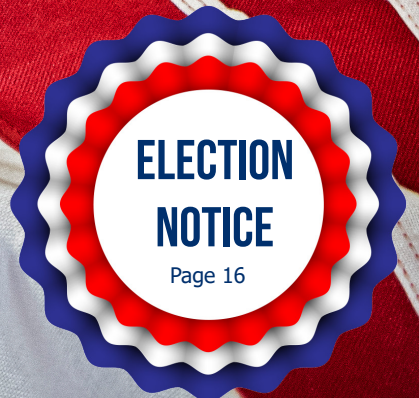


# PIPELINERS LOCAL 798 BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

September/October 2022



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# Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, the man-hours for the end of July are in, and we are at the 3 million mark with five more months until year's end. The work outlook for the remainder of the year will remain steady, with the lion's share of the work being Integrity Maintenance. Looking forward to 2023, I believe there will be a noticeable uptick in new pipeline construction for small and large-diameter projects. The reasons I feel that the work outlook is moving in a positive trend are multi-faceted. Mid-term elections, carbon capture, water shortages out West, and real conversations worldwide about energy affordability are at the forefront at the dinner table and the boardrooms of the American people. ***You cannot achieve nor sustain a great economy or have national security without access to abundant, homegrown, affordable energy.***

The "all of the above" approach toward energy sources is the only obvious choice. ***America has the resources and the technology not only to be energy independent but to be energy dominant.*** Energy is already being weaponized worldwide against many of our allies. The only way to help them and America simultaneously is to partner with them for their energy needs, such as exporting LNG and crude oil. It makes way more sense than sending hundreds of billions of dollars in aid or weapons for conflicts or wars that never seem to end. ***We desperately need another energy revolution in America. In turn, this helps our allies, reduces costs for American consumers, the cost of American manufacturing, costs for American farmers, and the cost of transportation, and creates hundreds of thousands of sustainable jobs in every economic sector, including the energy sector.***

I want to welcome Charles Thomas and Chad Simmons on board as our newest organizers. Charles is a 25-year Welder member from West Virginia. He has earned the respect of his peers as being a good leader and a good union man. Chad is a 35-year Journeyman member from Louisiana. Chad brings a wealth of knowledge with over ten years of contractor relationships and the client's perspectives. With their unwavering dedication to the membership and experience in the industry, both men will be valuable assets to our membership.

Everyone should have received a video from Dispatcher Jimmy Dick a few weeks back by email. ***We want the membership to understand that when the work is slow, there is abundant work through our sister locals to keep those pension, healthcare, and wages flowing back to you and your trust funds.*** I understand some have no desire for this type of work, but for those that do, the opportunities are many, and they are nationwide. Many of these projects will be much larger and last longer than the cracker plant many of you worked on in the last couple of years. This work is here and is growing exponentially. If you have the skill sets for these projects, reach out to Jimmy Dick. If you need to attain the skill sets reach out to Director of Training Farron Hollabaugh.

***Nominations for the upcoming Local Union 798 officers' election are just around the corner. Please make sure that your mailing address is correct and current.*** If you are a member in good standing for a period of one year, you will be eligible to vote. If you wish to run for office, you need to be a member in good standing for a period of two years.

***As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world!"***

Fraternally,

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Daniel C. Hendrix  
Business Manager

# Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Through the month of July, we have worked just short of 3 million man-hours. That puts us very close compared to the same period last year. I want to congratulate David Butterworth, business agent for the Northeast region, on a job well done, recently testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs in Washington, D.C., regarding climate change. Local 798 will take any opportunity we have to promote our industry. I would also like to congratulate Ricky Jones on his recent retirement and officially welcome Jimmy Dick to the role of dispatcher for Local 798. Jimmy is full of energy and new ideas and has already been instrumental in working, along with the business agents, to build on existing relationships and develop new ones among our sister local unions. In times like these, we are utilizing every tool we have to be able to offer Local 798 members employment opportunities. This in no way means we are not fully focused and committed to securing more pipeline work; it simply means we are trying to keep good-paying union jobs available to 798 members. If you are interested in this work, give Jimmy a call. Some of these are good-paying jobs with fringe packages somewhat comparable to ours. They usually don't pay hour-for-hour on pension, but Health and Welfare is usually pretty close. Sometimes the annuity package makes up for the lesser amount of defined benefit pension contributions. This is just one more way to build up your pension and keep health insurance for you and your family.

Several public meetings are coming up for the Heartland Greenway Carbon Capture project throughout Iowa. The first of these meetings is on August 22 in Manchester, Iowa. There are 13 meetings in August and September and a virtual meeting on September 21 at 6 pm. Go to the Action Network, look through these meeting dates and locations, and RSVP if you can attend. Also, be sure to register for the virtual meeting. This project is around 1,300 miles of various pipe sizes across five states. Let's do all we can to see this project come to fruition.

I also want to welcome Welder member Charlie Thomas and Journeyman member Chad Simmons as organizers for Local 798. Both men have a great attitude, and their work ethic will make a great addition to this staff.

I hope all of you got a chance to see our first video update from the Dispatch office that went out to your email recently. We've had several conversations on how to get the message out, as the building trades work situation changes daily. Ultimately, we decided a short video update might be the quickest, most effective way to get the most current information out. This is a way to stay up on what pipeline jobs will dispatch soon and what jobs are available through sister locals, along with what certifications might be necessary. It's just one more tool we are willing to try to keep the information as current as possible. Like Jimmy said in the video, anything we do might invite negativity, but we must rise above that and do what's best for the whole. Look for more of these video updates in your inbox.

I mentioned in my last report that the flow of money from the pension fund into the Health and Welfare Fund was having the desired effect, and we were starting to build up reserves there. This was evident in the market value, ending 2020 at \$51.9 million and growing to \$66 million by the end of 2021. The latest market values show the Health and Welfare Fund now stands at \$52.4 million. What happened here is although fewer participants had active coverage, claims payments unexpectedly rose 40% through May, compared to the same period the previous year. Looking forward as Trustees, we recognize that we need to make moves to reallocate money once again to shore up Health and Welfare. We feel this is the best strategy, with minimal impact on the membership and keeping the same benefits we currently have. If there is ever anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to call me. ***As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798!***

Fraternally,

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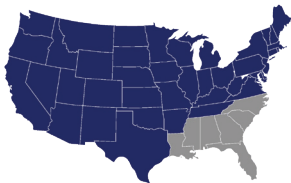
Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



Business Agent David Butterworth expressed the importance and the vital need for constructing infrastructure to support clean energy. "I support efforts to curb climate change, but I do not support curbing climate change when the cost is grid reliability. We can achieve climate goals by using common sense and American ingenuity while imploring all the above energy approaches that include carbon capture and hydrogen blending. Both methods use the existing pipeline system and will bring climate change levels down."

"Hearing on the Economic Impact of Climate Change." C-SPAN video, 1:37:14. August 4, 2022.  
<https://www.c-span.org/video/?522147-1/hearing-economic-impact-climate-change>.

# Business Agent Reports



AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC  
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Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I am writing this after attending the Florida Pipe Trades Convention. It was an excellent opportunity to visit with business managers and business agents across Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Texas to discuss job opportunities for our membership. All of these locals need help manning building trades work, and they continue to look forward to the brotherhood shared with Local 798. I have also conducted job visits with hands on the Michels' job in Leesville, Louisiana, and the Appalachian job in Pineville, North Carolina. It is always a great pleasure getting to talk to hands face-to-face and hear their concerns and opinions. In mid-July, Joe Gaines and I traveled to Conroe, Texas, to attend the RMS Open House. It was interesting to see some of the new technology and how it will contribute to our pipeline work.

I keep in constant contact with locals across my jurisdiction and the majority of job opportunities are in building trades. Those interested need to contact and get to know Jimmy Dick in Dispatch. Rumors of larger jobs have been in the air for months, but until they are actually pre-jobbed, they are just rumors. But, I guarantee, when they actually materialize, I will be the first to let everyone know. On a positive note, Michels will be bidding several jobs in the South, which will help to put quite a few members to work in the near future.

