



# BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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# Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The September meeting is quickly approaching, and with it, we will have nominations and vote on a three-member Election Committee. We also will have nominations for 798 delegates to the UA Convention. The number of delegates will be determined by the number of members in good standing according to the March cash sheet. We will send one delegate per 100 members. You may nominate yourself in person or by mail, fax, or email. I encourage all members to nominate themselves prior to the membership meeting, just as a matter of convenience. All members who wish to attend are welcome to do so, but please be aware social distancing will be in place at this meeting, and we will adhere to all precautions to protect your safety.

Voting for UA Delegates will be by mail ballot only. If you are a member in good standing for one year, you will receive a ballot at the home mailing address on file with the 798 Business Office. As of this writing, the UA Convention will be in San Diego, California, but with social distancing and everything that is involved with putting over 3,000 people in one large room how it will be held is still up in the air.

The work outlook is only slightly improving with man-hours up a tad since last month, bringing our total to nearly three million through July.

This nation, as a whole, is struggling due to so many issues. Unfortunately, one political party wants to burn it down, while the other struggles to maintain law and order and wants to move us forward. The presidential election is just around the corner. Please register and vote. It is not only your right as an American, but also your civic duty. We live in the greatest country in the world; please let us all work together to maintain and improve it for our children and grandchildren.

Last, but certainly not least, we must double our outreach on the Action Network. This simple tool is the most powerful weapon we have in our arsenal, but, sadly, we still have members that will not participate. Our clients that we work for are constantly asking for our collective support for their projects. They praise our efforts, but I know we can do better. A few minutes a week could be the difference between a bumper crop or a drought. The value of these actions should be a constant thought as they bring about better communication with clients who decide to build their projects with union craftsmen.

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 hope this report finds you well. Through July, we have worked 2.8 million man-hours. As you all know, that is a far cry from what we've become accustomed to over the last several years. There is no doubt these are uncertain times. 2020 seems to be the year that will test everyone's patience and resolve. The COVID-19 pandemic has definitely turned this country upside down and has negatively impacted the pipeline industry as well. I pray that we can put this ugly chapter behind us soon.

The good news is that some work seems to be breaking in certain parts of the country. Michels just recently began the 13 miles of 36" for the Line 3 Replacement in Hamilton, North Dakota. On a recent call with Enbridge representatives, they tell us that the remainder of the project will most likely begin construction around the first of December. This is approximately 350 miles of 36" in Minnesota and Wisconsin that is worked under a PLA and will put many of our members to work. Also, some station work for the Keystone XL recently began. It is great to see some actual progress and to see our members working on these jobs. This progress is all due to you stepping up and advocating for these jobs for the last several years. It is absurd to me that it now takes years for a project to come to fruition. It has become fashionable in this country to be opposed to pipelines and pipeline construction. The problem with this is that those who oppose pipelines never give up the comforts of life that fossil fuels provide. Where I'm from, we call those types of people hypocrites.

Please continue to participate in the Action Network. Lately, we are getting between 1,600-2,300 petition signatures for each action that we put forward. Thanks to those who take every action. And if you aren't, please step up and advocate for all of these important projects. It only takes a few minutes a week to login and verify that you have taken each action. I know we talk about this all the time, but it is that important, and the client gas companies recognize that we've got the best tool for advancing these projects.

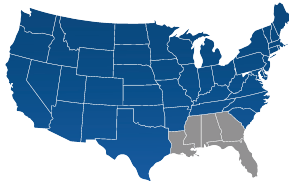
I can't remember a time in my life that a political party's platform has been more anti-energy than what we see right now in this election cycle. The so-called "progressive" movement has pushed candidates further to the left than ever before with proposals such as the "Green New Deal." As much as these radicals would like to think otherwise, natural gas is here to stay. There is no true alternative to the most abundant, clean-burning fuel in the world. Remember, when they came for coal, they pushed natural gas as the cleaner, safer, more environmentally friendly alternative. Now that coal appears finished, they have set their sights on natural gas. Natural gas will not fall as easily as the coal industry. It is too valuable a commodity, and Local 798 pipeliners are still the best at building the pipelines to transport it.

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.***

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

# Business Agent Reports



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Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I hope this report finds each and every one of you in good health and good spirits. I know this pandemic has dealt misery to many of our Brothers and Sisters and their families. God willing, everything will get back on track soon.

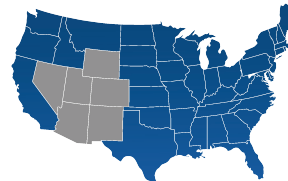
Not much has changed since my last report. Many jobs are still sitting on hold waiting on court bureaucracy and a lot of political hacks that are totally against the oil and gas industry. I hope the coming months will bring everyone some relief. The work outlook is looking up; it is just running behind because of the current state of things. I am doing everything in my power to get some work rolling in my jurisdiction. With that said, I need to remind everyone that working NONunion is still NOT an option. I have found several Brothers and Sisters on nonunion work, and this will not be tolerated. Hard times in this industry have come and gone; it has always been known as "feast or famine" work.

Please continue to advocate for our work through the Action Network. It is more important than ever to fight for our way of life. I hope this November everyone takes the time to choose those candidates who are pro-fossil fuel.

In closing, remember that I am always available and here to serve you, so do not hesitate to give me a call on my cell at 918-991-5341. May God bless each and every one of you, and God bless this great Local.



Henkels & McCoy MXP  
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Justin Head

As of this report writing, we are still trying to find the new normal during this pandemic. It becomes a lot more real when you hear of people you know being affected by the virus daily. I am still hopeful a vaccine will be readily available soon.

I recently returned from a job visit to New Mexico, and I am organizing a trip through Nevada. First, I would like to thank the hands for a job well done. Kinder Morgan was thoroughly impressed with the professionalism, organization, and craftsmanship on that job. As a result, I was told the gas company's project manager stated he would prefer that all of that type of work be union. This is what we have to do to regain work in parts of the country where our market share is low.

I am also working on signing a new contractor that has most likely picked up some 16" work in Las Vegas. They will certainly need our help to be successful, and the discussions held have been good so far. As of this writing, Q&D has picked up some work in northern Nevada for Southwest Gas, and they are currently bidding similar jobs for Southwest Gas. There are also two 16" jobs in northern Nevada, consisting of close to 20 miles each that should go out for bid soon; hopefully, this year. I am fairly certain that our fair contractors will have the opportunity to compete. I am still getting the feeling gas companies have postponed a large amount of the capital work until 2021-2023. Some representatives from the gas companies have told me that those years will be incredibly busy with 2020's work and the work scheduled for those years.

I have also been looking at a couple of good water line jobs. If new oil and gas transmission lines go away, Integrity Maintenance and water transmission could be our primary source of work in the next 40 years. I feel as though it is going to be important to secure that market as soon as possible.

The September meeting is a go. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. If I can be of assistance, don't hesitate to call. When trying to reach me, please remember to either leave a text or voicemail so I can return your call. I am often not in a service area when traveling in this region and will not know I have missed a call if you do not leave a message.

