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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fall is in the air, and with that comes some welcomed cooler days and, hopefully, some much-needed rain. Mid-term elections are upon us, and hopefully, we can get politicians elected with our best interest as a country on their minds. ***This country needs to pivot back to what fuels this economy, affordable, abundant, homegrown energy.*** EQT Corporation, the largest U.S. natural gas producer, has teamed up with midstreamers TC Energy Corporation and Williams to establish a coalition that will focus on increasing American LNG exports to help displace dirtier fuels abroad and lower gas emissions. About 20 U.S. LNG terminals have been proposed, approved by regulators, or are under construction. But pipeline constraints and permitting delays could ultimately slow or stop some of these projects from happening.

All we need is the green light to build the infrastructure that will let us get natural gas from where it is produced to where it can be used globally. U.S. households are facing more than double electric bills due to this country's political constraints. In the Northeast, where many use home heating oil (diesel), their utility bills have more than doubled. ***America cannot continue to demonize the energy companies in America while begging on bended knees from our enemies for more production. At the same time, we all live in a nation blessed with more natural resources than any country in the world. American labor is ready, the technology is available, and the answer is right underneath our feet.*** We are at a tipping point in this country, and it's frustrating that many don't understand that you shouldn't shut down a reliable and viable energy source before you have a better economical alternative. Many in Washington would have you believe that the electric car is the answer to all the energy issues and greenhouse gasses. Far from it. The electrical grid has issues daily with current usage and output. Some experts believe it could take trillions of dollars in upgrades to handle what is being powered today, much less more kilowatts needed for electric cars.

Quite simply, natural gas and crude oil will be the answer, more pipelines will be the answer, and American ingenuity on American soil will be the answer. The Green New Deal is not a new deal. It is an idea before its time and decades before it becomes a reality. All of Europe, Germany, Ukraine, and the world's energy issues could be fundamentally sound if we just had the fortitude to implement the advancement of LNG and not try to destroy the lifeblood of this nation and the foundation of all our economies.

Carbon capture pipeline projects are still pushing forward, and I thank the members that have signed on to our Action Network campaigns for these projects. They will need our unified voice as the opposition is a strong force against these projects from the same old Green New Deal folks. They oppose these projects not because it cleans up the carbon but because it treats the "symptoms" of fossil fuels, and they want fossil fuels to die. Think for a moment how to kill a nation--- shut down the fuel supply, devalue the currency, and have runaway inflation. ***I pray that we as a nation can see how other countries allow themselves to be handled when they have no alternative for a solution to their energy needs.***

The last couple of years have been disappointing on pipeline permitting and construction due to COVID-19, politics, government red tape, and cheap nonunion labor. I don't have a crystal ball for the future. Still, I can see this nation will not and cannot sustain the economic pressures from energy prices that affect everyone regardless of socioeconomic level. ***If we are to remain the Leader of the Free World and a beacon of light for the rest of the world, we must show our power and leadership through not only energy independence and energy dominance but through weaponizing our abundance of energy not only for our own welfare but for those that we call our allies.*** To do all the above requires thousands of miles of large and small-diameter pipelines to be built nationwide without undue burden from the government and the socialist agenda crowd. I believe this renaissance is beginning and will continue to gain momentum very soon because, without this move back to energy dominance, we as a nation will have lost our way.

Fortunately, the building trades work is flourishing nationwide, and sister locals call 798 daily for manpower. Many of these mega-projects will result in needs comparable to the cracker plant in Pennsylvania that many of you helped to build. Some of these project build-outs are managed by very small locals with limited labor resources. ***I know why you belong to 798, you love to pipeline, but these opportunities are abundant and available to retain your healthcare and build future retirement credits.*** Many of our members see the value of this as a chance for advancement, personal progress, and profit. I wish more would take this time to invest in themselves by broadening the skill sets that will bring value to you in the building trades world and the pipeline industry. If you want more details, please reach out to Jimmy Dick in the Dispatch office or one of the business agents. They are here to help facilitate through the other sister locals for these opportunities.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems as if this year just started, and here we are coming into the final two months of 2022. I recently attended the Iowa Utility Board meetings concerning the Navigator Heartland carbon capture project along with Business Agent Todd Hartle. Local 597 Business Agent Mark Antczak joined Todd and me for some of those meetings, and we appreciate a good working relationship with Mark. Mark took over that position earlier this year, and he is a great asset and also a friend to Local 798. These meetings were a formality, as the state of Iowa requires these meetings to take place before right-of-way acquisition can begin. The main takeaway from these meetings was that, in general, the local Iowans that turned out for these meetings were not for this project. The folks with Navigator did a great job of laying out how the process works from beginning to end and have committed to building this project with union labor. This particular project is 1,300 miles of various-sized pipe, which a representative with Navigator told us would be built in eight spreads. Then there is the Summit project, which consists of around 1,900 miles of pipe, and the Wolf Carbon Solutions pipeline, which is around a 350-mile project. The plan for the Navigator project is to have permits in place by the last quarter of 2023 and for construction to begin in early 2024. We will be running actions for the carbon capture projects, so please sign on to any petitions you see regarding this. It is going to need our advocacy.

As everyone is probably aware of by now, this is an election year for Pipeliners Local 798. Nominations were taken at the September regular membership meeting, and ballots were mailed to eligible voters on October 26. If you have any questions regarding this, reach out to the Election Committee, whose contact information you can find in this issue of the Blue Light, or on the Local 798 website. If you are eligible to vote, you should want to participate in having a voice in the direction of this great local union. Voting is one of our greatest rights, and elections are healthy for any organization.

We've received a lot of positive feedback from the membership on the videos coming out of the Dispatch office. I commend Jimmy Dick for being adamant about getting the word out to the membership about all available work opportunities. Please watch these videos and take in the information if you want to work as a traveler. Again, we are a Pipeliners union, but in slower times in our world, the building trades work is beginning to boom. Many opportunities are coming in certain areas of the country, such as Portland, Phoenix, Memphis, Cleveland, and many others. While most of the feedback is positive, there are always a few negative comments. While this should go without saying, I'll say it anyway. The fact that we are using time and resources to build and strengthen relationships with other UA locals, to train Local 798 members for those jobs, and to try to put members to work on these projects, does not mean we aren't actively pursuing ways to gain our pipeline market share. We never stop doing that. We plan to continue putting out videos to keep the membership up-to-date as the manpower needs change.

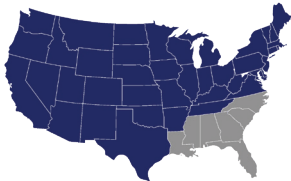
There are lots of troubles in this great country we live in. Inflation stands at a 40-year high, the stock market seems stuck in a bear market, there is major unrest in many parts of the world, and closer to home, our work situation has been far less plentiful than in recent years. I feel that all of this will turn around, and the need for affordable energy (namely natural gas) will lead this country back to prosperity. The need is not going away, and we are still the best in the world at delivering that commodity. Midterm elections are upon us, and whatever the outcome, maybe some change of seats in Washington, D.C., will swing things back towards the working men and women that make this the greatest country in the world.

