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for Michels Pipeline in Shirleysburg, PA.  
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# BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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# BUSINESS MANAGER'S Report



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Do you remember the first time you stepped onto the ROW to work for Local 798? Maybe it was your first job, or maybe you came from the non-union side with a leap of faith to better yourself. Either way, it can be a little intimidating to say the least. All of us, no matter how young or old, remember that first day. We also remember the people who reached out to us to help us feel like we were in the right place, and everything was going to be ok.

I mention this because our family, our union, has been steadily growing and will continue to do so into the future. If you have been in this family, reach out with a kind word and a handshake to welcome your new Brothers and Sisters. Let them know that you are proud they made the decision to join our unionized pipeline family. You will never get a better chance at making a new friend than at that moment. We should never judge a person on his or her past journey, but we should value that they have decided to become one of us, a 798er.

I have visited with many members over the last 12 years that got their start on the non-union side. They have witnessed and worked under sub-standard wages and conditions with no benefits or representation. They appreciate the value of unionism, more so than most, because they now are the union! The union is not just a building in Tulsa, it's a way of life. Remember every day, that **You Are the Union!**

With so many new workers joining, I want to impress upon all our family that we have an obligation as a union member, and as a human being, to teach and counsel the new members of our family. We all become stronger when we communicate our concerns with one another, working as a team to present the best value to our contractors.

We currently are wide open as far as the work season is concerned. Some of the larger projects, such as Atlantic Coast with 600 miles of 42"-30", haven't even started yet. We have been blessed for many years now, and it looks like it will continue for some time to come. For the last several years, our work has been primarily in the Northeast, and mostly small to medium diameters. This year will be much different for some of you. Laying large diameters in the mountains multiplies exponentially the dangers of our jobs on the ROW. To my knowledge, no one has ever laid 42" in the topography that we are about to encounter. Pipelining is always dangerous work because of the pipe and machinery. But I believe this year and next will challenge even the most seasoned pipeliner. I caution all of you to be alert—eyes and ears wide open—for the safety of yourself and your crew members. The life you save may be your own!

Last, but not least, if you enjoy the great benefits of the Union, such as healthcare, pension, 401(k), training and a structured workforce, please take just a few minutes every morning to thank the good Lord for your many blessings. Then pick up your phone and go to the Local 798 Action Page to advocate for your future. Use your voice to collectively tell the nation they need this energy infrastructure built by the best—Local 798! As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the finest pipeliners in the world."

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix  
Business Manager

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S Report



Brothers and Sisters,

This year is meeting and possibly going to exceed all our expectations. Through April, we've already recorded over two million man-hours, and it looks like it's only going to get better as the year progresses. The work this year is taking place in some of the roughest terrains the United States has to offer, so remember to work safely. Always be aware of your surroundings, and please look out for your Brothers and Sisters. Hopefully, everyone will have a prosperous year, and return home safely once the jobs wind down.

Thank you to all the members who have recently become active with the Action Network. We had a good surge of participation during, and since, Steward School. Every click helps to ensure these projects get the necessary approval, and that when the time comes for the projects to start, we are the ones doing the work. The clients are taking notice that members of organized labor are the ones signing petitions and attending meetings. Anyone who has been to any of these FERC and utility board meetings can tell you that the non-union contractors do not advocate for these projects. Our membership always does an outstanding job of answering the call when we ask for representation at these meetings. I know we sound like broken records on this subject, but please continue to be active, and ask those around you to participate as well. It is working in our favor, and we will continue to step up our efforts in the future.

When you are out in the communities, remember to represent Local 798 to the best of your ability. I hate that I even need to mention this, but please always pay your lodging bills. I know the majority of our membership would never attempt to leave a campsite or hotel without settling up, but I'm getting these calls from time to time. If you leave owing a lodging bill, plan on answering to the Executive Board. We've worked too hard on our image as Local 798 members to let a few bad apples set us back.

We are starting to see jobs go unfilled by Local 798 members which means our Local Union is beginning to grow again. If you are on the job with new members, take the time to make them feel welcome and show them our ways. Every member of Local 798 got their start somewhere. It speaks volumes for our organization that we have thousands of applicants wanting to become a part of what we are. I think Black Schroeder put it best in his "Right-of-Way Etiquette" speech: "People may forget what you said, people may forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Make these new members feel like they belong to this great organization.

If there's anything I can ever help with, please don't hesitate to call. As always, I am proud to have the opportunity to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

# BUSINESS AGENT Reports



AL, FL, GA, LA, MS  
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## Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I am writing this report while on the road doing a few job visits. By the time you read this report, everyone who wants to work should be on a job somewhere. Hopefully, everyone arrived at their destinations safely and are settling down in their new locations.

I have heard several complaints about the number of books being sold. A friendly reminder about our contract - we are required to man our work. That means every time a member passes up the opportunity to take a job, there is a non-book hand waiting to take advantage of the situation. And for them, we are grateful and look forward to them becoming part of our 798 family.

Please take the time to advocate for our work by signing in and participating in the Action Network. There is an EXTREMELY long list of members in my jurisdiction who are not participating. Now that I have the list, don't be surprised when you receive a phone call from me. We must be diligent in our pursuit of future work opportunities!

In closing, remember that I am here to serve you, so do not hesitate to call. God bless each and every one of you, and God bless this great Local.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Wayne Holden & Co., Inc.:

-Morton, MS. 14,000' of 8" steel; Main Installation for Centerpoint Energy. Superintendent: Stanley Eaves. Welder Foreman: David Hickman. Steward: James Hathorn. Approx. Completion: 7-4-18.

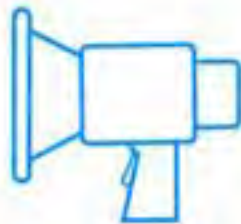
#### Foltz Welding:

-Colia, MS. Take up 120' of 24" for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Jeff Huffman. Welder Foreman: Kenneth Ochs. Steward: Glen Sharp. Approx. Completion: 6-20-18

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## Chad Gilbert

I am writing my report from home in Mancos, Colorado. I have just returned from the Front Range of Colorado where I spoke with a non-union contractor, Milestone, about signing our National Pipeline Agreement. The conversation consisted of the president being concerned about the rules we follow in the NPLA. I tried my best to relay that the verbiage in the agreement is not only there for the members, but the contractor as well. I also relayed that with a contract brings structure to the jobsite and good hiring practices. Although we did not come to an agreement, we did leave the door open for additional talks. I have also seen a new contractor doing work in Colorado that is from Louisiana named KNL Construction. I am currently seeking a meeting with the owner but have not had a return call at this time. I will continue to seek out communication with the contractor in hopes of opening a dialog.