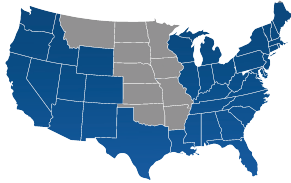
## Pre-Jobs:

### Hanging H Companies, LLC:

- Roswell, NM. 30" valve replacements for Kinder Morgan.  
Superintendent: Trevor Thayer. Welder Foreman: Ed Bohannon.  
Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Job complete.

### Q&D Construction:

- Elko, NV. 2.8 miles of 8" and reg station for Southwest Gas.  
Superintendent: Cory Vandervoorden. Welder Foreman: Tim Oney.  
Working 5-10s. Mainline rates. Approx. completion 10-1-20.



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Phillip Wallace

I write this Blue Light report the first week of August with the Integrity Maintenance work still holding up in my area. The gas companies say the COVID-19 virus has cut into the maintenance budget, and some of the work scheduled for this season will be canceled in the 4th quarter.

There is some good news with the Enbridge Line 3 and the Keystone XL. Michels has started on the 12-mile section of 36" Line 3 Replacement in North Dakota. Enbridge is very optimistic about kicking off in December. That would be 350 miles of 36" and eight stations in Minnesota. I have pre-jobbed with Michels on Keystone XL Station #19 in South Dakota and will pre-job Station #20 in mid-September. Minnesota Limited is doing dirt work and pouring concrete on two stations in Montana that I will pre-job in a few weeks.

It's has been a tough year for everyone in the construction business, not just pipeliners. There is not a lot you can do to battle the coronavirus. It's hard to fight something you cannot see. I believe the virus is one reason a lot of jobs have not started. And the main reason for job delays and cancellations is the politicians who want to kill the oil and gas industry that supports our way of life. They are the enemy you can see and fight by not voting for them in the upcoming elections. Get involved and fight for your jobs by voting and taking part in the Action Network. I just signed a petition on the network about the gas pipeline that Alaska needs to build. Do not sit back and let someone else do it; do your part for your job.

United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Abercrombie Pipeline Services, LLC:

- Saco, MT. 36" Pipe Beveling for TC Energy. Superintendent: Jeremy Duncan. Welder Foreman: Phillip Razian. Job Steward: Tyler Wallace.

#### Intercon Construction, Inc.:

- Burlington Junction, MO. 400' of 8" & 3,700' of 12". Superintendent: Barry Nelson. Job Steward: Walter Cole.

#### Michels Pipeline:

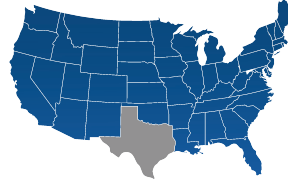
- Hamilton, ND. 12 miles of 36" Mechanized for Enbridge Line 3 Replacement. Superintendent: Buddy Kervin. Welder Foreman: Carl Overstreet. Job Steward: Preston Richardson.
- Winner, SD. KXL Pump Station #19 for TC Energy. Superintendent: Anthony Fetters. Welder Foreman: Carroll Morris. Job Steward: Kevin Heer.

#### Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Inver Grove Heights, MN. 5,000' of 4" for Flint Hills. Superintendent: Jason Sanders. Welder Foreman: Pete Kangas. Job Steward: Jason Slaby.

#### United Piping, Inc.:

- West Alton, MO. Tie-ins on 20" Mississippi River HDD. Superintendent: Robert Gall. Welder Foreman: Cody Cooper. Job Steward: Dan Pruitt



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Black Schroeder

I hope this report finds everyone safe and well from COVID-19. The year 2020 has been one to remember for this great nation and the entire world. A lot of us have experienced some of the most challenging times of our whole lives. We all need to pray for everyone's safety and health and that next year turns out much better.

I have picked up a few jobs that will have started by the time you read this Blue Light. There are three station jobs for TC Energy/KXL Pipeline, all union labor in Texas.

Numerous projects in Texas are still out for bid. Even with the Market Recovery concession, our contractors are having difficulties picking up work. As members of the UA and Local 798, we must still do our part. Be professional always, show up every day, and give our contractors a day's work for a day's pay to the best of our ability. We still make more and have more than the nonunion sector. Therefore, we must always maintain our craftsmanship and productivity.

I want to take this opportunity, with sincerity and the utmost gratitude, to thank Danny and Norma Kay Hendrix, along with the long list of members and their wives, who donated to have Tuffy's name put In Memory on the Memorial Wall and also the In Recognition pavers. You cannot imagine what this means to me. I will never forget and always be grateful to each one of you.

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me. May God bless Local 798, every Brother and Sister member, and your families.

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Michels Pipeline:

- Corrigan, TX. Pumping Station #40 for TC Energy/KXL Pipeline. Superintendent: Rick Van Winkle. Welder Foreman: Jerry Tomlinson. Project Labor Agreement. Working 6-10s. Start 8-11-2020. Approx. Completion 3-1-21.

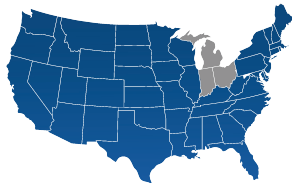
#### Associated Pipeline Contractors, Inc.:

- Sinton, TX. 1.2 mi. of 36" and Fabrication for Cheniere. Superintendent: Michael Fall. Welder Foreman: Carl "Walker" Wood. Market Recovery. Working 6-10s. Start 8-11-2020. Approx. Completion 9-22-20.

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Charles Yates, Jr.

The work in the Central Region is holding its own in the third quarter. There has been a steady flow of notifications and pre-job conferences. Some of the larger projects will be wrapping up, but the maintenance work still looks strong. Every piece of market share is essential. Even that one small job could mean the difference in a member keeping health care or earning a pension credit for that year.

We have campaigned in my area hard the past few months against non-signatory contractor Integrity Kokosing. I wish I had a more favorable outcome to report, but it is not from a lack of trying. Local 798 has executed many strategies. We ran billboards in four different Indiana locations, distributed pamphlets (handbills) in Ohio and Indiana, walked a picket for weeks in Indianapolis, and utilized a nationwide petition through the Action Network. All of these strategies highlighted our 798 workforce with the goal of securing market share. Although Integrity Kokosing's slice of the pie is not large, it is still good pipeline work that our members are missing. Integrity Kokosing is competing against our fair contractors, and we are losing ground because they underbid. This is a continuous fight and far from over. I remain hopeful that our efforts will produce positive results. I feel we are making progress with gas companies by emphasizing that you get what you pay for. Just because Integrity Kokosing and others like them are cheaper, cheaper is not better. Cheaper will get them high repair rates, missed deadlines, and bad safety records. I am optimistic that this contractor and others will come around in the future. We only need a chance to show them the value that only Local 798's highly trained and skilled tradesmen can bring to the table.

