

# BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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# Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 2019 Steward School has just concluded, and what a great event it turned out to be. It is impossible to put into words all that transpired for the week, but I will try to give you a brief snapshot of what happened. Monday afternoon was the charity golf tournament that was completely sold out. We had to add a morning flight to the schedule to accommodate all those that wished to participate. Rebecca Mages and Cathy Blackmore did an outstanding job making sure the event went off without a hitch -- although my golf game continues to get worse. On Tuesday, Lincoln Electric hosted their annual BBQ lunch at the Training Center where they showed off their latest and greatest equipment and consumables. Also, on Tuesday our 5th Annual Mathis Family Clay Shoot was held at the Tulsa Gun Club, and around 70 shooters participated in making up two flights. All monies raised went to the Voluntary Fund.

Wednesday morning, Cathy Blackmore was recognized for her 33 years of service, presenting her with Honorary Membership into Local 798. She worked under six different dispatchers during her tenure! Cathy, we all wish you the very best in your retirement!

UA Executive Vice-President Jim Moss spoke eloquently about Local 798 and the accomplishments that we have been able to attain in such a short time. He stated Local 798 has the #1 pension and the #1 health care in the UA organization. We also were proud to have UA Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution Dave Barnett, who addressed the members talking about the challenges that we face in the pipeline industry now and into the future. Also, UA Special Representatives Chad Gilbert and Mike Mikich were present for discussions concerning our industry. Wednesday evening, the Ladies of 798 held their annual basket auction raising \$124,340 for charities throughout the United States. Thanks to all the ladies and men that had a hand in putting on this event and the basket haulers, builders, and buyers who contributed, making this event successful.

Thursday, we continued through the National Pipeline Agreement and finished up with the Pipeline Industry Fund rolling out some presentations on financial planning and education for the membership. Later that evening, we honored our retired members with 50+ years of service. What a remarkable group of men who so long ago, fought and brought this Local together and have entrusted it in our hands for safe keeping. An emotional moment for me was when the inside guards once again escorted the retirees to receive their certificates; your presence as honor guards was impressive and touching. Retirees, we will be eternally in your debt for your sacrifice that ensured we would have a strong, proud, and prosperous union for generations to come.

Friday morning, Black Schroeder once again presented the *Pipeline Etiquette*, and Guy Williams presented the *Standard of Excellence* with a heavy dose of pipeline seasoning. If you did not attend these two presentations, you should mark it on your bucket list of "must do" for next year. Both of these presentations can be viewed on our website. Thank you, Brothers, for your heartfelt sincerity and servitude to Pipeliners 798. Friday afternoon we held our annual crawfish boil hosted by Miller Electric, and they too showcased all their new toys.

I thank newly appointed Inside Guard Shannon Jackson, and all the volunteers for the entire week. Without your help, none of this would be possible. I would be amiss if I didn't mention the staff inside PIBF and the Training Center for a job well done for the entire week. Local 798 Office Manager Josalyn Johnson and the 798 Office Staff once again made sure everything flowed well. Even when I didn't follow the agenda, the staff pulled it off like true pipeliners, never letting anyone see them sweat!

The work outlook has had a paradigm shift in just the last few months. The man-hours probably will look more like 2016 which was just shy of 7 million, a very good year but a disappointment compared to what we had anticipated. Several of our big projects such as Keystone XL, Enbridge Line 3 and Atlantic Coast Pipeline continues to be bombarded with fossil fuel haters that will ultimately delay start dates for these projects. The UA, Local 798 and its membership must continue to push and advocate to get these projects back into the construction phase. My message for all the attendees at Steward School and the membership receiving this publication is, we must continue to partner with and advocate for the clients at the various meetings in support of these pipeline projects. It is vital that we exceed the clients' expectations of members participating at this level, whether it be attending town hall meetings, signing letters to FERC or advocating via the 798 Action Network. Although we have experienced some setbacks as of late, this plan is working, and we are seeing the fruits of our labor already with more clients wanting to partner with organized labor now and into the future. You are in control of your destiny by your actions or inactions. Don't leave the heavy lifting to others; we must all pull in unison and share the load. As Always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix  
Business Manager



# Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

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Brothers and Sisters,

Steward School 2019 just wrapped up, and what a week it was! We had a great turnout, and it was good to see a lot of old friends and meet several new ones. More than \$105,000 was raised for the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund through the Local 798 Charity Golf Tournament, The Mathis Family Clay Shoot, and the Lincoln Electric, Miller, Mathey Dearman, PSS, and Sawyer Mfg. Raffles. Thank you to everyone that took part and worked to make this possible. Much good will come from these donations. The retiree banquet seems to get better every year. It's nice to hear the words of advice that these retirees offer up to Local 798 members. One thing you'll never hear from this group is that they regret choosing to join Local 798 all those years ago.

Congratulations to Shannon Jackson for being installed as Inside Guard. Shannon and his crew of Inside Guards did a great job of seeing that the week ran smoothly. A lot of work falls on the Inside Guard, and Shannon has shown that he is up to the task. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes to make Steward School the success it was. Special thanks to Farron Hollabaugh and his staff at the Training Center, and to all the members that worked as Inside Guards for the week. Local 798 Office Manager Josalyn Johnson and the entire Local 798 office staff work tirelessly planning and preparing for this week, and I'd like to thank them for that. Thank you to the Ladies of 798 for all the hard work they put into the week and all the charities that they support through the basket auction. Congratulations and best wishes to Cathy Blackmore on her retirement.

It's no secret that the work has been slower this winter than in the last couple of years. I wish that every year would be like 2017 and 2018, but that's not always going to be the case. The work in this industry has always been peaks and valleys, and it will continue to be this way. We are in a situation right now where we have numerous big projects that have been awarded to good union contractors, but many of these projects are held up and pushed back due to permit issues. We are in the fight of our lives right now on a couple of different fronts.

First, the permit issues that we continue to face are brought on mostly by far-left anti-fossil fuel groups. These groups are well funded and are wreaking havoc on the industry that is our chosen profession. They have groups of lawyers targeting the agencies that are tasked with issuing the permits for these projects. This situation, combined with the activist federal judges that cater to them, has taken a toll on the amount of work we can get out there and perform. The best way to fight this right now is by becoming activists ourselves and to be out front advocating for these jobs. When there's a public meeting concerning these projects, we make blast calls, emails, and texts targeting members within driving distance of these meetings. If you get these notifications and are at all able to attend, please show up and be a voice of reason. Sign any petitions that come through the Action Network. This action is making a difference. Thank you to all who are already taking these steps.

Secondly, the non-union sector is taking full advantage of cheap labor in Texas to help them grow and get more market share. Business Manager Danny Hendrix explained at the regular April Membership Meeting this past Friday night that we've been working with the PLCA, the UA Pipeline Department, and the other three union crafts to develop a Market Recovery program. It is geared toward regaining the work down south, particularly Texas, but also has been utilized out west. We've given some concessions for our union contractors to go out and try to take this work away from the non-union, and we've had a couple of instances where it has already worked. The most recent was the 19.7 miles of heavy wall 42" that Rockford was able to pick up in Texas. It never gives you a good feeling to take any type of cut to our wages or fringes, but we all agreed that it was necessary at this time to get back into this market. As Danny said, our National Pipeline Agreement remains in place. The market recovery package is specific for certain projects that arise where we see the need to give concessions to get these jobs for our members. I hope and expect that this market recovery will work like it's intended, which is to get our members on jobs that otherwise would have gone non-union. It is hard to compete with contractors that don't believe their employees deserve a livable wage, healthcare, and pensions. We will never be cheaper, but I firmly believe if we can close the initial gap on the bid, our performance on the job will make the difference to some of these clients. One thing that will not change is that we will never stop working to secure more of this market share for the members of Pipeliners Local Union 798.