I do want to reiterate that if you are caught working non-union in the West, you will go in front of the Executive Board; no questions asked. With great Union jobs available, why someone would work non-union is beyond me. If you choose to do it, then send your book to the hall with a resignation letter. Working non-union and not filling the jobs on the Job Line is hurting our members, contractors and Union hall. There is no excuse.

The work in the West looks to be better than the last few years. We have opportunities for work throughout my jurisdiction this work season. As of now, we plan on doing work for Suncor, Xcel Energy and others. I will not go into details as some of the jobs are still out for bids, but the contractors are bidding multiple projects in Colorado and Wyoming. Hopefully, they will be successful. It's a tough market in the West right now, but we will continue to fight for the work. I appreciate the members who live in my jurisdiction because they all support the effort to gain market share.

If you have not signed up on the [action.local798.org](http://action.local798.org) web page, please do so immediately. We, as officers and agents, only ask for help from the members when we are not capable of doing a task alone. We are asking you to please sign up on the site to promote pipeline work and our industry. The Action Network is a tool we can all use to help bring good paying jobs to our industry and promote strength in numbers in our Union. It's not a lot to ask, and I hope each member will make it a priority. I plan on calling the members in my jurisdiction and sending personal emails to the ones who are not registered. I cannot express how important it is for all members to sign up. Please call, text, or email anytime if I can be of help.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Michels:

-Del Norte, CO. 5.9 miles of 6", 8 miles of 4", 1 mile of 8", 6 valve set upgrades, 8 farm taps, and 6 HDD for Xcel Energy. Steward: Jordan Lindsay. Working 5-10s. Integrity Agreement.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MT, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD  
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## Phillip Wallace

The 2018 work season is at full throttle and on the way to record-breaking man-hours for the year. The Mainline Transmission work in the Northeastern states has busted open with job opportunities for every member that wants to work. If you're reading this Blue Light report and you are not on someone's payroll, something is very wrong. Hopefully, it's not illness for you or your family. If you are healthy and able to work, your Local needs you to help man these jobs that have gone unfilled every night for the last few weeks. Most of all, your family needs you working to better support them with a good wage, health care benefits, and to build your pension credits so you can have a decent income when you retire. On June 4, you received a 3% wage and fringe increase that was allocated mostly to the per diem. It's always good to get a raise.

I just returned from Duluth, MN, where Bob Schoneberger with United Piping set up a meeting and lunch for the group, Jobs for Minnesotans, and Enbridge. Enbridge CEO Al Monaco and his staff spoke on the Line 3 Replacement that has been in the permit process for the last few years. The finish line is in sight with the final permits to be issued in late June. This 337 miles of 36" from Western Minnesota to the Enbridge Terminal in Superior, WI, is a real job for 2019. I think some winter work and stations will start this winter when some swamp areas are frozen, with mainline work starting in 2019.

It's a great time to be a 798 Pipeliner, so take advantage of these job opportunities.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Casper Construction:

-Grand Rapids, MN. Enbridge Integrity Digs in MN, ND, WI, and MI. Superintendent: Sean Reed. Welder Foreman: Levi Novacek. Steward: Kyle Comstock. Working 5-10s. High Scale, ongoing blanket.

#### Charps, LLC:

-Clearbrook, MN. Koch Integrity Digs. Superintendent: Brady Nelson. Welder Foreman: Don King. Steward: Tanner Dremmel. Working 5-10s, High Scale, 6 weeks.  
-Adar, IA. Northern Natural Gas Integrity Maintenance in IA and NE. Superintendent: Adam Highburg. Welder Foreman: Joe Foris. Steward: Chris Olson. Working 6-10s. High Scale, ongoing blanket.

#### Geeding:

-Liberty, MO. Buckeye 10" Relocation Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: TJ Luck. Steward: Scott Lippe. High Scale, 4 weeks.

#### Intren:

-North Liberty, IA. MidAmerica Energy 5,200' of 16". Superintendent: Frank Robeldo. Welder Foreman: Matt Wilkerson, LU 25. Steward: Marty Campbell. Working 5-10s. High Scale, 3 months.

#### McCizer Pipeline:

-Judsonia, AR. Center Point, Integrity Pipeline and Station Changeouts. Superintendent: Chad Townsend. Welder Foreman: Thad Townsend. Steward: Jeremy Ryan. Working 4-10s. Ongoing blanket.

#### Michels Pipeline:

-Bushton, KS. NNG 30" Launcher Receiver & Block Valve Replacement. Superintendent: Brandon Duffy. Welder Foreman: Ben Weinke. Steward: Warren Lyda. Working 6-10s. High Scale, 8 weeks.  
-Grundy Center, IA. Northern Natural Gas Integrity Digs in multiple states. Superintendent: Travis Novak. Welder Foreman: Brian Straight. Steward: Johnny "Josh" Gardner. Working 6-10s. High Scale, ongoing blanket.  
-Meade, KS. NNG Fab and install Cross Overs. Superintendent: Rod Coburn. Welder Foreman: Kevin Marlett. Steward: David Lizana. Working 6-10s. High Scale, 3 months.

### Midwestern Contractors:

-Muscatine, IA. Alliant Energy 3.3 miles of 8". Superintendent: Wes Sears. Welder Foreman: Shane Lawrence, LU 597. Steward: Rick "Bugs" Hemmer. Working 6-10s, High Scale, 14 weeks.

### Minnesota limited:

-Bethany, MO. Flint Hills Resources Station Modifications. Superintendent: Jamie Karels. Welder Foreman: Nick Schmidt. Steward: Chuck Nobles. Working 6-10s. High Scale.  
-Big Lake, MN. Various Gas and Oil Companies. Superintendent: Ryan Julin. Welder Foreman: Tom Lilyerd. Steward: Brent Stai. Working 5-10s. High Scale, ongoing blanket.  
-Cunningham, KS. Northern Natural Gas 30" Drip Leg Installation. Superintendent: Paul Johnson. Welder Foreman: Matt Benham, LU 11. Steward: Michael J. Johnson, LU 539. Working 6-10s. High Scale, 5 weeks.  
-Tioga, ND. Hess, Tesoro, Enbridge, and TransCanada Gathering System and Well Pad Hookups. Superintendent: Dustin Adams. Welder Foreman: Ryan Swartz. Steward: Cory Hiller. Working 6-10s. 90% Scale, ongoing blanket.

### Q3 Contracting:

-Little Canada, MN. Xcel Energy Integrity Pipeline and Station work. Superintendent: Brett Cats. Welder Foreman: Roger Bennerotte, LU 6. Steward: Les Bardwell. Working 5-10s. High Scale, ongoing blanket.