If there is ever anything 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



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

It was great seeing everyone in Tulsa at the September membership meeting. One of the best parts of this job is the opportunity to speak face-to-face with members.

I am writing this report while on the road. I have been traveling all over, visiting with the hands on several B&G jobs in Columbia and Fort Mill, South Carolina, and Mooresville and Creedmoor, North Carolina; a Rockford job in Savannah, Georgia; and an Appalachian job in Pineville, North Carolina. While in South Carolina, I met with the business manager and business agent of Local 421. Building trades work in the Carolinas for next year will be abundant for all interested. I also toured Local 141's testing facility and visited with their training coordinator.

Work in my jurisdiction has the possibility to improve significantly since more union contractors are getting on the bid lists. The Michels job in Louisiana ended, but future work in Louisiana looks promising. Henkels & McCoy should be doing their pre-job in the next few days for work in North Carolina, which is a larger project and will employ quite a few hands.

As you all know, Hurricane Ian devastated Florida and parts of Georgia and the Carolinas. It will take years for some areas to be restored. Please keep all our Brothers and Sisters in your prayers as they rebuild their lives.

With election season in full swing, I want to remind members that all elections matter. Local and state government elections are just as important as national elections. Please be mindful of who you are voting for and what you are voting on. Many people do not realize that there are a lot of job permits that get held up at the local level.

Please continue to take advantage of the American Pipeline Action Network. It is still one of the best tools for you, your family, and your friends to help support our way of life. WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! It only takes a few seconds to make a huge difference, so please take the time.

As always, I am here to serve you. If you have any concerns or questions, please call me at 918-991-5341. May God bless every one of you, and God bless this great Local.

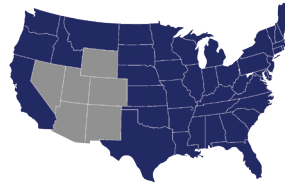
Pre-Jobs:

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Fulton, MS. 2" pipe fabrication and installation for Enbridge. Job Steward: Joshua Robinson. Mainline rates.

Wayne Holden & Company, Inc.:

- Shreveport, LA. Install 20,000' of 12" HP steel pipe and 8,000' of 8" HP steel pipe for CenterPoint Energy. Welder Foreman: Dustin Wilson. Job Steward: Greg Russell. Special Agreement rates.



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



Justin Head

I hope this report finds everyone doing well headed into the holiday season. Not a lot has changed since my last report. By the time you read this, the station work in Arizona should nearly be manned up. I am picking up some smaller jobs in Arizona and Nevada, mostly Integrity Maintenance work and one or two welder jobs. Due to city and state permitting issues, some digs I spoke of in past reports have been delayed. Hopefully, that will get sorted out sooner rather than later. There are still one or two decent-sized projects that may go this year, and I have been working diligently to try to get our fair contractors the opportunity to bid on this work. I hear a lot from members asking why our contractors didn't bid on this or that. The truth is that they must be invited to bid on the work. In reality, some of these gas companies change project management so much that it can be challenging to maintain relationships and preferences when bidding on the work.

On another subject, I have received several calls from our sister local in Phoenix. As much work as they have available there, some contractors are nonunion. They are diligently trying to organize and ensure the nonunion competition is not successful in maintaining the work. Organizers are running into some 798 members on these jobs. This is unacceptable! Even if you think you are not doing UA-covered work, the UA constitution directly spells out it is a violation to work for a non-signatory contractor outside of a collective bargaining agreement that performs UA work. The bottom line is that there is union work available right there. If you're welding structural for a non-signatory contractor, you can do the same on the union side. There is no excuse to be there. The training department and the business manager have been more than accommodating in helping UA members get the qualifications they might need to work out of their local's jurisdiction. They also need help. They have been having calls go unfilled as of this writing. If you have any questions about a gray area, don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be more than happy to clear anything up or assist you in getting to work out of a sister local.

I forgot to mention this in my previous report, but I would like to welcome Charlie Thomas and Chad Simmons on board as organizers. They have already proven to be tremendous assets to the team, and I know we will work well together. As always, if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

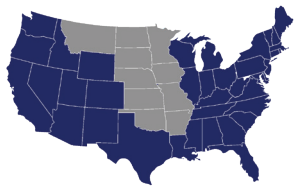
Pre-Jobs:

US Pipeline, Inc.:

- Ehrenburg, AZ. Station upgrades for TC Energy. Welder Foreman: Leon Gibson. Working 6-10s. Station rates. Approx. completion 4-31-23.

WA Basic:

- Yuma, AZ. 720' of 6" HDD for Kinder Morgan. Welder Foreman: Jorge Perales. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Approx completion 11-30-22.



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

Todd Hartle



As I write this report, I hope that it finds you all doing well. I have been on the road for the past two months visiting jobs and attending the Navigator Heartland Greenway informational town meetings. These meetings were held all over Iowa, and I appreciate the members that showed up to attend some of them with me. I enjoyed getting to visit with our 798 members on the job visits; it was good to see everyone. I also met with Local 11 in Duluth, MN. They have put many of our members to work and are still looking for combo welders.

Right now, most of the jobs in my area are Integrity Maintenance work. I have been getting calls about some of our members working nonunion, and I am going by these jobs. We have been getting a lot of our members out on building trades jobs. If you are a combo welder, there are a lot of work opportunities right now. If you do not have these skills, we have a state-of-the-art training center to help you acquire them. There is UNION work out there. Give Jimmy Dick a call in Dispatch. Currently, he sees the need for combo welders and stainless welders for the majority of the building trades jobs.

The Navigator CO2 Pipeline will run through South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, and a small section of Minnesota. The Navigator is one of three carbon capture pipelines and is the only one committed to using 100% union labor at this time. We will have to stay involved in getting jobs like these permitted, and if these jobs get the go-ahead, we must get them done safely and with quality and quantity. This is how we show the gas companies that we are the best from start to finish. If everything goes well, the Navigator will start in the second quarter of 2024. It will be 1,300 miles of 4"-20" pipe. My takeaway from the informational meetings I attended is that this project has resistance from both landowners and environmental groups. Several of our members got involved in the comments on these online project meetings. I want to thank all of you that have participated. Thank you to all who also sign the petitions on the Action Network. We must continue to be diligent in ensuring our voices are heard.

