



BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank everyone for their calls and letters of condolences concerning my father, Doyle Hendrix, on his passing. I was truly blessed to have him for 82 years and to have him as a mentor my whole life. His face and voice will be with me for as long as I live. I am grateful for that and grateful for the outpouring of sympathy from the membership.

The work outlook has been a little disappointing due to what I call the 3-P's - Permits, Politicians, and paid Protesters. Three major projects, Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Enbridge Line 3, and the Keystone XL are still stalled out waiting for permits to proceed. All these projects should have started early in this work season, and all were bid out to union contractors only. What the future holds for these jobs is difficult to predict in the environment that we are currently operating. I do believe this, that the Local 798 Action Network for Advocating is working. The proof can be seen in the three projects I just mentioned. The clients on these monster projects relay to us almost daily that our campaign for pipeline work is priceless, and without it, these projects would not just be stalled; they would be shelved entirely. We do need more participation from the members and their circle of friends and family. When you see an action, please take just a few minutes to enter your information and then share it with your network and ask them to do the same. When called upon for help to attend meetings, write letters or make phone calls, **remember it is your duty and responsibility as a union member to be an activist and advocate for pipelines that enhance energy independence.**

I know I sound like a broken record, but this is your future and the future of 798. **We must all stand united in our efforts and enter the battlefield prepared to fight to the end, and we will prevail.** Every great empire in the history of the world has had one thing in common, an abundant energy supply. First, it was manpower, then horsepower, and now the energy of today is oil and natural gas, produced and transported from within America giving us real energy independence that we have not experienced in over six decades. The American dream and our livelihood are worth fighting for so jump on in and do your part.

Unfortunately, it has taken a downturn in our man-hours for some to rethink their obligation to work collectively and take the few minutes to advocate for our livelihood. Contrary to the opinions of some, the work is about the same as it was in the years 2015 and 2016. Our contractors have been able to secure a few jobs in the state of Texas under the Market Recovery. Hopefully, this fall we will see an uptick in the work down south. There is also an abundance of building trades work across the nation available to our members for those wishing to pursue it. I, personally, have gained pension and healthcare credits by working through our sister locals during slow periods in the pipeline industry. I also learned new skill sets by working those jobs that I would have never been able to learn on a pipeline job.

Last, but not least, nominations for the election of officers is quickly approaching. If you are a member in good standing for two years, you are eligible to be nominated for any office. If you are a member in good standing for one year, you are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. The 798 website has full details governing this issue.

I look forward to seeing those who can attend the September meeting. As always, I am proud to say, **"I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hendrix".

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager



Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to start by thanking every member that is doing their part to make the Action Network a success. We've had several opportunities lately to take action with the Cheyenne Connector Project, the Northeast Supply Enhancement, Jordan Cove Project, the Line 5 Project, and the Line 3 Project. Some projects are getting more support than others, so I ask that you take every action available, as they are all vital to our industry. We are making progress here, and we will keep up the fight. I was on a recent conference call with Enbridge, concerning the Line 3 Replacement Project, and representatives for Enbridge flat out said that our advocacy is what is keeping this project alive. Let's keep up the good work that we are doing to help these projects along. It is a shame that the benefit these projects bring is not enough to justify the need for them to the general public, but this is the world we live in now. This situation isn't going away anytime soon and may only get worse.

It looks like at least a couple of our projects that are held up right now may end up at the Supreme Court. Who could have ever thought it would come to this? We will continue to follow these projects, and when the time comes, we will advocate through the Action Network. On a brighter note, we currently have right at 400 Local 798 members working in the state of Texas. This is in large part due to our Market Recovery efforts, and we expect that our contractors will be picking up more of this work in the future. The Market Recovery is beginning to bear fruit, and it is nice to get back into these markets. The Cheyenne Connector Project out west has been hung up due to permits for several months now but is going to be a great job that will put several members to work. The Rockford job in Donie, Texas, (19.7 miles of 42") was also picked up by utilizing the Market Recovery rates. The UA members on that job have shown Energy Transfer that union labor is still the best value, no matter what part of the country that the work is in. This work is ours, and we will not sit by and see the nonunion take our share. We have been meeting with the other crafts and PLCA representatives regularly, and I believe we are all on board to get this work. It takes us all working together. It seems that a few of the gas companies utilize us and recognize our worth when the projects are in areas of the country where they need our advocacy, but they tend to forget those relationships when the work is down south or out west. The time is coming that they will need us to advocate for their projects in Texas, just as much as they need us in other parts of the country.

We've got a Board of Trustees meeting coming up in early September, and we will potentially be looking at making pension improvements once again. I want to take this time to remind our retirees that there will be no 13th check issued for 2019. This was decided last year by the Board of Trustees. The legal counsel to the Funds advised the Trustees that we needed to skip a year on giving a 13th check, to avoid being locked into making this a permanent benefit going forward. There are many legalities surrounding pension plans, and certain benefits, if made too many times consecutively, can become a permanent benefit. As Trustees, we would never want to be in a situation where we were forced to give pension improvements, even when it could jeopardize the funding percentage. What we did last year was to give a one-time payment of 260% of retirees' monthly pension amount, along with a percentage increase. In other words, last year we more than doubled the 13th check, so the retirees would still get the benefit, and at the same time, we were able to protect the Fund from mandatory increases in the future. I just wanted to be clear that there will not be a 13th check this year, but we will likely be considering a percentage increase for retirees and accrual increases for active members. As Trustees, we've agreed only to give pension raises when the funding percentage is over 110%. We feel like this is the right approach, and fortunately, this has allowed our pension fund to be among the healthiest in any industry.

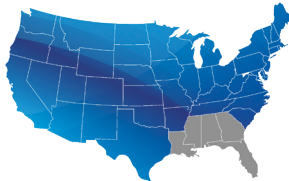
If there is ever anything that I can help you with, please don't hesitate to call on me. ***As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798.***

Faternally,

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

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Business Agent Reports



AL, FL, GA, LA, MS
918-991-5341



Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I hope everyone will arrange to attend the September Union Meeting. Remember this is an election year, and nominations will be accepted at this meeting. There will be many highly qualified members running for all the different offices, and it is up to the entire membership to participate in the voting process. The success of our great local depends on it!

Work is still slow in my jurisdiction, but I am diligently working to improve this situation. I have had the opportunity to speak with several contractors and hope to have them bid some upcoming work. I hope every member is taking advantage of all the building trades work that is available. If not, call dispatch, and see what is available.

Thanks again to all my fellow Brothers and Sisters who took the time to be my eyes and ears in my area. The information gained has been very valuable to our profession and is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, I am hearing about quite a few union hands working on nonunion jobs, and this is entirely UNACCEPTABLE! When you sign up with this local, you agree to a way of life that holds very high standards; a work ethic that is second to none; and loyalty to your fellow Brothers and Sisters of this local.

Every member is encouraged to continue to be actively involved with our Action Network. Your activity is an amazing way for our voices to be heard, and for our way of life to be recognized and valued. Please take the time to encourage all your family members to get involved also. There is always strength in numbers.

In closing, I want to wish each one of our members safe travels to and from their work locations. Remember I am here to serve **YOU**, so please feel free to call with any questions or concerns, 918-991-5341. God bless this great local, and God bless each one of you.

Pre-Jobs:

T.J. Construction, Inc.:

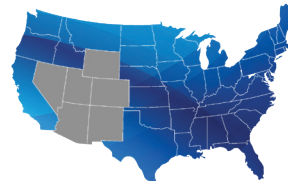
- Florence, AL. Maintenance and Fabrication on 8" and under. Gas Company: City of Pulaski. Job Steward: Dustin Bilbrey. Special agreement rates.

Wayne Holden & Company, Inc.:

- Plain Dealing, LA. 24,000' of 6" steel pipe. Gas Company: CenterPoint Energy. Welder Foreman: Curtis Mason. Steward: Jeremy Ryan. Special agreement rates.

Appalachian Pipeline Contractors, LLP:

- Okahumpka, FL. Meter Station work. Gas Company: City of Leesburg. Steward: Kerry Lobell. Special agreement rates.



AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, WY
918-270-6736



Justin Head

I am writing this report after returning from the Denver area on an organizing trip. I spoke with some of the contractors in the area, and the first thing I asked was whether they are getting qualified help on their projects. It is amazing to me that they always say they have great Welders and plenty of them when I know the exact repair rates before asking the question. It is hard for a fair contractor to be looked at fairly when the gas companies don't seem to value quality in the midstream markets. I have a feeling that this is going to come back to bite these companies. I am also aware that we still have members working for nonunion contractors in Colorado and Wyoming. This is still unacceptable. I have sent several members to other local unions. As everyone knows, there is a cracker plant hiring 100 people per week, and our sister locals need help handling their work as well. If you feel the need to work nonunion in my jurisdiction, don't assume you will get a pass, especially if you have already been caught once. Nonunion Welders do not want us on their jobs and will quickly turn you in.

To give an update on the work, we are still waiting on a notice to proceed for the Cheyenne Connector Project. I cannot confirm, but there is a possibility that all the requirements for approval may not have been met at the time of the last FERC meeting. FERC does not meet again until September 19. Hopefully, we will get a favorable decision at that point, which would put the work starting in October. I am still pre-jobbing smaller Integrity Maintenance work, and that has been going well. As long as we keep performing above the standards of the nonunion, I can see more of this type of work in the future. We also just finished up a job for Questar Dominion, and they couldn't have been happier with the product they received. As a direct result, Hanging H was almost directly awarded some anomaly digs in Wyoming. By the time you receive this report, Intercon should be wrapping up in Wyoming. I want to thank the hands on that job that showed up and performed at a high level. They were able to lay the pipe out and finish under a quarter percent repair rate. That is what we are going to have to continue to do to give our fair contractors a shot at bidding the work. I am confident it is going to pay off.