### Southern Pipeline:

-Cushing, OK. Magellan 1,100' of 12". Superintendent: Arron Gossett. Welder Foreman: Curtis Mason. Steward: Rodger P. Hastings. Working 6-10s. High Scale, 3-4 weeks.  
-Damascus, AR. SWN Station Modifications. Superintendent: Marcus Thomason. Welder Foreman: Mike Varner. Steward: Jeffery Adams. Working 5-10s. Ongoing blanket.  
-Geary, OK. OneOk Station Modifications. Superintendent: Clay Johnson. Steward: Ronnie Voyles. Working 5-10s. Low scale, ongoing blanket.

### Wayne Holden:

-Pochontas, AR. Center Point small diameter pipeline and station work. Superintendent: Wayne Holden. Steward: Ryan Usry. Working 5-10s. Low Scale, ongoing blanket.



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## Black Schroeder

The work is just about in full swing all over the country, but we just got more bad news in Texas. The eight spreads of 24" for Enterprise that run from Pecos to Mount Belvieu, TX, were just let all non-union. Our contractors bid this project at the low scale wages, fringes and warehouse limit.

The construction starting date was July. Brothers and Sisters, I guess if you want to work in this cheap state we could all agree to work for FOOD and FUEL. We could possibly pick up some other projects that are being bid on, but most likely it would be winter work.

The PLCA and the four union crafts recently hosted the very first Tripartite Meeting in Houston, TX, and it wrapped up in Crosby the following day at the new IUOE Training Center. The UA was well represented at the event with General President Mark McManus and Assistant General President Mike Pleasant. In attendance also was UA Pipeline Director David Barnett, International Representative Corby Shelton, and Special Representative Mike Mikich. Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Training Director Farron Hollabaugh, and I represented Local 798. David Barnett spoke at the meeting and did an excellent job, along with the rest of the speakers.

I would like to thank our clients, the oil and gas companies, that were in attendance. They had over 30 representatives at the event. Our four unions had the opportunity at a state-of-the-art training center to showcase what we have and what we are about. I would also like to say thanks to Farron Hollabaugh and the Dickerson family - David, David (Cy), Kristina, and Cash



for their part in the training showcase. Any UA member would be proud of the way they represented the UA and Local 798. Thanks to Beth Worrell, Managing Director of the PLCA, for putting this all together, and all the contractors and their representatives for attending. This could very well be the future for the pipeline industry. Thanks to Bob Wilds, Pipeline Director for the IUOE, and all the IUOE for the hospitality. You've got an impressive facility!

If you have not joined the ACTION NETWORK, STOP right now and go do it! It's all about you!

It's going to be very dangerous in those mountains of West Virginia; everyone please work safe. And, if I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me.

#### Pre-Jobs:

#### Geeding Construction:

-Sour Lake, TX, Drumright, OK & Houston, TX. Fabricate & Install Piping and Pipe Supports for TransCanada. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Steward: Richard Hayes, Jr. Started 5-11-18. Approx. Completion 6-16-18.



IN, MI, OH  
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### Charles Yates, Jr.

With the work season in full swing, 798 definitely has boots on the ground. From the Nexus project to the Saginaw Trail, members are putting in a full day's work for a full day's pay all the while maintaining safe working conditions and being productive. This is union labor.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to the Stewards. Being a union Steward is a serious commitment and requires great devotion on behalf of 798. If you have never worked as a Steward, it is hard to imagine the magnitude of responsibility. Some days they really have their hands full. It would be easier for these members to go out and just weld. Instead, they have been entrusted with upholding our contract and representing the hands which are just a few of their daily duties. Thank you to each and every Steward in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio for your leadership, management skills, and work ethic. I appreciate you. Every member should always follow the chain of command should you need assistance on the job. Approach the Welder Foreman first, then go to your Steward. Give them an opportunity to handle the situation.

Thank you also to those who have helped with our non-union efforts. Because of your information and observations, we have made positive steps toward organizing: locating yards, ROWs, and obtaining contact information. I have had encouraging interactions with non-union personnel and have met with several non-union contractors. This process takes time, but we are confident these contractors will see the value of skilled union craftsmen.

Currently, I am on my way out for another round of job visits. Lately, the popular topic during these visits has been getting people books. Please remember, the people that you suggest for membership are our future. When submitting names, consider whether they would make a reliable hand and be a positive addition to 798.

Stay safe and always be aware of your surroundings while making those hours. See you out there on the ROW. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

#### Pre-Jobs:

#### Big Inch:

-Wauseon, OH. 26" anomaly digs in Henry and Fulton County, Ohio for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Paul Hofreiter. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### Henkels & McCoy:

-Saginaw, MI. 12" valve change out and reinstall new 12" valve for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Dale Elliott. Welder Foreman: Chris Mahaffey. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-6-18.



#### InfraSource:

-Evansville, IN. Rebuild regulator station, Levee Station, for Vectren. Superintendent: Tim Dunn. Welder Foreman: Charlie Martin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-18.

#### InterCon:

-Bloomington, OH. 7,208' of 12" new lay in Jefferson County, OH for Mark West. Superintendent: Joey Wade. Welder Foreman: J.C. Thornburg. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-15-18.

#### Michels:

-Gibsonburg, OH. Install piping, mechanical, and electrical scopes for meter station from Nexus to Columbia Gas in Sandusky County, OH for Nexus Gas. Superintendent: Nick Margelofsky. Welder Foreman: Richard Sowell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-18.

#### Minnesota Limited:

-Paulding, OH. Installation of 20" launcher/receiver and replacement of mainline valves in Paulding, Putman, and Allen Counties, OH for TransCanada-CPG. Superintendent: Fred Leasure. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-18.

#### PJ Steel:

-Various counties in Michigan. Blanket, integrity, and maintenance emergency call-out for DTE. Superintendent: Jack Cooley. Welder Foreman: Dan Pawloski. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-18.

#### RL Coolsaet:

-Clio, MI. Fabricate and install crossover facilities at existing valve sites for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Randy Recker. Welder Foreman: Kory Zufelt. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-18.

-Comstock, MI. Install 1 mile of 12" pipeline, 1-12" launcher, 1-12" receiver for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jack Hill. Welder Foreman: Derreck Dove. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-18.

-Muskegon, MI. Fabricate and install 1-16" launcher and related piping for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Scully. Welder Foreman: Kevin Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-20-18.

-Romelus, MI. Hydro-testing 5 miles of 22" and 7 miles of 16" in Wayne County, MI for PanHandle Eastern. Superintendent: Jack Hill. Welder Foreman: Derreck Dove. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### Roberts:

-Niles, MI. 1,433' HDD-22" directional drill, 1,451' HDD-24" directional drill for TransCanada. Superintendent: Mark Decker. Welder Foreman: Jason Carlson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-24-18.