The Alabama Organized Labor Awards Foundation has posthumously honored long time 798 member and former Business Agent Darrell Turner with an induction to its Hall of Fame for his contributions to the great state of Alabama and organized labor. Darrell left an amazing legacy and proved that a 798er can accomplish anything. Darrell's son, Bradley, accepted the award on his behalf.

I would like to recognize and congratulate Charles Thomas and Chad Simmons on their new positions as 798 organizers. The membership will be fortunate to have their skill sets.

The American Pipeline Action Network is still one of the best tools for you, your family, and friends, to help support our way of life. It only takes a few seconds to make a huge difference, so please take the time.

If possible, try to attend our union meeting on September 9. It is always a great opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and for fellowship with our 798 family. I hope to see everyone there!

I am always available and here to serve you, so do not hesitate to give me a call on my cell: 918-991-5341. May God bless each one of you and God bless this great local.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Appalachian Pipeline Contractors, LLP:

- Pineville, NC. 5,000' of 12" transmission pipeline; 2,379' of 12" distribution pipeline; and installation of road regulator for Duke Energy. Welder Foreman: James Trautman. Job Steward: Mark Hayes. Special Agreement.

### B&G Pipeline Company:

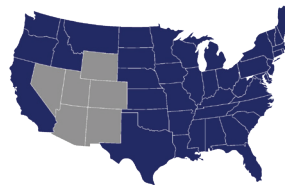
- Columbia, SC. 3,000' of 6" take up and relay for Dominion Energy SC. Job Steward: Grant Boothe. Special Agreement.
- North Charleston, NC. 1,050' of 12" transmission main replacement for Dominion Energy NC. Job Steward: Frankie Wilbanks. Special Agreement.

### Charps, LLC:

- Arnaudville, LA. Unbolt 20" blind flange for cleaning and reinstalling for Enbridge. Job Steward: Michael C. Mellion. Integrity Maintenance.

### Rockford Corporation:

- Savannah, GA. Weld up and pull back support for 6,200' of 36" HDD for HDD Company. Welder Foreman: Marty Elliot. Job Steward: Wilbur "Bo" Odom. Mainline rates.



AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, WY  
918-398-3380



Justin Head

I hope this report finds you all well. I am writing this report while on the road, organizing and visiting sister locals in my jurisdiction. Pipeline work out West is still slow in general. I have had the chance to speak with client project managers in the field on some of the smaller nonunion jobs and have learned that inflation has a lot to do with the amount of work going on. With everything being more expensive, gas companies have cut back dramatically on work that was not imperative this year. However, I am seeing a lot more work on the books for next year. I have contractors looking at 60 miles of 30-inch in Utah for Dominion. There are also several station upgrades on the books. Tallgrass will look to complete the 24" coming out of Colorado, heading into Cushing, Oklahoma. I also recently learned of a new oil field discovered in Wyoming outside of Casper suspected to contain over 900 million barrels of oil. I suspect there is enough transmission infrastructure in place. However, there will need to be gathering lines laid, and my focus is on getting our fair contractors the chance to bid on that work.

I recently spoke at a public comment period before the Arizona Corporation Commission on the shutdowns of coal-fired power plants in New Mexico and Arizona. The highlights of my comments, and surprisingly most of the comments, were in favor of keeping the power plants online and utilizing

carbon capture technology and blue hydrogen as an alternative to coal. In this hearing, I realized that even far-left enviros might be afraid of the dark. New Mexico's government is primarily Democrats, and even they favor utilizing this technology. It may be unproven, but at some point, someone is going to have to prove it is a viable way to keep us moving forward while other means of power generation are more developed. With that comes the potential for laying a CO2 line from Northwest New Mexico down to the Permian Basin, where the carbon can be stored in underground formations. There are already investors in line to make this a reality, and I think it will happen.

As far as work in my area goes for the rest of the year, the Kern River work in Utah has kicked off. Kern River has always utilized traditional downhill welding, but this year has gone to a downhill low-hydrogen procedure. I believe we will continue to see gas companies lean toward a lo-hi procedure to mitigate crack issues. If you haven't welded with the downhill low hydrogen rods, try to get your hands on it. I should be pre-jobbing the station work in Arizona at the end of this month. I believe there will still be some digs in Arizona later this year, along with some smaller Integrity Maintenance jobs popping up.

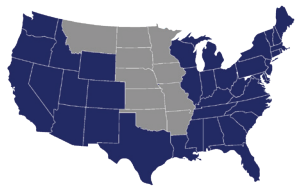
My visit to Local 469 in Phoenix, along with Jimmy Dick, was also very fruitful. We learned what we need to do to prepare our members for the work in their jurisdiction. I also learned that the building trades are about to experience what 2008 was for pipeliners. Clients are willing to pay over scale to make sure their projects have the labor to meet their deadlines. I suspect the money on the building trades will surpass pipeline wages very soon. These are good jobs that pay benefits. It may not be your first choice, but it's a way to keep your pension and healthcare rolling while we wait for politics to favor pipeline work which leads me to my next thought. I want to thank David Butterworth for speaking on behalf of Local 798 at the senate hearing on the economic impact of climate change. Afterward, he was able to visit with Senator Joe Manchin and was briefed on the permitting reform bill. If passed, it will be a huge win for pipelines moving forward. The permitting process is stuck right now, and these provisions will help tilt the scales back in the gas companies' favor.

In closing, if there is anything I can assist you with, please don't hesitate to contact me. Please text or leave a voicemail if you do not reach me right away; I often travel in non-service areas.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

- Coalville, UT. 1.36 miles of 36" Reclassification for Kern River. Superintendent: Cole Vaughn. Welder Foreman: Boyd Catching. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-22.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OK, SD  
918-230-1884

## Todd Hartle



I write this report while on the road as I have been doing job visits and meeting with other locals to build relationships. I recently attended the Southwest Pipe Trades Annual Conference in Galveston and met and spoke with other local unions' business managers and business agents. They all had the same thing to say; they will need more manpower to man their work. If you are interested in working building trades, you need to get some UA certifications and an OSHA 10.

The maintenance work in my area is picking up. We are starting to get a lot more for Northern Natural Gas. For this work, you will have to run low hydrogen bead on some of their in-service tests. If you have not run any low hydrogen beads, our training center is ready to help you learn a new skill set.

I will be attending public information meetings that the Iowa Utilities Board will hold for the Navigator Heartland Greenway Pipeline. These will be held late August through September. These will also be announced on the Action

Network or the IUB (Iowa Utilities Board) website. There will be a virtual meeting on September 21, 2022, at 6 p.m. CST. If you can make any of these meetings, please contact me. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the virtual meeting.

I want to welcome Charles Thomas and Chad Simmons on as our newest organizers. Also, I forgot to include a big congratulations to Ricky Jones on his retirement in my last report. Ricky, thank you for your years of service to our great local.

This Blue Light will recognize 25+ year members, and I want to thank our long-time members for their dedication to making Local Union 798 the best in the pipeline industry.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone again to be actively involved in the Action Network. This is a great way for our voices to be heard. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. And as always, if I can be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to call me.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Charps, LLC:

- Eldora, IA. 10", 20", 26" pipe to be used for RCV Valve Replacement with stopple bypass for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Jason Bergman. Welder Foreman: Christopher Olson. Job Steward: Billy Hand. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion: 10-8-22.

### Foltz Welding Ltd:

- St. Louis, MO. 1.75 miles of 16" pipe for Hydrotest for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Scott Schoonover. Welder Foreman: James Adams. Job Steward: Matthew Day. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-22.

### Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Joplin, MO. 2.5 miles of 16" Hydrotest for Southern Star. Superintendent: Brendon Elie. Welder Foreman: Joy Compton. Job Steward: Sandy Henry. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-22.
- Poplar Bluff, MO. 1,200' and 3,600' of 26" pipe to be used for 2 HDDs for relocation for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Adam Miller. Welder Foreman: Walter Cole. Job Steward: Grant Glaze. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-22.

### McCizer Pipeline, Inc.:

- Jacksonville, AR. Install 5,200' of 8" for Summit Utilities. Superintendent: Jeremy Poole. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Darrell Glaze. Working 5-10s. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Approx. completion 9-4-22.
- Prattville, AR. Install 1,300' of 6" for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dewey McCabe. Welder Foreman: Aaron Carr. Job Steward: Karmen Mason. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-17-22.

### Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Cut Bank, MT. 3,622' of 20" pipe and 1,732' HDD for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Yancey Palmer. Welder Foreman: Corey McClung. Job Steward: Shane Loudan. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rate. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-22.
- Faribault, MN. Install one 18" mainline valve and one 30" mainline valve for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Hunter Coburn. Welder Foreman: Dylan McKegney. Job Steward: Cody Morgan. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-6-22.
- Linden, IA. Complete one 550' HDD and 120' opencut installation using 2" pipe for NNG. Superintendent: Brett Stauffacher. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Michael Kempton. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-22.
- Missoula, MT. Shop fabrication for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Aaron Wegener. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Casey Cazaux. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-10-22.
- Nebraska and Iowa. Shorted casings- modifications to seals and vent pipe for NNG. Superintendent: Michael Wesley. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Joseph Lee. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-20-22.
- Palmyra, NE. Complete 700' HDD and old/new bypass - 12" pipe for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Rod Coburn. Welder Foreman: Arnell Malnar. Job Steward: James Brashears. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-27-22.

- Panima, NE. Replace existing section of 24" pipe for NNG. Superintendent: Gator Branch. Welder Foreman: Jan Slater. Steward: Edward Bohannon. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-10-22.

Minnesota Limited, LLC:

- Berthold, ND. Station work for Pembina Pipeline. Superintendent: Lucas Bjerkli. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Peter Dremmel. Station rates. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-6-22.
- Big Lake, MN. Replace 550' of 3" pipe and 550' of 8" pipe for NNG. Superintendent: Greg Merschman. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Brent Stai. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-15-22.
- Jamestown, ND. 12" Integrity Digs. Superintendent: Greg Oeltjenbruns. Welder Foreman: Jared Lane. Job Steward: Jeffery Martin. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

United Piping, Inc.:

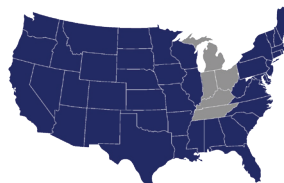
- Garvin, MN. Install new fuel gas heater off the mainline and install associated piping supports, 3" stainless pipe for TC Energy. Superintendent: Sam Anderson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Casey Smith. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-11-22.
- Minnesota and Michigan. GLGT meter exchange project. Four in Minnesota and three in Michigan. Demo 10-10" meters. Installing new Coriolis meters and wiring for TC Energy. Superintendent: Mark Thomson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Michael Benham. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-9-22.
- Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota. Installing new meters at 8 TC Energy Northern Border Pipeline sites (2 in ND, 2 in SD, and 4 in MN) using 6" pipe and under. Superintendent: Matt Benham. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Chris Waeckerle. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-25-22.

your friends and neighbors about the importance of our work. Like, share and comment on Action Network posts and have your friends do the same. A united voice will make a difference.

In this Blue Light issue, you will find 798 members celebrating 25+ years with this great local. Please join me in congratulating them. They each have played a vital part in making this union what it is today. They have fought long and hard for our conditions, and none of us would be here without their work and dedication. Let's continue to make them proud as we take 798 into the future.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming September meeting.

May God continue to bless America, our local, and each of you. As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call 918-237-3573.



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Charles Yates, Jr.

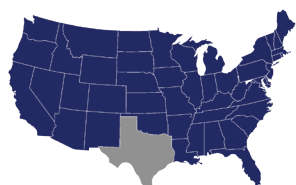
I've spent most of the summer on the road meeting with hands, contractors, and gas company personnel. We've had essential discussions relevant to our working conditions and the current energy crisis. I have encouraged our fair contractors to get more involved in markets where union activity hasn't typically been part of the bid list. We need our union contractors to expand and get aggressive in all markets that can provide work for our members. This approach is a win-win for both our local and our clients.

As of this report, I have 40 jobs going and have visited most. My intention for these job visits is to be available to members for questions or concerns as well as to personally provide current information regarding the state of our local's finances, benefits, and job opportunities. I enjoy being at the yards and ROWs speaking with you all. I want to extend my appreciation to all the contractors for allowing me time to meet with our members. I also want to thank all our Brothers and Sisters working in my area. You make these jobs successful with your safe and quality work, which enables our contractors to complete these projects efficiently and on schedule. Your performance helps our fair contractors compete for projects against the nonunion sector. We are all part of a team and need all parts in good working order to function and flourish.

Please take note of the *Service Award* section in this issue of the Blue Light. These 25+ year members are recognized for their commitment to Pipeliners Local Union 798 and our way of life. With 41 years of service, I am certainly in good company. You will see our newest organizers, Charles Thomas, with 25 years of service and Chad Simmons, with 35 years of service. Congratulations, Brother Thomas and Brother Simmons, on your new positions, and thank you, Brother Hendrix, for adding two new organizers to our labor movement efforts.

The Dispatch office has recently created an educational video highlighting industry trends and the anticipated skills and certifications needed for future projects. A link to access the video was sent to your email address on file with the hall. After you've watched the Dispatch video, check out our Action Network page. We have the Heartland Greenway Public Informational Meeting details available under the Upcoming Events tab. These Iowa public meetings are scheduled for August 22, 23, 24, 25, and September 13 to discuss the 1,300-mile Navigator CO2 Venture's pipeline project that will span five Midwest states. If you cannot attend in person, there is one virtual meeting option on September 21. Visit [www.action.local798.org](http://www.action.local798.org) to learn more and to sign the petition.

Your local union continues to grow and evolve in ways that best serve the longevity of its membership. Attend the regular meeting on September 9 to stay informed. It is important for us to gather as a union. We will conduct regular business as well as accept nominations for our upcoming officer election. My hope is for a great turnout and sincere interest. Our business manager, Brother Hendrix, has always offered an open mic forum to allow members a chance to speak at every meeting. Be a part of our past, present, and future. If I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call. Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.



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918-237-3573

Joe Gaines



I write this report after returning home from the Southwest Pipe Trades Conference in Galveston, Texas. I was joined by Business Agent Todd Hartle, Organizer Ronnie Hill, and many representatives from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico locals. We spent the week in meetings learning great information about the upcoming work for the next few years. As I have stated in previous Blue Light reports, the building trades sector will be booming for the foreseeable future. Local 286 reported on a \$192 billion Samsung project in Austin, Texas. Local 100 reported on two separate Texas Instruments projects. The first is an expansion in Richardson, Texas, totaling \$3.1 billion, and the second project will take place in Sherman, Texas.

Additionally, Texas Instruments plans to build four semiconductor plants, totaling over \$30 billion. With the size of these enormous projects, these locals will need additional manpower. I have assured the business managers of these locals that the Local 798 membership is ready to help. If you are interested in manning this building trades work, it is imperative that you get the OSHA requirements now. Jimmy Dick in the Dispatch office and Farron Hollabaugh at the 798 Training Center continue to do a phenomenal job of getting our members the training they need to remain competitive. Please get in touch with them or me if you want to be considered for this upcoming work.

Pipeline work in Texas remains slow. The non-union sector is beginning to pick up some work. I just made a tour of the Midland and Odessa area of Texas. Normally, this area is literally filled with hundreds of welding trucks. I only saw a few dozen as I checked out the area. I am hopeful as some work starts in Texas, we will see some of it go union. Please continue to speak to

## Pre-Jobs:

### Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Defiance, OH. 750' of 2"-26" installation of 24" receiver and 26" launcher for Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP. Superintendent: Zeb Hartman. Welder Foreman: Michael Bennington. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Marshall, MI. 60' of 4" & 12" pipe; replace 2-4" valves for Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP. Superintendent: Zeb Hartman. Welder Foreman: Austin Bergkamp. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-28-22.

### Charps, LLC:

- Bronson, MI. 550'/1,700'/125' of 26" line lowering for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Pete O'Toole. Welder Foreman: Joshua Nepean. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-30-22.
- Marshall, MI. 16" mainline valves and strainer replacement for Wolverine. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Ryan DeLashmutt. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-11-22.