On another subject, I would like to give Brother Gary Arnold, Business Manager, of Local 208 in Denver some credit for his political accomplishments. There are numerous ways to advance our work, legislation is one of the most effective. I thank Gary and the guys at Local 208 for what they do for the advancement of our industry. They have done a great job making sure they meet 798's needs as well as their own.

I want to give a short breakdown of what passed in the last legislative session. Some of it does not go into effect until 2021, but it is going to give our fair contractors an edge on future work.

Senate Bill 181 - Oil and Gas Regulation: They negotiated worker certification requirements into the bill and now all workers installing flowlines will be required to possess the following certifications and/or meet the same requirements.

Certifications: Welders will need to be certified in either ASME Section 9 and/or API 1104. All production welds will be non-destructively tested in accordance with PHMSA standards regardless of line size (current PHMSA standards allow for visual inspection on all lines 6' or smaller, this will not apply to CO flowlines). They must also possess a current OSHA-10 hour certification including confined space entry training, hazardous material handling training, a minimum of 7,000 hours of documented on-the-job-training or working under the direct supervision of a worker that meets this requirement, and pass the ICC F31 National Standard Journeyman Mechanical License Exam.

They also negotiated language to address industry concerns including that COGCC and County/Municipal regulations needing to be "reasonable." In addition, the new emission mandates will require oil & gas operators to utilize pipelines in place of trucks or rail.

Senate Bill 196 - State Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship Utilization: They reestablished prevailing state wages based on the federal Davis-Bacon rates for all state projects \$500,000 or more. Colorado hasn't had prevailing state wages in almost 40 years, and no state in the country has passed state prevailing wages in 15 years. All mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractors performing state projects will be required to utilize a Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, registered apprenticeship program with a proven graduation rate of 15% or higher. This will increase to 20% in five years and to 30% in another five years.

Senate Bill 236 - Public Utilities Commission Sunset: Negotiated additional, Best Value Employment Metrics for Power Generation Projects. All bidders on new power generation projects will be required to provide standard metric reports outlining; workers receiving industry-standard wages, health & retirement benefits, and bona fide training opportunities (DOL, OA, registered apprenticeship programs). If a bidder fails to submit proper documentation, their bid will be invalidated or rejected from consideration. This will force the independent power producers and renewable companies to compete on a level playing field allowing natural gas power generation projects a better chance to compete.

Thanks again to Gary for what he has done for the advancement of the UA. No matter what your political affiliation, you must realize legislation of this measure does not happen if we do not have help from our senators and governors. This only proves that there are still friends of labor in high ranking positions.

In closing, if I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call. As always, work safe and work union.

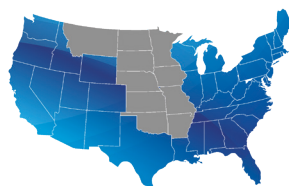
Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

- Keenesburg, CO. and Douglas, WY. Three valve replacements for Magellan. Superintendent: Steve Knight. Welder Foreman: Chris Jost. Station Agreement paying 90% rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-11-19.
- Kemmerer, WY. Kern River Gas, 1,100' of 36" and various fabrication. Superintendent: Steve Knight. Welder Foreman: Chris Mahaffey. Station Agreement at 90% rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-19.

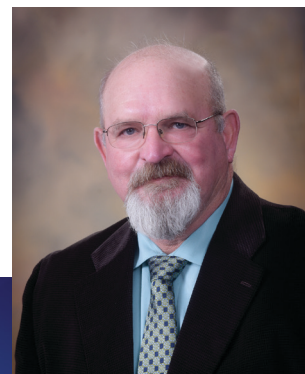
Charps, LLC:

- Buffalo, WY. 70 miles of 12" and 16" abandonment and demolition for RimRock. Superintendent: DJ Omang. Integrity Maintenance Agreement. Working 6-10s. Job complete.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OK, SD
918-606-9459

Phillip Wallace



I'm writing this Blue Light report in the third quarter of 2019. The Integrity Maintenance work is still going strong, and it looks like it will be going well into the fourth quarter of this year. These are small jobs that don't put a lot of people to work, but the ones that do this work stay busy. Northern Natural, Enbridge, Enable, Enterprise, and Koch Brothers that go by Black Hills and Flint Hills are the big players in the integrity business now. I want to remind the Welders they all require in-service weld testing with multiple open butt LH on 6G 12" and 12" branches. Some are 7016, and some are 7018 uphill open butt beads. Integrity Maintenance work is the future of the pipeline industry, and the low hydrogen weld process is here to stay.

From all indications, the Keystone XL Pipeline is on track to start next year. The UA and 798 have a Project Labor Agreement to lay all the 36" pipe and build all the pump stations. The Line 3 Replacement project in Minnesota is still delayed; however, Enbridge says they have a start date of January 1, 2020. Minnesota's Democratic Lieutenant Governor, Peggy Flanagan, has turned her back on the union pipeliners of Minnesota trying to stop the Line 3 Pipeline. That's not good for the pipeline industry. She is totally against fossil fuel energy. The farmers that helped vote her in office will be paying a lot more for their farm diesel without the new Line 3 Pipeline to deliver affordable energy to this state and country. Think about that when you vote.

Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

- Lakeville, MN. Hydro Testing at 9 locations for NNG. Superintendent: Gary Matthews. Job Steward: Joe Lee.
- Huxley, IA. 113 miles of 24" Hydro Testing for Flint Hills. Superintendent: Tim Tureson. Welder Foreman: Josh McGee. Job Steward: Phil Lancaster.
- Dubuque, IA. 30" valve replacements. Superintendent: Travis Novak. Welder Foreman: Johnny Gardner. Job Steward: Tim Bellinghausen.

Midwestern Contractors:

- Wrenshall, MN. Station Modifications for NNG. Superintendent: Martin Ankenbruck. Welder Foreman: David Pawloski. Job Steward: Guy Simms.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Memphis, NE. 1,200' of 20" & 24" HDD's for NNG. Welder Foreman: Norman Lilyerd. Job Steward: Brian Straight.
- Redfield, IA. Station Modifications for NNG. Steward: Tyler Wallace.
- Blooming Prairie, MN. Station Modifications. Welder Foreman: Mike Boyett. Job Steward: Brian Boyett.

Q3 Contracting:

- Council Bluffs, IA. 1 mile of 16", 4" & 8" for Black Hills. Superintendent: Troy Nelson. Welder Foreman: Van Sargent. Pipeman: Larry Collier. Job Steward: Wade Landers.

Northern Horizons, Inc.:

- Laverne, MN. Station Modifications for NNG. Superintendent: Jim Mallon. Welder Foreman: P.D. McConaughy. Job Steward: Seth Dremmel.

Charps, LLC:

- South Sioux City, NE. 2,400' of 12" Reroute for NNG. Superintendent: Bob Carter. Welder Foreman: Grant Brown. Job Steward: Jimmy "Cowboy" Williams.

B&G Pipeline Company:

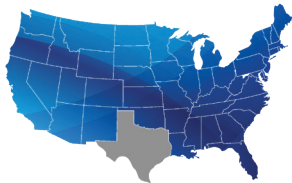
- Russellville, AR. 12,500' of 8" for Enable. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Welder Foreman: Ross Crain. Job Steward: Nathan Ferguson.

Brothers Pipeline Corp.:

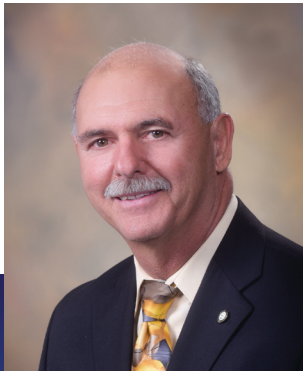
- Menoken, ND. 3 miles of 6" for MDU. Superintendent: Shorty Rhodes. Welder Foreman: Joe Meche. Job Steward: Grayson Miller.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Arlington, NE. (2) 3,000' of 8" HDD's for Enterprise Pipeline. Superintendent: Chris Elliott. Welder Foreman: Mark Elliott. Job Steward: Justin Trammell.



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918-633-3435



Black Schroeder

By the time you read this report, the Rockford job in Donie, Texas, will be very close to complete, and the pipe will be laid out on the Price Gregory spread in Wink. I want to thank every UA Member that helped handle the work in Texas and for the great craftsmanship and unionism portrayed here. We all know the cost of living in West Texas is ridiculous. All the hands working on the Market Recovery had to sacrifice. I just recently visited the jobs in Texas, and everyone was glad to be able to help. It was the most harmony I have seen in a long time. You hear it more and more every day, the gas companies talking about the shoddy work going on in Texas. If everyone keeps doing what you know how to do, we will get the work.

There's a good chance Precision picked up one spread, maybe two, of the ETC Lone Star Express II, 24" line from Midland to Fort Worth, Texas, with the possibility to start sometime in October. Rumors are the Exxon/Plains 36" from Wink to Webster is going back out for bid, and Enterprise will be taking the project over. There are still several projects up for grabs in Texas.