#### Union Pipeline:

-Cadiz, OH. 6,022.6' of 20" new lay in Jefferson County, OH for Mark West. Superintendent: Terry Rogers. Welder Foreman: Eric Raymond. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-1-18.

#### VEC:

-Hubbard, OH. 12" compressor station in Fairfield County, OH and 12" shop fabrication in Trumbull County, OH for TransCanada. Superintendent: Robbie White. Welder Foreman: Shane Loudan. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-18.

#### Welded:

-Saginaw, MI. Take-up and relay 1,981' of 12" for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William (Bo) Berry. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

-Mt. Morris, MI. Install 18.8 miles of 24" in Saginaw County, OH for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William (Bo) Berry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-18.



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## David Butterworth

The work in the Northeast is currently booming. Eight Mountaineer Express (MXP) spreads are hiring, and the Mountain Valley (MVP) spreads are doing the same. I have pre-jobbed one Atlantic Coast (ACP) spread, and I have a job notification for another. The ACP schedule is behind the MXP and MVP due to tree cutting permits, but ACP will still do some work in 2018.

We are having a lot of jobs go unfilled, especially with the Journeyman and Helper classifications. I am working through the list of Helpers that have documented hours to fill the Journeyman positions. The Helper openings are being filled by non-books and travelers. I have been receiving numerous calls from members who are recommending non-books for employment. I would like to ask everyone to think long and hard before you suggest someone for Local 798 employment. Are you vouching for this person to advance the Local or are you trying to get them off your payroll?

Once again, I would like to reiterate how important working safely is going to be this year. Everyone needs to work smart and watch out for each other, so we can go home the same way we reported to work each and every day.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Ace Pipeline:

-Salem, WV. 34 miles of 30". Superintendent: Sam Jarvis. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s and 1-8.

#### Associated:

-Clarksburg, WV. 13.57 miles of 36" and 6.3 miles of 24" (MXP Spread 3). Superintendent: Mark Nail. Welder Foreman: Charlie Beddingfield. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

-Ellenboro, WV. 23.4 miles of 36" (MXP Spread 4). Superintendent: Byron Johnson. Welder Foreman: Leroy McDougal. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Bond Brothers:

-Ramapo, NY. Various station work. Superintendent: James Comeau. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell. Station fringes paying High-Scale. Working 6-10s.

#### Contractors Rental:

20.5 miles of 24". Superintendent: Jackie Berryman. Welder Foreman: David Salzgerber. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### LMC:

-Eldred, NY. 1-36" Compression upgrade. Superintendent: Mike Adams. Welder Foreman: Brian Signorelli. Station rates. Working 5-10s.  
-Long Eddy, NY. 1-36" Compression upgrade. Superintendent: Tracy Stevens. Welder Foreman: Nate Stevens. Station rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Michels Pipeline:

-Buckhannon, WV. 15.6 miles of 42" (ACP Spread 2-1). Superintendent: Skeeter Imes. Welder Foreman: Shannon Jackson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Rockford:

-Montrose, PA. 3.6 miles of 24, 16, and 10". Superintendent: Kevlin Shaw. Welder Foreman: Jesse Davis. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### U.S. Trinity:

-Beaver, WV. 40.6 miles of 42". Superintendent: Randy Mathis. Welder Foreman: Troy Rice. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Welded:

-Glen Dale, WV. 19 miles of 36". Superintendent: Art Gavlock. Welder Foreman: Fred Calvert. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



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## Chris Lancaster

The work season is off to a good start. A lot of jobs are under way and several have yet to start, including the Rockford and Price Gregory spreads in NC on the Atlantic Coast job. These are 36" spreads that are going to need several UA members. If you are not working, I encourage you to get on the Out-of-Work List and be ready to go to work. I know some jobs are better than others, but we must man them all to remain strong. Those of us who went through the 1980s find it unbelievable just how much work is available. I hope everyone has a prosperous year.

We are starting to have trouble manning some of this work so if you know of a Welder, Journeyman or Helper who would make a good union member, have them submit an application. We will most likely need to take in new members before the year is out.

As we have all said in the past, we must fight to get these jobs permitted. Just because you are working doesn't mean you should let up on signing the petitions and attending town meetings. We still need all the help we can get to secure permitting for these future jobs, so encourage everyone to do their part on the Action Network.

I hope to see you soon on the ROW. Remember, we have a good agreement to work under; let's make sure we abide by it. Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### B&G Pipeline:

-Cary, NC. 18,950' of 12". Welder Foreman: Jeremiah Bennett. Superintendent: Samuel Wilson. Working 5-10s and 1-8. Approx. completion 10-1-18.

-Ellenboro, NC. 36,274' of 16". Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-18.

#### Foltz Welding:

-Chandler, IN. 20" river crossing. Welder Foreman: James Adams. Superintendent: Kevin Cain. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-18.

#### Meade:

-Erlanger, KY. .75 miles of 24". Welder Foreman: Chris Lee. Superintendent: John Karlsson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-18.

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## DISPATCH Report By Ricky Jones

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

**525 Welders**  
**23 Journeymen**  
**427 Helpers**

The amount of work we are dealing with is joyfully amazing. We have 427 Helpers on the wheel. People at the top have only been there since March 21, 2018. We continue to call Helper members off the top, along with Journeymen and Welders. The Journeymen list is at 23 with the number one position being placed there April 18 of this year. Welders are staying busy and looking for work. Unfortunately, many are trying to pick their job, but as time runs out, they are coming to the top of the wheel. They then take whatever job is available to avoid being removed. The Welders at the top got on the wheel in November of 2017.

What does this tell us? We have gone around the wheel twice on Journeymen this year and once around on Helpers. We have roughly 150 Welders to go until all the Welders left on the wheel got on in 2018. Dispatch is utilizing the wheel to man the work. However, we are still running out of time and are forced to work travelers who are willing, and to sell books when no other options exist.

Please do what you can to man the work. We appreciate everyone out there who is doing just that. I know many members have managed their finances and do not have to work at this moment. However, we are all constrained to 12 months, January through December, to achieve 1,200 hours for that pension credit. Let's be honest with ourselves; a big reason we carry a union book is for the pension and health care.

We all know the old saying: you need to make hay while the sun is shining. The sun is shining brilliantly on our industry. Many came before us and laid the foundation for a great harvest. So, let me encourage you to get into the field and gather those valuable hours before it's too late.