I want to remind you that I am available anytime, so do not hesitate to contact me. With the holidays approaching, I wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving and merry Christmas. May God bless you and your families, may God bless our great local, and God bless America. Thank you.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

- Cass Lake, MN. ½" and 2" pipe to be used for 2" airline in Cass County, MN for Enbridge. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Brent Stai. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-22.
- Cloquet, MN. 2"-6" pipe to be used for TBS demo and rebuild in Carlton County, MN for NNG. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Rick Chancey. Job Steward: Karmen Mason. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-23-22.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Judsonia, AR. Emergency 30" anomaly dig, assist Kinder Morgan Welders, install fab and digs in Fayette County, Illinois for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Rich Torrence. Welder Foreman: Richie Tessone. Job Steward: Sandy Henry. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Troy, MO. 60' of 16" pipe to be used for fab and install in Lincoln County, MO and Edgar County, IL for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Chad Hester. Welder Foreman: Aaron O'Brien. Job Steward: Donnie Lindsey, Jr. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-26-22.
- Joplin, MO. 24" fab and install in Newton County for Southern Star. Superintendent: Brendon Elie. Welder Foreman: Joy Compton. Job Steward: Sandy Henry. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

- Creston, IA. 2,300' of 6" pipe for 1-HDD and 2 relocations in Union County and Madison County, IA for Buckeye. Superintendent: Jeremy Mound. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Jimmy Noggle. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-22-22.

McCizer Pipeline, Inc.:

- Van Buren, AR. 4" pipe to be used for 4" digs in Van Buren County, AR for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dewey McCabe. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Aaron Carr. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-17-22.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Missoula, MT. Shop Fabrication for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Aaron Wegener. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Casey Cazaux. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Palmyra, NE. Replace 20' of 1" piping in Lancaster County, NE for NNG. Superintendent: Gator Branch. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Johnny Gardner II. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-20-22.
- Absarokee, MT. Absarokee Reroute 1,200' of 10" HDD and pipe testing. 800' of 10" conventional lay in Stillwater County, MT for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Aaron Wegener. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Wayne Petz. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-17-22.
- Monroe, IA. Replace 2,200' of 4" pipe including (1) 700' HDD in Jasper County, IA for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Rod Coburn. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Arnell Malnar III. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Redwing, MN. Shorted casings. Excavate casing ends and complete modifications to seals and vent piping for NNG. Superintendent: Michael Wesley. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Joseph Lee. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Omaha, NE. Install approx. 1,100' of 16" pipe via HDD and associated tie-ins. Remove 100' of existing pipe for NNG. Superintendent: Cory McDaniel. Welder Foreman: Dylan McKeegney. Job Steward: Shane Kramer. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-5-22.
- Frazee, MN and Ada, MN. Fab, test, install piping assemblies, hydrovac, and foundation installation at 2 stations, Norman and Becker Counties, MN for ONEOK. Superintendent: Kevin Marlett. Welder Foreman: Jeffery Wagner. Job Steward: James Brashears. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Northern Horizons, Inc.:

- Bethany, MO. 14" pipe to be used for 14" 600# valve change out in Harrison County, MO for Flint Hills Resources. Superintendent: Levi Novacek. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Corey Hiller. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Job complete.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Bemidji, MN. Shop prefabrication using various size piping (2"-36") in Beltrami County, MN for Nipsco. Superintendent: Dustin Adams. Welder Foreman: Cory Schwartz. Job Steward: Wesley Kates. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-19-22.
- Buena Vista County, IA. Replace 892' of 8" pipe with a new HDD, lower 250' of 8" in Buena Vista, IA for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Greg Merschman. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Austin Severson. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-22.
- Berthold, ND. Fab new scrubber drain with 1" and 2" piping for Alliance Pipeline. Superintendent: Chuck Wymore. Welder Foreman: Jerad Lene. Job Steward: Brian Straight. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-12-22.
- Big Lake, MN. Replace 550' of 3" pipe and 550' of 8" pipe for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Greg Merschman. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Brent Stai. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

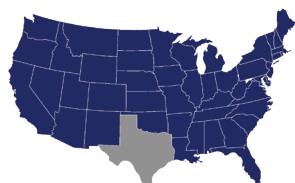
United Piping, Inc.:

- Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, TBD. Installing new meters at 8 TC Energy Northern border pipeline sites (1 in ND, 2 in SD, 4 in MN) using 6" pipe and under for TC Energy. Superintendent: Matt Benham. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Chris Waeckerle. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-25-22.

- Cloquet, MN. Line 4 tie-ins at 2 sites, install temp. route, demo current tie-in section, install new tie-in section using 24", 36", 48" pipe for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Mike Manley. Welder Foreman: George Houston, Jr. Job Steward: Matthew Day. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 7-12s. Job complete.
- Missouri and Iowa. 4 HDDs: 3 in Iowa, 8" pipe, 800' & 850'; 1 in Missouri, 12" pipe, 1,480', remove and abandon existing lines for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Travis Harth. Welder Foreman: Taylor Bergstrom. Job Steward: Nicholas Ostby. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-26-22.

VEC, Inc.:

- Clifton, KS. 1"-30" station control upgrade in Clay County, KS for NNG. Superintendent: Ryan Perkins. Welder Foreman: Ryan Brady. Job Steward: Casey Smith. Station rates. 80 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-1-22.



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918-237-3573



Joe Gaines

Thank you to everyone who attended the September membership meeting in Tulsa. I always enjoy reconnecting with our members and getting the chance to visit. With this being an election year, it's more important than ever to be an active participant. If you want to be involved, the most important step is just showing up.

I am happy to report that work in Texas is slowly picking up. I have spent the last month making a tour of Texas and had the opportunity to make several job visits. My first job visit was in Orange on the Michels job. This is Integrity Maintenance work that will last until approximately the middle of December. I also visited with the hands in Longview, Texas, for Associated. These are dig-ups for Enbridge and are approximately a month's worth of work. It was great to see these hands and express my gratitude for a job well done. These may seem like small jobs, but I feel like we are beginning to see the tide turning. I spend many hours visiting with our union contractors in Texas, and they have assured me they are continuing to bid all work competitively. I remain hopeful that these jobs in Texas are only the beginning of what is to come.

The building trades sector will continue to remain strong in Texas for the foreseeable future. Work has started in Sherman with the Texas Instruments plant. While Local 100 is manning all their work presently, Ben Bradshaw, business manager for Local 100, told me they will begin taking travelers in the first quarter of 2023. Here are a few reminders about this work:

- A minimum of an OSHA 10 is required to apply. You can acquire this online.
- UA Certifications 1, 18A, and 41 are very helpful in getting hired.
- When working for a sister local, it's important to remember that we are their guests. Show up on time, give them an honest day's work, and uphold the values of 798.