### Contracting and Material/Meade:

- Bloomington, IN. 820' of 12" take-up and relay for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Packard Campbell. Welder Foreman: Andy French. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-15-22.

### Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Indianapolis, IN. 22" anomaly digs in multiple counties for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dusty Licktig. Welder Foreman: Dalton Clemmons. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-10-22.
- Westfield, IN. 26" station tie-in for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jeremy Mound. Welder Foreman: James Brashears. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

### Hanging H Companies, LLC:

- Rochester Hills, MI. 20" valve replacement and install PLD for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bob Angelocci. Welder Foreman: Stephen Downer. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-10-22.

### Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Lansing, MI. Install new 24" mainline valve; 2"-12" tap valve and associated piping at the Lansing Airport Road City Gate Project for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Fate. Welder Foreman: Terry Killinger. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-10-22.

### InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Monroe, OH. Demolition of existing Mason station for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Calvin Fuller. Welder Foreman: Donald Hurst. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

### Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Indianapolis, IN. 4.76 miles of 16" natural gas pipeline replacement with 2 HDDs for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Tim Tureson. Welder Foreman: Bradley Mudd. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-22.

### Midwestern Contractors:

- Cincinnati, OH. 300' of removal and casing; replace for Buckeye. Superintendent: Martin Ankenbruck. Welder Foreman: Keith Kongsjord. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7-23-22.

### Minnesota Limited, Inc.:

- Evansville, IN. 13,071' of 12" with HDDs and integrity digs for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Tommy Alexander. Welder Foreman: Joshua Pattison. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-29-22.
- Seymour, IN. Integrity digs for fitting and pup replacements; installation of 10" launcher and receiver for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman: Robert Turner. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion: 9-30-22.

### NPL Construction Company:

- Fowler, IN. 445' of 6" and 8" for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Alex Harris. Welder Foreman: Michael Johnson. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Oregon, OH. 850' of 20" and 400' of 4" for NiSource. Superintendent: Sam Smith. Welder Foreman: Seth Dyas. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-1-22.

### PJ Steel Supply, Inc.:

- Marion, MI. 1.2 miles of 6" well-line lateral replacement for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Blaine Cecil. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-16-22.
- Millford, MI. 11.2 miles of 16" abandon in place for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Chad Johansen. Welder Foreman: Cody Bennington. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8-31-22.

### Precision Infrastructure, LLC:

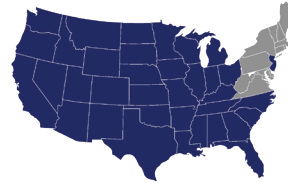
- Mackinaw City, MI. Replacement of 1,000' of 6" for DTE. Superintendent: Brent Carver. Welder Foreman: Gary Oaks. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9-11-22.

### Price Gregory International:

- Mahoning County, OH. 3.3 miles of 6" bio-gas pipeline for UGI Energy. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: James Jones. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8-20-22.

### Union Pipeline, Inc.:

- Wooster, OH. 5,000' of 8" in Wayne County, OH for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: Perry Rogers. Welder Foreman: Brian Filipowski. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9-14-22.



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**David Butterworth**



I want to begin my report by welcoming Welder member Charlie Thomas and Journeyman member Chad Simmons to the Local 798 staff. Charlie is from West Virginia and was hired in mid-July. He is a 25-year member who has been a welder foreman for Apex Pipeline Services, Inc. for the last ten years. Charlie also worked as a job steward for Rick Taylor before becoming a welder foreman. I've known him for many years, and when I was approached about hiring an organizer, I jumped at the chance because he is intelligent, well-spoken, and quite frankly, I can use the help.

After returning from Tulsa, we hit the ground running and have traveled throughout the jurisdiction to visit jobs and assess where we stand in the Northeast market. We started in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia and regions of Western Pennsylvania. I had been receiving reports about nonunion activity in this region, and we found that it's currently about 60 percent union and 40 percent nonunion in these areas. The following week we traveled to Cumberland, Maryland, for a job visit and then to Washington, D.C., to attend a Senate committee hearing. After attending the job visit and the Senate hearing, there wasn't much time to gauge the market share, but we will be returning this Monday. We also attended a West Virginia/Ohio Pipe trades meeting in Huntington, West Virginia, and participated in upcoming project and market development committee conference calls.

There is a plan, and it's to hit the pavement hard until October, when Charlie and I both will attend the United Association's New Organizer Training Seminar in Annapolis, Maryland. Charlie will also be working an organizing blitz in Columbus, Ohio, soon to learn how the building trades locals organize and how to apply that to the pipeline sector. I am sure through training and hard work; we will be able to develop new strategies and apply old ones that will make us successful in the future. Contrary to what some believe, we are open to intelligent ideas that can help us gain market share in the Northeast while holding on to what we have. This includes picket lines, salting campaigns, maintaining building trade relationships, building gas company relationships (which makes picket lines tricky), signing new contractors, speaking with contractors that have left, and of course, continuing to advocate for our jobs at every turn. The future in the Northeast is bright, and I am enthused.

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## Pre-Jobs:

### Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Wind Ridge, PA. 30" pipe replacement. Superintendent: Zach Bowes. Welder Foreman: Tim Ungard. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

### Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

- Howard, PA. 24" pipe replacement. Superintendent: Richard Imes. Welder Foreman: Jason Farler. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s.

### Bond Civil & Utility Construction, Inc.:

- Tiverton, RI. 2"-16" new M&R station plus heater piping and replacement. Superintendent: Daniel Andrade. Welder Foreman: Ed Stockwell, Jr. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

### Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Gettysburg, PA. 24" launcher and receiver install plus 630' of 20" replacement. Superintendent: Jimmy Badgett. Welder Foreman: Brian Fox. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.

### InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Kirby, WV. Additional 131' of 2" Dehy fab at well head; 105' of 1" Dehy fab at well head; 63' of 2/4" Dehy fab at well head. Superintendent: Chad Colley. Welder Foreman: Derek Dayton. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

### Napp-Grecco Company/UUP, Inc.:

- Stony Point, NY. Fabrication, installation and replacement of a 30" valve assembly. Superintendent: Matt Morozoff. Welder Foreman: Dave Glaviano. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

### Otis Eastern Service, Inc.:

- Batavia, NY. Cut outs and maintenance on 6" and 8" pipe. Superintendent: Billy Neidermaier. Welder Foreman: Billy Dufford. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s.
- Elizabethtown, PA. 4,000' of 8" steel pipeline (street lay). Superintendent: Kyle Wittie. Welder Foreman: Daniel Jones. 75 percent rates. Working 5-10s.
- Lancaster, NY. 2,000' of 20" lift and lay. Superintendent: Otis Quick. Welder Foreman: Jerry Baker. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s.
- Smethport, PA. 24,200' of 8" steel pipe. Superintendent: Butch Neidermaier. Welder Foreman: Robert Dale. 75 percent rates. Working 5-10s.

### Precision Infrastructure, LLC:

- Butler, PA. 251' of 8" new lay plus launcher/receiver. Superintendent: Gary Denhoff. Welder Foreman: Duane Carpenter. Special Agreement rates. Working 6-10s.

### Precision Pipeline, LLC:

- Danville, PA. 15.7 miles of 20" and 3,491' of 24" steel new lay. Superintendent: Chad Ward. Welder Foreman: Andy Hunt. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

### Price Gregory International:

- Bangor, PA. Meter station upgrades plus 400' of 16" steel lateral. Superintendent: Jimmy Jones. Welder Foreman: Josh Houston. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Manassas, VA. 2.4 miles of 12", 545' of 2" plus or minus 1,500' of 1"-4" plastic, 22 service retirements, 2 regulator station replacements. Superintendent: Todd Burlison. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Padgett. Market Recovery rates. Working 6-10s.

### United Piping, Inc.:

- Leesburg, VA. Replace 706' of 30" 312 wall with 30" 500 wall. Superintendent: Mike Arneson. Welder Foreman: George Houston. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



## DISPATCH Report

Jimmy Dick

We are always looking at ways to communicate with our members about current work opportunities and opportunities to come. For the first time, we recently posted a video to discuss some of those opportunities. We understand the dynamics of our work have changed. We are constantly working in the Dispatch office on ways to

help get work information out quickly and efficiently. We ask that you bear with us. It is a work in progress.