Thank you to the following members who participated in the protest and held the socially distant picket line day after day carrying signs in the heat: Joshua Pattison, Troy Allen, Jason Duke, Kenneth Jordan, Michael Johnson, Steve Gantert, Sam Wilson, Brent Bowen, Andy Anderson, Scott Kidd, Hayden Wathen, Ely Briar, Logan Johnson, Dean Parker, Karen Ross, Chuck Hayden, Justin Vaughn, Heath Hamilton, Peggy Morgan, James Morgan, Thomas Morgan Sr., Thomas Morgan, Steve Demos, PJ Sample, Chris Huber, Tim Skidmore, Chad Springer, Hal Oswald, Jacob Turner, Robert Turner, Joshua Jones, Jeff Tigert, Sara Ward Rogers, and Jerry Cunningham, Jr. Thank you also to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for all the necessary resources and counsel to implement this campaign. I would especially like to acknowledge Justin Hornback for his collaboration. His partnership in Indianapolis was invaluable. His skillset and motivation are assets to Pipeliners Local Union 798.

If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call. Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Overland, OH. 30" hot tap for Enbridge. Superintendent: Travis Orwick. Welder Foreman: Gordon Titus. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-11-20.

### Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Gas City, IN. 2-24" and 2-22" anomaly digs, approximately 200' of 24" and 220' of 22" for Panhandle Eastern/Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dallas Shepler. Welder Foreman: Troy Miller. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-20.

### C. A. Murren & Sons:

- Howell, MI. 800' of 16" removal for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Russ Sennhenn. Welder Foreman: Jason Slaby. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

### Charps, LLC:

- Cassopolis, MI. Rework 1/2" o-let and pipe support for Vector/Enbridge. Superintendent: Daniel Bendickson. Welder Foreman: Nathan Kranz. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

### Contractors Rental Corp. dba CJ Hughes:

- LaGrange, OH. 2"-12" integrity and maintenance, 6" launcher and receiver installations with cut-outs for TC Energy. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Kirk King. Working 5-10s and 1-8. Approx. completion 9-1-20.

### Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc.:

- Portage, IN. 60' of 12" and 12" valve replacement with by-pass for NipSCO. Superintendent: Kerry Schott. Welder Foreman: Jacob Taylor. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 8-6-20.

### Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Niles, MI. Installation of in-deck and interconnect ANR pipeline, install piping from owner's hot taps for TC Energy. Superintendent: William Duren. Welder Foreman: Kevin Blasdel. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Grand Ledge, MI. Tie-ins on line 1,100 for the Grand Ledge City Gate Project, Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Matt Hopkins. Welder Foreman: Derrick Girard. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-20.
- Falmouth, MI. 12" valve and blow-down replacement for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Gordon Donnelly. Welder Foreman: Kevin Blasdel. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-6-20.
- Plainwell, MI. Replacing existing 20" valves, 12" PLD valves, demolition of existing piping on line 1,800 for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bill Duren. Welder Foreman: Kevin Blasdel. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-6-20.

### Michels Pipeline:

- Martinsville, IN. Install 1,400' of 8" steel pipe, 195' of 4" steel, 30' of 2" steel, 40-2" PE, 2 services, retire 1,490' of 2" and 600' of 6" for Vectren. Superintendent: Buck Newholm. Welder Foreman: Michael Johnson. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 8-31-20.
- Royal Oak, MI. Remove and replace 2-26" valves, pipe sizes range from 1/2" to 26" for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Russ Shurpitt. Welder Foreman: Jan Slater. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-28-20.

### Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Centerville, OH. Install filter separator with fabrication 12"-20" plus piping, fabrication, filter separator, and barrel replacements 2"-12" for Vectren. Superintendent: Kenneth Criswell. Welder Foreman: Dave Casteel. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-20.
- Dover, OH. Station work: 170' of 2", 450' of 10", 70' of 16", 7 pieces of fabrication to be installed for TC Energy. Superintendent: Aaron Schrontz. Welder Foreman: Brandon Houston. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-20.
- Traverse City, MI. 8.6 miles of 10" and install filter at launcher site for DTE. Superintendent: Dusty Schaaf. Welder Foreman: Ryan Schwartz. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-20.
- Bloomington, IN. Fabricate, test, and install 375' of 4" for Vectren. Superintendent: Paul Lee. Welder Foreman: Josh Pattison. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-27-20.
- Crawfordsville, IN. Install new regulator station, pipe size 4"-12" for Vectren. Superintendent: Tommy Alexander. Welder Foreman: Robert Turner. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-20.
- Crawfordsville, IN. 950' of 12" HDD, station fabrication/testing/installation, 12" integrity cut-outs for Vectren. Superintendent: Fred Leasure. Welder Foreman: Cody Dye. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-26-20.

### P.J. Steel Supply, LLC:

- Clio, MI. 12" abandon 38 road crossings for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bob Workman. Welder Foreman: Teddy Payne. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-18-20.

### R.L. Morris & Sons:

- Kalkaska, MI. 1,400' of 10" bore for DTE. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Roger Mullin. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-14-20.

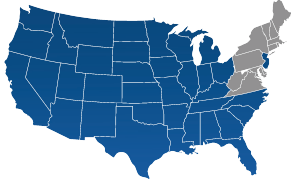
### Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Farwell, MI. 6' of 24" modify pipe and install 2 flanges, 100' of 24" launcher and receiver modification for TC Energy. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Milan Klaus. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-1-20.
- Edgerton, OH. 800' of 24" and 800' of 22" take-up and relay for TC Energy. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Brian Boyett. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-20.

### Snelson Companies, Inc.:

- West Chester, OH. Install 1,800' of 6" and install new regulator station for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Matt Sorenson. Welder Foreman:

Logan Kelly. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-18-20.  
 United Piping, Inc.:  
 - Benton Harbor, MI. HWY31 relocation project with install 2400' of 22", remove existing pipe, take-up 1,888' of 22" and 1,867' of 30" TC Energy. Superintendent: Troy Johnson. Welder Foreman: Steve Jackson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-23-20.



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## David Butterworth

The sale of Dominion to Warren Buffet's Berkshire-Hathaway, along with the cancellation of the ACP, sent shockwaves throughout our industry. The week of the sale, Local 798 had gathered 2,057 signatures in two days through the Action Network in support of the project. Dominion asked me on Friday of the July 4th weekend how many signatures we received and told me they were impressed with the numbers. Two days later, on Sunday, July 6, another email was sent out by Dominion stating that they had sold their pipeline assets. It felt as if a lot of time and effort was spent for nothing, but after putting some time and thought into the situation, I feel that the Buffet acquisition may play out in our favor.

The reason I say that the Berkshire-Hathaway acquisition might go our way is because Buffet doesn't buy anything that loses money. He now owns 18 percent of the pipelines in our country, and he owned eight percent prior to the purchase. Buffet is also friends with a lot of the folks that have been standing in our way. The gas that is produced in West Virginia is needed in Virginia and the Carolinas. That demand is not going away, and renewables are not going to be ready in time to meet this demand. Berkshire-Hathaway and other gas companies know about this current dilemma and may figure out new strategies to get the demand met.