Additional building trades work in Texas can be found in Houston. Local 211 Business Manager Brian Edwards has contacted me several times requesting hands to help with work at the Hobby International Airport. They are installing new gas lines throughout the airport, and this work will continue through the rest of 2022 and into 2023. They do not require UA certifications; however, workers must pass a gate test to be employed.

Midterm elections are coming up very soon. This is one of the most critical elections in recent history. Please do your research, be an informed voter and then get out and vote like your livelihood depends on it. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming December membership meeting. I want to take this time to wish you a very blessed holiday season! Happy Thanksgiving and merry Christmas from my family to yours!

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.

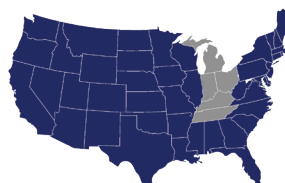
Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

- Longview, TX. Emergency digs for Enbridge/Texas Eastern Transmission. Superintendent: Byron Johnson. Welder Foreman: James McDougal. Job Steward: Cassidy Croley. Integrity Maintenance. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-22.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Orange, TX. 2,657' HDD of 30" for Enbridge/Texas Eastern. Superintendent: Kris Yates. Welder Foreman: James Patterson. Job Steward: Mike Bouchard. Integrity Maintenance. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-10-22.



IN, KY, MI, OH, TN
918-270-6746



Charles Yates, Jr.

Historically organized labor has faced many challenges, but the good news is union support is making a nationwide comeback. Seventy-one percent of Americans approve of labor unions, which is the highest approval rating in 50 years. (McCarthy, J. "U.S. Approval of Labor Unions at Highest Point." Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO. www.philafclcio.org/news/support-labor-unions-71. 2022 August 30) Being a union member is sometimes taken for granted, even while others currently fight for that right. Employees at Starbucks and Amazon are making headlines as they take action to unionize. The best way to strengthen the union's voice is to stand in solidarity as members and alongside our sister locals.

I recently attended the West Virginia Pipe Trades Convention in Roanoke, West Virginia, with agents and business managers of locals from across the country. The discussions revolved around the building trades boom and how to meet the need for a skilled workforce. Thank you to U.A. International Representative Kenny Ruggles for the invitation to connect with industry peers. Also, thank you to Brother Danny Hendrix for the assignment and the opportunity to build on these relationships. Another hot topic in the building trades sector is Intel's semiconductor chip manufacturing plant in New Albany, Ohio, which formally broke ground on September 9. Local 189 (Columbus) will need our help and anticipates hiring sometime in November or December. I am in constant contact with their agents and scheduled to go to their orbital welding class with Dispatcher Jimmy Dick and 798 Training Center Director Farron Hollabaugh. This informative class will highlight the techniques they will be looking to utilize.

At the time of this report, I have 41 jobs going, and pre-jobs are holding steady. I have made regular job visits to hear the needs and concerns of our membership. These visits are also an occasion to get updates and feedback from our fair contractors and gas companies. The director of construction for DTM made time in September to sit down with me. We had a positive dialogue that emphasized how Pipeliners Local 798 hands can provide quality and production in the field and how we actively advocate for pipeline projects via the Action Network and participate in public meetings. Special thanks to our newly appointed organizer, Chad Simmons, for joining us in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

I believe that Pipeliners Local Union 798 is still the number one choice. We are considered highly skilled professionals, and it is a privilege to be a union member. It takes courage and fortitude to withstand the challenges that face all labor unions.

I wish a happy holiday season to all my Brothers and Sisters. If I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call. Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.

Pre-Jobs:

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Edmonton, KY. 80' of 2" pipe Integrity Maintenance replace for Enbridge. Superintendent: Travis Orwick. Welder Foreman: Broc Matlack. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-15-22.

Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Manchester, MI. 10"-24" replacements for Panhandle Eastern. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Scotty Petty. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Perrysburg, OH. POD Station replacement 2"-24" for NiSource-Columbia Gas of Ohio. Superintendent: Chad Newberry. Welder Foreman: Jacob Wallis. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-19-22.
- Mount Victory, OH. POD Station replacement 2"-10" for NiSource-Columbia Gas of Ohio. Superintendent: Josh Roza. Welder Foreman: Kelly Lizana. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-18-22.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Brownsburg, IN. Reroute 1,300' of 10" for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Jeff Huffman. Welder Foreman: James Adams. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-12-22.
- Greencastle, IN. Assist in nitrogen purge and 8" cut-out in Putman County for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Kevin Cain. Welder Foreman: Quinton Curry. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-22.
- Versailles, KY. 1,800' of 8" replacement for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Scott Schoonover. Welder Foreman: Ed Orrell, Jr. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion delayed.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Lynn, IN. 900' of 16" auger bore and line replacement for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dusty Lickteg. Welder Foreman: Dalton Clemmons. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-22-22.

Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc.:

- Nappanee, IN. 2", 4", 8" pipe for regulator station for Nipsco. Superintendent: Kerry Schott. Welder Foreman: Kirk King. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-18-22.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Manchester, MI. Line 100A valve site replacement 2", 10", 12", 20", 24" piping; replace existing 24" launcher barrel, replace 20" header for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jim Mitchell. Welder Foreman: Garrett Bergkamp. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-22.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- South Bend, IN. Replace approximately 1,800' of 6" for Nipsco. Superintendent: Clark DeGroot. Welder Foreman: Thomas Heisler. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-5-22.
- Antioch, TN. Small regulator replacements: 2" and 4" for Duke Energy. Superintendent: John Baker. Welder Foreman: Christopher Sheffield. Working 6-9s. Approx. completion 11-18-22.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Brownsburg, IN. Relocation and removal of approx. 300' of 12" and 300' of 8" for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: John McVeigh. Welder Foreman: Everett Johnson. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- New Haven, MI. 8" connection from well-line to new well-head for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Matt Coley. Welder Foreman: Stephen Downer. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

NPL Construction Company:

- Royal Center, IN. 30' of 3" station work for Nipsco. Superintendent: Sam Smith. Welder Foreman: Seth Dyas. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Chelsea, MI. Remove and replace approximately 2,200' of 20"; replace with 36" and tie-in to stations for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Greg Lofquist. Welder Foreman: Casey Holohan. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-22-22.
- Worthington, IN. Fabrication and installation of various size piping for Citizens Gas. Superintendent: Frank Walters. Welder Foreman: Scott Kidd. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-22.
- Lima, OH. Installation of 700' of 20"; miscellaneous fabrication 20" and 22" for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Scott Newcomer. Welder Foreman: Brad Lee Hall. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-1-22.

Pipe Strong, LLC:

- Batavia, OH. 830' of 2" feeder line for Duke Energy. Superintendent: Chuck Pitts. Welder Foreman: Kelly Lizana. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

PJ Steel Supply, Inc.:

- Milford, MI. 25.2 miles of 30" remediation digs for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Blaine Cecil. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-9-22.

