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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is right around the corner, and with it comes work opportunities that we all need. We expect that the pipeline work will continue to pick up. Still, many would love to see us abandon our promotional efforts to build the infrastructure of American power and energy independence. Misguided efforts to ban the use of natural gas, defund the infrastructure that transports it, and block permits for new interstate pipelines will have real-life consequences in just a few years as supplies become constrained in many states. Economic development will suffer, and consumers who can least afford it will be left with higher-cost alternatives. America should be learning from Europe's mistakes, not repeating them. European countries hastily moved away from domestic coal, and nuclear baseload generation in favor of still-unreliable renewable sourced energy, which left them vulnerable and reliant on energy imports. The Russia-Ukraine war exacerbated the problem as Russia cut off natural gas supplies, which were already unpredictable, hoping to reverse economic sanctions. Now, amid the crisis, some European countries are scrambling to revive coal plants, return to investments in nuclear power and lift moratoriums on natural gas retrieval.

American people, especially elected politicians, need to research the real data of the carbon footprint of all types of energy based on "birth to death" on a unified unit of measurement. Additionally, calculate a cost analysis that an average household will sustain before demanding that every household and business MUST switch to an energy supply that is more expensive, intermittent, and mostly unavailable to the masses. According to industry experts, solar panels and wind turbines (including EVs), primarily manufactured in China, will wear out and need to be replaced prior to ever achieving net zero emissions if you calculate the materials and energy used to manufacture and construct the networks.

Carbon capture pipelines and hydrogen utilization are the new offshoots of the energy industry that are desperately trying to validate the needs of both to clean up their part and the industries of others so that the end product is abundant, affordable, and homegrown. Ironically, the group of people they so desperately are trying to impress are staunchly against carbon sequestration. Not because it will clean up the life cycle of the energy unit but because the sequestration process helps facilitate the ongoing dependence and use of fossil fuels into the future. No matter how much you clean it up, how abundant, and no matter that it is homegrown, the decision-makers of America believe that the time has come to kill fossil fuels. Even if the alternative is worse because solar or wind-generated electricity is primarily unavailable, unaffordable, and does not have zero emissions when the materials and energy for manufacturing and construction are in the final footprint calculation. America is at a tipping point on almost every issue in this country. Hopefully, we can collectively slow down the rhetoric and focus on the real issues that need to be addressed. One of the main stumbling blocks for our industry is we need real permit reform, and we need it NOW. Why should any industry wait five or ten years or longer for approval for any project? We don't need more people on the government payroll. We need people to do their jobs. Have you ever heard of the government laying off anybody? Of course not. They hire or appoint another committee.

Steward School is quickly approaching, and I hope you can make plans to attend. Please let us know by registering so that we may better serve you. We are moving forward with organizing efforts against unscrupulous contractors that continue to operate as Robber Barons, paying workers a substandard wage with little or no benefits while enjoying a lavish lifestyle paid for with the sweat of unappreciated craftsmen. Much more to be said about this at our regular meeting. We are also planning to schedule regional informational meetings in a jurisdictional location near you very soon.

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

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager



Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank each of you who have taken recent actions in the Action Network. We've had productive meetings lately with client gas companies in several areas of our jurisdiction. We think these partnerships will bear fruit for Local 798 in the near future. Part of a presentation we've put together for these gas companies includes data showing the number of signatures we can gather and our ability to call on the membership to show up in person at public meetings to help along the permit process for their projects. If you question whether this advocacy works, you might be surprised to learn that the nonunion contractors are trying to mirror what we are doing on this front. They are basically using an Action Network type format to advocate against anything that might force them to pay a competitive wage. A recent action they ran was to oppose project labor agreements on federal construction projects. This proves that we must step up our participation for every action we run. As Thomas Donahue said, "The only effective answer to organized greed is organized labor."

Steward School is just around the corner. If you plan to work in the future as a steward, welder foreman, or pipeman, please plan to attend. The week will kick off with the 22nd Annual George Lambert/Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at Forest Ridge Golf Course on Monday, April 10. On Tuesday, April 11, representatives from the UA Organizing Department will be on hand to give the COMET Presentation immediately following the barbecue at the Training Center. This is the "Construction Organizing Membership Education Training" that covers the history of building trades membership, why we need to organize, how we need to organize, and how to get the membership involved in organizing. This will take place in the time slot we usually have the steward reporting forms class.

The steward reporting process has remained the same, and keep in mind we have a whole series of videos to walk you through the reporting process on the website. However, if you need any assistance with the reports, please email me at jwallace@local798.org, and we will accommodate you with one-on-one help during the week. We plan major changes to the reporting process in the next year, so expect an entire session covering those changes in April 2024.

Also, during the week, we will have the Lincoln Electric Barbecue, Miller Electric Crawfish Boil, Ladies of 798 Basket Auction, and our standard contract sessions. It will all wrap up with the regular April Membership Meeting on Friday, April 14. We hope to see you there.