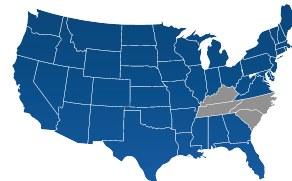
Instead of trying to receive permits on a highly scrutinized 600-mile pipeline project, the gas companies may use laterals and existing right-of-way to meet the demand. I am speculating on all these scenarios, but one fact remains, the South needs the gas, and West Virginia has the gas. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. The current MVP start-up is rumored to be sometime in August. I'll believe that when I begin receiving job notifications, but I do think that the state of Virginia now recognizes that more harm is being done by not completing the project. The MVP will get finished, but some of the additional environmental hurdles are still in play.

I hope everyone remains safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

## Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:  
 - Bridgeport, WV. 1 MLV Replacement in Harrison County, WV. Superintendent: Terry Frymire. Welder Foreman: Mike Bouchard. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
 Bond Civil and Utility Construction:  
 - Burrillville, RI. 1-26" new piping associated with existing M&R station modifications. Superintendent: Michael Moore. Welder Foreman: Ed Stockwell, Jr. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.  
 Contractors Rental Corp. dba CJ Hughes:  
 - Kenova, WV. HDD river crossing pipe replace on 1,300' of 10" and 16". Superintendent: Tyler Gandee. Welder Foreman: Trent Dickess. Integrity rates. Working 5-10s.  
 Frank Lill and Son, Inc.:  
 - Victor, NY. Integrity Maintenance work on various sizes. Superintendent: Troy Teeter. Welder Foreman: Mike Donohue. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Henkels and McCoy, Inc.:  
 - Marshall County, WV. Remove 20' of 36" pipe and replace with heavy wall. Superintendent: Marty Moss. Welder Foreman: Tim Hathaway. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
 - Mineral Wells, WV. Remove 20' of 36" pipe and replace with heavy wall. Superintendent: Tubby Long. Welder Foreman: Steve Yost. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
 - Ripley, WV. Remove 20' of 36" pipe and replace with heavy wall. Superintendent: Kenny Sweetin. Welder Foreman: Juan Rivera. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
 InfraSource Construction, LLC:  
 - Brandywine, MD. Three 12" valve change-outs with 8" by-pass along with 12" launcher and by-pass. Superintendent: Calvin Boyd. Welder Foreman: Tracy Johnson. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
 Kirila Contractors, Inc.:  
 - St. Mary's, PA. 22,000' of 12" plus fab. Superintendent: Ron Kirila, Jr. Welder Foreman: Andrew Blakeslee. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.  
 Michels Pipeline:  
 - Fayetteville, PA. 3,162' of 20" take-up and re-lay, 1 MLV install and 5,404' of hydro upgrade. Superintendent: Todd Bradshaw. Welder Foreman: Mickey Westerman. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.  
 Minnesota Limited:  
 - Beaver Falls, PA. Approx. 5.1 miles of 36" pipe install with two take-up locations plus L&R install. Superintendent: James Redmond. Welder Foreman: Brian Fox. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.  
 Precision Pipeline LLC:  
 - Bridgeport, WV. MVP slip and tie-in work. Superintendent: Brad Moser. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Mainline rates. Working 5-8s.  
 Price Gregory International:  
 - Roaring Branch, PA. Various lengths and sizes of 8, 12 and 20" pipe. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Jones. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



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## Chris Lancaster



I hope everyone is doing well in light of the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in many areas. I'm sure everyone, including myself, is having trouble understanding and coping with this new normal. Let's all hope this pandemic is over soon.

The work outlook is a little better than my last report. I have pre-jobbed the two Snelson jobs in North Carolina, which are good jobs, and a few smaller jobs. Several more jobs in North Carolina are out for bids, as well as a few jobs in Tennessee and Kentucky. Most of this work is Special Agreement or Market Recovery, but if we didn't have these agreements, we probably wouldn't be getting this work.

I'm sure everyone has heard about the cancellation of the ACP. Thanks to everyone who worked hard, helping with the permits for this project. Advocating for our jobs is the future. I was watching a TV newscast about the damage done by the hurricane that hit the East Coast. It was devastating to the people living in the hardest-hit area. The people featured in the news story were threatening to sue the local utility companies for not being prepared for the kind of devastation the storm caused. Our great nation's energy companies are spending billions of dollars trying to permit projects that will ensure this country has an adequate supply of clean, affordable energy, and our lives will not be affected because of a gas shortage. Continuously, the permits are rejected by environmental activists. They fail to understand that most of our energy infrastructure is aging and will eventually need to be shut down for repairs and maintenance. We need to get behind these energy companies and help get the necessary permits to build these pipelines. If these lines are shut

down, where is the energy going to come from? We must continue to educate the uneducated about the need to build the safe, new energy infrastructure needed to supply this country with clean, affordable energy. The September meeting is just around the corner. As always, I'm sure it will be an enjoyable and very informative meeting. I hope to see you there.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Snelson Companies, Inc.:

- Williamston, NC. 55,169' of 12". Welder Foreman: Matthew Johnson. Superintendent: Hank Sullivent. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 10-01-20.
- Maxton, NC. Four miles of 24" and Four miles of 8" plus various Fab. Welder Foreman: John Shuff. Superintendent: Cody Gay. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery. Approx. completion 9-30-20.

### B&G Pipeline Company:

- Arden, NC. Various Fab 2-8". Welder Foreman: Richard Clifton. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 6-30-20.
- Van Wyck, SC. 22,268' of 12". Testing. Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Samuel Wilson. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. comp 7-25-20.

### Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Richmond, KY. 40' of 10" Replacement. Welder Foreman: Randall Waters. Superintendent: Preston Steenbergen. Working 6-10s. National Agreement. Approx. completion 7-30-20.



## DISPATCH Report

By Ricky Jones

No one could have predicted what 2020 has been or will be. No doubt, our industry has suffered because of the coronavirus pandemic. Truthfully, however, we have endured far less than many Americans who have lost family members due to COVID-19; and I offer my condolences to those families at this time. Hopefully, we will have some winter work. I am sure the Business Manager

and business agents will address the projects that may unfold as we approach Christmas and beyond.

I sincerely hoped the building trades would pick up in July. But with the rise in the number of reported virus cases and deaths, no big jobs moved forward. Those working at the cracker plant who got laid off because of the virus were given the opportunity to go back, but only the group laid off due to the virus.

September is here, and the nuclear plant shutdowns should be beginning; and maybe some others. Make sure your certs are up to date, and your OSHA 10 is not more than five years old. We will be looking and calling other locals looking for work. Another UA cert that has become popular is the UA 101 (hard wire bead and hotpass, then flux core out .825 wall, 6" flip flop test, half on 45 and half in the horizontal). If you hear of work in other locals and are qualified and ready to go, we will be glad to call.

Please keep up with the hours you have worked. Know where you stand on hours when bidding on jobs. We were very detailed in how the hours work in the last Blue Light. Check it out or call if you have questions.

I hope everyone has a safe Labor Day weekend. Do not forget to vote in the upcoming November election. Do what you can. Thank you.