We are still getting calls about 798 members working nonunion. If you are one of them, you are playing Russian Roulette with your career. It's not a question of if you are going to get caught, it's when! Keep checking your mailbox, you might be one that already has! It is not fair to our contractors that are bidding the work in Texas for union members to go out and help the nonunion. You are not getting paid fair wages. You have no working conditions, and they won't do anything about it. You won't even make them furnish your gloves, which is an OSHA requirement. As long as the nonunion keep getting qualified welders that are cheap, we probably won't get much work. When you want to blame someone because there is no work in the south, look in the mirror.

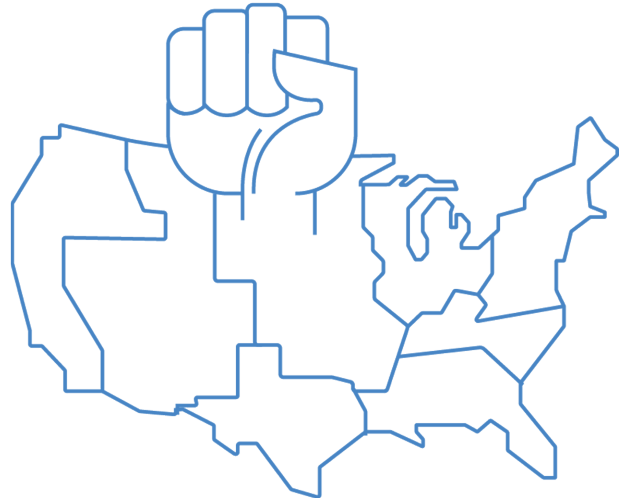
I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me at (918) 633-3435. Never forget, we are and always will be "THE BEST OF THE BEST."

Pre-Jobs:

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Grapevine, TX. 12" Relocation for Explorer Pipeline. Superintendent: Dwight Orf. Welder Foreman: Joy Compton. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 8-20-19.

SPEAKING UP FOR NEW ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

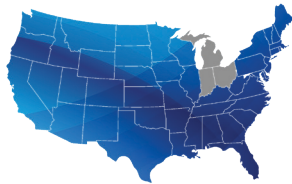


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Charles Yates, Jr.

Although many of our anticipated projects have been pushed back this year, the pipeline industry has held a steady pace with maintenance, building trades, and new lay. Every year will not be 11 million man-hours like last year. We are continuing to gain employment in the building trades sector, which is a great way to maintain your integrity and make an honest wage. No matter how big or small, these jobs are all important work and an integral part of how this country functions. "Two-thirds of all energy we use daily is delivered through America's 2.8 million miles of pipelines." We, at 798, being the best pipeliners in the world, play a crucial role in our nation's infrastructure.

While touring Michigan this summer on job visits, both Snelson and Price Gregory expressed how pleased they are with 798's production and quality on their new lay projects. Throughout Michigan, I repeatedly heard from contractors and clients like Consumers Energy, DTE, and Buckeye that they all appreciate our safety and quality performance. Our safety and quality play a vital role in retaining our market share, which means getting called for more work. One of the projects we are looking forward to working on is Enbridge's Line 5. In Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, I noticed signs in store windows and front yards both in support and against this necessary design. I was proud to see we had 3,400 members and Michigan residents sign our Action Network petition in favor of the Mackinaw Strait's Line 5 pipeline. Job well done and let's keep it up for all projects posted.

When I visited with hands this summer, the popular topic was, "I see we've had some C-11s. I guess we're selling more books." We are not selling books at this time. This term refers to Paragraph C, Section 11 of our Dispatch and Hiring Policies. This section states, "If the job orders are not filled by the Job Line or the Dispatch Office calls, the Dispatcher will contact the Local's Business Agents to assist in filling the dispatch request." The Business Agent will fill the order from their list of members who have been calling seeking employment. You can review the exact policy on our 798 website and click on the Dispatch tab.

In closing, we have all lost a beloved and valued brother. Doyle Hendrix was a respected leader and dedicated member of Local 798. I knew Doyle my whole life and the world was a better place with him in it. Brother Hendrix set an example for us to follow. He will be missed greatly.

As always if I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me via phone or email charles@local798.org.

Pre-Jobs:

Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Kentland, IN. 26" launcher, 3-26" drips and 4-26" valve replacements for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Paul Hofreiter. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-30-19.

Charps, LLC:

- Vandalia, MI. 4" meter site and tie-in to 40" mainline for Vector. Superintendent: Aaron Guthrie. Welder Foreman: Tommy Langley. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-2-19.

Contractor Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Dublin, OH. Less than 1/2 mile of integrity and maintenance on 6" and river crossing replacement HDD for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: Jim Conner. Welder Foreman: William Wells. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-10-19.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Brazil, IN. Four anomaly digs for Marathon Petroleum. Superintendent: Kevin Cain. Welder Foreman: Adam Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-16-19.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Various locations in IN and OH. 42" anomaly digs for Tallgrass.

- Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Dalton Clemmons. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-30-19.
- Lima, OH. 30" meter station for TransCanada. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Edward Bohannon. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-4-19.
- Toledo, OH. 16" tie-ins for Buckeye. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman: Andrew Gnade. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-20-19.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Marion, MI. Take-up and relay 4,200' of 8" for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Gordon Donnelly. Welder Foreman: Tommy Langley. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-10-19.
- Mt. Pleasant, MI. Installation of 25' of 16" and 80' of 12", 1-16" MLV, 2-12" PLD valves for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bill Durren. Welder Foreman: Ryan Usry. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Saginaw, MI. Abandonment of high pressure 12" pipeline, cut/cap/ fill road crossings for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Joe Skerik. Welder Foreman: Teddy Payne. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-19-19.
- Arnold, MI. 12" meter station for TransCanada. Superintendent: Mark Turnbull. Welder Foreman: Gary Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-26-19.
- Grass Lakes, MI. High pressure 4" interconnect with 26" tie-ins for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Greg Skerik. Welder Foreman: Robert Koscielicki. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Infrasource Construction, LLC:

- Covington, KY. (Work performed on Ohio side of river in Hamilton County, Ohio). 20" stopple installations for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Walker Stuart. Welder Foreman: Justin Teague. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-5-19.

Michels Pipeline:

- Clyde, OH. Unbolt pipe spool, remove and reinstall strainer for Nexus. Superintendent: Matt Ross. Welder Foreman: Steve Miller. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Grand Blanc, MI. Installation of 5-24" mainline valves and associated piping for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Matt Coly. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Bruns. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-19.

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

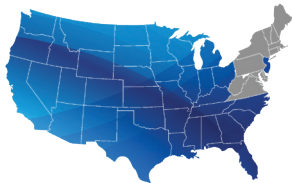
- Bloomington, IN. Integrity Maintenance work for Vectren. Superintendent: Tommy Alexander. Welder Foreman: Robert Turner. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-1-19.
- Detroit, MI. Station tie in and fabrication for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Duane Carlson. Welder Foreman: Jared Lene. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Bronson, MI. 26" box sag for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Tyler Royce. Welder Foreman: Brian Van Duyne. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-6-19.
- Terre Haute, IN. Integrity relocation of approximately 300' of 6" maintenance for Vectren. Superintendent: Doug Vaughn. Welder Foreman: Charles Houston. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-26-19.

R.L. Coolsaet Construction Co.:

- Twin Lake, MI. 400' of 12" and 24" anomaly digs for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Scully. Welder Foreman: Aaron Shaw. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-19.

Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Cambler, OH. 1,850' of 4" relay for TransCanada. Superintendent: Bobby Westraer. Welder Foreman: Ryan Frey. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-16-19.



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David Butterworth

Since my last report, I have been spending my time going to job visits and pre-jobbing on the road. The job visits have gone well with most of the questions turning towards the permits involved with the MVP and ACP. Some spreads on the MVP are currently stalled. Their pipe is laid out, and they are waiting on a crucial water certification before they can tie-in the existing pipe. Some spreads still have pipe to lay that is not involved with the wetlands, and therefore, can continue to put pipe together. **Supposedly** the MVP will be receiving their water certification around the end of August, but that remains to be seen.

The ACP is awaiting word on whether or not the U.S. Supreme Court will take the case. Hopefully, the Supreme Court will overturn the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decisions that currently have the project shut down. Lawyers from both the UA and Dominion have written briefs to the Supreme Court. These briefs explain why the Fourth Circuit Court was wrong in their decision to vacate the permits that were already granted by the federal agencies in charge of granting the permits. The Supreme Court's decision is **supposedly** going to be rendered in August.

With all the shutdowns we are currently facing, we are blessed to have an open call from Local Union 449 at their Monaca, PA, Shell Chemicals ethane cracker facility. At last count, we have 150 Local Union 798 members working at the plant, and they recently asked us to send Helpers to man their work. The cracker is not the same as working pipeline, but it pays the bills and provides comparable benefits. If you are interested in working at the cracker plant, call the Dispatch Office, and they will get you started on your paperwork.

I recently traveled to Tulsa to attend a memorial service for longtime Local Union 798 Financial Secretary-Treasurer Doyle Hendrix. Doyle served this local for many years and was a major force in helping to shape 798 into what it is today. Those that came before us dedicated their lives to keep 798's seat at the table in an industry that doesn't always want us sitting at their table. We must never forget the folks who laid the groundwork. Please keep the Hendrix family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

- Salem, WV. 11,500' of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-11s.