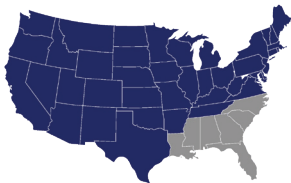
I feel like this is something that needs to be said. Please don't take the things you see on social media as fact. We have an entire staff at PIBF and Local 798 dedicated to answering your questions or concerns. I've seen so much misinformation/disinformation put out there, and there are not enough hours in the day to stay ahead of some of the inaccurate information circulating on social media. Time and again, I see members pose legitimate questions on there, and it immediately gets answered by someone who really doesn't know or understand how our processes work. Call the PIBF if you have questions about your pension or health insurance. Call the union hall if you have questions about dues, death benefits, dispatch issues, etc. I assure you that is where you will get the correct information, not from someone on Facebook who doesn't really know the answers but rather thrives on being the first to respond. I hate to have to include this in my report, but this is the world we live in.

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



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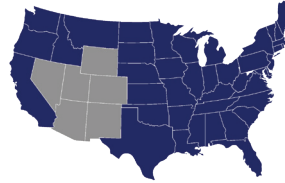
Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I am writing this report after returning from North Carolina. The work outlook for my jurisdiction is promising. Several projects are going out for bid, and several union contractors are going after that work. We are also making great strides with gas company officials. As you may know, Associated picked up 42 miles of 36-inch in Louisiana. Hopefully, by the time you read this report, we will have a start date for that project. Building trades work will also be in abundance this year for those interested. Give Jimmy Dick a call in Dispatch to find out specific details.

The Action Network is making a difference! That is why I encourage all members to continue to be actively involved with our Action Network. This is an amazing way for our voices to be heard and our way of life to be recognized and valued. Please encourage all family members, friends, neighbors, and anyone concerned about high energy prices also to get involved. There is always *strength* in numbers!

If you have not already made plans to attend this year's Steward School, get those reservations now. It is the best chance for you to participate, learn important working details of this profession, and make valuable job contacts. To all our newer members: 798 is a family and is family oriented. Make plans to bring your family with you. I look forward to seeing you and your family there.

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



AZ, CO, NM, NV, UT, WY
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Justin Head

It's once again that time of year! Steward School is just around the corner. If you plan on stewarding or being a welder foreman, please make plans to attend. I believe there will be a bit of a format change and some additions that will make it more interesting and informative this year. If you are working in building trades and would like to participate, please give the locals and the contractors plenty of heads up. It usually isn't a problem.

Some work in my area is starting to take shape. Kinder Morgan has received permits for some of the integrity work in Arizona, and it appears there is quite a bit more to do this year. A lot of integrity work was pushed back last year, and I hope most clients will have to do last year's work and this year's. On another note, it appears WHC was the successful bidder on the Kern River work in Utah. I am still working on finding out why. Kern River has generally preferred skilled, trained labor on their larger work. I can only speculate what has changed. What is frustrating is that we sent around 2,500 letters to FERC advocating for that project. As frustrating as it is, we must still create partnerships with our advocacy, amongst other means. We are still awaiting awards for the Tallgrass work coming from Colorado into Oklahoma. Again, there is much speculation and rumors about what is holding up the award process. As I mentioned in my last report, I still expect some of the work in Nevada to get going this year. There are at least two 20-30 mile projects in the planning phase, and I feel optimistic that we will have the opportunity to compete for those jobs. I have also been kicking some station work in Wyoming to the contractors that perform that work, and I will keep pushing to ensure we have a shot at that work.

In closing, if there is anything I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline Company:

- Mooresville, NC. Meter station and fab work in Cabarrus and Iredell County for Dominion Energy. Job Steward: Richard Clifton. Special Agreement.
- Myrtle Beach, SC. 1,200' of 6" pipe to be used for fabrication and installation in Horry County, SC. Job Steward: Kerry Lobell. Special Agreement.

Double D Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Tusculumbia, AL. Emergency call-outs, various amounts of small-inch pipe, and fabrication for multiple gas companies. Job Steward: Jimmy L. Davis, III. Special Agreement.

RMS Holdings, LLC:

- Shreveport, LA. 2-3 FCA shacks in Caddo Parish, LA, for Kinder Morgan. Job Steward: Anthony Dickinson. Mainline rates.

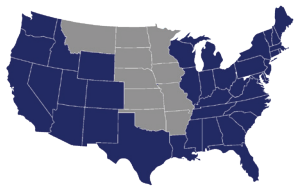
Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Sparks, NV. Station modifications for TC Energy. Start date 1-19-23. Superintendent: Kevin Marlett. Working 6-10s. Mainline rates. Job complete.

WA Rasic:

- Phoenix, AZ. Integrity digs for Kinder Morgan. Approx. start 2-16-23. Superintendent: Brad Tison.



AR, IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, OK, SD
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Todd Hartle



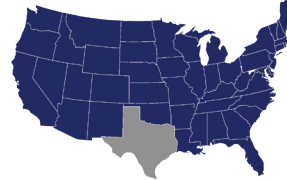
As I write this report, I hope everyone is doing well. I have been talking to our fair contractors about upcoming work I have been told they are still actively bidding on work in my area. The work in my area that is coming up will be mostly Integrity Maintenance. The work should start in the spring, around April. Some projects in my area have yet to be awarded.