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

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



# Business Agent Reports



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Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I am writing this report after returning from the 2019 Steward School in Tulsa, which was an amazing week of fellowship and information. It was very refreshing to see all the new members and their families and have a chance to reconnect with old and dear friends.

Our Business Manager Danny Hendrix, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Justin Wallace, Office Manager Josalyn Johnson, and many others behind the scenes worked for months to ensure the success of our Steward School. They deserve a big "Thank You" for all the long hours and preparation that it took to pull off this amazing event.

Once again Business Agent Black Schroeder spoke on *ROW Etiquette*, and Recording Secretary Guy Williams spoke on *Standard of Excellence* and *What our Work Consists of Outside the Pipe Gang and Firing Line*. Our union leaders had a powerful message to all the membership. If you did not attend Steward School, get with someone who did and find out what is needed to continue to ensure the growth of our great Local. Always remember that we set the bar of excellence and that each member should present themselves with that key fact in mind.

Another very important topic this week was the 798 Action Network. It is still very vital for our future that EVERY member participates. Our action page is the best avenue to accomplish our goals. Especially now, with all the permits being held up, it is a way for legislators to hear our voice and understand the passion we have for the work we do.

I would like to acknowledge our Inside Guard Shannon Jackson and all the volunteers for Inside Guard. They did a great job helping to keep everything running in an orderly and professional manner. Not only during our meetings, but also behind the scenes were ensuring that the nightly events were a success as well.

Also, thank you to Farron Hollabaugh, his staff, and the young men and women of the Welding School that worked countless hours behind the

scenes. Thanks to them, the BBQ and the crawfish boil were both successes.

As many of you know, work in my jurisdiction is still slow. Union hands working non-union jobs are more detrimental than ever to our way of life. I encourage and appreciate all the phone calls with information about what is going on in the south. You are my eyes and ears, and it is you that I serve. I will continue to work diligently on your behalf to bring more union work to my jurisdiction. I also want to remind you that during your travels be cordial to all workers, union and non-union alike. We are a brotherhood of excellence. With that being said, we want to encourage non-union workers who have the skill set and fortitude to enjoy the benefits for which we are so very blessed. Reach out to others and help the continuous growth of this great Local.

Lastly, if you want to contact me, please call my cell number: 918-991-5341. As always, I look forward to hearing from you. May God bless you and your families with a healthy and prosperous year. And remember that there is *Strength* in numbers and *Greater Strength* in *ORGANIZED* numbers.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Foltz Welding Ltd:

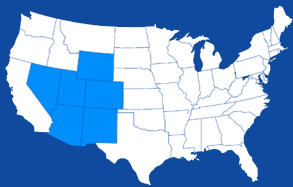
- TN, MS, and LA. Install fabrication at four stations. Gas Company: Marathon. Welder Foreman: Quintin Curry. Superintendent: Kevin Cane. Steward: Kerry J Lobell. Approx. completion (completed by time of Blue Light).

### Double D Pipeline Services:

- Tuscumbia, AL. Valve change outs. Gas Company: Russellville Gas Dept. Superintendent: Jimmy Davis Jr. Steward: Jimmy L Davis III. Approx. completion is unknown.

### Price Gregory:

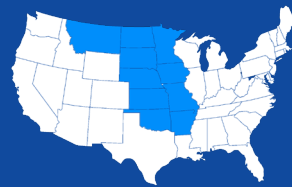
- Butler, AL. Approximately 10 miles of 42" and fabrication. Gas Company: Trans Continental Gas Pipeline. Welder Foreman: Jeffrey H Doyle. Superintendent: Russell York. Steward: Brent Harper. Ap prox. completion July 2019.



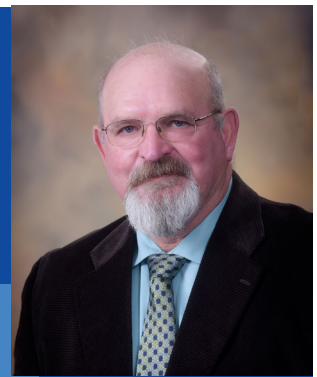
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Justin Head



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Phillip Wallace

I am writing this report after attending another great and informative Steward School. If you were unable to attend, you missed out. The Ladies of 798 raised around \$120,000 at their Basket Auction to give to their designated charities. I cannot imagine a better public relations machine than what the combined efforts of those ladies do. Not only is it great to help people in need but it shines a very positive light on the entire Local. I would also like to take a second to thank the sponsors that keep our training center running and help make Steward School so successful.

The work outlook out West is similar to my last report. However, some contractors have picked up other smaller jobs in addition to the projects already on the books. Intercon Construction out of Wisconsin was the successful bidder on the Black Hills Energy work in Wyoming, and I look for them to get started around the first week of May. Intercon is a smaller company with low overhead and was able to beat out Crossfire (also known as Strike) and still pay 90% rates and full fringes on 12". The Hanging H job in Colorado looks to be pushed back until June. From what I am hearing, the government shutdown played a role in delaying permits. I am still very confident that project will go.

I have several large projects on my radar that I am diligently staying on top of, but most look to be next year or 2021. I hope to provide more details on those as they emerge and open seasons end. Denbury Resources has approximately 210 miles of 24" and 33 miles of 16" to do in Wyoming, and they just received BLM approval. My hope is this project will go no later than next summer.

I would also like to touch on the Powder River Basin in Wyoming. I am starting to see a lot more investor activity and acquisitions up there, all pointing to the possibility that it may be the next big oil and gas play next to the Permian Basin. It's hard to get started with fair contractors when the work first starts back in an area, but some of these new project managers are getting a taste of getting what you pay for. I believe our fair contractors are going to start getting more opportunities to bid work and be looked at fairly in terms of quality. I have had reports of some contractors at times running 40% repair rates or higher. That isn't acceptable by any standards.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that there is a ton of building trades work available. Some locals pay as much as \$50 an hour, and their pension contributions are close to ours. I have talked to agents that are already having trouble manning their work. If you don't have the skill sets to work building trades, take advantage of the 798 Training Center. It could be the difference between earning a credit and falling short.

Hope everyone has a safe and prosperous year and till next time, work safe and WORK UNION.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Michels:

- Castle Rock, CO. Blanket maintenance and integrity work, 22 valve change outs, and 1,800' of 4 and 6-inch. Welder Foreman: John Larson. Superintendent: Stephen Knight. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 11-1-19.
- Del Norte, CO. Maintenance and integrity, 3,000' of 6", and multiple reg. stations. Welder Foreman: Chris Jost. Superintendent: Stephen Knight. Approx. Completion 6-1-19.

I write this Blue Light Report the week after the 2019 Steward School. This year we had one of the largest groups in many years with a lot of new members attending for the first time. To me the highlight of the week was the Thursday night retiree banquet for 50-year and over members that worked hard and sacrificed to put this Local together and make it what it is today. I had a lot of new members come to me with comments that they never dreamed of a group of welders, journeymen, and helpers that could stick together and work as a family. This is a family that needs to work together to keep this Local going forward for many years, so our younger generation can enjoy a decent retirement with health care and pension benefits like the ones that came before us. What a great Local Union you are a member of, and it's everyone's responsibility to help sustain the forward motion by working hard every day you're on the job so you can be a proud 50-year member someday.