Other than that, when you take a job from Dispatch, keep your word and go. If you call back inside of 24 hours, there will be no charges filed against you. However, you will be placed at the bottom of the list. If you go past the 24 hours and do not travel to the job in a timely manner, charges will be filed, and it will be up to the Executive Board to determine fines. You must be en route to the job before any NO GO excuse will be considered. Always remember to call and put your name back on the wheel when terminated for any reason. You do have five business days to do this if you have worked under the 300, 450 and 600-hour rules to regain your position. Also, remember the wheel is turning over quickly. When you call back in to regain your position, it's possible we might call you the next day off the top. You may want to wait until the fifth day to call in if you need some time.

All of us here at the Dispatch Office want to wish everyone a safe and prosperous year. Above all, be safe. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the membership.

Ricky Jones  
Dispatcher

## ORGANIZING Report

By Ronnie Hill  
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It appears that the work is in full swing. Hopefully, everyone who wants to work is working. We have a lot of man-hours ahead of us, so it shouldn't be hard for everyone to get a pension credit or more. We certainly need all our members to man this work. Meanwhile, in West Texas it's hot, windy and dusty, with the lowest wages in America being offered to pipeline workers. I have never seen people who want to call themselves pipeliners bow down to such abuse. The sad part is they don't have to, and don't even realize it.

I have witnessed some of the shoddiest workmanship out here that I have seen in my entire pipeline career. It seems that rules and regulations do not apply, and nobody cares. If some of these rat contractors had to follow the same guidelines and regulations as good Union contractors, they wouldn't get any more than 10 or 12 joints a day. Some of the welding tests that are accepted are unbelievable. In several cases, it's nothing more than a "pitch 'till you win" situation. That's a luxury that we don't get, nor do we want it that way. Stiff but fair inspection makes for a good job. It ensures that the client has the most qualified craftsmen available to perform their work. It also makes for a safe job, not only for the working men and women, but for the general public in the long term. This high standard also reduces liability to the contractor and the client. I watch this every day and wonder how we got to the point of such a double standard in this industry.

I reiterate that if you and your family haven't signed up on the Action Network, please do so today. We must make our voices heard loud and clear to send a message to our adversaries that we are one; we are united; and we are a force to be reckoned with. Sign up today and participate every time you are called upon. That's what a union is about: standing together and fighting for the good and welfare of the group. It doesn't do anyone any good to have a force of thousands when you only have a handful participating. This affects each of us and our families, so do it not only for Local 798 and the industry, do it for your family.

I have found some issues I would like to get cleared up. It seems we have some Helper members who think it's okay for them to help or weld on a rat job. This is not acceptable. No matter what classification, if you are a member of Local 798 and are found performing UA covered work on a non-union job, charges will be filed on you. We are at a time when work is plentiful. If you are helping a rat contractor to compete against us and not fulfilling your obligation as a union member, do not expect any sympathy. There is no excuse! I can't wrap my mind around the idea that a Helper would work for pennies when they can be making good union wages. If a Helper wants to weld, go to Tulsa and test. We need welders.

I would like to thank all the people who have called with information, union and non-union. You know who you are and thank you for stepping up and doing the right thing. People like you help bring much needed change. I am hoping everyone has a prosperous, and above all, a safe work year. If you have any useful information or if I can help you in any way, please call.

Fraternally,

Ronnie M. Hill





# Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Winner

Jacob Brieri-Brintnall

Jacob Brieri-Brintnall is the youngest son of Kathleen Brieri and Bob Brintnall. He is grandson to Stanley Brieri, who upheld over 50 years of membership with Local 798. Jacob is a college freshman at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) in Traverse City, Michigan, where his current focus is on completing the core classes required for a transfer to a Baccalaureate chemical engineering program. Jacob plans on transferring to either Michigan Technological University or Michigan State University in order to complete his undergraduate work. Upon the completion of his studies, he plans to pursue a career in chemical engineering.

Jacob already has foundational experience in engineering, which he garnered through various high school programs. He attended the Manufacturing Technology Academy during his junior and senior years. This program provided rigorous academics coupled with hands-on experience as a means to bolster student success in future engineering and industry related collegiate programs.

For his senior year, Jacob was captain of the robotics team. During his tenure he led his team to the National Robotics Challenge, of which they succeeded, undefeated. Jacob's other extra-curricular activities include varsity track, National Technical Honor Society, and National Honor Society (where he presided as Treasurer). Throughout high school Jacob exhibited a keen commitment to intellectual development by maintaining dual-enrollment in both high school and NMC, all the while graduating with a steady 4.0 GPA in all classes, serving as valedictorian for his class, and earning a spot on the NMC Dean's List.

## 2017 / 2018 Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarships Awarded

The Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the following winners. These students successfully completed the scholarship program requirements and were selected as the highest-ranking applicants. The recipients were chosen by an independent evaluator that scored the applicants according to factors such as their grade point average, the difficulty level of their academic program, the strength of their recommendation letters, and the overall assessment of their essay.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients, and to all of our candidates who are expanding their opportunities through the pursuit of higher education. A special thanks to our contributors to the Voluntary Fund who have made this program possible.



**Ryan Battles** hails from a family of pipeliners, of whom include his father Rick Battles and his brother Reagan Battles. His family's sacrifice and support provided the ways and means for his academic success, and this ultimately led him to his current placement as an MD Candidate at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Initially, Ryan's high achievement in academics garnered him a spot at the University of Chicago. There he was a member of a scholarship program that provided much inspiration and perspective for his focus on medicine, but also nurtured his connections to communities in need. These two facets

informed his eventual completion of a double major in biology and Spanish. Ryan is currently nearing the completion of his second year at Northwestern, and he plans upon graduation to use his position as an MD to attend to significant disparities within his community.



**Jake Bennett** has a long family history of membership in Local Union 798. He is the grandson of W.A. "Okie" Gilbert. He grew up in Oklahoma City in an environment where hard work was valued. He is currently enrolled in the President's Leadership Class at the University of Oklahoma where he is learning to better his leadership skills, particularly, how to better the community through volunteerism. Via the President's Leadership Class, he has volunteered at Loveworks Leadership, where volunteers help lead groups of children and empower them to follow their dreams and aspirations. He plans on volunteering there again next year.

His educational plans include getting a bachelor's in psychology and going to medical school. From there, he plans on studying dermatology and becoming a dermatologist.



**Alyssa Chapman** is the daughter of Dewayne and Jessica Chapman. She is the granddaughter of Jesse Ayers, a 40-year Welder member of Local 798. Alyssa graduated from Nicholas County High School in Summersville, West Virginia. During high school she participated in the National Honors Society, 9-Club, Student Council, and she was captain for both the soccer and basketball teams during her senior year. She is currently attending Marshall University where she is majoring in exercise science. Her plans after graduating from Marshall University are to continue her education, and ultimately pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant.