RL Coolsaet Construction Company:

- Romulus, MI. 1-24" MLV cut and cap, 1-24" new by-pass valve for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Bart Jennette. Welder Foreman: Kevin Duffy. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-7-22.

RL Morris & Sons:

- Alpena, MI. 4" and 8" pipe remediation dig-ups; replacement of 90s and 45s for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Ed Mackeller. Welder Foreman: Brad Mullin. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Shelbyville, IN. 10" valve installation for TC Energy. Superintendent: Bobby Westraer. Welder Foreman: Ryan Frey. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-4-22.
- Woodhaven, MI. Installation of 100' of 8" and 12" and associated valves for Plains Midstream. Superintendent: Bobby Westraer. Welder Foreman: Tom Foust. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-4-22.

Snelson Companies, Inc.:

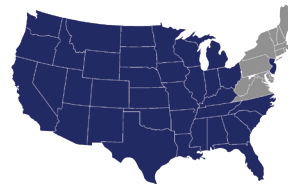
- Haslett, MI. 1,200' of 24" HDD pipe replacement for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Sanderson. Welder Foreman: Blaine Cecil. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-25-22.

United Piping, Inc.:

- Dorr, MI. 350' of 2", 3", 4", 6" well head piping for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bob Humphrey. Welder Foreman: Matt Sheets. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion delayed.
- Northville, MI. Fire gate valve 602 valve change-out, actuator and accessories 12" and 16" for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bob Humphrey. Welder Foreman: Matt Sheets. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-22-22.



Business Agent Charlie Yates visits Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes in Perrysburg, OH.



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David Butterworth



Charlie Thomas and I have been on the road solid since my last report. We started our travels by attending the West Virginia Pipe Trades Convention at Stonewall Resort. At this meeting, we were able to network with sister locals from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and many other surrounding states. The work outlook in the building trades world is astronomical, with \$1 trillion worth of projects on the horizon. Chip plant facilities are scheduled to go in Columbus, Ohio (Intel), and it was recently announced that Micron would build a \$100 billion facility in Clay, New York. I know this work is different

than pipeline, but we have more and more members who are adjusting to and thriving in this sector while our sector is slow.

We also traveled to most of the jobs in the jurisdiction to visit with members and gauge our market share. I would say we are doing well in most areas, especially in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. I feel like we have turned that area because in 2017 and 2018, we had little to no market share in the Washington Gas and Baltimore Gas markets. These days we have most of it with Michels, InfraSource, Otis Minnesota, U.S. Pipeline, and Price Gregory actively working there. New England is also strong, but there is work to be done in West Virginia and Pennsylvania's gathering and maintenance markets. While in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia, we noticed that the drilling rigs were back up and running strong.

Recently, I was blessed and fortunate enough to meet with the UA Pipeline Department, Local 449 representatives, and two Northeast gas companies to get ahead of this possible build-out. These meetings occurred at Local 449's state-of-the-art training center in Harmony, Pennsylvania. At the meetings, I tried to showcase what our contractors and we can do to help them as they move forward on their upcoming gathering/maintenance and facility projects. While I was in Pittsburgh, Charlie Thomas was in organizer training and is currently on a UA organizing blitz in Columbus, Ohio, and will start focusing on meeting with small nonunion contractors. Charlie Thomas, Chad Simmons, Justin Head, and I recently attended the UA's New Organizer Seminar at the UA headquarters in Annapolis, Maryland. While we realize that the building trades and pipeline worlds have their differences, I feel like we picked up some good ideas and learned things that will benefit all of us in the future. In October I gave a 20-minute presentation about the history of our recent permitting woes at Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association's Marcellus to Marketing Conference in Washington, Pennsylvania. My intent was to educate gas companies and producers about what Local 798 has done and can continue to do for them on the advocacy front. We have an industry-wide permitting problem, and through a team effort, I'm hopeful we can help each other to get things back on track.

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

- Pennsboro, WV. 1.66 miles of dual lay 20" steel and 18" HDPE. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Kevin Lancaster. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Mullens, WV. 24" 1.1 miles of 12" plastic take-up with 2.1 miles of 12" plastic relay. Superintendent: Dana Keaton. Welder Foreman: Caleb Miller. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Matewan, WV. 2,200' of 20" steel pipe new lay. Superintendent: Roman McKown. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Whiteford, MD. 30" stopple installation. Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Gordon Titus. Integrity rates. Working 5-10s.
- Wind Ridge, PA. 30" pipe replacement. Superintendent: Zach Bowes. Welder Foreman: Tim Ungard. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Hereford Township, PA. 8" lateral for meter station upgrade. Superintendent: Trevor Sheleman. Welder Foreman: Mike Massaro. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.
- Weymouth, MA. Integrity pipe replacement and station upgrade. Superintendent: Cory Chilson. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Ebensburg, PA. 2" filter separator/meter station upgrade. Superintendent: Brad Kamerer. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 5-10s.
- Reading, PA. 30" pipe replacement. Superintendent: Jason Lebeau. Welder Foreman: Gordon Titus. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Bond Civil & Utility Construction, Inc.:

- Burrillville, RI. Tubing and filter install on power gas systems for compressor stations in NY, CT, RI, MA. Superintendent: Michael Dormady. Welder Foreman: George Robideau. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Frametown, WV. 7,000' of 12" steel pipe replacement. Superintendent: Levi Smith. Welder Foreman: Derek Dayton. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.
- Strasburg, VA. 26" flanged valve replacement. Superintendent: Clint Endicott. Welder Foreman: Tyler Evans. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 5-10s.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- Cheshire, CT. Remove 70' of 30" casing. Superintendent: James Langston. Welder Foreman: Justin Swiger. 90 percent rates. Working 5-12s.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Ludlow, MA. 3,046' of 16" open cut road work plus regulator station. Superintendent: Jason Nash. Welder Foreman: Jay Wyatt. Special Agreement rates. Working 5-10s.

Kirila Contractors, Inc.:

- Limestone, NY. 1.2 miles of 16" steel new lay. Superintendent: Ron Kirila, Jr. Welder Foreman: Ted Hazelet. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Clifton Forge, VA. Fab/install 20" launcher/receiver/valves/bypass. Superintendent: Paul Yeakel. Welder Foreman: Dick Swiger. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.

Otis Eastern Service, Inc.:

- Wellsville, NY. Two 16" drip replacements. Superintendent: Tony Neidermaier. Welder Foreman: Tim Snyder. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 5-10s.
- Union Center, PA. 2,500' of 6" steel and 2,000' of 2" plastic. Superintendent: Sam Kissick. Welder Foreman: Jay Taylor. Special Agreement rates. Working 5-10s.