The work outlook in my area is same as last year with Maintenance Integrity work being my main workload, with Northern Natural Gas, Enbridge, Flint Hills, Black Hills, Marathon, Buckeye, Excel Energy, Center Point, TransCanada, and MERC. I pre-jobbed over 120 jobs last year with these clients, and I expect to do the same or more this year. I want to remind the welders that all these clients require in-service weld testing with 12" open butt low-hydrogen bell hole, and multiple 12" branches of various wall thicknesses as well as the sleeve test. These maintenance jobs don't put a lot of hands to work, but they are good jobs that seem to keep going all season. The larger projects in my area are still held up with permit problems that we seem to face every day. The Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project has a start date of January 1, 2020. There is a possibility of Station and Swamp Work starting late this fall.

The other big job is the Keystone XL Pipeline that was on track for late spring or early summer but has hit a snag from the federal judge in Montana that filed an injunction to stop construction on the Man Camps and RV Parks along the pipeline route. On March 29th, President Trump issued a Presidential Permit authorizing TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline to construct, connect, operate, and maintain pipeline facilities at the International Boundary between the United States and Canada. This signed permit was not the magic wand to solve this situation with the federal judge in Montana, but it was another step closer to construction. Just so you know, the federal judge involved is against all pipeline construction, and is steered and funded by the environmental groups we fight every day for our jobs. This judge was appointed by Barack Obama before he left office, the same as the federal judge that filed the injunction and stopped construction on the Mountain Valley Pipeline in Virginia and West Virginia last year. Keep that in mind come election time.

Your Local needs your help advocating for your jobs. Please get involved with the Action Network to help outnumber these environmental groups that are against everything we stand for to make a living for our families.

Thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Farron Hollabaugh, Josalyn Johnson and their staffs that worked hard to put the Steward School together for this membership. Also, thanks to Shannon Jackson and his Inside Guards, for doing an outstanding job as always. And a big thank you to the vendors that bless this Local with their support, not just during Steward School, but all year long.

The UA Pipeline Department was well represented by Director David Barnett and Special Representatives Chad Gilbert and Mike Mikich. UA Counsel Ellen Boardman and Beth Worrell, lead counsel of the PLCA, provided a smooth understanding of the NPLA.

I hope to see you in the field soon. Never forget, *United We Stand, Divided We Fall.*

## Pre-Jobs:

### Charps, LLC:

- Kanopolis, KS. 15 miles of 26" Integrity Digs, pipe cutouts, and Hydro Test for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Jimmy "Cowboy" Williams. Welder Foreman: Brandon Olson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion: 10 weeks.

### Michels Pipeline:

- Billings, MT. 5 miles of 12" for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: John Whitten. Welder Foreman: Todd Valentine (LU 246). 90% scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion: 4 months.
- Lehigh, IA. Creek Replacement for Flint Hills. Superintendent: Todd Hartle. Welder Foreman: Kevin Marlett. High Scale. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion: 4 weeks.
- Peosta, IA. 2-miles of 16" take up and relay for Black Hills. Superintendent: Bradley Mudd. Welder Foreman: Brian Foster. High Scale. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion: 5 months.
- Cedar Rapids, IA. Blanket Work for Mid America, ongoing. Superintendent/Welder Foreman: Marty Campbell. Low Scale. Working 5-10s.
- Missoula, MT. 16" and Under Integrity Digs for Phillips 66, On Going Blanket. 90% Scale. Superintendent/Welder Foreman: Wayne Petz.

### Q3 Contracting:

- Little Canada, MN. Blanket call out work for Excel Energy. Superintendent: Mitch Mincoff. Welder Foreman: Michael Langley. High Scale. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion: 3 months.

jobbing in the next few days. I am headed to Denver City, TX, to pre-job with Hanging H. They have signed a contract with Kinder Morgan for an Integrity Management & Fabrication job.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me at (918) 633-3435. Always remember Brothers and Sisters, we are and always will be **"The Best of The Best."**

## Pre-Jobs:

### Price Gregory:

- Conroe, TX. Run procedures for the Exxon at RMS shop. Job complete.



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Charles Yates, Jr.



TX  
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Black Schroeder



I have just returned home from Steward School. It was great to see a lot of old friends and meet some new ones.

First, I would like to thank all the members and their wives who took their time and hard-earned money to come to Steward School to be a part of the greatest Union and Brotherhood in the world. Without the support of the membership, sponsors, participants, and all our Inside Guards, it would not be a success.

I would like to thank the retirees, the living and those deceased for all you have done for Local 798. Being able to retire one day and be honored at the 50-year banquet should be everyone's ultimate goal. The Ladies of 798 never cease to amaze everyone with their basket auction. It was another huge success, thanks to everyone that participated.

Thanks to all our speakers and especially Jim Moss who always does a great job! Thanks to the UA Pipeline Department Director David Barnett, Mike Mikich and Chad Gilbert, for all your help. Ellen Boardman with the UA, and Beth Worrell with the PLCA, did a great job explaining the DOL regulations on per-diem and also helping with the NPLA.

Farron and everyone working at the 798 Training Center was on the ball. The Lincoln Electric BBQ and Miller Crawfish & Shrimp Boil were great. A special thanks to all our great sponsors!

And last but not least, Danny, Justin, Josalyn and the 798 staff did an excellent job putting together another great Steward School. Thanks for the countless hours and making it such a success. PIBF Director Renee Vause and staff put together a very informative presentation.

We are finally starting to pick up a little work in Texas; the job I spoke about in the last Blue Light is a reality. Price Gregory has a contract for Exxon to lay 65 miles of 30" with the warehouse in Wink, TX. I should be pre-jobbing in the next few days. Rockford just signed a contract with Energy Transfer to lay 19.8 miles of 42" with the warehouse in Donie, TX, and should be pre-

"Unionism" is the policies and practices of labor unions, particularly those concerned with protecting and furthering the rights of workers. The very definition of unionism was on display in Tulsa this April at our annual Steward School. This event continues to be a success because of member participation, volunteers, and corporate sponsors all working together. I really enjoyed seeing everyone and trust you all were able to make connections and gather the information that will help you going forward. The most cherished resource we have is our retirees, as they have much wisdom that is both relevant and valuable for our future. I especially like hearing their stories at the Thursday night banquet. Thank you for sharing.

With the conclusion of Steward School, everyone is now focused on the work season which is still slow getting started in my area. However, it is picking up a bit. I have pre-jobbed the 3rd phase of the Saginaw Trail, and hands should be dispatched for this project by the time of this reading. The Price Gregory work in the UP of Michigan should also kick off soon. Currently, I have multiple maintenance jobs throughout the region. I would also like to welcome our new Michigan contractor, Holly Construction, who signed our National Pipeline Agreement in February.

Remember, that even though work is slow right now, working non-union is never an option. Our April Membership Meeting addressed this issue. We have been aggressively investigating and identifying 798 members who are working non-union. These investigations have resulted in officially filing charges on those in violation of UA Constitution and By-Laws Sections 153 and 195A and Local 798 Constitution and By-Laws Article XIX Section 6 (working non-union and breaking the oath). To quote Danny Hendrix from our Friday night meeting, "If you want to work non-union, you can. You just CAN'T be members of Local 798." Don't waste our time. If you want to work non-union do us all a favor, write a resignation letter and send your book to Tulsa.