**Tyler Childs** is the son of Welder member Tommy Childs and Helper member Natalie Childs. After graduating from Lake Hamilton High School in Percy, Arkansas in 2010, Tyler began his undergraduate career at Henderson State University (HSU) where he was an active member of several extra-curricular clubs and organizations including Biology Club, Spanish Club, Chemistry Club, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Student Government Association, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language Honor Society, and Heart & Key Service Organization. He held various positions throughout his years at HSU, including All-Greek Council Representative, Vice President of Honors Hall Council, Campus Ambassador (tour guide), and various

positions within his fraternity (Junior Marshall, VP of Recruitment, VP of Programming, and President) and, in 2012, he was awarded Greek Man of the Year. Tyler regularly supported his community through community service events with the Humane Society, local elementary schools, the Boys and Girls Club, and Arkansas Children's Hospital. He was involved in two research projects, one especially notable for featuring the first documentation of several species of plants found in Arkansas. He graduated from HSU in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in biology, and three minors: chemistry, Spanish, and business.

Tyler is currently enrolled in the Physician Assistant (PA) program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) with a current GPA of 3.98. Even though his course load is rigorous, he still tries to volunteer in the community when he can, by seeing patients at the 12th Street Health & Wellness Center. Recently, he was nominated to represent the UAMS PA Program at the American Academy of Physician Assistants National Conference. At this conference Tyler will compete in Challenge Bowl, a medicine-themed quiz bowl, against hundreds of other students from colleges across the country.

After graduating from UAMS in August later this year, Tyler plans to begin work as a PA. While he hasn't yet decided which specialty he will pursue, he is most interested in orthopedics, endocrinology, and dermatology. He lives with his fiancée, Kate, and their 3-year-old son, Sawyer. He attributes his hardworking nature to his parents, who have always persevered despite any obstacles that they have encountered.



**Daniel Davis** is originally from Searcy, Arkansas, but developed a worldly perspective at a young age by traveling to work sites across the country with his dad, Welder member Kevin Davis. He decided to pursue his undergrad in forestry with a concentration in wildlife management at Mississippi State University. He is involved with quite a few student organizations including the Society of American Foresters, the Ducks Unlimited Bulldog Chapter, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He has worked on campus as a forestry lab assistant and peer tutor, but the majority of his time is focused on his commitment to the Mississippi State University Army ROTC program. His work with the ROTC and the Mississippi National Guard

have provided a great deal of valuable experiences that are rarely found in most University extra-curricular programs. He currently maintains a GPA of 3.94 and has received several academic awards, including consistent placement on the President's and Dean's list and the Forestry Sophomore Academic Excellence Award. He was also awarded the top MS1 (freshmen) and superior MS2 (sophomore) medals for the Mississippi State Army ROTC program.

Upon completion of his degree, Daniel plans to commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Corp of Engineers. Through the Corp of Engineers, he looks to gain a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering. This should set the educational foundation needed for his return to civilian employment. He hopes to eventually use his knowledge in forestry, wildlife biology, and environmental engineering to work in wetlands to support waterfowl ecology and conservation.



**Alma Gordon** is the daughter of Welder Member Christopher Gordon. She has demonstrated an eager academic prowess balanced with an active set of extracurricular interests. Her time at high school in Scottsboro, Alabama, found her on the bowling team, in the marching band (as an assistant and a color guard member), as a member of the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Interact club. She also participated in Link Crew and graduated with a 3.96 GPA.

Alma currently attends Northeast Alabama Community College where she has consistently maintained a 4.0 GPA. She plans on earning her Associate in Science to gain entry into a 4-year university biology program. She hopes to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and eventually move on to medical school where, ultimately, she will fulfill her dream of becoming a pediatrician.



**Jenny Hardy** is originally from Bedford, Texas. She is married to Nicholas Roche, who has been a Helper with Local 798 for over 10 years. She is the daughter-in-law to Michael and Nita Roche. Jenny graduated from the University of Tulsa in 2010 with a cumulative GPA of 3.77. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medicine (DVM/PhD) from Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. She is an active member of Alpha Psi, the Veterinary Business Management Association, and Phi Zeta. Jenny currently volunteers with Operation Catnip-Stillwater, a non-profit that spays and neuters feral cats to reduce shelter overcrowding. Jenny knew

she wanted to become a veterinarian during an internship spent working with cattle and meat goats in Poteau, Oklahoma. After finishing her studies, her plans include owning her own veterinary clinic and starting a small alpaca and goat farm with her husband. She hopes to one day become a professor and inspire the next generation of young veterinarians.



**Tyler Helms**, born in Flint, Michigan, is the son of Helper Member Kevin Helms and the grandson of retired Welder Max Helms. He is currently a JD candidate at Stanford Law School where he is interested in labor organization, antitrust and disability law. He currently serves as senior editor for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and as a member of the StreetLaw Pro Bono Project, which teaches incarcerated and at-risk youth about law and the legal system. He previously earned degrees in economics and political science from Arizona State University with the highest academic standing in his graduating class. During his time as an undergraduate, he helped to develop an in-home healthcare startup that

provides persons with disabilities with nurses and caretakers to assist them in all aspects of life. He also conducted significant research into the economic prosperity of persons with disabilities in cities across the United States and continues to work on current legal issues facing this community in law school, such as the special education concerns raised by the massive lead exposure suffered by thousands of children, as a result of the Flint Water Crisis.



**Violet Newell** is the 21-year-old daughter of Carlton and Cheryl Newell of Stephenville, Texas. She graduated from Tarleton State University in May 2018 with her Bachelor of Social Work degree. While at Tarleton, Violet was the president of the Student Social Work Association during her senior year and a member of the Phi Alpha Honor Society. Violet also won third place at the 2017 Texas A&M Research Symposium in the category of Humanities and Social Sciences. Violet plans to attend University of Texas at Arlington starting the Fall 2018 semester to earn her master's degree. She will use this degree to become a clinical social worker and provide counseling services to children and families in the Stephenville area.



**Olivia Voss** is from Haworth, Oklahoma, and is the daughter of Johnny and Catherine Voss. She is the granddaughter to Mark Severn, retired Welder member of Local 798, and Ravena Severn. Olivia graduated from Haworth High School at the top of her class with a 4.21 GPA. During high school, Olivia participated in organizations such as softball, basketball, Quiz Bowl, Robotics, Sunrays Show Choir, Key Club, and Drama Club.