## ORGANIZING Report

Ronnie Hill

918-284-6862



I hope everyone is doing well. I write this report from Central Texas while checking on jobs in this area. A multitude of things are still shut down or partially shut down across the state due to COVID-19. Hopefully, this pandemic will be over soon, and everything can get back to normal. Recently, I made trips to South and West Texas. Things remain slow in those areas.

It is good to hear we will have our Regular September Meeting this year; it will be good to see those in attendance. Missing the Steward School left a huge void in the year, but some things can't be helped. As you all know, we will have nominations for delegates to the UA Convention at the September meeting.

It seems the oil price has come up somewhat, and hopefully will rise to desirable levels soon and stabilize. We have faced so many obstacles this year from every front; it's almost unbelievable. As if the price of oil dropping to nothing wasn't enough, couple that with COVID-19, plus the civil unrest and the ever-present radical environmentalists. We certainly have our work cut out for us. It's a never-ending cycle, which is fairly normal, but this year has been exceptionally difficult. But I am sure with hard work and determination; we will prevail in the end.

Please, everyone participate in the Action Network! We need it now more than ever. And encourage others to do so.

As always, the nonunion is present and willing to work for substandard wages and zero conditions. But they, too, have not been immune from all of the things plaguing the industry this year. I have been contacted several times recently by nonunion workers inquiring about membership. Their wages are certainly going down as expected during times like these.

I will be heading out to West Texas this coming week for an extended time. If anyone is out there in that area and has any information, I would like to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to call with anything that may be of interest regardless of where it may be. Also, if a nonunion pipeline company contacts you for work, let me know what they have to say.

If I can be of help to anyone, give me a call. If I don't answer, leave a message. Sometimes I have little or no signal, and a lot of times, my phone doesn't show a missed call, but it always shows a voicemail message. Thanks to everyone who has called in the past with much-needed information. It certainly helps, and I am always glad to hear from you. Stay safe and healthy on and off the jobs. All of us want to get through this without any health problems. If you can make it to the September Membership Meeting, be sure to come by and say hello.

Fraternally,  
Ronnie M. Hill



Photo Provided By: Kyle Biggs

1846 Helpers

1587 Welders

229 Journeymen



# Meeting Notice

## September 11, 2020

The regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, September 11, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

***SPECIAL BUSINESS: Nomination and Election of an Election Committee and Nominations for UA Convention Delegates.*** *The Election Committee will oversee the 2020 Election of Convention Delegates for the 2021 UA Convention. Therefore, Election Committee members will not be eligible to seek election as a Convention Delegate.*

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

Any member who has been in continuous good standing for the two years prior to election is eligible to run for Election Committee. Nominations will be accepted on the floor at the membership meeting. In addition, letters of nomination may be submitted via fax to (918) 627-9327, via email to [information@local798.org](mailto:information@local798.org), or via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. Faxed, emailed, and mailed nominations must be submitted by 12 noon CST on Friday, September 11, 2020. It is the nominator's responsibility to verify that the nomination has been received in the Local 798 office.

All nominees must sign a nomination acceptance letter. Nomination acceptance letters should be submitted prior to the start of the September 11, 2020, membership meeting. Letters can be submitted via fax to (918) 627-9327, via email to [information@local798.org](mailto:information@local798.org), or via mail to PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147. It is the nominee's responsibility to verify that the nomination acceptance letter has been received by the Local 798 office.

The secret ballot election will be conducted during the September 11, 2020, membership meeting. Election Committee members will not be eligible to run for Convention Delegate and should plan to attend a meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 9 a.m. CST at the Local 798 office.

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

***Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 concerns, the membership lunch and the Ladies of 798 hospitality have been canceled.***

### Hotel Accommodations

The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of \$97-137/night. To make reservations, please call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you would like Pipeliners Local Union 798 rate.

## PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January 2021, following the conclusion of the Fall 2020 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 2020-2021 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the Fall 2020 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](http://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 2020 semester. Sufficient time is allowed for the receipt of fall transcripts, but a cut-off date is necessary to process all applicants through the screening committee: Applicants will be disqualified if all materials, including the application, appraisal forms, and transcripts, are not received by the January 22, 2021, deadline.



# SERVICE Awards



INITIATED  
AUGUST 18, 1952

**Elder S. Bailey**  
Welder  
Quitman, MS



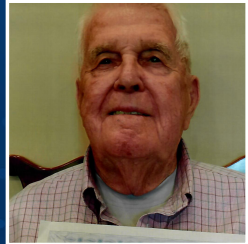
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**Everett H. Smith**  
Welder  
Meridian, MS



INITIATED  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1955

**Donald Warren**  
Spacer  
Sour Lake, TX



INITIATED  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1960

**Charles E. Brock**  
Welder  
Louisville, KY



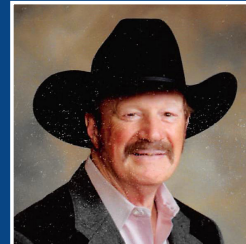
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**Glynn Carroll**  
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Mexia, TX



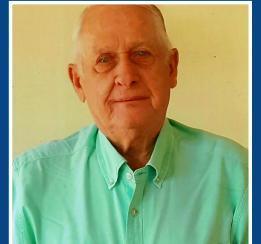
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Neches, TX



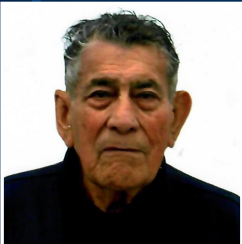
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MAY 5, 1959

**Gary J. Graham**  
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Waynesburg, PA



INITIATED  
APRIL 11, 1958

**Charles G. Hooker**  
Welder  
Tenaha, TX



INITIATED  
FEBRUARY 15, 1960

**Joe L. Martinez**  
Helper  
Crest Hill, IL



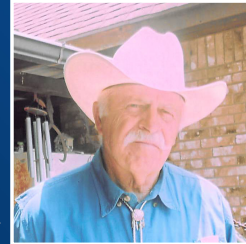
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**Charles L. McIver**  
Spacer  
Spearman, TX



INITIATED  
JANUARY 19, 1959

**Buffington E. Tittle**  
Spacer  
Cambridge, OH



INITIATED  
MAY 3, 1965

**John P. Areno III**  
Welder  
Sulphur, LA



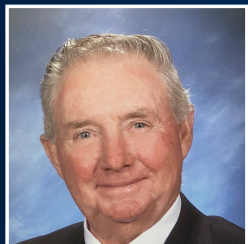
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NOVEMBER 18, 1964

**Ronnie G. Bennett**  
Welder  
Dennard, AR



INITIATED  
AUGUST 12, 1965

**Calvin W. Cooper**  
Helper  
Clare, MI



INITIATED  
DECEMBER 18, 1961

**William R. "Roland" Cross**  
Welder  
Tenaha, TX



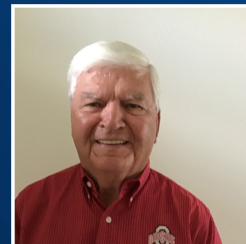
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**James P. Cummins**  
Welder  
Fairview, WV