The work outlook is positive and strong. Currently, good stick rod jobs are starting. If you plan on taking one of these jobs, it won't hurt to knock the ole dust off the armature, shine the brass lugs on all your connections, and fill the air with the smell of freshly burnt bead rod. Take the time and get brushed up. I see quite a few members that can come to the training center and take advantage of our excellent facility. If you're in town, I encourage you to stop by the Dispatch office. It's always good to get to visit personally about the work outlook. From some of the discussions I have had with contractors, there is some good station work coming up. The Integrity Maintenance work is staying very busy. We see that so much of this work requires a low hydrogen skill set and an in-service welding test. Take the time and brush up or hone in on these skill sets.

The building trades work is all the buzz. Recently, David Butterworth, Charlie Yates, and I were invited to attend the West Virginia/Ohio Pipe trades meeting in Ohio. The hottest topic at the meeting was orbital Welders. Where are we going to get them? Where will we get the 700+ Welders to help with the chill water and underground piping? Please don't take these questions lightly. They are real concerns. In December last year, we realized that the perfect storm was brewing regarding manpower on these major building trades projects. We have been encouraging and promoting orbital welding, and it's starting to pay off for our members. However, we are only standing at the threshold of that door. I encourage members to call us. Let's talk about orbital welding. Let's talk about combo welding. Let's talk about fitter opportunities. **Let's talk about earning that pension credit, getting your insurance back, and keeping it active. Let's discuss the opportunities building trades offers to help provide for your family. Let's focus on the positive and the issues that returning to work can remedy.**

I want to make you aware of some significant projects, not counting refineries or nuclear work upgrades. We are currently taking names of our members that would be interested in helping man the work for the Blue Oval Project in Memphis, Tennessee. They will need 1,500 Welders and 1,500 fitters starting in December if the build stays on schedule. Call us. Let's move up the road a couple of hundred miles to the new Ford facility in Louisville, Kentucky. Other opportunities include the Kansas City Ford battery facility; the Columbus, Ohio, semiconductor plant; and the Phoenix, Arizona, semiconductor plant in addition to the Intel facility; the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Intel facility; the Portland, Oregon, Intel Facility, and the Reno, Nevada, battery recycling facility. Not to mention the Google and Facebook facilities being built around the country. These are only a handful of opportunities, and they are real. **Take the time, get your OSHA 10, look into orbital training, get some UA certs, and let us help you provide for your family. I appreciate the opportunity to help. Opportunities await.**

## Out-of-Work List

1,679 Welders

228 Journeymen

1,452 Helpers



# ORGANIZING Report

Ronnie Hill

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I hope this report finds everyone doing well. I am currently visiting a multi-state area checking on jobs. The work remains relatively slow in both union and nonunion sectors. However, from the number of permits applied for, it seems that 2023 looks like a pretty good year.

Our local union has always been the most productive and had the highest quality of work in the industry, coupled with a motto of "a day's work for a day's pay." Being able to provide this kind of performance and quality has always set us above and beyond anyone else in this industry. One thing that has become troubling today is the lack of a level playing field between the union and nonunion jobs. Never have I witnessed such a difference in standards applied. I'm not talking about the finished product because codes and regulations must still be met. It's the way it is dealt with between the two different jobs. A nonunion job finishing up now where production is extremely low, and the repair rate is over 20 percent. The big difference between this job and one by a fair contractor is nobody cares if the welds must be repaired. If the shoe were on the other foot, it would be an entirely different story. This double standard is just one of many obstacles we face daily and one main reason the nonunion continues to survive. We organized a lot of very good welders when the work was booming. But this lack of fairness allowed those good welders to be replaced quickly, turning those jobs into training centers, making it very hard to pick these up because they lack the skill set to move up where they are held to a higher standard. Not to mention the number of illegal workers reluctant to organize due to the fear of deportation. I'm not sure why because the chances of being deported in today's political climate are slim to none.

Another obstacle we face is the practice of large investment companies buying up union and nonunion companies and putting them under an umbrella, creating a new breed of double-breasted companies. This isn't just in the pipeline industry; it's in all construction industries. It creates a situation where companies can outbid themselves and still do the work. This is especially true in the southern states, where union density has always been very low, and the work is done very cheaply. This practice wasn't allowed in the past but is commonplace today. There is a large nonprofit organization comprised of roughly 200 CEOs, all from very large and lucrative companies, who spend millions each year lobbying to repeal laws protecting workers' rights and even promote repealing Davis-Bacon. This is only one group of many that have a tremendous amount of influence on government, including the executive branch. It's estimated that approximately 75 percent of nonunion companies employ union avoidance consultants and spend more than \$300 million yearly on it. It's puzzling that companies would rather spend their money on that than pay their employees a fair wage. I have several publications passed on to me by people in management that were sympathetic to us, marked confidential, all guides to avoid, recognize and legally deal with union activity on their jobs.

Labor has, since the very beginning, found itself in a David and Goliath type struggle. It is an ongoing struggle; the only difference is the rules of the game have changed a lot compared to what they were 15 or 20 years ago. Actually, it seems they change almost daily. There is strength in numbers, and I am confident we will prevail even in an uphill battle. But it requires everyone, a chain is only strong as the weakest link, and every single person must get involved.

Please take the time to join and participate in the Action Network. It's a very powerful tool and has helped us a lot. We face a large and powerful adversary, and every single voice must be heard.

If I can be of any help to anyone, please let me know. As always, if you can help in our efforts in any way, it is certainly encouraged and appreciated.



US Pipeline, Inc. in Mount Sterling, OH



Business Agent Charlie Yates visits Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes in Cattlettsburg, KY.



# PIBF Report

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Renée Vause

Director

## Requirement to Notify Pipeline Industry Pension Fund of Retirement Intentions

The Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (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 70½. Please refer to the PIPF Summary Plan Description for complete details.

## Disability Pension Benefit

A disability pension benefit is an additional benefit offered through the PIPF. This benefit is not approved automatically but has specific criteria that must be met to qualify for this benefit. It is separate from drawing your pension at retirement. Please refer to your Summary Plan Description for complete details on this benefit. Below is a summary of the requirements that must be met to qualify for a disability pension benefit:

- You must be a vested participant with PIPF.
- You must be a current participant with PIPF. You must have worked within two years of your disabling date. Keep in mind, you must have over 400 hours for it to count as a year of credit. A year with less than 400 hours is considered a break and you cannot have two consecutive breaks.
- You have two years from your disabling date (event date of the disability or date your MD or DO determines you to be disabled) to notify PIPF. If you do not notify PIPF within the two-year period, you must appeal to the Board of Trustees.
- You must be determined by an MD or DO to be both permanently and totally disabled and unable to work in ANY type of gainful employment or provide documentation that you are receiving Social Security Disability benefits.
- Permanently and totally disabled means that you will more than likely never be able to work again in ANY employment, not just pipeline construction.
- Once you begin drawing your disability pension benefit, you have two years to be approved for your Social Security Disability benefit. If you are not approved within that time frame, you must appeal to the Board of Trustees for an extension, providing documentation that you are pursuing Social Security Disability benefits. If you are still not approved for the Social Security Disability benefit at the end of the extension period, your payment will be suspended.
- Once you begin receiving your Social Security Disability benefit, PIPF requires a copy of the 1099-SSA annually to document that you are continuing to receive your Social Security Disability benefit. If you recover and return to work, or if your Social Security Disability benefits cease, your disability pension benefit will be suspended.
- If you do not meet these requirements, you are not eligible for a disability pension benefit. If you do not qualify for a disability pension benefit and are vested, you can start your pension on the first of the month after you turn age 55 with a reduction, or age 57 with a reduction if you entered the plan after January 1, 2013. You can start your pension on the first of the month after age 60 with no reduction, or age 62 with no reduction if you entered the plan after January 1, 2013.