Using the Action Network is still our best voice to secure pipeline projects. Don't stop using, visiting, and sharing our Action Network page. We can't let up! We should be getting everyone we know on [www.action.local798.org](http://www.action.local798.org). The special interest groups are working hard every day to attack our livelihood. We must work harder than they do. We can if we work together, but it is going to take all of us and everyone we know. Solidarity. We will take NO DAYS OFF when it comes to advocating for our jobs. Advocate, support, back, promote.

Hope to see everyone on the ROW before the year is out. As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call me.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Big Inch:

- Montezuma, IN. 24" tee replacements for Tall Grass Energy. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Ryan Usry. Working

6-10s. Job complete.

- Manchester, MI. 2"-24" high pressure natural gas piping for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Steven Shepler. Welder Foreman: Ryan Usry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-15-19.

#### Charps LLC:

- Ithaca, MI. 16 miles of 6" lateral for Major Pipeline LLC. Superintendent: Pete O'Toole. Welder Foreman: Tanner Dremmel. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-17-19.

#### Contractors Rental:

- Anderson, IN. 2"-8" existing line upgrade with booster pumps for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: Matt Hill. Welder Foreman: William Delik. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Speedway, IN. Valve installations and replacements on existing 8" pipeline for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: Matt Hall. Welder Foreman: Mark Eagleson. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

#### Foltz Welding:

- Lima, OH. 2"- 12" station work with booster pumps for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: George McKinley. Welder Foreman: Troy Hall. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Lima, OH. 8", 10", 12" station work for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: George McKinley. Welder Foreman: Troy Hall. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

#### Global Energy Solutions:

- Hopedale, OH. 11,291' of 12" new lay for Mark West. Superintendent: James Vote. Welder Foreman: Grant Glaze. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-25-19.

#### Holly Construction:

- Melvindale, MI. Integrity digs for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Charles Janovsky. Welder Foreman: Scott Sample. Working 5-10s. On-going blanket.

#### InfraSource:

- Covington, KY and Southern Ohio. Integrity and maintenance in Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Lance Cook. Welder Foreman: Steven Shelton. Working 6-10's. Approx. completion 5-3-19.

#### KS Energy Services:

- Clarksville, IN. Station retro fit, installing launchers and receivers for Vectren. Superintendent: Ben Gruetzmacher. Welder Foreman: Rusty Wallace. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-19.

#### Meade:

- South Haven, MI. ½ mile of 20" and 30" for TransCanada. Superintendent: John Carlson. Welder Foreman: Eddie Sims. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-10-19.

#### Michels:

- South Bend, IN. 24"-36" casing removals on existing mainline pipeline for NipsCo-NiSource. Superintendent: Heath Petty. Welder Foreman: Garrett Johnson. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-19.

#### Minnesota Limited:

- Centerville, OH. 7,400' of 20" lift and lay, launchers and receivers, plus valve replacements for Vectren. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: Tim Schwendiman. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-19.
- Evansville, IN. Various sizes and lengths of maintenance, hydro and re placement for Vectren. Superintendent: Greg Frazier. Welder Foreman: Francisco Serrazola. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-19.

#### Price Gregory:

- Cincinnati, OH. Maintenance on existing transmission lines for Duke Energy/Piedmont Natural Gas. Superintendent: Darryl Ditterline. Welder Foreman: Carl Traweek. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-1-20.

#### R.L. Coolsaet:

- East China, MI. Perform integrity assessment on 1 mile of 16" trans mission pipeline for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Scully. Welder Foreman: Paul Mullin. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### R. L. Morris and Sons:

- Kalkaska, MI. Emergency and call-out work for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Greg Morris. Welder Foreman: Jesse Krumlauf. Working 6-10s. On-going blanket.
- Kalkaska, MI. Various launcher and receiver plus integrity work on high pressure transmission lines for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: John Lantzer. Welder Foreman: Mark Blaisdell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-19.

#### Snelson Companies:

- Mt. Morris, MI. 29.19 miles of 24" mainline pipeline and 1.25 miles of 12" take-up for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: William "Bo" Berry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-19.



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VT, WV  
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David Butterworth



I have just returned from the 2019 Steward School and would like to thank Danny, Justin, the office staff and the inside guards who worked behind the scenes to make the meeting a success. The contract was openly discussed, and many questions were answered thus giving us a guideline to apply during the 2019 work season. The week wasn't all business, the Ladies of 798 Basket Auction, Lincoln Electric BBQ and the Miller Electric Crawfish Boil were well attended, and all had fun. If you haven't already, you should start making plans to attend the 2020 Steward School to see what you're missing.

Work in my area has picked up significantly since my last Blue Light Report. I've pre-jobbed 35 jobs during that period. Most of these are small jobs, but the MVP should start hiring in the near future. The MVP work in West Virginia consists of approximately 76.2 miles of 42" new-lay. The Virginia work is behind due to permit issues pertaining to the Appalachian Trail and the Jefferson National Forest. Another issue includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreeing with the state on their water certification requirements. The work left in Virginia is approximately 43 miles of 42" new-lay.

The fight goes on with the environmentalists and leftist judges who continually attempt to throw up roadblocks. I will continue to do whatever I have to do to put our story out there. Hopefully, the membership will do their part by advocating for their jobs through the Action Network and attending public hearings related to these projects. The ACP is currently on hold, and our advocacy matters when the judges and politicians see that we are unemployed due to permits.

At the Virginia MVP Water Permit hearing, I had 30 members show up. We put a call and email blast out to 600 members and 30 attended. **This is not going to get it.** Those who attended the meeting will tell you that our presence helped turn the tide and influence a favorable decision. I'm scared to think what would have happened if we hadn't been there. It's time for us to step up our game!

There are two members in my area that have gone the extra mile in the advocacy department. Local 798 members Ted Dinch and Bub Jones have worked hand in hand with ACP by allowing them into their homes to film their stories and have even gone so far as to write articles in favor of ACP in their local papers. Their additional effort is not going unnoticed by Local 798 along with Dominion, and it has become vital in our efforts to get these projects back online. You can check out their stories on [www.energysure.com](http://www.energysure.com).

In closing, I would like to recognize Cathy Blackmore for her 33 years of exemplary service to our Local. At Steward School, Danny made her an "Honorary Member," a well-deserved distinction. Best wishes to Cathy as she plans to travel and enjoy the next chapter in her life.

## Pre-jobs:

#### Ace Pipeline:

- Salem, WV. 14,000' of 16" and 11,000' of 20" steel new-lay. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-11s.

#### Alex E. Paris:

- Atlasburg, PA. Various blanket work 12"-20". Superintendent: Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman: Bobby Bell. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Apex Pipeline:

- Glen Dale, WV. 7.5 miles of 24" new-lay. Superintendent: Roman Mck own. Welder Foreman: Josey Kirk. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Triadelphia, WV. 7.5 miles of 24" new-lay. Superintendent: Moe Riddle. Welder Foreman: Charlie Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Blue Flame Pipeline:

- West Union, WV. 5 miles of 30", 6 miles of 24", 6 miles of 20" steel new-lay. Superintendent: Cliff Frymier. Welder Foreman: Matt Harris. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Bond Brothers:

- Burrillville, RI. 4" to 30" pipe replacements, modifications and digs in MA, RI and CT. Superintendent: Matthew Fernandes. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

#### Cofano Energy Services:

- Bridgeport, WV. 7,700' of 30" new-lay. Superintendent: Jeremy Duncan. Welder Foreman: Anthony Loggins. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### GPL Construction:

- Montville, CT. 3.3 miles of 12" and 9.9 miles of 16" street work, maintenance and fab. Superintendent: Michael Gaudette, Jr. Welder Foreman: Ken Jones. Mainline rates with Special Agreement fringes. Working 5-10s.