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Glen Dale, WV. 9 miles of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Welder Foreman: Josey Kirk. Mainline rates. Working 4-12s and 1-10.
- Triadelphia, WV. 9.5 miles of 20" new-lay. Superintendent: Moe Riddle. Welder Foreman: Charlie Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 4-12s and 1-10.

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Dallas, PA. 24" and 12" Integrity work. Superintendent: Travis Orwick. Welder Foreman: Eli Rusczyk (Local Union 520). Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

- Karns City, PA. Take-up and re-lay 22,250' of 10". Superintendent: Mark Nail. Welder Foreman: Charlie Beddingfield. Special Agreement fringes paying Mainline wages and per diem. Working 6-10s.

Henkels and McCoy, Inc.:

- Silver Springs, MD. 1 mile of 16" and 12" street work. Superintendent: Chad Simmons. Welder Foreman: Jason Steed. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

LMC Industrial Contractors, Inc.:

- Yorktown Heights, NY. 1" through 10" Temporary M&R bypass piping. Superintendent: Adam Vosh. Welder Foreman: Mike Adams. Station rates. Working 5-10s.

Michels Pipeline:

- McLean, VA. Additional 5,800' of 24" street work. Superintendent: Chris Powell. Welder Foreman: Jacob Morgan. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Otis Eastern Services, Inc.:

- Grantville, PA. 24" and 30" anomaly digs. Superintendent: Skip Holley. Welder Foreman: Billy Dufford. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Baltimore, MD. Tie-ins on existing 26". Superintendent: Richard West. Welder Foreman: Ryan Copley. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Over & Under Piping Contractors, Inc.:

- Syracuse, NY. Station work, 24" drip removal and creek relocation. Superintendent: Fred Robinson. Welder Foreman: Pat Hyer (Local Union 267). Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Robo Construction:

- Montoursville, PA. Install 10" pipeline riser and fab. Superintendent: Dusty Satterfield. Welder Foreman: Ryan Massaro (Local Union 520). Special Agreement rates. Working 5-10s.

U.S. Pipeline, Inc.:

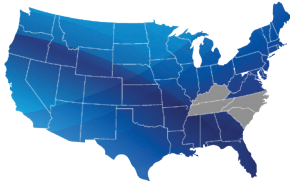
- White Haven, PA. 24" anomaly replacement. Superintendent: Joe Carter. Welder Foreman: Steve Yost. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Utility Line Services, Inc.:

- Newark, DE. 6" and 8" lateral, take-up, re-lay, and M&R upgrades. Superintendent: Donnie Space. Welder Foreman: Josh Marsh. Special Agreement fringes paying High-Scale wages and per diem. Working 6-10s.



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KY, NC, SC, TN
918-270-6735



Chris Lancaster

I'm sure that everyone has heard of the loss of one of our great union leaders, Doyle Hendrix. He has contributed so many things through his hard work and dedication to us and our great local. His passing genuinely saddens me, and my thoughts and prayers go out to the Hendrix family and friends. He will be missed.

On a brighter note, I am writing this report before leaving for North Carolina to pre-job 21.8 miles of 12" and 9.8 miles of 6" for Price Gregory. This project is one of three jobs that have been held up on permits. There are still two more good jobs waiting to start, one of which is approximately 20 miles of 12" and 20 miles of 24." I hope we'll get the permits soon so we can get to work on these jobs. We still have several major projects awaiting approval. I want to encourage everyone to join the Action Network and sign the petitions to help get these permits released. We must let our concerns be known, and what these jobs mean to us as well as the revenue it will bring to the communities they will pass through. It is easy to sign these petitions, and the benefits are simple: It's our jobs and future. So, if you haven't already joined, please do so. Let's tell our elected officials we need these jobs.

We still have some of our members working for nonunion contractors. Before you do this, think about what you are doing. You are just making the nonunion contractors more competitive by teaching them how to be more successful in completing their projects. Because we are the best pipeliners in the country, making these contractors successful makes it more difficult for our fair contractors to compete in bidding work. So, before you go to work for them, think about what you are doing to yourself, the contractors, and other members. It only takes work away that could have gone to a fair contractor. If you need work, there are several building trades jobs available.

If I can be of assistance, please call me.



Pre-Jobs:

Snelson Companies, Inc.:

- Wilder, KY. Integrity Maintenance. Welder Foreman: Carroll Morris. Superintendent: Jeff Gregory. Working 6-10. Approx. completion 12-20-19.

Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Louisville, KY. 230' of 12" casing removal. Welder Foreman: Todd Caseman. Superintendent: Christopher Randolph. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-20-19.

B&G Pipeline Company:

- Union Mills, NC. 11.93 miles of 12". Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Josh Owens. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-10-19.



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DISPATCH Report

By Ricky Jones

1655 Helpers

1287 Welders

207 Journeymen

The current number of members on the out-of-work list is as follows: Welders – 1,287; Journeymen – 207; and Helpers – 1,655. The out-of-work numbers do not reflect the members who are working building trades and still on the out-of-work list.

We have been dispatching large numbers of our members to building trades work for our sister locals throughout the country. The estimated number of members working for other sister locals is 390 and increasing daily. We have 25 in Alabama, 14 in Arizona, 1 in Georgia, 5 in Illinois, 32 in Michigan, 3 in New Mexico, 10 in Ohio, 5 in Oregon, and 24 in Washington. This only scratches the surface. We also have 278 in Pennsylvania. The last reported pay scales for Pennsylvania are as follows: Welder - \$47.25 (total package, \$68.32); Journeyman - \$45.50 (total package, \$66.57); Helper - \$29.58 (total package, \$44.82 with less than five years of experience). Also, there is a \$77.00 per diem if you can prove you live more than 60 miles away, and you can provide accurate documentation proving you have a permanent home. If you cannot provide the documentation they are asking for; the per diem will be \$16.00. All this work in this specific location has also opened opportunities in other locations throughout the country. The Dispatch Office has sent out an estimated 700 bios since May of this year and many more prior to that. If you have OSHA 10, UA Heli-Arc Certs, and can pass a background check, there are many jobs available. Also, stainless Welders stay in demand.

It is that time of year that the nuclear outages startup (30, 40, 60 and 80-day outages are everywhere). They will be reaching out for good hands to fill these jobs. The 798 Training Center is ready and available (please call ahead). So, come on down and upgrade your skills.

Don't forget to check out the new link that gives you more daily information on building trades work. Visit our webpage at www.local798.org, select Dispatch, then Building Trades. The link is located at the

bottom of the page labeled Building Trades Basics.

No doubt, the year has not turned out as productive as we expected. However, we still have hope for this fall. Projects up north and constant rumors of our contractors bidding on work in Texas, Wyoming, and other western states, are churning.

We do have an abundance of good-paying building trades work to hold us over and keep insurance for our families until our work does pick up. There is a good possibility of getting pension credits in some of these higher-paying locals. It is important that we man the building trades work, helping our Brother and Sister members combat the nonunion contractors and supporters.

I want to close by saying that our members who are working at the cracker plant in Pennsylvania have had many praises from the Pittsburgh local. They are especially appreciative of the Helpers we are sending and willingly asking for more. This tells us that our Welders and Journeymen are passing on good work ethics and training to our Helpers. Hats off to everyone! Even in difficult times, 798 is excellent. If the Dispatch Office can be of any help, please call us at (918) 610-2761.



ORGANIZING Report

By Ronnie Hill

918-284-6862

I hope this report finds everyone doing well. It's hot and dusty in this part of the country, but it has been this way this time of the year for as long as I can remember.

It's good to see we have picked up several jobs in Texas and other areas on the western side this summer. Some of our contractors have taken advantage of the Market Recovery Agreement, and it has helped them compete against the nonunion sector in these areas. We certainly need to make sure we man all our work, and never forget that Local 798 always has and always will adhere to the motto of "a day's work for a day's pay." Our quality of work and production is second to none anywhere in the world, and that is something to be very proud of.

It's truly a blessing that there is so much building trades work and sister locals that are willing to use our skills when we have so much work shut down by the radical environmentalists. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity, and always remember that we are guests in another local's house. Some of this work is not what we are accustomed to, but it offers good union jobs with benefits. And we need to help our sister locals man their work and show the clients that the UA has the best labor force in this country.

Labor has come a long way since the early years when this country was first organized. There was a time when entire families would go into the mills as soon as they had enough body strength to earn a penny, and they never came out until they died. Always looming was the potential humiliation of living one's older years as a pauper, supported by the church or public assistance. But these people had the strength to stand up and say enough is enough. They stood in solidarity against the wrongs that were inflicted against them and became one strong voice. The hard times these people endured didn't weaken them or leave them with a sense of defeat. It made them stronger and more determined.

It's amazing how hardship can make people stronger and better for it. My grandparents always lived way below their means due to the experiences they had endured during the great depression. It always boggled my mind how anything could affect someone for so many years afterward. Then I got a small taste of what they had endured; nothing comparable to the hardships they went through but something that would affect me for the rest of my life as well and give me a better understanding of what was in their mind.