On another note, the American Pipeline Contractors Association (APCA) also has an advocacy network. (Troy Construction is a big one with the APCA.) They recently sent an action strongly objecting to government-mandated project labor agreements (PLAs). They said it would slow pipeline infrastructure projects, increase costs to taxpayers, and result in fewer buildouts of crucial energy infrastructure projects. This is what the nonunion is doing. To be clear, the APCA promotes the nonunion sector. The Pipeline Contractors Association (PLCA) promotes union pipeline contractors. That should tell you we need more participation in our Action Network. Get involved, stay involved. United we bargain, divided we beg. I was in a Zoom meeting with Navigator Heartland Greenway and some of the other crafts, and they asked if we could get signatures to support this project. So, some actions will soon be on the Action Network for Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Be sure to sign these petitions.

I have still been talking to and meeting with other UA locals. More UA work will be coming up around St. Louis, Memphis, Omaha, and Kansas City. Our Training Center is working with members to get UA certs every day.

In closing, I want to remind you about Steward School coming up in April. If you plan on working as a welder foreman, pipe man, or steward, make plans to attend. If I can be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to call me.

- Calamus, IA. Pembina station electrical/mechanical upgrade assistance in Clinton County, IA, for Pembina Pipeline. Superintendent: Dan Carlin. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Casey C. Smith. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-7-23.
 - Big Lake, MN. Integrity Maintenance/emergency call out work for various oil/gas companies. Superintendent: Ben Drexler. Welder Foreman: Thomas J. Lilyerd. Job Steward: Nick A. Mistic. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion 12-31-23.
- Wayne Holden & Company, Inc.:
- Texarkana, AR. Blanket work and call out work for Summit Utilities. Superintendent: Wayne Holden. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Kevin O. Perkins. Special Agreement. 75 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-23.



TX
918-237-3573

Joe Gaines



I am writing this report while on the road. Currently, I am attending a national UA organizing training/conference with several other 798 employees. The knowledge we are gaining at this training will allow 798 to continue to step into the future, regaining market share and continuing to make a difference in our craft. With the signing of Biden's trillion-dollar infrastructure bill, the need for skilled labor will only continue to grow in the next few years. It is more important than ever that we not only maintain the high standards of 798 but grow and learn to surpass them.

Work in Texas continues to pick up as we head into the spring and summer months. Unfortunately, most of this work continues to be awarded to the nonunion sector. Our fair union contractors are bidding on this work competitively; however, we continue to see it go nonunion. A recent job in Texas was awarded to Capco, even though Michels was the low bidder. It's frustrating to know that our union workers, who provide a superior product, are not even given a chance. I'm doing everything in my power to continue to build relationships with energy companies in Texas to try to regain market share.

Building trades work in Texas continues to be strong. By the time you read this, the jobs in Dallas, Austin, and Lubbock should be rolling. Business managers from each of these locals continue to express the need for travelers. They will not have enough manpower with all these jobs going at essentially the same time. Incentives are likely. I have a list of workers ready to go, so if you want to be added, please reach out to me. Before you do, however, please make sure your OSHA 10 is up to date. It is required to get in the door at any of these locations.

Please make your plans now to join us for the 2023 Steward School, April 10-14. The week is packed full of great information and camaraderie. I know the Ladies of 798 are busy planning activities and their Charity Benefit Auction. If you would like to make a basket donation to the Ladies of 798, please contact Shawna Crabtree at 903-278-2191.

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

Pre-Jobs:

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Troy, MO. Blanket for maintenance and call out work in MO, IA, AR, OK, KS, NE, SD, ND, MN for various oil and gas companies. Superintendent: Greg Geeding. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Barry E. Ellerman. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12-31-23.

InterCon Construction, Inc.:

- Meade, KS. 65,000' of 4" pipe removal located in Meade and Gray Counties for NNG. Superintendent: Adam Kraus. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Joy K. Compton. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. Completion 3-4-23.

Northern Horizons, Inc.:

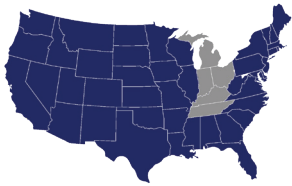
- Solway, MN. 6"-24" pipe to be used for Integrity Maintenance digs for various gas companies. Superintendent: Jason Sanders. Welder Foreman: Reid Baso. Job Steward: Corey D. Hiller. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. Completion 12-31-23.
- Osceola, IA. WRPL 24" line to be used for 11 ML valves rebuilds, TOR installed at each valve site for Flint Hills Resources. Superintendent: Jason Sanders. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Austin A. Severson. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion: 4-10-23.

Otis Minnesota Services, LLC.:

- Berthold, ND. 17 digs from Wimbledon, ND, to Minot, ND. Fab, pipe will be evaluated and clock-springs/petro-sleeves will be applied for Pembina Pipeline. Superintendent: Chuck Wymore. Welder Foreman: Norman Lilyerd. Job Steward: Nicholas T. Ostby. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-12-23.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

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IN, KY, MI, OH, TN
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Charles Yates, Jr.