#### JL Allen Services:

- Cromwell, CT. Continuation of 2018 station upgrade. Superintendent: Shane Lawrence. Welder Foreman: Josh Coombs (LU 157). Mainline rates with Station Agreement fringes. Working 6-10s.

#### Michels Pipeline:

- Moundsville, WV. 17,200' of 30" and 17,200' of 36" longwall subsidence mitigation. Superintendent: Brian Smith. Welder Foreman: Shane Shef field. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Precision Pipeline:

- Huguenot, NY. 500' of 36" tie-ins. Superintendent: Ronnie Michalkovich. Welder Foreman: Scotty Scott. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Mechanicsburg, PA. 56, 981' of 16" steel bores, HDDs, open cuts, valve installs and hydro. Superintendent: Chad Ward. Welder Foreman: Andy Hunt. Mainline rates with Special Agreement fringes. Working 6-10s.
- Covington, PA. 11 miles of 16" and 10" steel gas line plus 5.3 miles of 10" steel water line. Superintendent: Dale Wix. Welder Foreman: Andy Davis. Mainline rates with Special Agreement fringes. Working 6-10s.
- Bridgeport, WV. 8.1 miles of 42" for MVP (Spread A). Superintendent: Brad Moser. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Bridgeport, WV. Approximately 9 miles of 42" new lay for MVP (Spread B). Superintendent: Jim Cunningham. Welder Foreman: Dennis Jackson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Sutton, WV. Approximately 15.8 miles of 42" new lay for MVP (Spread C). Superintendent: Rick Swing. Welder Foreman: Raymond Johnson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Summersville, WV. Approximately 10 miles of 42" new lay for MVP (Spread D). Superintendent: Joe Parrish. Welder Foreman: Billy Hawkins. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Schmid Pipeline:

- Brownsville, PA. 4.8 miles of 16" new lay and hydro existing 16". Superintendent: Lonnie Skadsem. Welder Foreman: Jerome Patten. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### Price Gregory International:

- Meshoppen, PA. 1/2 mile of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Steve Yates. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

#### US Trinity:

- Beckley, WV. 16 miles of 42" new lay for MVP (Spread F). Superintendent: Randy Mathis. Welder Foreman: Clark Eastwood. Main line rates. Working 6-10s.



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Chris Lancaster



I am writing this report after returning home from the 2019 Steward School. It was enjoyable to have the opportunity to visit with those who were able to attend. Danny and Justin had a good agenda with several very informative speakers and guests. Thanks to the UA Pipeline Department for attending. It's always good to see and visit with you. We went over the Agreement in full and had a good discussion on issues that arise on some of the jobs. I hope everyone has a better understanding of it and will carry what they learned to the job site and see that it is enforced.

The Ladies of 798 had several fun events as well. They had their basket auction which is always a good time. They work hard in bringing this event, as well as others, to us. I want to thank them for the hard work and effort but, most of all, for their support to us in our jobs as we travel away from home for work. Also, the retiree banquet was, as always, a humbling event. It was an honor for me to be able to visit with those who paved the way for us to enjoy the safe and great working conditions we enjoy today. I want to also thank the Inside Guards for their efforts in seeing that the events went off in the professional manner they did. Thanks to all of you for an outstanding job.

The work outlook is still looking good. The three major projects that were planned are still having permit issues, but we still have a lot of short lines and rehab to do this year. I think we are going to end with a good work year. I encourage you to sharpen your heli-arc and low-hi skills as there are several good building trade jobs that are going to need welders this year.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the 2019 Steward School a great success. If I can be of help, don't hesitate to call.

#### Pre-Jobs:

##### B&G Pipeline:

- Forrest City, NC. 6.2 miles 12"(Amended). Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Josh Owens. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-19.
- Forrest City, NC. 4.8 miles 12". Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Josh Owens. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-11-19.

##### InfraSource Construction:

- Covington, KY. Removal of condensation and tie-ins. Welder Foreman: Justin Teague. Superintendent: Walker Stuart. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-19.

##### Minnesota Limited:

- Richmond, KY. 12" Launcher and Receiver plus valve replacements. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Superintendent: Fred Leasure. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-30-19.

##### Michels Pipeline:

- Harrodsburg, KY. 9,037' 30" Plus HDD. Welder Foreman: Jan Shurpit. Superintendent: Russ Shurpit. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-25-19.





## ORGANIZING Report

By Ronnie Hill

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to have the skill and the knowledge to not only provide for our families, but we aren't afraid to step forward and give unselfishly to those less fortunate. It makes me very proud to belong to such a great organization as Pipeliner's Local Union 798.

It's sad to say that several charges were filed this meeting. This is not something anyone enjoys doing but something that must be done. Our contractors are at a serious disadvantage trying to bid work when there are those willing to work for less. It's bad enough when anyone will go out and work for less than the negotiated wage, but when our members do it, they are helping our fair contractors lose work, therefore putting us all out of work. We all signed an oath of obligation, and we gave our word to remain true to the principles and policies and to be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws and Ritual of the United Association and our Local Union. When I give my word, I take it very seriously and hope that everyone else does as well. Our word should always be our bond.

I have had some questions come up that I would like to address. One is, "can a helper weld non-union without having charges brought against them?" The answer is *no*. The other is, "can you work as a Foreman without being subject to charges?" The answer to that is *no* also. The only way you can work non-union without risk of charges is with a salt agreement, and that must be agreed on beforehand.

Also, when calling to report a member working non-union, try to have some vital information, like the person's name, the location where they are working, the contractor they are working for or the specific job. Simply saying we have a member working in South Texas or Central Oklahoma doesn't give us much to go on. It doesn't mean we can't locate them, but it makes it a lot easier and cost effective with a little information.

With that said, I would like to hear any information you have. Like I said earlier, when one of our members is doing this, they are going against everything we stand for and are hurting all our chances of securing work in that area.

It was great seeing so many people at Steward School and meeting many new friends. If I can help anyone, please don't hesitate to call. I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous work year. Please work safe and stay Union Strong.

Fraternally,  
Ronnie M. Hill



## DISPATCH Report

By Ricky Jones

What is needed to work Building Trades: OSHA 10 or OSHA 30, (Must have your card on your person and it is preferred to be not more than three years old.) A UA certification where the weld consists of an uphill stick bead filled and capped with low hydrogen. Another one needed is Heli-Arc bead, and hot pass then filled and capped with Low Hydrogen. Another is 2" Heli-Arc all the way out. Also, what they call for a UA 41 which is stainless bead hot pass fill and cap. Every one of these increases your earning ability. UA certifications are only available through UA Training Centers. Also, some Local's agreements read that you are required to get your own drug test. In these cases, the drug test is good for roughly six months. Occasionally a TWIC card may help. Personally, I would have one.