Olivia is currently a sophomore at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in English with a minor in Education. During her time as a university student, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. In the 2016-2017 school year, Olivia was selected as a member of the President's Leadership Class. She was also named one of the Top Ten Freshmen for that year. Olivia is currently part of the Alumni Legacy Leaders group on campus and regularly communicates and connects with Alumni of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. In addition, Olivia was recently selected to be inducted into the Cardinal Key Honor Society on campus. She is also a member of the Zeta Gamma chapter of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and currently serves as the chapter's Vice President of Operations. In April 2017, Olivia was selected to represent the Zeta Gamma chapter at the Dunham Women of Character Institute, a national conference attended by members of Sigma Sigma Sigma. She was also recently selected to be one of the representatives of Sigma Sigma Sigma at this summer's Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute, which is attended by members of sororities and fraternities from around the county.

In addition to dedicating her time to organizations on campus, Olivia also works as an English tutor for both the Learning Center and the TRIO program on campus. In the Spring 2018 semester, Olivia began work as a Teacher's Assistant for the Composition I Writing Lab, which serves as a zero-level English course at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is slated to teach the Composition I Writing Lab during the Fall 2018 semester.

After graduating from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Olivia plans on achieving a Master's Degree in English. Her goal is to be able to teach at the secondary level, as well as the university level.

# & SHORT PERSONAL

## THANK YOU

**Densel and Elizabeth Stewart** would like to express their gratitude to Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the gift and Bible they received after the passing of their son, Denny Stewart, Welder member. Special thank you to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Mike Miller and Shady Phillips.

**Christopher and Alicia Mahaffey** say thank you to their Brothers and Sisters for the Voluntary Fund gift. They appreciate Local 798 members so much.

**Russell Panko, III**, thanks the Voluntary Fund for the help he received because of his total hip replacement surgery. The help was very appreciated. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. A special thanks to Charles Yales, Jr., Terry Smith, and to everyone who called while he was recovering.

**Ricky Standridge** writes to thank all those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The help was greatly appreciated in his time of need, following eye surgery. Special thanks to David and Jonathan Dickerson, Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**Debbie Miller** wants to thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift she received during her time of need. Thank you for remembering her husband, Donnie Miller.

**Sidney and Lorie Stringer** express their appreciation for Local 798 and the gift they received from the Voluntary Fund after Lorie's multiple back procedures.

**Dalton and Kasey Schmidt & Family** thank everyone for the kindness shown to them in their time of loss. They are very appreciative.

**Gerald Eubanks** cannot express how grateful he is to the Voluntary Fund for the financial help. Your generosity is appreciated more than you will ever know.

**Seth Baldrige and Family** would like to thank every person who donates to the Voluntary Fund for the donation they received in their time of need. It has meant so much to them.

**Mike and Pam Shultz** write to say thank you for the gifts they received after Mike's eye surgery and Pam's multiple hospital stays. They send special thanks to Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr., and Bruce Carroll. They have been extremely blessed by Local 798.

**K.B. (Sonny) Brewer, Sr.**, is truly humbled by the generosity, thoughts and prayers of so many. A special thank you goes to Craig Chumley for his continued support and friendship.

**Mrs. Stanley Bieri and Family** say thank you to the Voluntary Fund for the scholarship awarded to Stanley's youngest grandson, Jacob Bieri, enabling him to attend his second year of college. Stanley Bieri was a Welder member of Local 798 for more than 62 years before his passing in 2016. He would have been so pleased.

**Billy and Vinceen Parks** send their thanks to the Voluntary Fund and to all who contribute to it for the much appreciated check received during their time of grief and need following the loss of a loved one from out of state. Special thanks to Aczael Valdez, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Tommy Boulware** thanks everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. Thank you for the help he received after the hospital stay with his last heart surgery. A special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace and John Williams.

**Gibran and Melodie Smith** appreciate the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798. Special bonds have been made through the years and when life throws a curve or literally drops an oak tree through your camper, it's wonderful knowing that this great organization is there to help.

**Richard and Janet Hayes** want to thank Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the support they received. Special thanks to Black Schroeder.

**Theresa Taylor** wants everyone to know how much she appreciated all the help while Charlie was sick and passing. She couldn't have made it through without the support. Thank you also for the beautiful memory book.

**Bobby Wagner** says thanks to the Voluntary Fund and good friend, Mack Doyle, for the gift he received after he got a pacemaker.

**The Family of Donald "Cheyenne" Pate** thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy. They deeply appreciate the support.

**Clarence Ray** writes to thank the membership for the plaque marking his 50th year of membership in Local 798. Thank you for commemorating this milestone in such a way that anyone who enters his home will be able to see it.

**Frank Tallerco** sends his thanks for sending his 66-year membership certificate. He appreciates the memento.

**The Family of Antonio Meeks** acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of sympathy they received at Antonio's passing.

**Roy Doshier, II**, would like to thank all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, and for the help he received after totaling his truck while on the way to a job. Special thanks to Colin Kelly Curtis, Holmes Smith, Cathy Blackmore, and Roy Doshier, Sr.

**Kathy Burkhalter and Family** express their gratitude for the Voluntary Fund gift they received during their time of sorrow. Thank you to all the Brothers and Sisters who give to the fund.

**Joe Robison** wishes to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help during his recent hospital stay. A special thank you goes to Donnie Goodin.

**Anthony Jackson and Family** send their thanks for helping them during their time of need. All is well now, and they are enjoying their new addition to the family.

**Dan Landi and Family** sincerely thank all of you for the kind and thoughtful gift. Their son, Matthew, was a proud member of Local 798 and he thoroughly enjoyed his job and the brotherhood!

**Roy Zander** wants to thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the gift he received after his wife's emergency heart valve replacement. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, F.A. "Dick" Clark, and to those who submitted his name.

**Richard Shannon and Family** would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift he received helped immensely during their time of loss.

# THANK YOU cont.

**Ryan, Stacy and Lane Usry** say thank you for the Voluntary Fund check they received after Stacy's cancer diagnosis. A special thanks to Sidney "Spook" Stringer and Phillip Wallace. They also send special thanks to Shane Sheffield and Joe Bigley for submitting their names again to the Voluntary Fund when Ryan had to return home from working in WV to care for Stacy. There are no words that can express how grateful they are for the love and support they have received.

**Darlene Messick** would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The help received was very much needed and appreciated. A special thank you to Lance, James, and Clay Amis, and Phillip Wallace. Also, the Bible she received after Larry's passing is beautiful. Thank You.

**John Darrow** is grateful to belong to such a great organization. The gift came when it was greatly needed, and his family is thankful.

**Josh Williams** wants to show his appreciation for the gift he received from the Voluntary Fund for his hospital stay. Special thanks to Rod Kelly, Barrell Arnold, Scott Strickland, David Justice, Joe Smith, and anyone else who wrote in on his behalf.

**William Eubanks** says thank you for the support he received from the Voluntary Fund. He particularly appreciates the help from Bobby Taylor, Jr, and Preston Richard, whose unwavering support during this time has meant so much to him.