The first quarter looks decent in my area. NPL started a NIPSCO job in Indiana consisting of 18 miles of 24". CenterPoint has several job packages also in Indiana that are scheduled to go earlier than expected. Duke Energy has more work in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky areas scheduled to begin in early 2023. Consumers Energy still plans to do 30 miles of 36" in Michigan this spring. The Integrity Maintenance sector remains strong and continues to be the majority of our work in this area. 2023 could offer a variety of opportunities if we position ourselves to embrace all the types of work in Integrity Maintenance, building trades, and pipeline.

Steward School is a couple of months away, yet I am eager to visit with many of you in Tulsa. For as long as I can remember, the work year typically starts about that time. Steward School will be informative, with a comprehensive review and discussion of the National Pipeline Agreement as well as a few new presentations. If you can attend, I am sure you will gain a better understanding of our contract.

In the meantime, there has been an uptick in our Action Network petitions. Support your local union by utilizing the toolkits, resources, and videos at www.action.local798.org. Add your name to featured projects with the click of a button.

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

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

- Shreve, OH. 12" 150' stopple by-pass with 40' replacement for TransCanada. Superintendent: Pete O'Toole. Welder Foreman: Chris Olson. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Shreve, OH. 12" 540' stopple by-pass with 450' replacement for TransCanada. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Chris Olson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-1-23.

Contractor Rentals Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- OH, KY, WV, MI, PA & IN. Yearly blanket emergency call-out. Superintendent: Matt Hill. Welder Foreman: William Wells. Working 5-10s.

Henkels & McCoy, Inc.:

- LaVergne, TN. 1,112' of 30" retirement and install for Enbridge Energy. Superintendent: Kenny Sweetin. Welder Foreman: Jason Steed. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-19-23.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.

- Nashville, TN. 8,000' of 12" and 5,000' of 8" for Colonial Pipeline Company. Superintendent: Kirk Baker. Welder Foreman: Jacob Morgan. Special agreement. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-11-23.

Midwestern Contractors:

- Niles, MI. Yearly Midwestern-Wolverine blanket for Wolverine. Superintendent: Wes Sears. Welder Foreman: Charles Ueberroth. Working 5-8s.

Miller Pipeline, LLC:

- Akron, OH. Yearly blanket emergency call-out for Dominion Energy. Superintendent: Jeff Smith. Welder Foreman: Various. Working 5-10s.
- Various locations in OH, IN & KY. Yearly blanket Miller Pipeline-CenterPoint Integrity Management Group for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Jesse. Welder Foreman: Chet Clark. Working 5-10s.
- Louisville, KY. Yearly blanket Miller Pipeline-LGE for Louisville Gas and Electric. Superintendent: Sam Hoehn. Welder Foreman: James Howard. Working 4-10s and 1-8.

NPL Construction Company:

- Kokomo, IN. 18 miles of 24" in Howard County, IN for NIPSCO.

Superintendent: John Saltzman. Welder Foreman: Kenneth Coppes. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-23-23.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Switz City, IN. Yearly blanket Otis Minnesota Service-Citizens Gas for Citizens Gas. Superintendent: Frank Walters. Welder Foreman: Scott Kidd. Working 5-10s.
- Dover, OH. Meter station and fabrication 1"-20" for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Jeff Lindgren. Welder Foreman: David Paulson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1-30-23.

RL Morris and Sons:

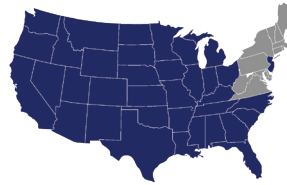
- Farwell, MI. 40' of 22" for classification change for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Jason Richter. Welder Foreman: William Berry. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Kalkaska, MI. Yearly blanket for various gas companies. Superintendent: Tyler Morris. Welder Foreman: Jesse Krumlauf. Working 5-10s.

Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- IN, OH, MI, & PA. Yearly blanket emergency call-out for various gas companies. Superintendent: Bobby Westraer. Welder Foreman: Various. Working 5-10s.

Veterans Utility Services, LLC:

- Jackson, MI. Yearly blanket Veterans Utility Services-Consumers Energy for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Russell Sennhenn. Welder Foreman: Derick Dennis. Working 5-10s.



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VT, WV
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David Butterworth

The work in the Northeast is slow, but I hear a larger volume of work is currently being bid by our fair contractors. I've been telling members that I'm encouraged to hear this news, but the puzzle hasn't started to come together at this time. Hopefully, we will continue to see work in the Integrity Maintenance, compressor/meter station, gathering, and building trades sectors this year as we did in 2022. Large projects such as EQT's Mountain Valley Pipeline and Williams' Regional Energy Access are still in play for 2023 but still face regulatory challenges.

The REA consists of 22 miles of 30" in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, 13.8 miles of 42" in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, plus numerous facility modifications in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. REA recently received their FERC Certification and has asked FERC to lift 30 days of their stay so they can possibly begin right-of-way clearing activities. If the stay is lifted and trees are cut, there's a possibility we might see some 2023 work on REA. Stay tuned for news on this project, as we should hear something from FERC by mid-February.

