dues. Dues also go to pay salaries, legal assistance, support staff, rent, materials, and the list goes on. All of these things are necessary to maintain

good contracts and adequate representation.

They would like to think it's about the money; that they can't operate paying higher wages, but that's also a lie. What it's really about is CONTROL; total control of every aspect of their employees. They want their workers at their mercy, ever afraid for their jobs, living from pay check to pay check with no retirement or health care. After all, who needs retirement? You can always be a Wal-Mart greeter when you're too old to work. When you retire from the non-union they will gladly give you your last pay check and wish you well. If someone has serious health problems they have no concern about their employee's financial welfare. They might have a benefit fish fry to make

themselves feel good and appear to care, but how far does that go with a 50 or 60 thousand dollar hospital bill? People are easily controlled like that, and are afraid to speak up. The handful who might speak up are fired because if you're in a so called "Right to Work" state you're an At-Will employee, and can be dismissed without just cause. Workers with these types of employers are no more than a crescent wrench; used until they are worn out, then simply thrown in the garbage.

The sad fact is that non-union workers have no idea how much power they could have if they simply stood up to these unscrupulous contractors. That's what destroys an industry. A non-union contractor may get the low bid on a job, but he had to cheat his employees to do it.

We have the best wages, working conditions, and retirement in the industry. We are working now to try to have burdensome, expensive DOT regulations lifted from welding rigs. It didn't

happen by accident either, it's all the result of unity; each one of you standing together saying we want our fair share. What exactly has the non-union sector contributed to this industry other than stagnant wages and working conditions, and selling American workers out for cheap foreign labor?

I think anyone who's a good pipeliner needs to belong to a union; it only makes sense. It's good for us, for the contractor, and it's good for America. As always if I can help you in any way please call.

Fraternally, Ronnie M. Hill

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ORGANIZING REPORT

PIBF NEWS

Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund

Robert "Bob" Kime, Director

Suspension of Pension Benefits / Loss of Retiree Health Coverage

The rules of the Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF) authorize the Director to suspend any retiree's monthly pension check if the plan participant is working non-union in any capacity that is covered under the National Pipe Line Agreement. If the Fund Director is notified by an officer of the Local Union or United Association and provided documentation that a member is working non-union, the Director will promptly provide a letter of suspension of benefits to the plan participant stating the facts and circumstances and what the participant must do to have the monthly pension benefit reinstated.

In addition to suspension of retiree benefits, the plan participant will not be able to continue coverage under the retiree health care plan.

The Trustees may grant a waiver relative to working for a non-signatory employer if the employment is for the purpose of organizing a non-represented employer in the Pipeline

Industry for the purpose of achieving a collective bargaining agreement with that employer.

Generally, the suspension of benefit rules in this article do not apply to plan participants working in covered employment. Retired members over 62 can work based on the "in service" distribution rules of the plan and those retirees under 62 may have their pension benefits suspended if they return to work within 30 days of retirement or return to work without regard to IRS limitations.

401(k) Employee Contributions

The IRS guidelines allow a plan participant to contribute \$18,000 under age 50 and \$24,000 over age 50 for 2015. The Fund office tracks the employee contributions and provides a notification when a member is nearing the maximum allowable amounts, however, because of timing of payments from contractors, each member should self-monitor their 401(k) contributions and stop contributing when the limit is reached.

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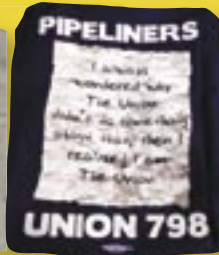
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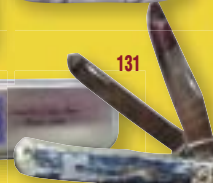
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