The bottom fell out of the oil industry in the early 80s; work was nonexistent. I stayed on the out-of-work list for 33 months. I endured many hardships, but never once did I ever consider turning from the union. These hardships did not weaken me; they strengthened me and gave me the determination to see it through. It made me appreciate what we had achieved and what we gained even through lean times. When the bottom fell out, nonunion wages plummeted overnight by double digits. There was no work, so we implemented the Special Agreement to help our contractors acquire some jobs, and it helped. The best part is although work was scarce, we continued to get raises on the National Pipeline Agreement. When we finally came out of that valley, we had not gone backward like the nonunion, but forward. The nonunion side continued to wallow in the meager wages and nonexistent working conditions they were forced to receive. We, as Local 798 members, endured, sacrificed, and stood side by side, never faltering. By doing so, we emerged much stronger than we were when we entered that dark time. We exhibited total solidarity, and we are better for it.

In a time when organized labor and union jobs are under attack daily, the need for solidarity has never been more urgent. Our strength is in our unity. The only thing that has ever come out of division is defeat and nothing more. Our foes would like nothing more than to see us divided because divided, we weaken and eventually fall. Sue Carney of the APW said it best, "At the core, labor unions are working men and women, unified as one force. Despite any personal differences that may exist between us, we have banded together to protect and improve the lives of workers. We rise together for the greater good. We defend one another like family." We are family, there is no doubt about that, and we are going to stand as one against whatever may come our way.

Now is the time to aggressively protect our work from radicals who would end the oil and gas industry as we know it and our very livelihood. Please join us in our petitions, letters, meetings and whatever may be asked of us. It's our duty to stand together as one and show our enemies that we are a force to be reckoned with.

It's a great honor to belong to and serve in such an organization that has displayed such unity in the good times and the bad. This organization is truly a family and showcases the very essence of solidarity. Those who resist the call to organize or jump ship certainly are lacking the spirit of brotherhood.

Brothers and Sisters, if you have any information that will help in our efforts, please call anytime. There is work in the building trades; working nonunion is not an option. If you know anyone who has turned to this, please talk to them. Explain how their actions are destroying everything we have worked for and everything those before us worked for. Ask them to do the right thing and stop supporting the side that is trying to destroy us. If they refuse to listen to reason, then the appropriate actions should be taken through our Executive Board. My phone is always on. Please report these actions because all it does is weaken us, and they are helping a rat contractor to compete against us.

Wishing everyone a good and prosperous summer and hopefully see many of you at the next meeting.

Fraternally,
Ronnie M. Hill

Meeting Notice

September 13, 2019

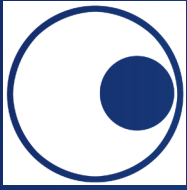
The Regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, September 13, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m.

Ladies of 798 Hospitality

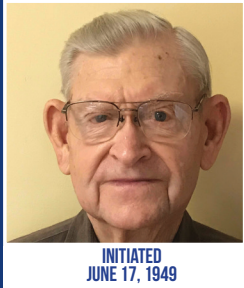
The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, on Friday, September 13, 2019, beginning at 6 p.m.

Hotel Accommodations

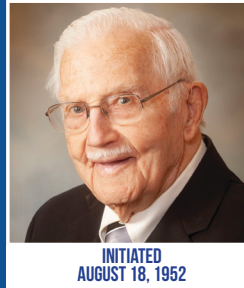
To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, call (918) 307-2600.



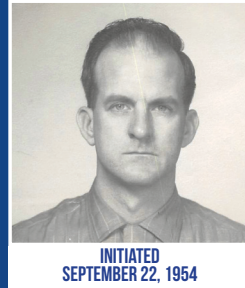
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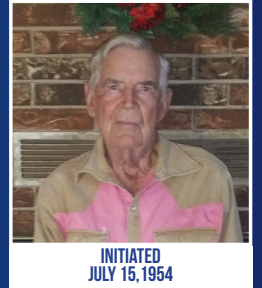
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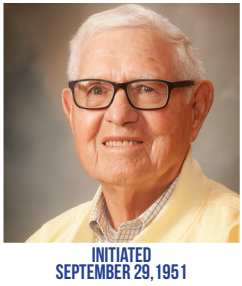
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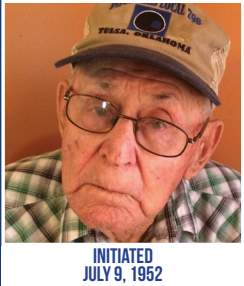
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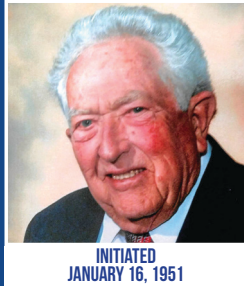
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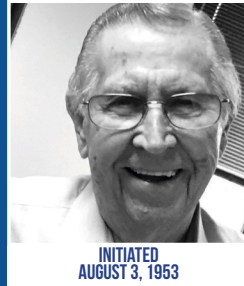
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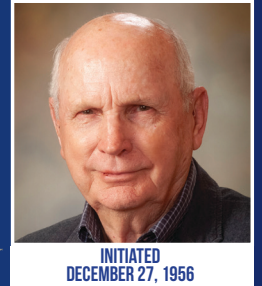
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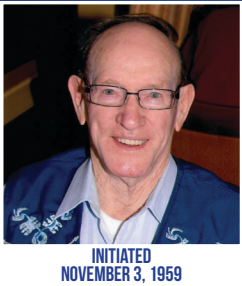
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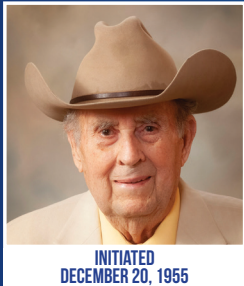
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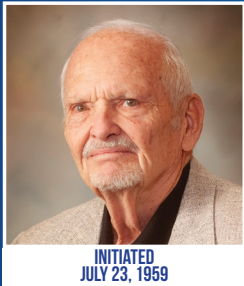
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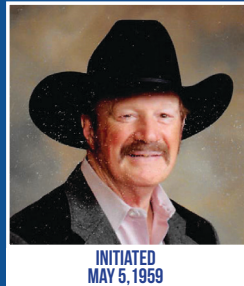
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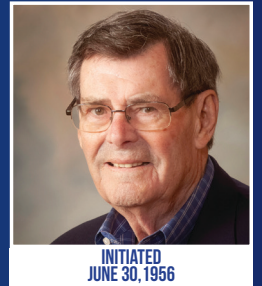
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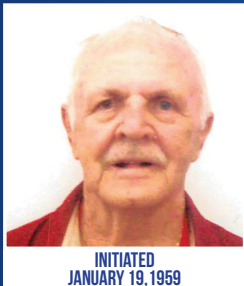
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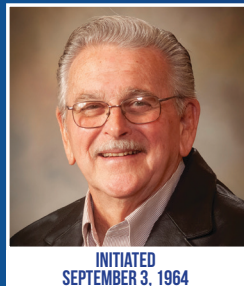
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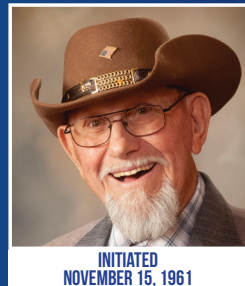
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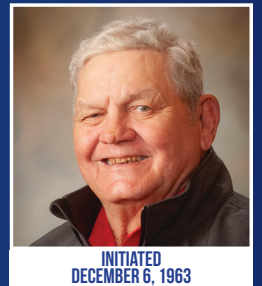
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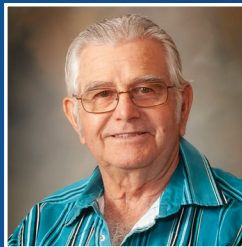
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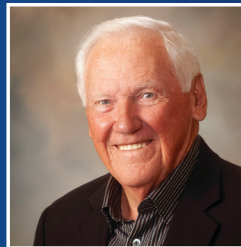
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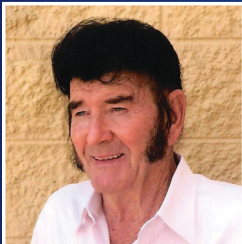
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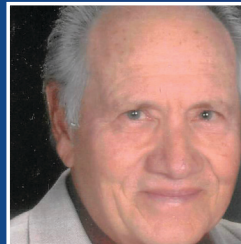
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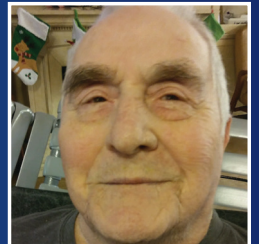
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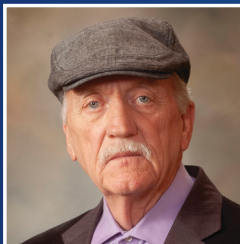
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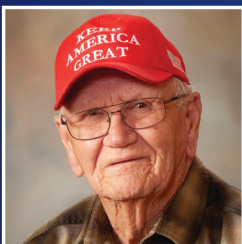
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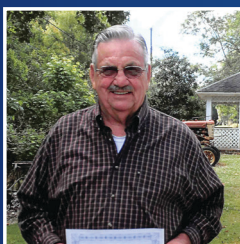
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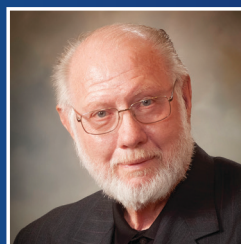
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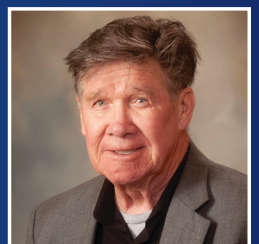
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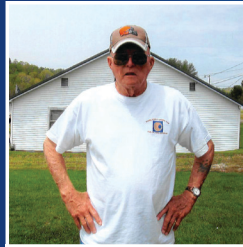
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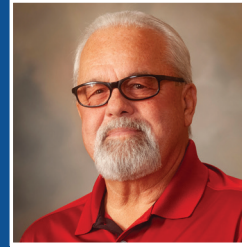
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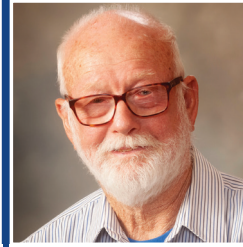
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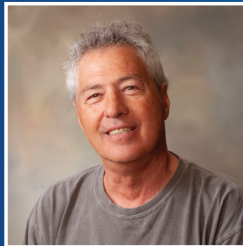
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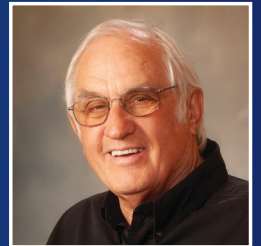
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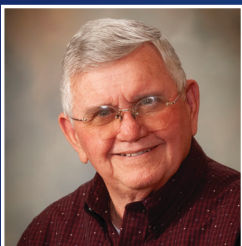
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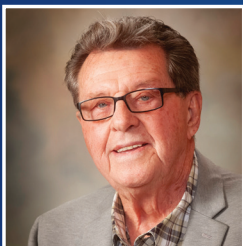
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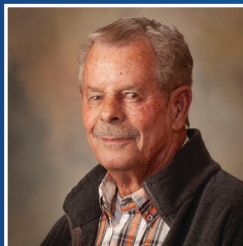
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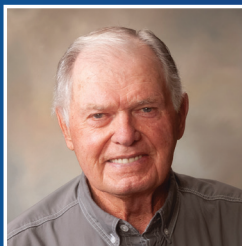
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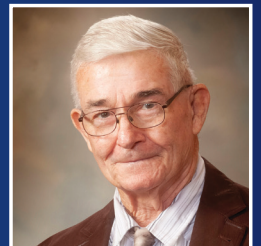
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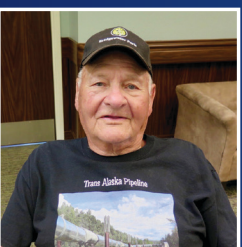
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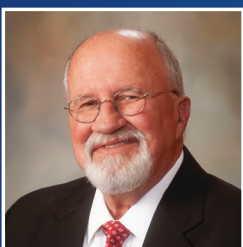
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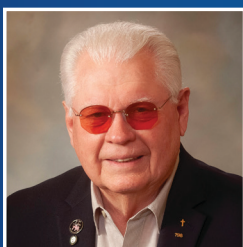
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James Wheeler
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Guy S. Williams
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John W. Williams
Spacer
Louisville, KY