I want to update everyone who signed the Local 798 Action Network's MVP/U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management petition. We had a goal of 2,000 signatures, and we surpassed that by turning in 2,270 signatures to the agencies on February 6, 2023. It will be interesting to see the agencies use the signatures to show the Fourth Circuit that actual livelihoods and families are involved here and that their decisions greatly affect us. There is still a large appetite for permitting reform in Congress. I'd like to see that take place in case the Fourth Circuit doesn't agree with the agencies' recommendations and to finally expedite our existing antiquated permitting process. I am thankful to those who stepped up and let their voice be heard in the latest round of the fight that has become the MVP.

Steward School will be here soon, and I look forward to seeing everyone. This annual event is educational and will be beneficial personally and professionally. If you're still undecided about attending Steward School, I would like to pass along some advice given to me by members of a previous generation, "*You can't afford **not** to attend.*"

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

- Pennsboro, WV. Install 9,200' of 20" steel and 9,200' of 18" HDPE. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Kevin Lancaster. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Alex E. Paris Contracting Co. Inc. (Division 1):

- Claysville, PA. 24" 4.03 miles of 20" and 12" plus additional bundle package. Superintendent: Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman: Logan Hopkins. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Bond Civil & Utility Construction, Inc.:

- Lowell, MA. 0.4 miles of 12" new loop line adjacent to existing 6". Superintendent: Gerry Benoit. Welder Foreman: Jeff Stockwell, Sr. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Batavia, NY. 70 additional 6" integrity digs. Superintendent: Billy Niedermaier. Welder Foreman: William Dufford. Integrity Maintenance rates. Working 5-10s.
- Warren, PA. Various small diameter tie-ins. Superintendent: Tony Niedermaier. Welder Foreman: Andre Malan. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Unityville, PA. Talen meter station and lateral line. Superintendent: Jeff Lindgren. Welder Foreman: Ryan Delashmutt. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Precision Pipeline, LLC:

- Danville, PA. Construction of a gas conditioning yard for powerhouse conversion. Superintendent: Chad Ward. Welder Foreman: Steve Yost. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Price Gregory International:

- Manassas, VA. Cut out 8" steel creek crossing. Superintendent: Todd Burleson. Welder Foreman: Matt Harris. Market Recovery rates. Working 6-10s.

Voshell Brothers Welding, Inc.:

- Dover, DE. 8" miscellaneous station work plus 600' of underground piping. Superintendent: Gale Voshell. Welder Foreman: James Folk, Jr. Mainline rates. Working 5-8s.

Meeting Notice

April 14, 2023

The regular April Membership Meeting will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel at 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, on Friday, April 14, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m.

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. on Friday, April 14, 2023.

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Fabrication in Cambridge, MA
Submitted By: Jeff Whitmore



DISPATCH Report

Jimmy Dick

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If you haven't updated your out-of-work card lately, please take the time and update your skills. We are seeing more and more gas companies going to the low hydrogen process. If you are on the out-of-work wheel and have the low hydrogen skill, make sure you check the box. We still have a lot of members who have never updated their out-of-work card. It is a very simple process. If you need assistance, call the Dispatch office. We are here to help you.

We encourage all our members to take advantage of getting their OSHA 10 through our 798 Training Center. If you do not have an OSHA 10 and wish to obtain one, contact our training coordinator, Farron Hollabaugh. Farron can provide you with a cost code and the link to take the course online. Take the course and have the card on hand!

Recently, BA Todd Hartle and I visited three UA locals. On our first visit, we met with UA Local 464 in Omaha, Nebraska. We had a very productive visit with Business Manager Brett DeHart and BA Larry Whetstone. As of this report, we have around 40 members working on several projects in Local 464's jurisdiction. I want to thank these members. Your work ethic and professionalism have built a solid relationship with Local 464. Omaha is continuing to grow with new facilities and continuing maintenance of existing facilities. I want to thank Brett and Larry for giving our members the opportunity to help man the work.

Our next stop was UA Local 562 in St. Louis, Missouri. Local 562 has several upcoming projects along with ongoing maintenance on existing facilities. We had a good visit there also. Again, we were well received, and the local sent their thanks to our members who are helping man their work.

Our final stop was UA Local 614 in Memphis, Tennessee. We had a very productive meeting with BA Kevin Tapp and BA Ben Snyder. Memphis will be a hotspot for several years due to the Blue Oval Project. This project will require UA certs. The certs needed will be a UA22 and UA41 as well as an OSHA 10. BA Ben Snyder said that they should start taking travelers sometime in April, weather permitting. This will be an excellent opportunity for our members. If you are interested, contact the Dispatch Office.

In closing, I want to remind our members who seek work opportunities in the building trades to be respectful and responsible for their actions as they work in other locals' jurisdictions. The work season is upon us; take the time and make sure you are ready.

Out-of-Work List

1,816 Welders

263 Journeymen

1,616 Helpers



ORGANIZING Report

Chad Simmons

918-600-4207

I am writing this report while attending the UA Organizing Conference in Orlando, Florida. The UA and Local 798 are committed to increasing our market share around the country. We are focused on these low-density areas to create opportunities for you. The meetings with the gas companies have been promising as we promote Quality and Quantity to them. Two gas companies have recently visited the Training Center, and we have invitations out to others. These meetings have opened opportunities for our signatory contractors to be considered in areas where we have been excluded. This includes not only Mainline but also smaller Midstream and G&P projects. We want to commend the contractors that have committed to getting back into this smaller work that was left aside during the boom.