**Mario Zavala** wants to thank his Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his wife's surgery. The support was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Juan Rivera and anyone else who helped him send the letter.

**Janet Degeyter** thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was much appreciated in her time of need. Special thanks to Bob and Christy Houston.

**Chad and Stephanie Townsend** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received after Stephanie had kidney transplant surgery. Special thanks to Danny Townsend, Rocky Stilwell, Darrell Glaze, Tracy Lester, Joe Hurt and Phillip Wallace.

**Elvin Duncan** writes to say thank you to all his Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift he received was appreciated.

**Chrissy and Don Hawkins** appreciate the gift they received and say thank you to everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. They also appreciate all the calls, texts and prayers they have received as they face the challenges ahead. Special thanks Fred Brumley, Suzanne Frost Peterson, Summer Hawkins, Michael Hawkins, Aaron Cariker and Jerry Tomlinson.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Tommy J. Standefer**, 72-year-old Retired Welder of Homaton, AL, passed away March 19, 2018.

**Antonia M. Meeks**, 25 year old Helper of Orlando, FL, passed away April 2, 2018.

**Scott C. Johnson**, 29-year-old Helper of McCutchenville, OH, passed away April 3, 2018.

**Darrell N. Glaze**, 70-year-old Retired Welder of Houston, TX, passed away April 4, 2018.

**Donald E. "Cheyenne" Pate**, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Hallettsville, TX, passed away April 17, 2018.

**Larry W. Messick**, 62 year old Retired Welder of Campli, LA, passed away April 18, 2018.

**Mark J. Hedges**, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Lancaster, OH, passed away April 22, 2018.

**Charles D. Pattison**, 90-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Claysville, PA, passed away April 22, 2018.

**Kenneth W. Bond**, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Deridder, LA, passed away April 23, 2018.

**Andrew P. Cantrell**, 75-year-old Retired Welder of Jay, OK, passed away May 8, 2018.

**Carl F. White**, 88-year-old Retired Journeyman Spacer of Scotts Hill, TN, passed away May 10, 2018.

**Edward Godwin**, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Quitman, GA, passed away May 12, 2018.

**Fletcher L. Shannon**, 75-year-old Retired Welder of Bradenton, FL, passed away May 13, 2018.

**Terry D. Bittle**, 56-year-old Retired Welder of Tumbling Shoals, AR, passed away May 14, 2018.

# RETIREMENTS

**Dennis W. Aycock**, Welder, Green Cove Springs, FL

**Joseph C. Berry**, Welder, Slarks, LA

**Mark Cazaux**, Welder, Cottonwood, AZ

**Michael C. Fessenden**, Welder, Roulette, PA

**Charles R. Forse**, Helper, Bronson, TX

**Thomas D. Harmon**, Welder, Aldie, VA

**Greg L. Horton**, Journeyman Spacer, Smithville, AR

**Michael Kent Jewell**, Welder, Livonia, LA

**Oliver T. Larue**, Helper, Doddridge, AR

**Cheryl A. Levi**, Helper, Durango, CO

**Steve L. Mauldin**, Journeyman Spacer, Wetumka, OK

**Johnny L. May**, Helper, Heber Springs, AR

**John D. McMillan**, Welder, Sabinal, TX

**Michael R. Thompson**, Journeyman Spacer, Slarks, LA

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# Meeting Notice

## September 14, 2018

The Regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145 on Friday, September 14, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### Ladies of 798 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 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018.

The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$94.00. To make reservations, call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you are with Pipeliners Local Union 798.



### Director's Retirement

I joined the staff at PIBF in October 1970 when I was 24 years old. At that time, I thought PIBF would be a good place to work for a couple of years, then move on. Now at 72, I am finally moving on into retirement. It's been a great experience and I will never forget the many folks that I have worked with over the years. My hope is that everyone who is part of this industry will retire with as many good memories as I have. There is no doubt in my mind that it would be difficult to match the retirement benefits that we have. My thanks go to all the officers at Local 798, PIBF Trustees, PIBF staff, and to the membership that has supported the past Fund Directors and all the changes that have happened over the past 48 years. I trust everyone will support my replacement, Renée Vause, and all the staff at PIBF. The membership is in good hands with the Trustees and staff at PIBF.

– Bob Kime

### Monthly Tax Withholding - Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF)

Most retirees have Federal taxes withheld from their monthly pension checks, which PIPF submits to the IRS. The PIPF staff receives numerous calls from members concerned about the proper withholding from the pension check so that additional taxes will not be owed when the individual's tax return is filed. This question becomes more complicated this year (2018) because of the changes in the various tax laws for individual tax filers. We suggest you talk to your tax preparer regarding the proper tax withholding, because your preparer has a complete tax picture already at their fingertips and most software allows the preparer to calculate current year taxes based on the prior year's tax return.

You can also go to the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-withholding-calculator>. This calculator will give you the estimated taxes you will owe.

The PIPF is offering state tax withholding to retirees in Oklahoma and Arkansas starting in 2018 and will continue adding additional states. When a state is added, retirees in that state will be notified by the PIPF.

### Tax Withholding on Lump Sum Payments and 401(k) Distributions

Upon retirement, members can elect a lump sum benefit with a reduced monthly benefit. If this amount is rolled into the 401(k) Plan or into an IRA, no taxes are required to be withheld. If the member requests a cash distribution, PIPF is required to withhold 20% for Federal Income Tax. This may not cover the taxes owed based on the retiree's total income. The retiree should consult with the tax preparer and if requested, PIPF can withhold more than the required 20%.

The 401(k) Plan is required to withhold taxes from most distributions from the 401(k) Plan. The minimum amount of tax withholding is disclosed on the 401(k) Distribution form. Depending on your overall income situation, the minimum tax withholding may not cover the taxes owed. In addition, if you are under 59½, generally any distribution is subject to a 10% early withdrawal penalty. There are exceptions for some withdrawals if certain criteria are met. You should consult with your tax preparer regarding this penalty and the proper amount of tax to be withheld if you want to withhold more than the minimum requirement.

### 401(k) Login at [www.TrustOk.com](http://www.TrustOk.com)

If you have logged in to the Trust Company of Oklahoma's website recently, you will notice a new look and feel of the login screens for the 401(k) portal. You should have received a mailout from the Trust Company of Oklahoma with more details.



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Safety, Short-Sleeved T-Shirt w/Pocket  
Item #115-B - \$14.00  
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Gray T-Shirt w/Logo & Pocket  
Item 115-S - \$11.50  
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### Hats:

Bone Crushed Cotton Twill Union Yes  
Sandwich Bill Hat  
Item #101-F - \$14.00

798 Navy & White Summer Cap  
Item #101-G - \$14.00