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Heber Springs, AR



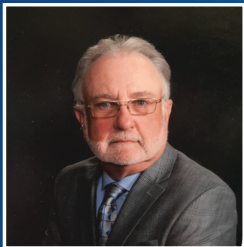
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Glen D. Bird
Welder
Okeechobee, FL



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JANUARY 18, 1973

Richard Crowden, Jr.
Welder
Lamar, AR



INITIATED
JUNE 1, 1970

Davy "Bo" Johnston, Jr.
Welder
Hot Springs Village, AR



INITIATED
MAY 28, 1974

James W. Osburn
Welder
Abbeville, LA



INITIATED
JULY 26, 1974

Jimmy Sanford
Welder
Monroe, LA



INITIATED
MAY 16, 1972

Elvis E. Stilwell
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



INITIATED
MARCH 20, 1971

Clifford B. Taylor
Spacer
Tulsa, OK



INITIATED
JUNE 22, 1972

Steven P. Taylor
Spacer
North Fort Myers, FL



INITIATED
MARCH 7, 1977

Richard A. Brown
Spacer
Center, TX



INITIATED
JUNE 19, 1975

Ricky G. Jones
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



INITIATED
APRIL 2, 1979

Carl V. Overstreet, Jr.
Welder
Livingston, TX



INITIATED
MAY 21, 1975

Phillip W. Russell
Welder
Muskogee, OK



INITIATED
JULY 20, 1982

David B. Davis
Welder
Hot Springs National Park, AR



INITIATED
FEBRUARY 11, 1982

Steve Gatehouse
Welder
Zephyrhills, FL



INITIATED
MARCH 8, 1982

James R. Hathorn
Welder
Benton, LA



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JULY 14, 1981

Cecil Kilgore, Jr.
Helper
Oklmulgee, OK



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JULY 26, 1982

Randall E. Mathis
Welder
Graham, TX



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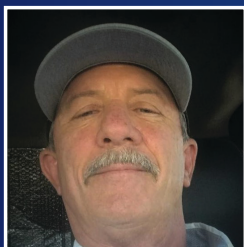
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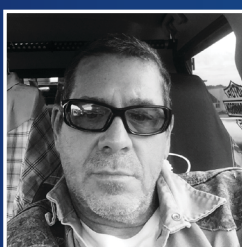
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Kenneth B. Brewer
Welder
Bostwick, FL



INITIATED
JULY 7, 1987

Michael L. Mathis
Spacer
Graham, TX



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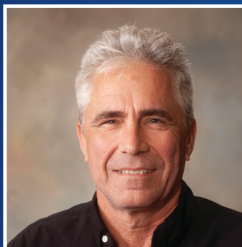
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Steve Schreibvogel
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Keenesburg, CO



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Lacy R. Whitehead
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Bullard, TX



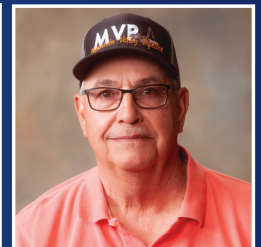
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Ladysmith, WI



INITIATED
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Charles A. McKenzie
Welder
Americus, KS



INITIATED
JUNE 9, 1994

Dana L. Scott
Welder
Carrollton, MO

Nominations and Election for Local 798 Officers

Nominations

1. A meeting to nominate candidates for office will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST), at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
2. Nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

President	Inside Guard
Vice President	Executive Board (4 Positions)
Recording Secretary	Finance Committee (3 Positions)
Business Manager	Examining Board (2 Positions)
Financial-Secretary Treasurer	
3. No member shall run for more than one office. The term of office shall be in accordance with the United Association Constitution.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798 unless they have been a member in good standing of the United Association and Local 798 for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to run for office is October 16, 2019. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 16, 2019, they will not be eligible to run for office.
5. Nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor at the nominations meeting. A candidate may nominate themselves and need not have a second. If a member is not present at the meeting, they may be nominated or nominate themselves by sending a written notice of their acceptance of nomination to the specified office. Such written notice may be delivered by hand, mail, or facsimile to the Union Office, or by email to nominations@local798.org. Written notice must be received by the Local Union in Tulsa, Oklahoma no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) on the day of nominations, Friday, September 13, 2019. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on July 1, 2019 and deactivated at 4:30 p.m. [CST] on Friday, September 13, 2019.) The names of all candidates received by this deadline will be announced at the nominations meeting.
6. Under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act ("LMRDA"), a member who has been convicted of certain crimes may not hold union office for a maximum of 13 years following the date of conviction or the end of imprisonment, whichever is later. Please call the U.S. Department of Labor, or the Chairman of the Election Committee if you have a question about this provision of the LMRDA.
7. The Election Committee will conduct a candidate meeting on Saturday, September 14, 2019. All candidates and their observers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be conducted at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will start at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

Mail Ballot Election

1. The General President has directed that the election for officers be conducted by mail ballot. There will be no manual balloting.
2. Election Services United, Corp. (ESU) shall administer the election. ESU is headquartered at 672 Dogwood Avenue, Ste. 395, Franklin Square, NY 11010. The ESU representative conducting the Local 798 election is Sandee Tovin. ESU has advised that it will utilize the services of Tri Star Graphics. Tri Star Graphics is located at 75 Sealy Avenue Hempstead, NY 11550.

3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 11, 2019.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to vote in the election unless they have been a member of the United Association and Local 798 in good standing for at least a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to vote. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to vote is October 16, 2019. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 16, 2019, they will not be eligible to vote.
5. Members who do not receive a ballot, or who need a "duplicate" ballot must contact ESU directly at 1-800-971-3960. Thus, for example, if a member does not receive a ballot at the address provided to Local 798, or is no longer receiving mail at that address, they may request a duplicate ballot from ESU. Members must call personally to obtain a duplicate ballot; they may not have another individual call for them. The member will be asked to provide identifying membership information (such as book number or social security number) to obtain a duplicate ballot. ESU will provide the member with a confirmation number.
6. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, OK U.S. post office box printed on the outer return envelope by 9:00 a.m. (CST) on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Any ballot that is returned to the post office later than this date and time will not be counted. Ballots will be counted on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:30 a.m. (CST).
7. The results of the election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, December 13, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST) at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
8. In the event there is a tie vote in an officer election and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those offices for which there is a tie vote. Ballots will be mailed on January 13, 2020 and will be counted on February 13, 2020 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:30 a.m. (CST). The results of any run-off election will be announced at a Special Membership meeting to be held on February 14, 2020 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST).