As you know, it takes three parts for us to get work – a gas company, a contractor, and the unions. The gas company has an approved project, the contractor is awarded the project, and the unions supply skilled labor. The only one that we can control is the last - skilled labor. We are the best Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers in the world, so let's show these gas companies and our contractors that we are the best.

"What can I do to help my great local union?"

Get involved with your local union, get involved with your organizers, and make sure your skills are at the best levels. When the opportunity for work arises, make sure you are the best Welder, Journeyman, or Helper you can be. If you have some skills that need to be brushed up, utilize your Training Center, or reach out to fellow members that live close to you. If you know of a Brother or Sister needing help with their skill set, HELP THEM. That is what we should do! Treat others as you want to be treated. We all want each other to be the best that we can be!

Stay involved with the Action Network. The Action Network is a vital bargaining tool when dealing with gas companies. We have been able to get our signatory contractors the ability to bid on work in the South and West because of your involvement in the Action Network. These seeds are starting to bear fruit. Don't let up on your efforts. Get your family and friends to sign these actions also. If all our members signed these actions and got three family members to sign, we would have over 24,000 signatures. And if you don't believe in this approach, the nonunion contractors association (APCA) has its own Action Network with petitions to lower wages and remove PLAs. We need your support to make our voices heard.

Use the information that your local union is providing. The Blue Light has a lot of information in these reports that can keep the membership informed. The Dispatch office has released videos via email with good building trades job opportunities. We have received feedback that the members don't read the Blue Light or watch the videos. Make sure to encourage your Brothers and Sisters to read their emails. There was an email sent out on February 7 from the Organizing Department. If you missed it, I suggest that you find it. The email talks about a COMET class that will be taught by the UA Organizers at Steward School and other opportunities to get involved. We need your help with our organizing efforts. At nearly 6,500 strong, we can make a big difference by pulling in the same direction. If you see something, say something to your organizers or business agents. If you are interested in salting, call an organizer or BA. You are the eyes and ears in the field. Working together, we can accomplish anything. Continue to support your local union.

May God bless you, and may God bless Local 798!

Ronnie Hill 918-284-6862

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EMAIL

New Message

From: Toby Mack, President EEIA

Good morning, Danny -

We are sending a quick note to let you know that the proposed CO2 pipeline projects serving ethanol refineries in the upper Midwest achieved an important win in South Dakota this week.

By a South Dakota Senate committee vote of 9-0, a bill failed that would otherwise have precluded use of eminent domain to secure the right of way, making it very difficult for the projects to move forward. Opponents know this and are making eminent domain the primary wedge issue to stop these projects.

A major factor in the bill's defeat was the hundreds of letters sent by EEIA members and affiliates to South Dakota senators. Please accept our sincere thanks to Local 798 and so many of your members who answered the call and came through in a big way. Hundreds of 798 Pipeliners sent letters to South Dakota Senators in the past week and had a big hand in helping secure a win for the CO2 pipeline projects serving ethanol refineries.

Opponents will no doubt redouble their efforts to kill the projects by mounting similar campaigns in other states, notably Iowa. EEIA will keep close watch and sound the alarm when help is needed again as the permitting process moves forward.

It's critical that these ethanol-based projects succeed. They are the first-movers in what studies suggest could be a 70,000-mile network of pipelines needed over the next fifteen years to transport CO2 to storage and move the needle on lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Opponents are adamantly against carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects because that are afraid they will enable continued use of natural gas and liquid fuels (including ethanol).

EEIA is engaging on another front in this battle about which you'll hear more from us shortly: federal permitting of the underground storage wells needed to receive and permanently sequester CO2. Opponents are lobbying the EPA, which has permitting authority, to slow-walk and deny Class VI CO2 storage well permit applications which are now severely backlogged. Without the wells there can be no pipelines.

We'll keep you up to date on these issues and let you know when help is needed to weigh in with support.

Best regards,

Toby Mack, President EEIA



Reply



Business Agent Joe Gaines and Organizers Chad Simmons and Charles Thomas at the 2023 UA International Training Fund Conference



Henkels & McCoy, Inc. in Stanfield, NC



Renée Vause

Director

Clarification of Normal Retirement Age Modification

As communicated in the Summary of Material Modifications distributed in December 2022, the recent change to the Normal Retirement Age only impacts the age for taking a normal retirement. The age for Normal Retirement for participants whose first hour of service is on or after January 1, 2013, was previously age 67. This is what was changed to age 65. The age in place for an early retirement remains intact. **Once vested, a participant can retire at age 55 with a reduced benefit (or age 57 for participants whose first hour of service is on or after January 1, 2013). Once vested, a participant can retire at age 60 with an unreduced benefit (or age 62 for participants whose first hour of service is on or after January 1, 2013). A reduction of 0.5% is taken for each month in advance of age 60/62. Therefore, a 30% reduction in the gross pension would be in effect if a participant retired at age 55/57. There is no reduction for retirement after age 60/62.**

Member Portal Login Changes

Your login to the PIBF Member Portal will be changing soon. The login will no longer be based on your Blue Cross Blue Shield 803 identification number but will use an email address. The reason for this change is to allow adult dependents to be able to create their own Member Portal accounts and view their Health and Welfare claims. Adult dependents will be able to view their claims only. Once participants set up their new account, they will still be able to view adult dependents' Explanation of Benefits (EOB) but only the claim number, the dependent's name, member balance, and an indicator if the claim has been submitted for Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Please note that participants will not be able to view adult dependents' private health information on the EOB, such as procedure codes. Only the information needed to submit an HRA claim will be viewable.