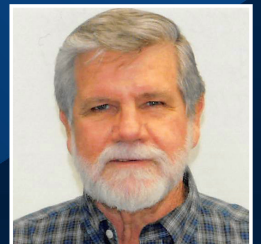
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**John P. Gibbs**  
Spacer  
Emporium, PA



INITIATED  
OCTOBER 8, 1965

**George B. Korner**  
Welder  
Winter Haven, FL



INITIATED  
MARCH 26, 1965

**Franklin E. Kribbs**  
Welder  
Bacliff, TX



INITIATED  
JANUARY 13, 1965

**Theodore J. "James" Mire**  
Welder  
Centerville, LA



INITIATED  
DECEMBER 1, 1965

**Jack L. Nash**  
Welder  
Logan, OH



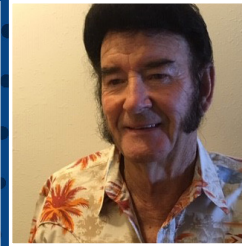
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**John Nichols, Jr.**  
Welder  
Bakersfield, CA



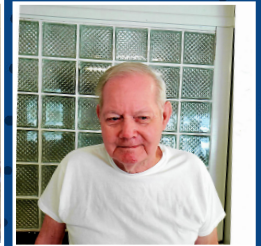
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**Oscar Townsend**  
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West Monroe, LA



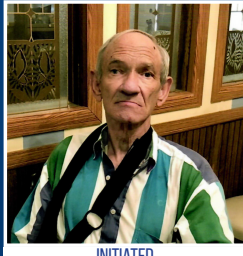
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**Carey B. Wesley**  
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Etoile, TX



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JUNE 19, 1964

**Franklin D. Young**  
Spacer  
Elkview, WV



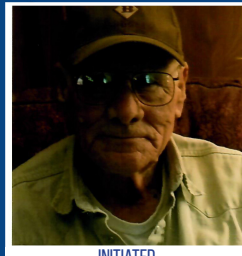
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**Carl M. Bond**  
Helper  
Denham Springs, LA



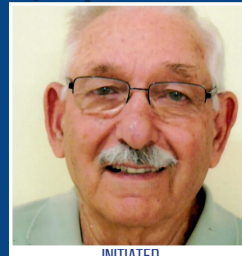
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**Clyde Brumley**  
Welder  
Oak Grove, LA



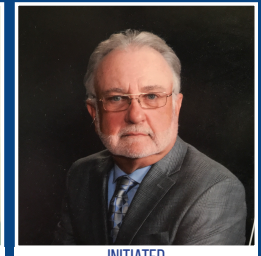
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NOVEMBER 3, 1969

**Otis R. Campbell**  
Welder  
Livingston, TX



INITIATED  
OCTOBER 18, 1966

**Clifford Janise**  
Spacer  
Eunice, LA



INITIATED  
JUNE 1, 1970

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



INITIATED  
NOVEMBER 27, 1968

**Wayne R. Miller**  
Helper  
Waterloo, OH



INITIATED  
MAY 25, 1970

**Marty R. O'Brien**  
Spacer  
Greenbrier, AR



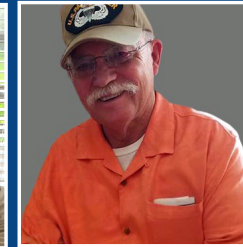
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OCTOBER 20, 1966

**Jason Slagle**  
Welder  
Monticello, KY



INITIATED  
NOVEMBER 29, 1966

**Franklin H. Tevepaugh**  
Welder  
Troutman, NC



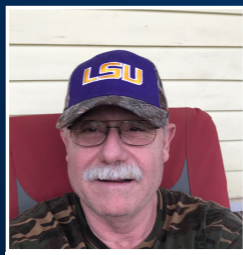
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**Robert J. "Skip" Todd**  
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Stanley, NC



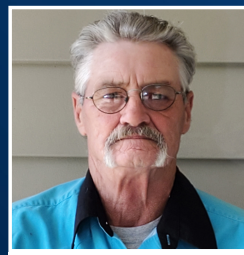
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**Huey W. Whitton**  
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Jasper, TX



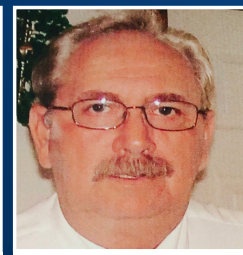
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**Thomas W. Causey**  
Welder  
Lake Cormorant, MS



INITIATED  
JUNE 7, 1973

**Troy D. Glaze**  
Welder  
Bald Knob, AR



INITIATED  
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**Ronnie Lampton**  
Helper  
Batesville, AR



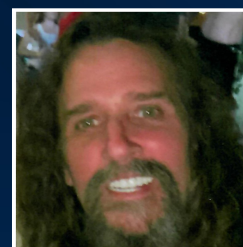
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**Ted R. Thomas**  
Welder  
Falling Rock, WV



INITIATED  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

**Robert W. Christmas**  
Spacer  
Karnack, TX



INITIATED  
DECEMBER 3, 1979

**Craig E. Easley**  
Welder  
Denver, CO



INITIATED  
JUNE 23, 1980

**Neil B. Harper**  
Welder  
Antlers, OK



INITIATED  
APRIL 22, 1981

**Russel J. Wierema**  
Welder  
Box Elder, SD



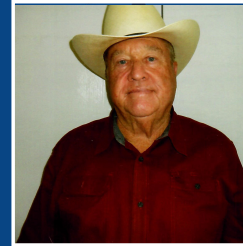
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AUGUST 29, 1988

**Pierre A. Bell**  
Helper  
Erie, PA



INITIATED  
NOVEMBER 20, 1989

**Janet L. Degeyter**  
Helper  
Shreveport, LA



INITIATED  
AUGUST 21, 1986

**B. C. "Clyde" Johnson**  
Welder  
Lexington, TX



## LEGAL NOTICE

### Non-discriminatory Policy as to Students

Local 798 Training Center, in compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other federal laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes but is not limited to administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

## Nominations for Local 798 2021 UA Convention Delegates/Alternates

This notice provides important information regarding the nomination process for the upcoming Local 798 2021 UA General Convention Delegates. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Union Hall.