Local 798 Election Committee

Farron Hollabaugh
Chairman
(918) 244-0648

Chris Waeckerle
Secretary
(918) 837-0440

Joe Hurt
Member
(225) 931-2143



Michael Glover (Left) Bobby Rosado (Right)
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Short & Personal

THANK YOU

David Parish would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It really helped while he was off work for his hernia surgery. He really appreciates the help. Special thanks to Pete Ashby, Sr. for thinking of him.

Gilbert Burch and Family would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after the passing of his mother. He would especially like to thank the hands on the Michels job in Mt. Morris, PA. Special thanks to Jeff Parks and Brian Anderson.

Kevin Perkins would like to thank you all for the check he received from the Voluntary Fund. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Phillip Wallace, Justin Wallace, and all the members that give each week. It's great to know we can count on each other in a time of need. All the calls and texts let him know that he has a much larger family than he realized, and it meant a lot.

Ricky Standridge would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. The check, for the loss of his wife of 44 years, was greatly appreciated. It is great to belong to such a great organization like 798. Special thanks to Wayne and Jennifer Bates, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Michael Hatch and Family would like to thank you for the Voluntary Fund check they received. They appreciate all the calls, texts, and prayers they received from Local 798 Brothers and Sisters when their son was hospitalized with a severe head infection. They are blessed to have the support of their pipeline family and are grateful to all members who contribute to this fund.

The Langley Family would like to thank everyone who called, texted, attended the funeral, sent cards and offered their words of sympathy in the passing of their loved one, 54-year member Louie Langley. Thanks to the Voluntary Fund and for the gift of love. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Phillip Wallace.

Christy Burkheart would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. When we contribute, we do so voluntarily and hope never to be the recipient. When the unfortunate occasion arises that we do need assistance, it is greatly appreciated. She hopes by the time this is in the Blue Light, her ribs will be healed, and she'll be back on the ROW. Words can't express her gratitude toward Rodney Talbot, Cassidy Croley, Craig Stanfill, and Black Schroeder. If you ever get the opportunity to work with any of them, you'll be blessed.

George Johnston would like to express many thanks to all the members who cheerfully give to our Voluntary Fund. He hopes the giving never ends for those who are in need. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, everyone in the Dispatch Office, and our elders who started this fund.

David and Vickie Dickerson would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute for the support and help when David's mom passed away. Special thanks to David Layton, Dennis Jackson, Bruce Weeks, and Wayne and Jennifer Bates.

The Boulware Family would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and those who donate for the help they received after Tommy's fall. Special thanks to Raymond and Jane Scarborough for the help.

Rob Martin would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 and the Voluntary Fund. The funds really helped him during his recovery following his ankle surgery. Special thanks to Matt Ward, Billy Martel, and David Boggess.

Dennis and Sandra Langley would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for their thoughts and prayers for their family after the passing of his father. Thank you for the check they received from the Voluntary Fund, all the flowers, and cards, too. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Charlie Yates, Dale Crabtree, Phillip Wallace, John Knight, Buster Chapman, and John Bradford.

Charles J. Staten would like to express great appreciation for the help given by the Voluntary Fund. It was received in a great time of need. It helped him and his family get through his hospital stay.

Glenn Hamm and Family would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received during their time of need. Special thanks to Andy Hunt, Tyler Sasse, and all the hands on the Precision job in Carlisle, PA.

Gloria Langley and Family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful token box and flowers. It was such a precious show of love. Louie loved his union and Brothers.

Kenneth R. Robertson would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who support our local and our Voluntary Fund for the gift he received. He's honored to be a part of this organization and his 798 pipeline family. Thanks for the calls, texts, and well wishes. He hopes to be back soon. Special thanks to Joe Thornhill.

Lionel Glaze and Family would like to express how much they appreciate your kindness.

Gary and Kathy Burkhalter would like to say thank you for the Voluntary Fund money. It has helped with their travels to the hospital.

The Family of Tillman and Carolyn Shows Deeply appreciates and gratefully acknowledges the kind expressions of sympathy they have received.

Chuck Oldroyd and Family would like to thank all Local 798 Brothers and Sisters for the Voluntary Fund check in their time of hardship. This was one of the hardest times of their lives together and they will never forget the comfort that they found in their 798 family. God bless all of you.

Donna and Paul Davis would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for their generous support after Paul's heart surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Dale Crabtree, and Black Schroeder for their phone calls and support. May God bless each of you.

The Children of Troy Weaver would like to thank all the people that donate to the Voluntary Fund. They also would like to recognize the support of Local 798 members through this difficult time of loss. The attendance of members and the respect shown for their father was unbelievable.

The Roberts Family would like to thank the 798 family and all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. It has helped them so much during this difficult time. God Bless.

Dustin and Colleen Ashby would like to thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. Your donations truly make a difference for the people in need. They would like to thank the Michels spread in Wind Ridge, PA, for the time needed to make arrangements and take care of things at home after the passing of Colleen's father. Special thanks to Shannon Jackson, Jason Knight, and Preston Richard.

James Hathorn would like to thank the Fund for the assistance he received after major storm damage. One vehicle was totaled and all others heavily damaged, but he and his wife were not injured. He would like to thank everyone who wrote letters on his behalf. One of the times he is most proud to be a member of Local 798 is when he reads the notes published about the Voluntary Fund.

Larry H. Edwards would like to thank all members of Pipeliners Local 798 for contributing to our Voluntary Fund. The money he received will be used for medical expenses. His back surgery went well, and he hopes to be enjoying his life to the fullest in a couple months. Special thanks to Justin Wallace for his help and understanding.

Marybeth Lewis would like to express how proud Hudson R. Thompson was to be a union Brother and to help others by paying into the Voluntary Fund, never knowing it would come full circle in his young life. She is setting up a scholarship in Hudson's name at his high school tech school, CCCTS, in his honor.

The Dailey Family would like to say thank you to all Brothers and Sisters that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Thank you for the blessings during their time of need.

Guy Harrell would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help following his heart procedure. It was very much appreciated. A special thank you to the workers on Steven Morris's job especially Shawn Clampet, Cat and Ronny Loggins, Hippie Chick, and Puddin.

Paula Davis and Bernice Marsh want to thank the Voluntary Fund for the check that was sent. It was most appreciated.

Doug and Barbara Aldridge would like to thank Danny Hendrix and the members of 798 who donate every week to the Voluntary Fund. The check was very much appreciated for his surgery.

James and Annashi Wyatt would like to thank the 798 members and all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the monetary gift they received when Annashi had an unexpected hospital stay.

The Family of Malcolm Smith would like to say thank you all for your support during their difficult time. They greatly appreciate it.

The Family of Justin McCune thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and always will be remembered.

Chad Ward would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. The Voluntary Fund was much appreciated to help with the passing of his father. Thank you to all the members and non-members who donate. Special thanks to Andy Hunt and Tyler Sasse.

Dennis Stiles cannot express how proud he is to belong to this local union. He would like to thank the membership for all their support to the Voluntary Fund. His accident on the job was very untimely.

Etta Rush and Family would like to say thank you to their pipeline family, of 63 years, for remembering them at this time. The flowers were beautiful. Howard loved the union and all the years he spent working on the pipeline.

Greg and Jody Russell would like to thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the check they received after Greg's surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Gary and Beverly Graham, and Ed Coker.

Travis Payne would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone who donates for the generous check he received after having an unexpected, emergency surgery. He and his family truly appreciate it. Special thanks to William Bo Berry and Steve Birgy.

Nancy Neighbours and Family would like to thank everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received in their time of need after the passing of their husband/father, Dickie Neighbours. They greatly appreciate you all.

Johnny and Carol Huskey would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The gift Johnny received following his knee replacement surgery was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Austin Lair, Heath Guffey, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.



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Russell O'Brien would like to say thank you to all the Brothers and Sisters of this great local that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The financial assistance was greatly appreciated.

Rachael D. Byars would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters of Local Union 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It was a great help during the recovery of her foot surgery. Special thanks to Teresa Moore and Sarah Guiditto. God bless all of you.

Chris, Emily and Luke Ford would like to thank the men and women who generously donate to Voluntary Fund each week. The monetary gift helped ease the strain of unexpected expenses. It's their intent to "pay it forward" what has been given to them. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Heath Guffey, and Austin Lair.

Chris and Kim Parkhill would like to thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Your generosity was much appreciated after Kim's recent hospital stay. Special thanks to Richie Hayes and Billy Burns.

Leo Youtsey and Family would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The contribution was needed at a crucial time. Big thanks to Dustin Pierce. Dustin is a welding instructor at 798's training center. The young man is one of the best instructors he's ever seen and is a great asset to our local. He hopes Dustin goes a long way in our local.

The Vanderwater Family would like to thank you for the bible they received and say that during a time like this they realize how much their friends and relatives mean to them. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Koty Russell would like to thank everyone that gives to the Voluntary Fund every week. It has meant more than you realize to receive help in a time of need, especially when an injury keeps you from working. Special thanks to everyone that wrote a letter in for him.

Gary Hill would like to thank all 798 members for the contribution his family received after the sudden death of his mother. Special thanks to Zac Crymes and Ryan Vlachos.

Sonia Jennings would like to thank all the contributors of our Voluntary Fund for the assistance she received following her most recent surgery. She's proud to be a pipeliner and humbled to be a recipient of the generous assistance provided. As a pipeliner we are all very giving and warm-hearted individuals, but when you are on the receiving end you realize what it truly means to be a member of such a great organization. Special thanks to Charles Yates.