I do not know how soon the work will pick up. However, there is an opportunity to go to work in several Building Trades locations across the country. Most places DO NOT PAY per diem. A few do, but even then, it is seldom equivalent to the amount we receive. However, I did find one small job that was paying \$100.00 per day. At the very least, these jobs will help your unemployment and your health care last longer. But, do not wait until the last minute to decide to do something. As I said, the more certifications and willingness to travel, the more opportunity is out there, including reaching 1,200 hours for your pension. There is work in Washington State, Arizona, Oregon, and California, but I am strictly speaking of building trades jobs. Most of these jobs you need to be there to get a work order.

Be aware when traveling to these other locals, we are guests. We need to behave like thankful guests. Other locals notice quite fast if people miss work or drag up after a few weeks. The person who does it may not feel the effects; however, a brother or sister member who is needing to get a job will. To them, you may have just closed the door of opportunity. Everywhere you go; you are representing the character and integrity of Local 798 members. Sometimes I hear the response that it was not a very good job or some complaint

about situations on the job. When we are looking for travelers for our work, it is not because we are looking to put them on our best job. The fact is, we must have people man the work and when other locals do the same thing you are not likely to roll up on the best job they have or the best supervision. When they are looking for help, they are already spread thin.

Do not neglect your downhill skills either. Do not assume that after being off several months you are in testing condition for a good downhill job. It's a bad day when you travel many miles and miss the weld test for a job that could be months in length. With some of the retest rules, you may not ever be able to roll back up on that job or entire project before it is completed. The abundance of work has allowed for error. If you made a mistake in judgment, you could simply move to the next job and tighten up there; this year is not going to afford that. If you drag up or get run off the opportunity to reapply yourself may be gone. If you drag up, you will not qualify for unemployment, and it could be very difficult to get on another job to get that lay off for unemployment.

All is well for those who are ready to conduct their business like professionals. Coming by the work is not going to be as easy as last year. But there is work out there. Here in Dispatch, we are willing to do everything we can to help.

2264 Helpers

1673 Welders

249 Journeymen

## Correction

Please note that there was a misprint in the 2019 wall calendar in the month of September. The wall calendar states that the September Regular Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, September 20th, this is **INCORRECT**. The **CORRECT** date of the September Regular Membership Meeting is Friday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.

## Thank You

On behalf of Pipeliners Local 798 and the Local 798 Training Center, thank you to all the sponsors for their participation during the 2019 Steward School, donations to the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program, and their year-round support of the Local 798 Training Center



## Election Committee Election Results

Nominations and an election were held at the April 12, 2019 regular membership meeting for the Election Committee Members to oversee the upcoming 2019 Local 798 Officer Election. Five nominations were made, the results of the election are as follows:

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|-------------------|-----|-----------|-------------------|
| Farron Hollabaugh | 339 | Chairman  | Farron Hollabaugh |
| Chris Waeckerle   | 257 | Secretary | Chris Waeckerle   |
| Joe Hurt          | 256 | Member    | Joe Hurt          |
| David B. Davis    | 123 |           |                   |
| Calvin Fuller     | 86  |           |                   |

# PIBF Report

## Revised PIBF SPD and Pension Statements Mailed to the Membership

A revised Summary Plan Description (SPD) book and annual Pension Statements were mailed to the membership in March. The most current version of the SPD is always available on our website at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org).

## Elimination of Contribution Suspension Period Following a 401(k) Hardship Distribution

Effective January 1, 2019, the six-month suspension period for making employee contributions following a hardship distribution has been eliminated.

## Vision Benefits

PIBF has a \$200 annual Vision Care Benefit for Active and COBRA Participants and their covered Dependents. Did you know an annual vision exam can help detect serious medical conditions such as glaucoma, diabetes and high blood pressure? Good vision health can also greatly affect children's success in the classroom. Vision screening, prescription lenses, frames, and contact lenses are typical vision care services and materials which qualify for reimbursement through the Vision Care Benefit. Children under the age of 19 will be covered for the annual routine eye exam and materials to the extent required under the Affordable Care Act.

## New Pension Tax Table Installed

Pension tax tables are updated in the first quarter each year. The new table for 2019 was installed effective March 1, 2019. Please review your deposit amount on or after that date and let us know if you need to make any changes.



Renée Vause

Director

## Featured Personnel



Chad S. Williams joined PIBF in February 2019 as the Pension and Contributions Manager. Chad has been a member of Local 798 for 20 years. For the past 12, he has been a Journeyman. He is a third generation Pipeliner and son of Welder member, Guy S. Williams, and his wife, Maria. He has one daughter, Alyssa Williams Shelley, who is married to Devon. Chad graduated with a degree in criminal justice from Northeast Louisiana University. He served in the Louisiana Army

National Guard for six years and the Army Reserve for two years as a combat engineer. While in service, Chad worked as a deputy sheriff, where he remains a commissioned deputy. Chad has served the Local as a Pipeman, Spacer, Line Carrier, Testing Foreman, and Testing Journeyman. When not working, he enjoys playing guitar and being with family. Chad is honored to be appointed to this position by Danny Hendrix and considers it to be a privilege to serve the membership in this new role.



Jo Lea Stone is the Assistant Strategic Operations Manager. Jo joined PIBF in November 2018. Jo is married to her soul mate, Karl, and has an 18-year-old daughter, Korisa. Jo says her daughter is the best thing her life has produced! Jo, her husband, and daughter partner with eight volunteer charity efforts locally and abroad. In her free time, Jo barrel races and enjoys 'jogging' marathons. "Customer service has always been my primary focus and dear to my heart during

my 23-year IT Career. I feel amazingly blessed every day I get to solve our members' issues, no matter how big or small they may be. The PIBF group is second to none and working alongside them is like having an ALL-STAR team you can always count on. My main goal at PIBF is to continually improve our efficiencies and effectiveness, making it easy and quick for our membership to access their benefits."

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Renée Vause - Director



# Short & Personal

## THANK YOU

**Dustyn and Donnie Nichols** would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The monetary help Dustyn received after his accident was greatly appreciated. It is reassuring to know that in the pipeline industry all union trades are truly a family of Brothers and Sisters. Special thanks to Delbert Jones, Jason Pitts and Matt Strother.

**Jeff Wickett and Family** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the money they received at the time of his mother's passing. It is such a blessing to belong to a great union that takes care of its own. Special thanks to Stephen Morris, David Hall, and the Precision pipe gang in Elliston, VA.

**Kevin Ritenour** wanted to thank all his brothers and sisters for donating and distributing from the Voluntary Fund. It's truly a blessing.

**Brett and Lynnda Mason** would like to thank the 798 family and all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift they received was a blessing in the time of Brett's mom's passing. Special thanks to Jerry Haynes and Patrick Adrian.

**Hershel Mason and Family** would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. His wife, Kay, fought a very long battle with cancer, and it was the prayers and cards from people like you that helped. The financial help from all of you is what makes the Voluntary Fund possible. He is very proud to be a member of Local 798.

**Tim Hartness and Family** greatly appreciates the help they received from the Voluntary Fund due to his recent hospitalization. Special thanks to Don Lewis, James Milleson, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**The Crabtree Family** would like to thank the 798 Voluntary Fund for the help they received for Travis's daughter, Raynee Crabtree, who is going through cancer treatments. The check they received was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and John and Debbie Knight. It is an honor to be a member of such a great organization.

**Ray Brumley** would like to thank all those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It is a wonderful way to give back during times of need to all members of our pipeline family. His surgery went well, and he is looking forward to being back on the ROW.