### Nominations

1. A meeting to nominate convention delegates will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020, starting at 7 p.m. CST, at the Pipeliners Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74145.
2. No Local 798 member shall be eligible as a convention delegate or alternate unless they have been a good standing member of the Local Union which they are to represent for at least two (2) continuous years previous to their election and they remain in good standing from the date of their election through the period of the convention. The date of the "election" for purposes of determining eligibility to serve as a convention delegate or alternate is October 21, 2020. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 21, 2020, they will not be eligible to run for convention delegate or alternate.
3. Nominations for convention delegates will be accepted from the floor at the nominations meeting. A candidate may nominate their self and need not have a second. If a member is not present at the meeting, they may be nominated or nominate their self by sending written notice of their acceptance of nomination as a convention delegate. Such written notice may be delivered by hand, mail, or facsimile to the Local 798 office, or by email to [nominations@local798.org](mailto:nominations@local798.org). Written notice must be received in the Local 798 Union Hall in Tulsa, OK, no later than 12 noon CST on the day of nominations, Friday, September 11, 2020. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on July 1, 2020, and deactivated at 12 noon CST on Friday, September 11, 2020.) The names of all candidates received by this deadline will be announced at the nominations meeting.
4. Under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act ("LMRDA"), a member who has been convicted of certain crimes may not hold office or serve as a convention delegate for a maximum of 13 years following the date of conviction or the end of imprisonment, whichever is later. Please call the U.S. Department of Labor, or the Chairman of the Election Committee if you have a question about this provision of the LMRDA.
5. The Election Committee will conduct a candidate's meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2020. 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, OK 74145, and will start at 10 a.m. CST.

# Short & Personal

## THANK YOU

**Dena Jones and Tommie G. Newsom** thank the Voluntary Fund for the assistance they received. It is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Dennis Linney.

**Steven Dakota Moore** thanks you for the thoughts and prayers.

**Ronnie Lampton** thanks everyone that contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The gift helped them during a hard time while dealing with his cancer. Special thanks to Nikki Lampton, Phillip Wallace, and everybody involved. He deeply appreciated it.

**James R. Hathorn** expresses his thanks to the staff of Local 798 for the job they have done the past several months during the trying times of the shut-down. It is because of the quality and dedication that this organization has been able to continue to function. My thanks to all of you for a job well done.

**Larry D. Fuller** thanks everyone that supports the Voluntary Fund. May God continue to bless our local union and its members. Special thanks to Sam Herren for his support.

**Jamie Sligh** thanks all who contribute to the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund and those who make it possible. Thank you all for the generous gift.

**Jeremy Sanford and family** thank the members of Local 798 for contributing to the Voluntary Fund. It was a tremendous help during their son's surgery. Special thanks to Daniel Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**Raymond and Jane Scarborough** thank the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received when Raymond was hospitalized. The Voluntary Fund is such a help to those in need, and we are so blessed to have been a recipient of it. Special thanks to Joe Pearrow and his wife for their help to us. God bless all of you!

**Buddy Kervin and Family** thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

**William and Sara Choate** thank each Brother and Sister who give to the Voluntary Fund. It's reassuring to know it's there when needed. We greatly appreciate the help we received, as it was very much needed. Special thanks to Thomas Haar.

**A. J. Malnar** thanks the Voluntary Fund and the contributors for their thoughtfulness and generosity at the passing of his wife, Wanda. It was greatly appreciated, and he feels blessed to be part of the Local Union 798.

**Karen Smith and Family** thank the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The money we received after the passing of her mother was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Blake McAnally, Marc Sena, and Ricky Curtis.

**Brian May** thanks the people that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Sam Chapman for his kind thoughts. God bless.

**James Michael "Mike" Davis** thanks all the members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the kind generosity he received at the loss of his son, Michael "Scott" Davis, on June 23, 2020. Scott, age 51, was a Helper member

who had many friends in the pipeline industry. Special thanks to Bobby Turner and Chad Springer for their assistance. Love to all.

**Alton Thompson** thanks the 798 Voluntary Fund and everyone who contributes for the help received. Special thanks to Dean Evans and Black Schroeder.

**Tex and Joni Davis** thank 798 and the Voluntary Fund for the check they received after her fourth back surgery, heart problems, and hospitalizations. Special thanks to Grant Sample.

**Michael and Kimberly Hawkins, Dakota Hawkins, and Micah Hawkins** thank the members of Local 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The generosity that was received following the loss of 798 member Linda Hawkins was definitely appreciated.

**Robert Greenfield** thanks the 798 Voluntary Fund for helping during a hardship endured. Special thanks to Frankie Bowker.

**Dan Pawloski** thanks all his 798 Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received helped with the additional costs incurred recently at the Mayo Clinic. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Charlie Yates, Justin Wallace, and Steve Birgy.

**Gibran and Melanie Smith** greatly appreciate the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for their generosity in contributing to the Voluntary Fund and assisting us financially in our time of need. Special thanks to Jeremy Padgett, Michael Hawkins, Greg Russell, and Preston Ri'chard.

**Jimmy and Angie Noggle** thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, flowers, and money during this most difficult time. May God bless you all and keep you all safe.

**Delisa K. Allen** thanks the Voluntary Fund and everyone that contributes. The money received was very helpful to me and my family during my recent hospital stay while on the Greeley, Colorado, job.

**Gary and Beverly Graham** thank the Voluntary Fund and everyone who donates every week for the check received. Special thanks to Preston Ri'chard, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace. Everyone stay safe, and God Bless.

**Michael Shuman** thanks Local 798 for its support. As I'm not the only one to have money issues this year, the check means a lot to me and my family.

**Rickie and Staci Hayes** thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Staci is doing a lot better after her shoulder surgery. Special thanks to Jason Knight, John Knight, and Bobby Wayne.

**Virgil Frith** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and for all the phone calls, cards, and letters. It gives me great pride to be able to say that I belong to the greatest organization in the world. The monetary gift and the letter were so uplifting and encouraging in this very low time in my life. It was such a blow to lose my loving wife of 53 years, especially during this pandemic when we could not have a traditional funeral. I'd also like to report that I'm getting much better after I sustained compression fractures to two vertebrae. Special thanks to Keith Edwards and Chad Gilbert for their kindness. May God bless you all.

**The Brent Stai Family** thanks the union and its members for voluntary funds received. Special thanks to Reid Baso, Preston Ri'chard, and Phillip Wallace.

**Bill "Fat Boy" and Diana Taylor** thank all Brothers, Sisters, and Voluntary Fund contributors. I have been retired 11 years, but when you found out about my health problems, you were here to help me immediately. Thank you from all of my heart, and God helped with all the repairs and no cutouts!

**Gary Farquer** thanks everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. It really came in handy after hospital stays and surgery.

**Royce Battles** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the assistance. Kenneth always was so happy with the union and all they did for him. He loved his welding. I really appreciate your help at this time.

**Theresa Smith** thanks all the 798 Brothers and Sisters for their support and generosity to our family during this time. The check from the Voluntary Fund helped tremendously in the first few weeks following my husband, Nick Smith's passing. I cannot express my gratitude enough for the outpouring of condolences and kind words from our union family. I will greatly miss all our fellow traveling Brothers and Sisters and will keep you in our prayers.

**Randy Mathis** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help received following his foot surgery. Special thanks to Garrett Hendrix, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Frank Kuhn and Family** express their gratitude for the unexpected money given to help them with expenses incurred due to unfortunate circumstances with their daughter. It has been difficult, but knowing he is a part of a local who takes care of their Brothers has been uplifting.

**Johnny and Becca DeMeyer** thank the Voluntary Fund and all the members of Local 798 for helping out during a difficult time for them. They would like to personally thank Kelly Jellison, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Mike Ballard** thanks Joe Laubert and Gilbert Burch for their letter to the Voluntary Fund on his behalf. Thank you also to all contributing members as it meant a lot for Mike and his family.