Price Gregory International:

- Whiteford, MD. Take-up and relay 6,934' of 30". Superintendent: Jack Burch. Welder Foreman: Aaron Pitre. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.
- Montoursville, PA. 16" and 10" steel plus 4" plastic; 300' creek crossing and 5 road bores. Superintendent: Greg Newcomb. Special Agreement rates. Working 6-10s.
- Bangor, PA. Meter station upgrade. Superintendent: Jimmy Jones. Welder Foreman: Josh Houston. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

US Pipeline, Inc.:

- White Haven, PA. 24" anomaly cut out. Superintendent: Glenn Barwicki. Welder Foreman: Brandon Michaels. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 6-10s.
- Landover, MD. Install 1.3 miles of 24" steel (street work). Superintendent: Jerry Bash. Welder Foreman: Nathan Cunningham. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s and one 8.
- Hillburn, NY. 26" anomaly pipe replacement. Superintendent: Jason West. Welder Foreman: Heath Cowan. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



Pictured from left are Business Agent Justin Head, Organizer Charles Thomas, Business Agent David Butterworth, and Organizer Chad Simmons attending the 2022 UA New Organizer seminar in Annapolis, MD.



DISPATCH Report

Jimmy Dick

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If you are currently or intend to get on the Out-of-Work List, we want to encourage you to make sure your Out-of-Work Card is up-to-date, and your current phone number is the one on file in the Dispatch office. We are still seeing members applying for jobs who do not have the relevant skill set checked on their Out-of-Work Card in order to be dispatched to that job. It only takes a minute to make sure your information is correct.

Communication and participation are attributes that make Local 798 successful. We have made three videos pertaining to the work opportunities for our members. The response has been well received. The feedback from the members has been constructive and much appreciated, even when it is negative. Participation picked up after each video. We also are working on utilizing the call blast system to help our members and make them aware of work opportunities. Recently, we began call blasting certain regions regarding a skill set needed for jobs in the building trades locals. The response to the call blasts has been good.

Building trades work seems to be picking up more and more every month. We have been able to help several hundred members find building trades jobs. If you are interested in working in building trades, give us a call in the Dispatch office. We currently need combo welders with UA Certs and an OSHA 10. Don't forget, if you want to work on the combo welder skill set, please take the time to call Farron Hollabaugh at the 798 Training Center.

I just returned from the Arkansas Pipe Trades Meeting held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was a good experience to be able to put a face to the name of business managers and business agents I have dealt with out of other locals. During the conference, the business managers reported on the work outlook for their jurisdiction. Each business manager had manpower needs. We were able to help some of these locals with our members. I can't say it enough, if you're a combo welder, give us a call.

The Henkels & McCoy job in Charlotte, NC, has been awarded its state environmental permit. We should be seeing a pre-job before this is published. I would encourage anyone who plans on going to this project to take the time and make some practice welds. It never hurts to be on top of your game.

Out-of-Work List

1,738 Welders	247 Journeymen	1,540 Helpers
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ORGANIZING Report

Ronnie Hill

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I hope this report finds everyone doing well. I am writing this report while on the road in South Texas. I am also spending some time in Louisiana and New Mexico. The work in these areas remains slow compared to what it was pre-COVID. I recently drove Highway 285 from Fort Stockton to Carlsbad, and there were places where you didn't see another vehicle in sight either way. If anyone was there when work was going on, you know what it was like. Traffic was bumper-to-bumper 24/7, with daily accidents and fatalities almost weekly. Most of the yards in Pecos were empty, either for lease or sale. A few jobs are going on, but nothing compared to what it was. They have a little work, and we have a little work. In the last Blue Light, we had something like 59 pre-jobs; as of the September meeting, we had 117 in progress. So, there is a little work out there, but it remains slow on both sides. However, from all indications, the work should pick up considerably for 2023. Hopefully, some of our contractors will bid more work in the South.

I have had a few calls inquiring if we use salts on jobs; some people were under the impression that we did not. The answer to that question is yes, we do. I use them when the opportunity arises and always have. The biggest problem is finding the right people. Right now, with the work slow, the nonunion sector has a pool of welders they use regularly. When the work was booming, everyone who wanted to work was working, so it was hard to find someone to go. Then you must get the right person. Salting is more than just sending someone out to work. Salting often starts as a covert operation; therefore, the salts must be very discreet and well-disciplined. They must also be an excellent craftsman, congenial, observant, and have an excellent work ethic. And they must be very knowledgeable about what is considered protected concerted activity. As far as the work is concerned, you need to be a model employee, so when the real reason for being there is revealed, there would be no legitimate reason for being fired due to your work record. It's imperative that salts do not discuss any activity with anyone unless instructed to by whoever sent them there. It's a job like any other, and there is one reason for being there and only one reason. If the opportunity arises, and it seems it will be beneficial, and the right people are available that are sincere and disciplined for this, then we will certainly do it.

I congratulate and welcome our new organizers, Charlie Thomas and Chad Simmons. Both are fine, upstanding young men who will do a great job and be an asset to this local union.

Please remain steadfast in your participation in the Action Network. Your signatures and comments do not go unnoticed by the gas companies.

I hope to see all of you at the December membership meeting. If I can be of any assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to call. Also, if you have any information that will help, let me know. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas!

2023-2025 Membership Cards



We will begin mailing 2023-2025 membership cards at the end of the year. You must pay membership dues into 2023 before we can send your membership card. Membership cards will only be mailed to the address that we have on file for you.



PIBF Report

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PIBF.org



Renée Vause

Director

Important Plan Changes

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (PIBF) and Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF) met on August 24, 2022, and approved plan changes. These important health and welfare plan and pension plan changes will affect active participants, spouses, children, and retirees.

- The Trustees have again approved the continuance of the PIBF Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for 2023. The HRA benefit will continue to be \$4,000 per year for active participants for single or family coverage. Active participants on COBRA will continue to be \$4,000 per year for single or family coverage. Separate coverage for spouses and children who are on COBRA is \$2,000 per year. The HRA amount for a retired participant with covered dependents is \$4,000 per year. The HRA amount for single retired participants and retired widows is \$2,000 per year. The HRA filing deadline for 2022 claims is April 15, 2023.
- An extension for those working retirees over 62 to earn full accrual benefits for PIPF was granted through December 31, 2024.

401(k) Distribution Requests

Please be aware that the 401(k) distribution processing time may be longer due to the holiday season. Distribution processing times are listed on the PIBF website with the link to the distribution form. You can obtain distribution forms at www.pibf.org under the 401(k) tab, "401(k) forms," then "401(k) Distribution Form." You can also contact The Trust Company of Oklahoma at 1-866-239-1042 or using their website at www.trustok.com.

Access Your 401(k) Account with the New App!