For security purposes, the portal will require a secondary form of authentication, also known as Dual Factor or Multi-Factor Authentication, which will help keep your private information secure. Please note that due to these changes, PIBF IT Staff will no longer be able to reset passwords as this feature is now part of the new Member Portal. Be sure to save your password and security questions in a secure place.

New Pension Tax Table Installed

Pension tax tables are updated in the first quarter of each year. The new federal tax table for 2023 is scheduled to be installed and in effect on March 1, 2023. Please review your deposit amount as of that date and after and let us know if you need to make any changes. Oklahoma and Arkansas state tax tables will also be updated effective March 1, 2023.

Annual Pension Statements

Annual Pension statements are scheduled to be mailed to participants in March. Please verify pension hours worked for the current year and check the beginning year showing on your statement. This is especially important for older years to make sure your pension statement is complete.

Quarterly 401(k) Statements

Statements from the Trust Company of Oklahoma are mailed quarterly. When you receive your statement, it is important to verify that your 401(k) contributions, including Employee and Employer contributions (QNEC), are properly included.

REMINDER - HRA Filing Deadline Approaching

The HRA deadline is fast approaching for 2022 claims. Don't leave money on the table! Remember to file for reimbursement of your 2022 claims by April 15, 2023.

PIBF at Steward School

PIBF's presentation Thursday afternoon at Steward School will include the PIBF and PIPF plan year in review and guest speakers from the Trust Company of Oklahoma who will cover helpful information on our 401(k) plan; Sav-Rx who will cover your prescription plan, specialty Rx and preauthorization for Rx; and Blue Cross Blue Shield with MDLIVE who will talk about the virtual care option available to participants. In addition, as in the past, the PIBF staff will be available throughout Steward School for participant questions. Please stop by if we can help you with anything or just to say hello!

FREE Health Screenings at Steward School

PIBF will be providing health screenings at Steward School again this year. A new screening provider is being utilized this year, and the process is anticipated to be more convenient than in years past with all screenings taking place at one station! PIBF continues to offer these screenings because the tests being offered are detecting medical problems, which, left unattended, could lead to more serious health issues. A form to sign up for an appointment is in the Steward School packet. During Steward School, please arrive at your designated appointment time. If you arrive earlier than your appointment, those with appointments scheduled prior to your appointment will be seen before you, even if they arrive after you do. Walk-ins will not be seen until scheduled appointments are complete. In years past, walk-ins were seen after lunch.



Lincoln Electric and Miller Electric have both graciously donated welding machines to raffle off during Steward School, with all proceeds benefiting the Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. The drawing will be during the Membership Meeting on April 14. Lincoln is donating a Lincoln Frontier 400X Pipe welding machine. Miller is donating a Miller Pipe Pro 400 welding machine. Tickets can be purchased from the Local 798 website www.local798.org in the shop section. Tickets can also be purchased from designated 798 personnel or Lincoln and Miller personnel during the week of Steward School. You DO NOT have to be present to win.

Tickets:

\$10 EACH
or
6 FOR \$50





Officers and Staff

The regular Union Officer Election took place in December 2022. While many previously elected officers and appointed staff will continue their responsibilities, there are some newly elected officers. We want to introduce you to the officers and staff representing you, the world's greatest pipeliners.



DANNY HENDRIX
Business Manager



JUSTIN WALLACE
Financial Secretary - Treasurer



Shannon Jackson
President



Randy Mathis
Vice President



Guy Williams
Recording Secretary



Joseph Torres
Inside Guard



Jeffrey Doyle
Executive Board



Brett Mason
Executive Board



Cody Pedigo
Executive Board



Troy Post
Executive Board



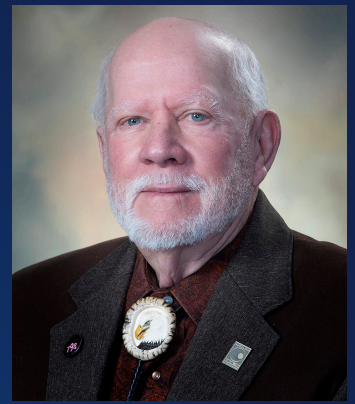
David Hall
Finance Committee



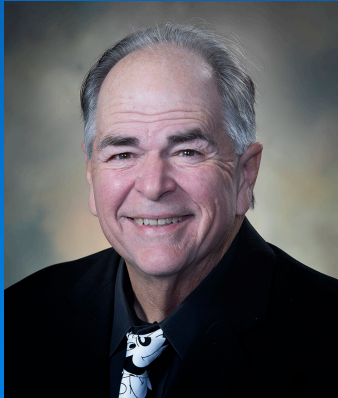
Raymond Johnson
Finance Committee



Guy Simms
Finance Committee



Clark Eastwood
Examining Board



Ricky Jones
Examining Board



Jimmy Dick
Dispatcher



David Butterworth
Business Agent



Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.
Business Agent



Joe Gaines
Business Agent



Todd Hartle
Business Agent



Justin Head
Business Agent



Charles Yates, Jr.
Business Agent



Ronnie Hill
Organizer



Chad Simmons
Organizer



Charles Thomas
Organizer

Short & Personal

THANK YOU

Shaylin Anderson thanks the Voluntary Fund for helping her in her time of need. "I am grateful and will never forget. God bless 798!"