**Mack Doyle** thanks the Voluntary Fund and all the members that contribute to it. He appreciated the check he received after his tractor accident. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Ernie Fontenot.

**Daniel and Wendy McLeod** would like to thank you for thinking of them in their time of need. Your help was greatly appreciated.

**Butch Reppond** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the check he received following his quadruple by-pass. Special thanks to Larry Collier. It is great to be a part of this 798 team.

**Danny P. Simms** would like to give thanks to all who give to the Voluntary Fund. He appreciated the money he received. His eye surgery went well and

is healing.

**James Zimmerman** would like to say thank you to Black Schroeder, Danny Hendrix and the Voluntary Fund for the help.

**William and Cindy Overstreet** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for its generous gift during their time of sorrow. They both always give to the Voluntary Fund while they are working in hopes they would never need it, but they are so thankful for the help when they did.

**Andy and Barbie Dudley** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the monetary gift, it was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Corey Peterman, and John Starkey.

**Wanda D. Williams** would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The contribution truly helped during her recovery from her right and left total knee replacement surgeries in December. Special thanks to brothers Jimmy Scooter Folk and James Gleitz for requesting Voluntary Fund for her.

**Chris and Melinda Baldrige** would like to thank all who contributed to the Voluntary Fund. They would like to thank Joe Rodriguez and Charlie Garrett for the help after Melinda's injury. They would also like to thank Matt Franklin, Gary Lloyd, and Justin Wallace for the help for Chris's cancer and the loss of their 3-year-old grandson, Wyatt.

**Rob Martin** would like to thank all the brothers and sisters of Local 798, and the Voluntary Fund for the help he received during the recovery of his wife's surgery. Special thanks to Matt Ward, Joan Ousley, Ron Moss, Paul Zimmerman, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Pudden and Donna Usry** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone that donates, it was a big help. Donna is out of the hospital and improving from pneumonia. Special thanks to Wayne Causey.

**Lee Mason**, President of Steamfitters Local 614, would like to thank Local Union 798 and everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. It's a blessing to have an organization like 798 whose members care enough to give week-to-week to the Voluntary Fund. His family can not thank you all enough for the prayers and financial help they received in their time of need. It's because of the commitment of Local Unions, like 798, to honor the oath as a member of the UA, "to assist members of the United Association to the extent of our ability", that makes him proud to be Union.

**Darlene Wolfe** would like to thank everyone who is a part of 798. It's a wonderful union, and she is glad she became a part of it. Everyone is so giving of their support. Special thanks to Jimmy Dodd and Debbie Plaster, her two best friends.

**Daniel Leglise and Brenda Fox** want to thank 798 and the Voluntary Fund staff for the approval of their situation. They also want to thank the Welder Foreman, George Houston, and Steward, Barky, for sending a letter on their behalf.

**Bruce and Andrea Carroll** want to thank everyone that gives to the Voluntary Fund, and those that take the time to speak on behalf of those in need. They've

been on the receiving end more than once in the last couple of years and have been grateful for the calls from everyone and the Voluntary Fund help. Hopefully, 2019 will be a better year.

**Trevor Green** would like to thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The gift was appreciated and helpful toward his wife's medical expenses. Special thanks to Don Pawloski.

**Oliver Frazier and Family** would like to thank you for helping them in a time of need. They feel extremely blessed and grateful to be a part of Local 798. Tobby Geiger would like to thank everyone that realizes that giving, even a little, helps families to get through difficult times that may arise. Prayers are greatly appreciated. They are praying that the doctors got all the melanoma skin cancer. They are grateful for the help they received from their brothers and sisters of 798. God bless you all.

**Cheryl and Steve Browning** would like to thank Local Union 798 for the financial help through the Voluntary Fund. It will help so much during this difficult time. Prayers for Steve are also appreciated.

**Lynn and Danny Poole** are so grateful for the help from the Voluntary Fund. Thank you to everyone who donates every week, your generosity is appreciated. They are so happy to be members of such a great union.

**James Trautman** would like to thank Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the generous donation received for his son. Special thanks to Kelly Howerton and the people that contribute to the fund.

**Mike and Jody Green** express their deepest thanks to all that contribute to the Voluntary Fund and for the assistance they received after his partial knee replacement and Jody's hospital stay. Special thanks to Jimmy Mark, John and Connie Monden, Rodger Roberts, Justin and Danny.

**James Melvin** expresses his thanks for the support and kindness the Voluntary Fund extended to him during the recovery of his ankle replacement. It is a great honor to have worked for a caring organization like Local 798. Special thanks to Albert Pauley for his kindness and effort for recommending him.

**Matthew Tabor** would like to thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. It has been a tremendous help with his doctor bills. Special thanks to Raymie Rogers, Justin Head, and Daniel Castro.

**Sandra Enlow Lusinger** would like to say thank you for the monetary gift sent on behalf of Michael Ray Enlow's memory. It will be of great use. Please keep her and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Rickey and Janie Griffin** would like to say to an amazing group of people who he calls family, thank you to all who give to the Voluntary Fund. The love offering they received for his wife's two recent surgeries was greatly appreciated.

**Bobby Smith** would like to say thank you to everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his accident. Special thanks to Justin Wallace, Dale Crabtree, and Shady Phillips.

**Harriet Bieri** says thank you to Local 798 for sending Stanley F. Bieri's grandson another scholarship for college. Stanley would have been so proud of his union granting this. His grandson is a good scholar and they all appreciate the funds for college.

**Stephen Downer and Family** would like to thank you for the Voluntary Fund contribution that was given to him and his family after the passing of his mother. Their family greatly appreciated the financial help that was given. This is another reason he's proud to be a 798 UA member.

**Gary and Beverly Graham** would like to thank all the membership who donate to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace and Greg Russell.

**Rod Kelley** would like to thank Local 798, the Voluntary Fund, and everyone that donates for the check he received after the passing of his mother. He feels blessed to be a member of such a great group of brothers and sisters. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Dave Justice, and Daniel Lee.

**Chad Springer and Family** would like to sincerely thank the Voluntary Fund

and everyone who donates for the gift they received for their son's surgery and hospitalization. What a blessing it is to be a part of such an amazing organization as 798. Special thanks to Larry Cannoy.

**Ralph Smith** would like to thank all the brothers and sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after he was diagnosed with cancer. Special thanks to Paul Helgeland and Tyler Sasse. God bless Texas and 798.

**Mike and Verlinda Poor** would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check received will help with traveling to doctors and therapists for Mike's recovery. Special thanks to Rusty Long, Bill Richards, Matthew Day, Rick Friars and Kelly Jellison, Jr.

**Tommie Newsom and Dena Jones** would like to thank you for the kindness and the contribution for Dena's surgery. The gift was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Dennis Linney.

**Casey Hutchison and Family** would like to thank the members who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his recent surgery. It is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Kent Fritts.

**Martin Hand and Family** would like to say how thankful they are for the generosity during their time of hardship. With the funds provided they were able to breathe a little easier and concentrate on recovery. It's comforting to know that 798 was there to help.

**Edward Buggage, Sr.** would like to thank all officers and members of Local 798 that make the Voluntary Fund available in times of need. It gives him joy knowing that in times of sorrow that there is someone to rely on. Special thanks to Thomas Rockwell.

**Buddy and Carol Kervin** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it. Many thanks for the prayers and love they have received as they go through this difficult time. Being a member of 798 for many years has been a blessing, and it is truly like a large family coming together as one.