## Sav-Rx Patient Portal & Mobile App

In line with Sav-Rx's mission, they prioritize services that drive engagement and facilitate patient care. The great features you have come to expect from the Sav-Rx Patient Portal are now streamlined in their mobile app! For mail-order prescriptions, patients can order refills, ask Sav-Rx to call patient prescribers for refills, and track the progress and delivery of orders. In addition, patients can search and download retail and mail-order claims history, email Sav-Rx support, download electronic ID cards, and manage account information. Find it by searching "Sav-Rx" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or by visiting [app.savrx.com](http://app.savrx.com) in your browser or by scanning the QR code.



## 401(k) Statements

The Pipeline Industry 401(k) Plan statement format was revised to be in compliance with the SECURE Act's requirement to show lifetime income illustrations. The new 401(k) statement format is live with the June 30, 2022, statements from the Trust Company of Oklahoma. The new format provides valuable information to participants and estimates how your current 401(k) plan balance translates into monthly income upon retirement. Please note that these estimates are for your 401(k) plan only.

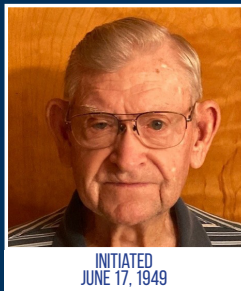
# Service Awards

Union labor as we know it was established many years ago by the courageous men and women who stood in solidarity and fought for the common interests of the American worker. We want to recognize our Brother and Sister members who chose to join the labor movement and have maintained a long record of service through their membership in Pipeliners Local Union 798 and the United Association. Through their hard work and dedication to the labor union movement, the sacrifices of those that came before them were not in vain.



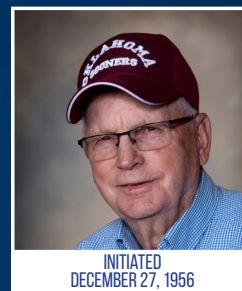
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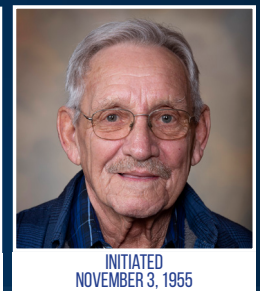
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Monroe, LA



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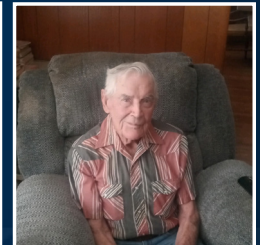
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JULY 15, 1954

**Jimmie E. Moore**  
Welder  
Comanche, TX



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JUNE 30, 1956

**Grant Sample**  
Welder  
Tulsa, OK



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OCTOBER 24, 1957

**James G. Zimmerman**  
Welder  
Odessa, TX



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OCTOBER 19, 1962

**John H. Balch**  
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Jenks, OK



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APRIL 24, 1958

**Huey D. Caskey**  
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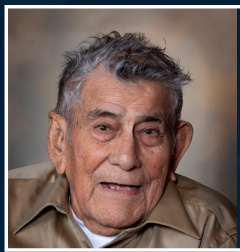
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**J. N. "Joe" Henderson**  
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Claremore, OK



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**Joe L. Martinez**  
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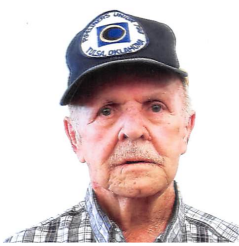
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Willow Wood, OH



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**Buffington E. Tittle**  
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Cambridge, OH



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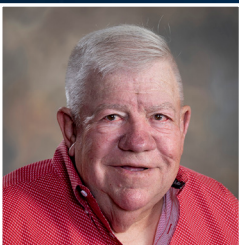
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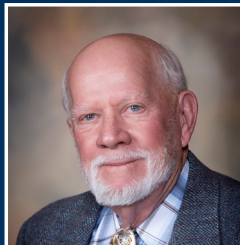
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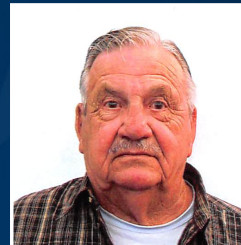
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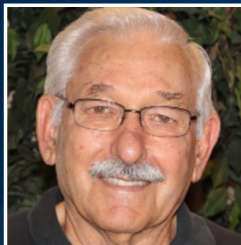
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Welder  
Winnsboro, LA



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OCTOBER 18, 1966

**Clifford Janise**  
Spacer  
Eunice, LA



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**Myron "Jack" Johnson**  
Welder  
Chanute, KS



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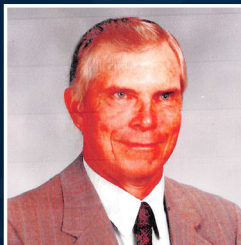
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Bronson, TX



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**John H. Moon**  
Welder  
Lakeland, FL



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**Donald R. Oaks**  
Welder  
Mount Pleasant, MI



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JUNE 30, 1965

**Joe Scott**  
Spacer  
Athens, AL



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AUGUST 11, 1966

**Danny P. Simms**  
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Wilmot, AR



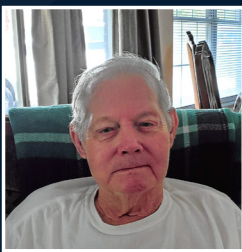
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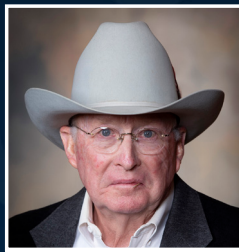
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**Douglas H. Aldridge**  
Welder  
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INITIATED  
AUGUST 8, 1968

**Garry D. Archer**  
Helper  
Carrollton, GA



INITIATED  
MAY 31, 1972

**Toby A. Boyett**  
Welder  
Dodson, LA



INITIATED  
MAY 26, 1972

**Edward L. "Thomas" Easley, Jr.**  
Welder  
Chenoa, IL



INITIATED  
MAY 8, 1972

**Glen D. Ellington**  
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Pawnee, OK



INITIATED  
MAY 1, 1970

**Davy L. "Bo" Johnston, Jr.**  
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INITIATED  
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**James E. "Sam" Melvin**  
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Chesapeake, OH



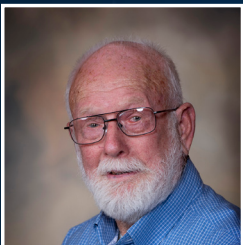
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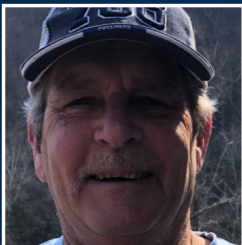
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**Claude L. Pendergraft**  
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Jay, OK



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**Gregory W. "Snook" Rose**  
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Clendenin, WV



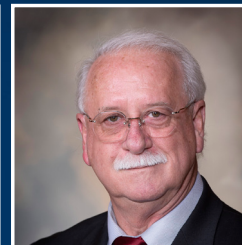
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**John J. Sandstrom, Jr.**  
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**Kenneth J. Tawney**  
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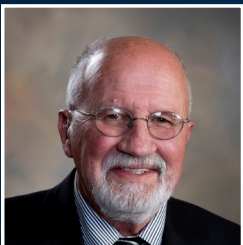
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**Steven P. Taylor**  
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North Fort Myers, FL



INITIATED  
JUNE 13, 1968

**Guy S. Williams**  
Welder  
Winnsboro, LA



INITIATED  
DECEMBER 9, 1974

**Robbie Antle**  
Welder  
Skiatook, OK



INITIATED  
JULY 25, 1973

**Russell D. "Rusty" Bailey**  
Welder  
Haynesville, LA



INITIATED  
JULY 29, 1975

**Robert L. Banta**  
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Wetumka, OK



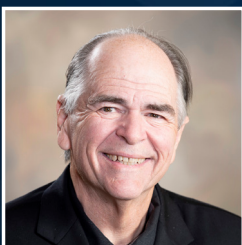
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**Daniel C. "Danny" Hendrix**  
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Claremore, OK