Lee Allen and Family would like to thank the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It was greatly appreciated when his son, Colt, had open heart surgery. Special thanks to Cassidy Croley and Chuck Seale.

Bryan and Susan Jones would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the gift they received after the passing of Bryan's dad. Special thanks to Kevin and Stevi Gregory, Alan Fagg, Hunter and Devin Boyett, Justin Wallace, and Bubba and McKenzie Putman. It is such a blessing to work with a family that takes care of its family and friends. God Bless.

RETIREMENTS

Kenneth D. Wade, Helper, Washington, PA

Calvin R. Ashby, Sr., Spacer, Marion, MI

Leland W. Chandler, Spacer, New Virginia, IA

Dennis K. Farrar, Spacer, Georgetown, ID

Elliott G. Hale, Welder, Calhoun, LA

David D. Jansen, Spacer, Pottsboro, TX

Keith R. Knox, Welder, Stanton, KY

Jerry W. McDaniel, Welder, Oak Grove, LA

Gregory L. Miller, Helper, Minden, LA

Jerry D. Tomlinson, Welder, Iredell, TX

Marisa M. Townsend, Helper, Farmerville, LA

Todd D. Weldon, Welder, Faribault, MN



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IN MEMORIAM

Clarence J. Swiger, 91-year-old Retired Welder of Bridgeport, WV, passed away June 15, 2019.

Hudson R. Thompson, 23-year-old Helper of Negley, OH, passed away June 16, 2019.

MC Carrell, 70-year-old Retired Welder of Buna, TX, passed away June 24, 2019.

Nathan Wright, 66-year-old Retired Welder of Henderson, TN, passed away June 25, 2019.

Mark E. Hughes, 58-year-old Retired Helper of Grindstone, PA, passed away June 26, 2019.

Justin A. McCune, 23-year-old Helper of Nelsonville, OH, passed away June 28, 2019.

Tyler J. Vincent, 30-year-old Welder of Fairland, OK, passed away June 29, 2019.

Dickie G. Neighbours, 62-year-old Retired Spacer of Pangburn, AR, passed away July 5, 2019.

John P. Vanderwater, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Newnan, GA, passed away July 7, 2019.

Bobby L. Binion, 80-year-old Retired Helper of Olive Hill, OH, passed away July 9, 2019.

Howard Rush, 81-year-old Retired Welder of North Zulch, TX, passed away July 13, 2019.

Doyle Hendrix, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Tulsa, OK, passed away July 15, 2019.

Dalton J. Smith, 28-year-old Helper of Mount Union, PA, passed away July 20, 2019.

Alexandrina E. Thomas, 35-year-old Welder of Cheyenne, WY, passed away August 3, 2019.

SWAP & SELL

2012 43ft Sandpiper & 2015 F-350: 2012 Sandpiper 43ft fifth wheel, \$15,000. 2015 F-350, \$50,000. If bought together \$60,000. Call or text Robert Wortham for pictures at (772) 678-8178.

1956 SA 200 Short Hood: Completely restored powder coat paint. Paint has some flaws; gas tank has small drip from threaded fitting. 68 hours on rebuilt engine. \$8,000. Contact Ron McMullen at (520) 252-0062.

2006 Lincoln 200D Kubota Diesel: 2006 Lincoln 200D Kubota Diesel, less than 4,000 original hours! Priced to sell at \$7,500, OBO. Call Jordan Joslin at (870) 834-9492.

Chums Leather Work: Custom leather arm bands, suspenders, belts, holsters, journals, knife & gun scabbards and much more! Contact Craig Chumley at (682) 459-4035.

2017 Cross Country: 950 hours, doors are scratched from being in a tub rig, but that's all that's wrong with it. \$10,000. Would also trade for 200D. Contact Anthony Allen at (580) 743-7274.

2017 Riverstone 39FK Fifth Wheel: 5 slides, dishwasher, washer/dryer, tankless hot water meticulously maintained and barely used. These fifth wheels list between 110-120k, selling this one for 65k with a little negotiating room. \$65,000. Call or text Joe Carter at (386) 937-8411.

The Hood Fan: The hood fan cools and defogs. Hood fans for scoops and pancakes. \$36. Includes mail fee. Call John Russell at (903) 609-2458.

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PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January 2020, following the conclusion of the fall 2019 semester, the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program will award ten general scholarships of \$3,000 each. A screening committee will select the winners from the qualifying applicants. Any Local 798 member or his/her immediate family (spouse, child, or grandchild), who has graduated from high school and is currently attending at least the first semester of an accredited college, may apply. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

The Voluntary Fund has sponsored the Scholarship Program since 1969. The Scholarship Fund owes its success to the generous contributions of the Local 798 membership. Thanks to all of you for your continued support. The Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$7,500, will also be awarded. It has been funded by Voluntary Fund donations, memorial donations in honor of Harry Faucett, and through the generous contributions and sponsorships at the annual golf tournament. This scholarship is awarded to the highest-ranking applicant meeting the qualifications for the Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. Only applicants who have maintained a minimum 3.2 GPA in their college-level coursework will be considered for this award.

Application forms for the 2019-2020 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the fall semester. Written requests should be addressed to Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147-0798. Applications may also be downloaded online from the Local Union 798 website at www.local798.org. The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarships section.

An instruction sheet accompanies the application and appraisal forms. Adherence to the rules and compliance with the requirements are necessary to be eligible for consideration in the final screening process. Completed forms should be returned along with copies of all previous college transcripts. It is the applicant's responsibility to have their college or university registrar's office immediately mail in a transcript of their grades upon completion of the fall semester. Sufficient time is allowed for the receipt of fall transcripts, but a cut-off date is necessary to process all applicants through the screening committee. Applicants will be disqualified if all materials, including the application, appraisal forms, and transcripts, are not received by the January 24, 2020, deadline.





PIBF Report



Renée Vause

Director

401(k) Plan

We frequently are asked about taking a loan against a member's 401(k) balance. The Pipeline Industry 401(k) Plan does not allow participant loans. 401(k) loan repayment must be set up as a deduction from payroll. Due to the nature of the construction industry, working for different contractors for various time frames doesn't allow for consistent repayment of the loan, which would cause the loan to be in default.

Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) – Automatic Deposit

If participating in the HRA Automatic Deposit program, HRA Explanation of Benefits Forms (EOBs) will no longer be mailed to you but can be accessed at any time under the Members Login section at www.pibf.org. The EOB will be available to view once the HRA claim has been processed and deposited into your account.

Requirement to Notify PIBF of Retirement Intentions

The PIBF sends all participants nearing their normal retirement age a letter to verify that the participant is aware that they can take their retirement and that the participant can retire immediately, or at the normal retirement age, or wait. In any case, the participant must send the completed form back so the PIBF staff will know the participant's retirement intentions. As a reminder, the Trustees previously approved the age 62 in-service distribution rule which allows a participant to retire at age 62 and draw the monthly pension and continue to work. A participant can choose to wait past the normal retirement age to retire, but the final required date to retire under IRS rules is 70½.

Featured Personnel



Patricia Cox Reif (Patti) joined the PIBF Job Control Department in July of 2008 working with hours reporting, eligibility, and contractor fringe contributions. In September of 2017, she began training for the position of Assistant to the Director and transitioned into that position full-time on June 1, 2018. Patti and her husband of 32 years, Bernie, live on ten acres in Bixby where they enjoy a great view, porch breezes, and farm-fresh eggs. They have two adult

children, Amber and Evan, and three grands, Molly, Jacy, and Aidan. Patti is an active member of the Ladies of 798 (as is Bernie) and loves the time spent with members during union meeting weeks. "Working at PIBF is both a pleasure and a privilege. It is an absolute joy to serve our membership. I have made some true, lasting friendships along the way and nothing pleases me more than when one of them calls me Sister! Thank you for allowing me to be part of the family."



Lisa Willis started with PIBF 17½ years ago in December 2001. She is the first face you see when you visit our office as she serves as the receptionist. She also processes claims. Lisa has been married to David for 11 years and has a daughter, Jordan, who is married to Caleb. Presley Jo is her 4-year-old granddaughter. Family is Lisa's life! She loves being Presley's Mimi. She also enjoys "Junking" for stress relief, and if she sees something that reminds her of you, she will purchase it for

you. Putting a smile on someone's face is always her goal. Lisa says, "It is truly a pleasure to be a part of the PIBF/798 family. I do my best to help or find the person that can help you with whatever you need when you call or come to the PIBF office. I enjoy getting to put a face with all the voices I hear each day. I feel like I'm helping the family. My job is one of the many blessings in my life."



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Union Yes Sandwich Bill Hat
 Item #101-F - \$14.00

70th Anniversary T-Shirt – Long Sleeve
 Item #121 - \$17.00
 (S, M, L, XL, XLT, 2XL, 2XLT, 3XL, 3XLT, 4XL, 4XL Tall)

70th Anniversary Pocket Knife
 Item #147 - \$69.00

Gray Long-Sleeve T-Shirt
 Item #118 - \$17.00
 (S, M, L, XL, XL Tall, 2XL, 2XL Tall, 3XL, 3XL Tall, 4XL, 4XL Tall)

Stainless Steel Travel Mug
 Item #133 - \$12.00

Knitted Cap
 Item #102 - \$6.00