**Bill Crawford and Family** would like to express their utmost gratitude for the Voluntary Fund donations. The compassion displayed symbolizes the fortitude of Pipeliners Local 798. Even though their son, Wesley's time with them was short, he will continue to live in their hearts and impact this world.

**Ted Hazelet** would like to say thank you so much for your support at his mother's passing.

**Jason Dixon** would like to give his utmost thanks and appreciation to the Voluntary Fund for the check that helped his family while he was down with his surgeries. Special thanks to Justin Wallace.

**Virgil and Patti Frith** want to express their thanks for the generous check from the Voluntary Fund. It's a good feeling to know that you belong to a group of brothers and sisters that will not hesitate to open their hearts and billfolds to help a member back up when he's been knocked down. Patti is holding her own currently, with a long journey ahead. Special thanks to John Williams and Tommy Boulware.

**Lee and Cindy Sloan** would like to express their gratitude to all that donate to the 798 Voluntary Fund. They feel blessed by the generous request made by all 798 members that returned in January of 2019 for the ACP Michels pipeline job in Buckhannon, WV. The money they received was timely and extremely helpful, but the support and prayers they've received from 798 members and other employees of this job were priceless. God bless to our 798 family.

**Kevin Gregory** would like to thank everyone that wrote into the Voluntary Fund for him. It has been an uphill battle with his health the last few months and has been such a struggle. He is so grateful to have Union brothers and sisters that, not only have his back, but his entire family's back as well.

**Jennifer Bates** would like to thank each of you that give to the Voluntary Fund. The check she received for her shoulder surgery was much appreciated. Special thanks to Bruce Weeks, Dale Crabtree, and Danny Hendrix. May God bless each of you.

## RETIREMENTS

**Roger D. Burrow**, Journeyman Spacer, Heber Springs, AR

**Charles M. Cable**, Welder, Bastrop, LA

**Dennis E. Chatman**, Helper, Ferndale, WA

**Carol D. Cole**, Welder, Caulfield, MO

**Danny R. Crabtree**, Welder, Fouke, AR

**Tommy M. Drake**, Journeyman Spacer, Newton, WV

**Matthew E. Franklin, Jr.**, Welder, Bastrop, LA

**Michael E. Freeman**, Welder, Point Blank, TX

**Wendell L. Geiger**, Helper, Saint Clairsville, OH

**Edward G. Gumpert**, Welder, Aztec, NM

**James L. Hankins**, Welder, Oak Grove, LA

**John W. Johnson**, Welder, Adamsville, TN

**Tommy J. Jones**, Welder, Anahuac, TX

**Gary L. King**, Helper, Weatherly, PA

**Gary C. Loyd, Sr.**, Welder, Covington, LA

**Robert Martin, Jr.**, Helper, Kershaw, SC

**Curtis L. Mason**, Welder, Searcy, AR

**Charles A. McKenzie**, Welder, Americus, KS

**John A. Monden, Jr.**, Welder, Stinnett, TX

**Carmen C. Moody**, Welder, Bald Knob, AR

**Doreen L. Nelson**, Helper, Vanderwagen, NM

**Gordon K. Nicholas**, Helper, Deweyville, UT

**Vinceen J. Parks**, Helper, Lipan, TX

**Craig S. Preston**, Welder, Bernice, LA

**Larry J. Rodriguez, Jr.**, Welder, Broken Arrow, OK

**Payton G. Sharp**, Welder, Moss Point, MS

**Kevin A. Sheets**, Welder, Lancaster, OH

**David W. Taylor**, Helper, Corning, AR

**Rhonda L. Thurston**, Helper, Circleville, OH

**Donald B. Tunnell**, Helper, Panama City, FL

**Willis J. Tyson**, Welder, Sterlington, LA

**Gary M. Usery**, Welder, Lexington, TN

**Mitchell E. Wallace**, Welder, Hominy, OK

**Robert N. Woods**, Helper, Hamburg, AR

**Bradford W. Yearwood**, Helper, Toccoa, GA

**Tillman J. Shows**, 86-year-old Retired Welder of Laurel, MS, passed away February 16, 2019.

**Lawrence E. Branson**, 97-year-old Retired Welder of Summerville, SC, passed away February 18, 2019.

**Reuben C. Pinkston**, 86-year-old Retired Welder of Bryant, AR, passed away February 27, 2019.

**William J. Barks**, 81-year-old Retired Helper of Stark, LA, passed away March 2, 2019.

**Loudis Parish**, 89-year-old Retired Helper of Robeline, LA, passed away March 10, 2019.

**Boyd Leon Bennett**, 76-year-old Retired Journeyman of Granbury, TX, passed away March 19, 2019.

**Terry E. Young**, 78-year-old Retired Helper of Glasgow, MT, passed away March 22, 2019.

**Delbert L. Hundley**, 76-year-old Retired Helper of Wayne, WV, passed away March 26, 2019.

**Charles P. Tyson**, 72-year-old Retired Welder of Sherwood, AR, passed away April 4, 2019.

**Jay B. Adkins**, 46-year-old Helper of Patriot, OH, passed away April 15, 2019.

## SWAP & SELL

**2003 F-350 4WD:** 61,000 miles, welding machine 2,900 hours. Comes with grinders, barrel torches, and all tools. \$34,000.00 Contact Michael Bake at (330) 627-6366 or e-mail at [fivestarfarms5@yahoo.com](mailto:fivestarfarms5@yahoo.com).

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Steven D. Gates**, 38-year-old Helper of Wynona, OK, passed away November 29, 2018.

**Victor C. Martinez**, 65-year-old Retired Helper of Tucson, AZ, passed away January 7, 2019.

**Troy W. Weaver**, 51-year-old Welder of Zavalla, TX, passed away January 21, 2019.

**George W. Plants, Jr.**, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Claysville, PA, passed away January 24, 2019.

**Tommy W. Carter**, 72-year-old Retired Welder of White Oak, TX, passed away January 25, 2019.

**Alvin E. Robinson**, 77-year-old Retired Journeyman of Ethridge, TN, passed away January 27, 2019.

**Clyde O. Nipp**, 84-year-old Retired Journeyman of Overbook, OK, passed away January 28, 2019.

**Omah D. Dalton**, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Fremont, OH, passed away February 3, 2019.

**Sherrell Canon**, 78-year-old Retired Journeyman of Attalla, AL, passed away February 15, 2019.

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In an email to Northeast Business Agent, David Butterworth, Maurice Royster with Equitrans Midstream thanks Local 798 for their support of the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project.



We couldn't have done it without Pipeliners Local 798!

On behalf of Mountain Valley Pipeline, I want to thank you and all the Local 798 members who attended the Virginia State Water Control Board meeting. There is no doubt that the presence of your members contributed to the successful outcome of the Water Board's decision. It was a very long day, yet everyone stayed until the proceedings were completed. It's unfortunate that there is so much hate and anti-pipeline activism being demonstrated these days but tell your guys that they are very much appreciated by those who realize that the nation's energy needs depend on their profession.

Please pass along my sincere appreciation to your members for their dedication, professionalism and for making the trip to Richmond to support Mountain Valley Pipeline. And David, thanks for once again responding to my request for support. I really appreciate your continued participation over the years as you have publicly endorsed the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project on behalf of Pipeliners Local 798.

With much gratitude!

— **Maurice Royster**  
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