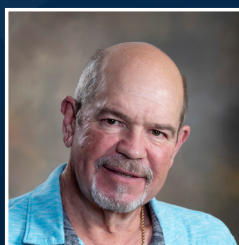
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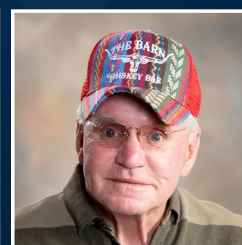
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**Chris A. Lancaster**  
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**Tommy R. "Tom" Morgan**  
Welder  
Leslie, MI



INITIATED  
FEBRUARY 26, 1974

**Michael K. Strickland**  
Welder  
Wilmar, AR





INITIATED  
OCTOBER 31, 1978

**Dana A. Bratcher**  
Welder  
San Antonio, TX



INITIATED  
AUGUST 7, 1978

**Gilbert Burch**  
Welder  
Pineland, TX



INITIATED  
MARCH 8, 1982

**James R. Hathorn**  
Welder  
Benton, LA



INITIATED  
SEPTEMBER 22, 1981

**Ronnie M. Hill**  
Welder  
Kosse, TX



INITIATED  
MAY 15, 1978

**Farron W. Hollabaugh**  
Welder  
Vinita, OK



INITIATED  
JANUARY 16, 1981

**Arnell J. Malnar III**  
Welder  
Smithville, WV



INITIATED  
JULY 13, 1981

**Gerald E. Martel**  
Welder  
Eunice, LA



INITIATED  
JUNE 30, 1982

**Brett H. Mason**  
Welder  
Searcy, AR



INITIATED  
JULY 26, 1982

**Randall E. Mathis**  
Welder  
Graham, TX



INITIATED  
JUNE 30, 1982

**Edward R. Mullin**  
Welder  
Mount Pleasant, MI



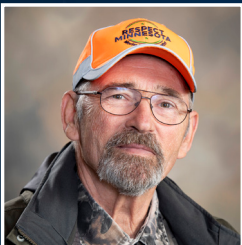
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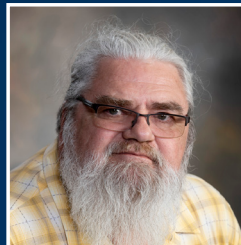
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Mount Juliet, TN



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**Guy A. Simms**  
Welder  
Epps, LA



INITIATED  
JUNE 1, 1979

**Gene A. Walker, Jr.**  
Spacer  
Willow Wood, OH



INITIATED  
APRIL 16, 1980

**Michael W. Williams**  
Spacer  
Louisville, KY



INITIATED  
MAY 20, 1981

**Charles E. Yates, Jr.**  
Welder  
Tuppers Plains, OH



INITIATED  
DECEMBER 20, 1987

**Mark Blaisdell**  
Welder  
Kalkaska, MI



INITIATED  
APRIL 21, 1986

**Jerry "Dale" Crabtree, Jr.**  
Welder  
Fouke, AR



INITIATED  
APRIL 21, 1986

**James L. "Scooter" Folk, Jr.**  
Welder  
Pitts Grove, NJ



INITIATED  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1986

**Robert W. "Colonel" McMillan**  
Welder  
Booneville, MS



INITIATED  
MAY 11, 1987

**Elaine M. Pitts**  
Spacer  
Minerva, OH



INITIATED  
MAY 4, 1987

**Chad P. Simmons**  
Spacer  
Bastrop, LA



INITIATED  
MAY 28, 1986

**Cody Woods**  
Spacer  
Jacksonville, TX



INITIATED  
FEBRUARY 26, 1992

**Steve L. Birgy**  
Welder  
Fife Lake, MI



INITIATED  
SEPTEMBER 21, 1989

**Kevin Blaisdell**  
Welder  
Kalkaska, MI



INITIATED  
DECEMBER 1, 1992

**Frank D. Cooper**  
Welder  
Harrison, MI





INITIATED  
AUGUST 5, 1993

**Edson R. Blaisdell**  
Welder  
Ladysmith, WI



INITIATED  
JUNE 11, 1997

**David B. Butterworth**  
Welder  
Elkview, WV



INITIATED  
APRIL 21, 1997

**Stephen "Craig" Chumley**  
Welder  
Cleburne, TX



INITIATED  
JUNE 5, 1997

**Randall "Todd" Hartle**  
Welder  
Rose Bud, AR



INITIATED  
JUNE 11, 1997

**Raymond L. Johnson**  
Welder  
El Dorado, AR



INITIATED  
JUNE 9, 1997

**James "Leroy" McDougal**  
Welder  
Bald Knob, AR



INITIATED  
JUNE 16, 1997

**Charles N. Thomas**  
Welder  
Elkview, WV

*Thank you for your many years  
of dedication.*



**Business Agent David Butterworth and Organizer Charlie Thomas visit Otis Eastern Service, Inc. in Baltimore, MD.**

# Nominations and Election for Local 798 Officers

This notice provides important information regarding the nomination process for the upcoming 2022 Local 798 Officer Election. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact an Election Committee Member listed below.

## Nominations

1. A meeting to nominate candidates for office will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022, starting at 7 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 19, 2022. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 19, 2022, 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 Local 798 Union Hall or by email to [nominations@local798.org](mailto:nominations@local798.org). Written notice must be **received** by the Local 798 Union Hall in Tulsa, Oklahoma, no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on the day of nominations, Friday, September 9, 2022. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on July 1, 2022, and deactivated at 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, September 9, 2022.) 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 10, 2022. 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 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 Source shall administer the election. Election Source is headquartered at 4615 Danvers Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. The Election Source representative conducting the Local 798 election is Steve Panoff. Election Source has advised that it will utilize the services of Pageworks. Pageworks is located at 2801 Oak Industrial Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.
3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 14, 2022.
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 19, 2022. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 19, 2022, they will not be eligible to vote.
5. Members who do not receive a ballot or who need a "duplicate" ballot must contact Election Source directly at 888-742-8037. 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 Election Source. 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. Election Source will provide the member with a confirmation number.
6. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S. post office box printed on the outer return envelope by 9 a.m. CST on Thursday, December 8, 2022. 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 8, 2022, at the Local 798 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 9, 2022, starting at 7 p.m. CST at the Local 798 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 16, 2023, and will be counted on February 16, 2023, at the Local 798 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 17, 2023, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 7 p.m. CST.

## Local 798 Election Committee

John Werner  
Chairman  
281-408-3429

Greg Russell  
Secretary  
318-348-3147

Tracy Lester  
Member  
501-454-3855





**Henkels & McCoy LaVergne, TN**

## Meeting Notice

**September 9, 2022**

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 9, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

*Special Business: Nominations for Election of Officers*

### Ladies of 798 Hospitality

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel at 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, beginning at 6 p.m. CST on Friday, September 9, 2022.

### Hotel Accommodations

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

## 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.



## PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January 2023, following the conclusion of the Fall 2022 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 2022-2023 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the Fall 2022 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 2022 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 27, 2023, deadline.

# Short & Personal

## THANK YOU

**The Crabtree Family** sends thanks to everyone who contributed to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to those that wrote a letter for them. "The love and support shown have been absolutely amazing. God bless all of you!"

**Jose Rombado** thanks the Voluntary Fund contributors for the help he received for his wife's surgery. "Long live our Local!"

**Eddie Philley** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the help he received following a death in the family and lengthy hospital stay. Special thanks to Sarah Rogers and Troy Post. "It's a wonderful thing to belong to an organization such as Local Union 798. I'm proud to be a dues-paying member."

**Lori Jones** thanks everyone for the check received after Dennis's heart attack. Special thanks to Randy Mathis and Frank Bowker.

**The Neal Family** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "The generous gift that we received after a family illness was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Charlie Thomas and Brett Strickland."

**Charles Young** expresses gratitude for the monetary gift received from the Voluntary Fund following the loss of his wife. He feels incredibly blessed and is grateful for the support and prayers. "Your kindness and thoughtfulness will long be remembered. God Bless you all!"

**Freddie Langston** thanks Local 798 and everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his stay in the hospital.

**James Binion, on behalf of his brother-in-law, Daniel Moore**, expresses thanks for the monetary contribution received from the Voluntary Fund. "A special thank you to every Brother and Sister who contribute to the fund to help our family members when tragedy happens."