**Kenneth W. Battles**, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Antlers, OK, passed away on June 12, 2020.

**Melvin A. Rivera**, 41-year-old Helper of Deer River, MN, passed away on June 18, 2020.

**William A. Gilbert**, 86-year-old Retired Welder of Durant, OK, passed away on June 20, 2020.

**Gary S. Pope**, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Abilene, TX, passed away on June 27, 2020.

**Aubrey L. Davis**, 87-year-old Retired Welder of Andrews, TX, passed away on June 24, 2020.

**James A. Spencer**, 80-year-old Retired Helper of Atkins, AR, passed away on July 5, 2020.

**Richard L. Heishman**, 70-year-old Retired Welder of Mathias, WV, passed away on July 10, 2020.

**Brent M. Butler**, 30-year-old Spacer of Greensboro, NC, passed away on July 16, 2020.

**Frank R. Holub**, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Saint Augustine, FL, passed away on July 21, 2020.

**Kenneth D. Colyne**, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Windsor, MO, passed away on July 21, 2020.

**Louin C. Norris**, 85-year-old Retired Welder of Perrysburg, OH, passed away on August 1, 2020.

**William G. Price**, 89-year-old Retired Spacer of Renovo, PA, passed away on August 11, 2020.

## RETIREMENTS

**Jeffery E. Adams**, Welder, Kensett, AR

**Andrew C. Bimah**, Welder, Thibodaux, LA

**Stephen L. Gatehouse**, Welder, Zephyrhills, FL

**Delbert D. Jones**, Welder, Weston, WV

**David D. Kandle**, Welder, Navarre, OH

**James D. Mitchell**, Welder, Frametown, WV

**David C. Skaggs**, Helper, Seward, PA

**James A. Sonnier**, Welder, Jonesboro, LA

## IN MEMORIAM

**William J. Young**, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Stillwater, OK, passed away April 27, 2020.

**Clint R. Howell**, 85-year-old Retired Spacer of Coffeeville, MS, passed away May 6, 2020.

**Nick J. Smith**, 37-year-old Welder of Buckeye, AZ, passed away May 9, 2020.

**Benjamin G. Sample**, 83-year-old Retired Welder of Houston, TX, passed away May 29, 2020.

**James M. Weatherford**, 73-year-old Retired Welder of Cuero, TX, passed away June 9, 2020.

## SWAP & SELL

**Welding Truck Bed:** Welding truck bed, has been used with a 2011 Dodge dually 3500 and a 2001 Dodge 2500 long bed. \$2,500. Truck bed is in Glen Rose, TX. Contact Ann Baker at (254) 396-3343.

**2017 350 SF Pipe Pro:** Low, low hours, custom paint, and cordless remote. Mitsubishi engine. Custom stainless antenna mount. Rhino lined hood. Contact Matthew Bakus at (832) 818-3383.



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# PIBF Report



Renée Vause

Director

## Email Addresses Needed

The Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF) will begin to implement the electronic delivery of select Pension documents in the near future. You will be notified in advance of the start of this, but once implemented, you will receive an email that includes a link to the document. When you click on this link, you will be directed to the document. In preparation for this, we need to make sure we have your most recent email address. The primary source for email addresses will be from the email address associated with your Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund Member Portal email address. Log in to the member portal and update your email address as needed. Prior to the start of the electronic delivery of documents, you will receive a letter in the mail confirming the email address we will use. You will also have the option at that time to opt out of receiving documents via email. Electronic delivery of documents can save the Fund thousands of dollars on mailouts. Please update your email address today!

## Requirement to Notify PIPF of Retirement Intentions

The PIPF 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 PIPF staff will know the participant's retirement intentions. PIPF is required to comply with the fiduciary duties of prudence under Section 404(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to advise participants who have not filed a benefit application of their entitlement to benefits under the terms of the Plan. Receipt of this signed form enables PIPF to clearly document compliance with this requirement.

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. You can draw your pension and continue to earn additional pension credits that can increase your monthly pension amount.

In addition, when you retire, you have the option to select the survivor benefit of your choice, choosing from 50%, 75% or 100% joint and survivor annuity. If something should happen to you before you retire, your spouse would draw the plan default of 75% joint and survivor annuity option. Also, if you do not qualify for retiree health insurance at retirement, you can now earn the additional credits to qualify by working after retirement. A participant can choose to wait past the normal retirement age to retire, but the final required date to retire under IRS rules is 70 ½. Please refer to the PIPF Summary Plan Description for complete details.

## MDLIVE - Virtual Medical Visit Option

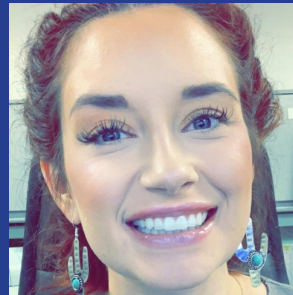
The MDLIVE program launched on May 1, 2020. Hopefully, you have all registered and set up a profile for you and your dependents to use should you need the service. It is a great idea to do this in advance of your first virtual visit. As a reminder, this is a virtual medical visit program offered by BlueCross BlueShield for active and COBRA participants and for participants where PIBF is the primary coverage. This program will give 24/7/365 access to speak to a doctor from any location. The co-payment for this service will be \$15 per visit. This co-payment will not count toward your annual medical benefits deductible or out-of-pocket expense limit. It will be eligible for reimbursement under the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) by submitting your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) with a completed HRA Claim Form. Details about the program and instructions on how to participate have been mailed to the membership. In addition, you should have received a new Medical ID card listing the MDLIVE information.

## Featured Personnel



Michelle Ruiz is an Assistant to the Controller. She handles the 401(k) distributions and has been with PIBF for 10½ years. Michelle loves spending time with her family and time out at the lake in their boat. She is the proud mother of two amazing daughters, Amber (34) and Bethann (20), and has been married to her husband, David, for 35 years. Michelle enjoys helping the membership and hearing their stories. "I feel it helps me connect with the membership. I am

very thankful for being a part of PIBF – it is an incredible organization!"



Tabitha Bruner works in the Pensions and Contributions Department at PIBF. She started as temporary personnel in 2015 and went full time in 2016. When she first joined PIBF, she was doing Steward Reporting, but now her main focus is COBRA and Pension applications processing. She has been with PIBF for five years and feels like time has flown! At home, she enjoys crafting, reading, gardening, and spending time outside with her little fur baby Bo-Bo. Bo-Bo is a mini

Aussie and keeps her on her toes. To the members, "I've enjoyed learning about this industry and continue to learn daily. Thank you for your hard work, and I look forward to serving you for years to come."



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**Winter Navy Cap**  
 Item #101-D - \$17.00

**Stainless Steel Travel Mug**  
 Item #133 - \$12.00

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

**Knitted Cap**  
 Item #102 - \$8.00

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

**Camo Winter Cap**  
 Item #101-C2 - \$11.00