The Trust Company of Oklahoma (TCO) has launched a new app to provide easy, safe, and secure access from your mobile device to your 401(k) account. Download the app by searching "TCO Retirement" or using the QR code information below. Log in to the TCO Retirement app with the username and password you use to access your online Trust Company of Oklahoma retirement account. From this app, you can:

- View current balances and investment options
- Check recent contributions
- Monitor investment performance
- Access messages and important announcements

Trouble logging in? Contact a TCO representative at 1-866-239-1042
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CST.

Download the TCO Retirement app

Visit your app store or scan the QR code.



REMINDER: You Can Find a Wealth of Information on the PIBF Website!

Please visit www.pibf.org for 24/7/365 access to valuable information and forms. You can find census forms, claim and HRA forms, pension direct deposit and tax withholding forms, 401(k) distribution forms, and beneficiary designation forms, just to name a few! Plus, you can access the Member Portal from the website and get access to your HRA balance, claims history, work history, eligibility, pension calculator, change/add your beneficiary, and access year-end tax forms: 1099-R (Pension), W-2 (Disability), 1095-B (Health and Welfare coverage).

NEW PIBF Member Portal – Upload Requested Documents Securely

The PIBF Member Portal can now accept uploaded documents. This is a secure way to transmit sensitive documents to PIBF instead of emailing, faxing, or mailing them. Log in to the Member Portal at www.pibf.org and click on "Forms," and "Upload Documents." Follow the directions on the screen to upload a variety of documents.

Changes Coming Soon to the PIBF Member Portal

To maintain compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), PIBF will be making changes to the Member Portal. In the upcoming months, you will be receiving information about changes to the portal, including separate login credentials for adult dependents, including adult children that are dependents (over the age of 18). HIPAA privacy regulations require separate individual access to the portal for each adult participant and dependent. Members will continue to be able to see their information on the portal along with that of their minor children that are dependents. NOTE: No changes will be made to the portal until 2023 and you will be notified in advance.

Local 798

2022 Union Officer Mail Ballot Election and Candidates

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 were 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 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
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2022 Union Officer Election Candidates

President

Shannon Jackson
 Sarah Rogers (Missy)

Vice President

Randy Mathis

Business Manager

Danny Hendrix
 Landon K. Duncan

Financial Secretary- Treasurer

Justin Wallace

Recording Secretary

Chuck Loggins
 Guy S. Williams

Inside Guard

Timothy (TJ) Garrett
 Justin Baur
 Phillip Razian (Raz)
 Scooter Folk
 Joseph Torres

Executive Board

Pete Ashby, Jr.
 Timothy Adrian
 Jeffrey H. Doyle
 Troy Post
 Harry Houser
 Alexander Dalrymple
 Jake Taylor
 Wallace E. Lively
 Jeremy S. Duncan
 Ed Coker
 Cody Pedigo
 Cassidy Croley
 Grant Glaze
 Matt Ingram
 Kevin Davis
 Brett Mason
 Wesley Taylor

Finance Committee

David N. Hall
 Bryce Beaty
 Justin Hornback
 Raymond L. Johnson
 RJ Bauer
 Joseph T. Bigley
 Guy Simms

Examining Board

Anthony Webster
 Brian Gilley
 Ricky Jones
 Mike Miller
 Jimmy Pedigo
 Clark Eastwood
 Karmen H. Mason



HAPPY Holidays

The Officers and Staff of Pipeliners Local Union 798, the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund, and the Local 798 Training Center wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season.

In observance of the holidays, our offices will be closed on November 24-25 and December 26.

Meeting Notice

December 9, 2022

The regular December Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, December 9, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

Special Business: *Announcement of the results of the 2022 Union Officer Election. See the Election Notice included in this issue of the Blue Light for more information.*

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, December 9, 2022.

Hotel Accommodations

To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, please call 918-307-2600. Book by November 16 to receive the discounted rate starting at \$99/night.

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. 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.

Meeting Notice

January 13, 2023

The regular January Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, January 13, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

Special Business: Installation of Officers

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Short & Personal

THANK YOU

Richard and Treva Johnson greatly appreciate the Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received. "We will remain forever grateful for our 798 family."

The Family of Glynn Carroll thanks 798 for the beautiful Bible sent in memory of Glynn, a 65+ year member. "He was always very proud to be a part of you guys. It was a very kind expression of your thoughtfulness in our difficult time."

James D. Wright thanks all 798 members who give to the Voluntary Fund. He is very thankful for the check he received following his recent heart surgery. He is back on his feet and going! Special thanks to Jerry Tomlinson. "Thank you, Danny and Justin, for the hard work you put into this great union. May God richly bless each one of you."

Sheryl Mason thanks all the Brothers and Sisters of Pipeliners 798 for the thoughts, prayers, and generous donation following the passing of Welder member Gwendell G. Mason. "A special thank you to Carroll Tuggle and Hershel Mason. May God bless you all."

Derek Clark thanks the members of 798 and the Voluntary Fund for helping his family in their time of need.

Enrico Mirra thanks the 798 Voluntary Fund for the help received. "Losing my youngest child has been very difficult. When everything gets more difficult, it means so much to have your Brothers and Sisters step up for you. Thank you all."

Boucher Mooney thanks all who generously give to the Voluntary Fund. "The money we received was very helpful in covering the out-of-pocket expenses we had during my wife's stay in the hospital after her accident. I would like to give a special thank you to Brother Juan Rivera, who kindly sent in a letter on our behalf."

The Lange Family thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help received after Journeyman Spacer Charles Lange's passing. "He was a very proud member of 798 for over 50 years and loved his 798 Brothers and Sisters."

Craig Stanfill would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the help he received. Special thanks to Darren Patterson and Raymond Johnson.

Barry English thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received during his recent health issues. Special thanks to Mark Oliver and Mike Mills.

Sarah Rogers (Missy) would like to thank all her Brothers and Sisters for their prayers after her recent car accident and for continued prayers throughout her recovery. She would also like to thank everyone that gives to the Voluntary Fund. She is very grateful for the check she received.

Bobby Meachum would like to thank Carroll Tuggle, Curtis Mason, Johnny McMillan, Justin Wallace, Danny Hendrix, Jimmy and Lynn Bradford, and all his Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received following his back surgery. Special thanks to his wife, Robin. "I've got several weeks of physical therapy to go, and then I'm hoping to get back to living. Thanks for all the prayers. Please continue to pray for us as we have a long road of full recovery ahead of us."

Dorothy Jensen thanks everyone for their caring expressions of sympathy following the death of her husband, Welder member Norman A. Jensen. "The 'Enduring Comfort' book is very much appreciated and has been helpful. Norman was proud and thankful to be a member of this good union."

Kim Carriere thanks everyone for the generous donation following the passing of her husband, Welder member Malcolm Carriere. "He loved his work, the union, and the people he got to work with."

The Travis Family thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Scotty Jackson and Carl Overstreet.