**Donnie and Lavena Smith** thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help received during Donnie's stay in Houston for cancer treatment. Special thanks to Mario Zavala, Carl Overstreet, Scotty Jackson, and all hands on the Michel's spread in Louisiana. They also thank Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**James Hathorn** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the assistance received during the illness of and following the passing of his wife, Kathleen. "It is the kindness of the members of 798 that make this fund and assistance possible to the members in their times of need."

**Frank and Sue Young** thank all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "We are so proud to belong to a great union like 798. Thank you to Justin Wallace, and a special thank you to Greg "Snook" Rose and Debbie."

**Dan Pawloski** thanks all 798 members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Chad Gilbert, and Steve Birgy.

**Billy and Linda Hipps** thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund. They appreciate so much the help given to them following Linda's fall. "It has been a great blessing to us on the road to recovery."

**Cecil Kilgore** thanks everyone who participates in the Voluntary Fund for the help received during his time of need. "I am so proud to be a part of a great organization. Special thanks to Kevin Kilgore, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix."

**Jacky Feagin** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the check received after the passing of his wife of 54 years. He and his family would like to thank everyone for the calls, texts, and flowers during this time of loss.

**Caleb McNeil** is thankful for the generous gift. "It is very appreciated in many ways."

**Bryan and Jan Fox** thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Chris Elliott, Gilbert Burch, and Danny Hendrix. "It was very much appreciated when Jan had a heart stent procedure."

**Mark and Lori Eagleson** thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. They appreciate the check received when Mark's father passed away. Special thanks to Ralphie Zoeller.

**The Michaels Family** greatly appreciates the very generous donation they received. "Thanks to all who donate, and God Bless this great local. "Special thanks to David Butterworth, Vince Hall, Aron Pitre, and all my Brothers on our Price Gregory Spread for all the calls, texts, and prayers following the loss of my father."

**The Fluitt Family** thanks everyone for the very generous gift received during their time of loss. "May God bless you."

**Nellie Wilson** expresses gratitude for the Bible she received after the passing of my husband, Donald K. Wilson. "It is very much appreciated."

**Houston Rhodes** thanks the Voluntary Fund and Local 798 for the generous donation following the house fire. Special thanks to Randy Mathis and Kirk Kirkland. "It is an honor to be a member of Local 798."

**Wayne R. Johnston, Jr.** thanks everyone for the help he received after the death of his lovely wife. "This is a difficult time for all of us, and we are grateful for this union. May God bless and keep this union strong."

**Anthony Webster** thanks all his Brothers and Sisters for the kind gesture during a difficult time. "It is truly humbling to be a part of this amazing local that takes care of one another during difficult times. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers during this time."

**Jerry Carnes** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. A special thank you to Charlie Yates.

**Brandon Whitworth and Family** thank the Voluntary Fund for the help they received when they were down with COVID-19. "It is a blessing and an honor to belong to a union that takes such good care of its people."

**Sarah (Missy) Rogers** thanks Pipeliners Local 798 and her crew for the help. "It's so nice to see a family come together when someone is in need. God bless!"

**Parker Hollabaugh and Family** thank everyone for the financial blessing. "My wife and I recently had a baby boy born eight weeks premature. The generous contribution will help with the NICU bills. We are deeply appreciative of our local and our local's picked charity, the Ronald McDonald House, which has housed us for over a month so that we could be close to our baby. We love ya'll, and God bless."

**Chris and Rhonda Lancaster** thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help received after Chris's back surgery was very appreciated. Special thanks to Charlie Yates, Jr., Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Alexander Dalrymple** would like to thank all the members who donate to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Todd Hartle. "The help was greatly appreciated when I had to travel home for a family member's passing."

## RETIREMENTS

**Terry W. Basye**, Welder, Rio, WV

**Edison Bitsilly**, Helper, West Valley, UT

**Gregory F. Glover**, Welder, Powderly, TX

**Brent O. Hoffmeyer**, Helper, Ewart, MI

**Jeffrey N. Lee**, Spacer, Parkersburg, WV

**Joe N. Noggle**, Welder, Rose Bud, AR

**Timothy F. O'Fallon**, Spacer, Bastrop, LA

**Mark S. Simmons**, Helper, Cornelia, GA

**Daniel J. Steele**, Spacer, Belle Vernon, PA

**Frank L. Stevenson**, Welder, Bulger, PA

**Douglas W. Thompson**, Helper, Winnfield, LA

## IN MEMORIAM

**Thomas L. Clark**, 72-year-old Retired Welder of Edwardsville, AL, passed away September 29, 2021.

**Rex M. Albritton**, 84-year-old Retired Spacer of West Monroe, LA, passed away June 4, 2022.

**Samuel L. Cottrell**, 90-year-old Retired Spacer of Cameron, WV, passed away June 5, 2022.

**John M. Johnson**, 53-year-old Welder of Hartman, AR, passed away June 8, 2022.

**Earl E. Patton**, 79-year-old Retired Helper of Vanceburg, KY, passed away June 12, 2022.

**Jerilyn Petty**, 40-year-old Helper of Odessa, TX, passed away June 12, 2022.

**Norman A. Jensen**, 85-year-old Retired Welder of Climax, MI, passed away June 15, 2022.

**Jack M. Fluitt**, 66-year-old Retired Welder of Dodson, LA, passed away June 16, 2022.

**Timothy J. Smith**, 40-year-old Helper of Caldwell, OH, passed away June 19, 2022.

**Donald Wilson**, 77-year-old Retired Welder of Searcy, AR, passed away June 22, 2022.

**Edwin K. Lafitte**, 60-year-old Retired Helper of Robeline, LA, passed away June 25, 2022.

**Timothy C. Emerson**, 43-year-old Helper of Grayson, KY, passed away June 29, 2022.

**Peter Giardina**, 60-year-old Retired Helper of West Seneca, NY, passed away July 4, 2022.

**Gregory B. Mahon**, 40-year-old Welder of Elkview, WV, passed away July 4, 2022.

**William A. Hefley**, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Depew, OK passed away July 11, 2022.

**Charles Lange**, 75-year-old Retired Spacer of Hartman, AR, passed away July 12, 2022.

**Stanley Fankhauser**, 89-year-old Retired Welder of South Boardman, MI, passed away July 14, 2022.

**William C. Walter**, 83-year-old Retired Spacer of Portland, TN, passed away July 14, 2022.

**Malcolm R. Carriere**, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Lafayette, LA, passed away July 23, 2022.

**Harvey G. Allison**, 62-year-old Retired Welder of Cypress, TX, passed away July 25, 2022.

**Gwendell G. Mason**, 66-year-old Retired Welder of Bradford, AR, passed away July 25, 2022.

**Robert M. Hundley**, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Kitts Hill, OH, passed away July 29, 2022.

**Layne E. Richard**, 65-year-old Retired Welder of Ragley, LA, passed away July 29, 2022.

**Glynn Carroll**, 91-year-old Retired Welder of Mexia, TX, passed away July 31, 2022.

## SWAP & SELL

**1969 Model SA 200:** 1969 Model SA 200 welding machine. Located in LA. Asking \$4,000. Contact Chuck Houston at 724-255-2249.

**2021 Grand Design Reflection Fifth Wheel Trailer:** Like new 33' Fifth Wheel Trailer, Model 29RL, 2 A/C units, no pets, no children, no smoking, half-ton pull. Currently located in Iowa, LA. Asking \$48,000. Contact Robert Simon at 318-581-3440.

**Chums Leather Work:** Custom armbands, suspenders, belts, holsters, journals, knife, and gun scabbards, and much more! Contact Craig Chumley at 682-459-4035.

**Welding Bed:** Welding bed that fits a 2014 Dodge Ram Mega Cab. Located in IA. Asking \$3,500. Contact Steve Spiker at 817-455-1003.

## CONGRATULATIONS



On August 13, former Business Agent Darrell Turner was posthumously inducted into the Alabama Organized Labor Awards Foundation Hall of Fame. Business Agent Dale Crabtree presented the award to Darrell's son, Bradley Turner, and Darrell's niece, Gail White.

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**Navy Pullover Hoodie**  
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Item # 109 - \$60  
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**Camo Winter Cap**  
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