Bud and Nadine Stillwell thank all that contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Carroll Tuggle. "May God bless you all!"

The Family of Gary Arnold thanks the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 for the calls and support after Gary's death. "The Bible is truly beautiful."

Heath Leonard and Family thank the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute for the assistance received during their difficult time. It was very much needed and appreciated. "I would like to offer a special thanks to Hershel Mason, Jim Jones, and all the wonderful people at Price Gregory."

David Skaggs and Family thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. "I'm recovering from surgery, and physical therapy is going well. I would like to give special thanks to Brother Ed Coker for his help. It is the members who care for their Brothers and Sisters that make this the best union in the world. God bless you all."

Darlene Wolfe thanks everyone for the gift; it was a great help. Special thanks to Jimmy and Debbie Dodd. "I wish I could get back on a job, but my health is not good. I really loved working 798. May the Lord bless and keep you all safe."

George A. Stephens, Jr. thanks the Voluntary Fund for the generous donation received when he got sick from COVID-19. Special thanks to Clint Bison. "We sincerely appreciate everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. It sure came in handy when we needed the extra help."

James W. Lay thanks the Voluntary Fund and his union Brothers and Sisters for the help. "I had a couple of rough months, but I'm hopefully on the road to recovery. God bless you all. I hope you all have a good year."

Jerry A. Barnett expresses gratitude for the help he received after his wife's surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, David Barnett, and Justin Wallace. "As I write my letter of thanks, I am compelled to express the deep feeling of pride and an equal share of emotion and gratitude I have for our union, its members, and contributors."

Glenn and Linda Hamm would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received following Linda's cancer treatment.

Larry H. Edwards thanks the Voluntary Fund for the help received following a total knee replacement. "Thank you so much for the generous check. It means a lot belonging to such a wonderful group of people."

Thad Hutchens and Family express gratitude to the Voluntary Fund for the "generous financial gift" they received following the loss of Thad's dad, Racer Hutchens. "It has been difficult, but I'm comforted by the kindness shown by my 798 Brothers and Sisters. Thank you, and God bless each of you."

Arnell Malnar thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The help received after his wife's weeklong stay in the hospital was much appreciated. Special thanks to Todd Hartle.

The Hopkins and Brumley Families thank the 798 leadership, members, and all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help received following the passing of 798 member Herbert Hopkins. "Life is a journey of unknowns, and it's a blessing to be part of such a wonderful organization."

Shane and Janet Creech thank the Brothers and Sisters of 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help received in their time of need. "It's never easy losing a parent. Thanks again for the help received."

Duane, Amanda, and Jack Crews thank each person who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Juan Rivera and his family. "Duane was recently diagnosed with rectal cancer and is undergoing treatment. The money was very helpful and greatly appreciated. It is truly a blessing to be a part of an organization that cares for its members as if they are family. God bless you all."

Nathen and Elizabeth Lampton thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "The check we received after a brief stay at La Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis was so helpful. Our granddaughter, Talyn, is doing great now, just healthy and sassy. We are so blessed and thankful to be part of this great union."

Hadara Beverlin expresses thanks to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help she received following her diagnosis and subsequent hospitalization for legionella pneumonia. Special thanks to Bridgett Wallace and her family. "The check was such a blessing in my time of need. I am extremely grateful to be part of such an amazing local."

William Wade, Jr. and Family thank everyone for the monetary help they received. "We are so grateful for your help and your love for people in need."

Nambisham Narine, 69-year-old Retired Welder of Riviera Beach, FL, passed away August 15, 2022.

Mose Blair, Jr., 76-year-old Retired Welder of Stilwell, OK, passed away August 18, 2022.

Joseph W. Sparks, 31-year-old Helper of Portsmouth, OH, passed away August 19, 2022.

Richard Everhart, Jr., 68-year-old Retired Helper of Alger, MI, passed away August 25, 2022.

Lee R. Webb, 89-year-old Retired Welder of Mansfield, TX, passed away August 26, 2022.

Herbert R. Hopkins, 65-year-old Retired Spacer of Lafayette, TN, passed away August 31, 2022.

Theodore J. Mire, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Centerville, LA, passed away September 2, 2022.

Lester A. Boyd, 61-year-old Welder of Aztec, NM, passed away September 5, 2022.

David L. Williams, 93-year-old Retired Spacer of Claysville, PA, passed away September 7, 2022.

Monty M. Blevins, 80-year-old Retired Helper of Bluejacket, OK, passed away October 5, 2022.

Weldon S. North, 75-year-old Retired Welder of Hebron, KY, passed away October 10, 2022.

RETIREMENTS

Sandra L. Bratcher, Helper, San Antonio, TX

Don S. Daigle, Spacer, Huntsville, TX

George W. Ellis, Helper, Porter, TX

Brian J. Gavin, Welder, Greenwood, NY

Paul W. McChristian, Helper, Bowling Green, MO

Carlos J. Plaisance, Welder, Larose, LA

Scott D. Saner, Helper, Powhatan Point, OH

Timothy E. Syms, Spacer, Livingston, TX

Allen J. Ward, Helper, Lake City, MI

Rhonda G. Webb, Helper, Morehead, KY

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.

2015 Dodge 5500: 90k miles. Western truck, no rust. Early 1980s SA200, runs/welds well. No leads, tools, or bottles. Located in South Boardman, MI. Asking \$45,000. Contact John Kay at 231-570-2628.

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Caps by Cindy: Welder/Helper caps. Contact Cindy at 918-557-1660.

Lincoln SAE-300 HE: Machine has less than 600 hours. Located in Lancaster, OH. Asking \$17,500 OBO. Text Brett at 614-580-0043.

IN MEMORIAM

Keve C. Blacksher, 79-year-old Retired Welder of Newton, TX, passed away July 20, 2022.

Donald J. Foster, 82-year-old Retired Helper of Bay, AR, passed away August 5, 2022.

David L. Mathias, 85-year-old Retired Helper of Mathias, WV, passed away August 5, 2022.

Gary A. Arnold, 73-year-old Retired Welder of Bald Knob, AR, passed away August 8, 2022.

Glynn Atkins, 91-year-old Retired Spacer of Dumas, AR, passed away August 11, 2022.

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Item # 101-C2 - \$16

Patch Logo Winter Cap
Item # 107 - \$15

Navy Pullover Hoodie
Item # 116 - \$38
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Navy Tiger Stripe Fleece Jacket
Item # 109 - \$60
(S, M, L, LT, XL, XLT, 2XL, 2XLT, 3XL, 3XLT, 4XL, 4XLT)

Logo 798 Blanket
Item #135 - \$34.00

Money Clip
Item #129 - \$15.00

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Item #147 - \$69.00

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Item #145 - \$14.00

Knitted Hat
Item #102 - \$8.00