The Family of Paul Ginn thanks everyone for the beautiful Bible they received in remembrance of their father. "Dad was so very proud to be a member of Pipeliners Local 798. The union meant a lot to him even after his retirement."

Tracy Brown thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The support that he received was greatly appreciated.

Arnell J. Malnar thanks the membership that contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the gift received after Debbie's ruptured aneurysm. Special thanks to Pudden and Mark.

Carol Hutchinson thanks everyone for the funds received following the death of her daughter, Rhonda Kay Hutchinson, daughter of the late Glenn Hutchinson, 798 Welder member who passed away in 2007. "Pipeliners will always be special in my heart."

Tim Altman thanks the members who contribute religiously to the Voluntary Fund. The assistance provided after he lost his mom was deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Andy Crosson, Dave Birgy, and Larry Townsend.

The Family of Douglas Stubbs thanks everyone for the thoughts, condolences, and prayers received at the time of their father's passing. "Thank you for the precious Bible in memory of dad. I appreciate everything you have done for our family over the years."

Tom Shaw thanks all the hands that give to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Russell Hawks, Wade Pilgreen, and Justin Wallace. "You are a blessing!"

Aaron Brumley expresses his deepest gratitude to the Voluntary Fund for assisting his family during a very difficult time. Special thanks to Fred Brumley. "This support has impacted my family greatly in an incredible way."

Roger Burrow and Family thank the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the check received following the death of Roger's wife of 49 years. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Gary Burrow, and Phillip Wallace.

Leroy McDougal thanks the Voluntary Fund and every member who supports it for helping his daughter, Kaylin Acevedo, and him following the loss of Kaylin's husband, 798 Welder member Josh Acevedo. "Thanks for the prayers and calls."

Billy and Susan Hand thank all members who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received. after a tornado hit their home. Special thanks to Jimmy Dick, Shannon and Scotty Jackson, Martin Hand, and Chad Todd. "It was greatly appreciated."

Lori Jo Jones thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help received after her recent medical procedure. Special thanks to Randy Mathis.

Don Denton thanks his Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received. Special thanks to J.D. Crabtree and Tim Gintz.

James Gumpert and Family thank all the members who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the support they received. Special thanks to Jimmy Strange and Danny Hendrix.

RETIREMENTS

Marty D. Caudle, Welder, De Queen, AR

Donald R. Hawkins, Jr., Welder, Calhoun, LA

Delores G. Mosquito, Helper, Mounds, OK

Bradley E. Rhoads, Helper, Reedsville, PA

Charles C. Skidmore, Helper, Mount Vernon, TX

Ronald C. Stanfill, Welder, Winnfield, LA

John W. Whitten, Welder, McAlester, OK

IN MEMORIAM

Harold R. Wrenn, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Wylie, TX, passed away June 15, 2021.

Larry H. McPeck, 79-year-old Welder of Mineral Wells, WV, passed away December 15, 2022.

Jacky L. Feagin, 76-year-old Retired Welder of Bald Knob, AR, passed away December 17, 2022.

Paul D. Whiteside, 86-year-old Retired Helper of El Dorado, KS, passed away December 18, 2022.

Donald J. LeFort, 63-year-old Welder of Freedom, NY, passed away December 19, 2022.

Douglas J. Stubbs, 79-year-old Retired Spacer of Okarche, OK, passed away December 20, 2022.

Ed Noga, 91-year-old Retired Welder of Elizabeth, PA, passed away December 22, 2022.

Thomas "Jack" King, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Edgewater, FL, passed away December 24, 2022.

Shawn A. Taxis, 39-year-old Welder of Ludlow Falls, OH, passed away December 30, 2022.

Brett W. Gardell, 53-year-old Retired Welder of Cedar Springs, MI, passed away December 31, 2022.

Joshua Acevedo, 32-year-old Welder of Bald Knob, AR, passed away January 3, 2023.

Marvin L. West, 94-year-old Retired Welder of Batesville, AR, passed away January 6, 2023.

Alton M. Thompson, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Kilgore, TX, passed away January 9, 2023.

Doug Coyne, 77-year-old Retired Welder of Jefferson, TX, passed away January 18, 2023.

Rodney L. Akin, 61-year-old Welder of Texarkana, AR, passed away January 26, 2023.

Ray G. Walden, 77-year-old Retired Welder of Canon City, CO, passed away January 28, 2023.

John W. Walker, 86-year-old Retired Spacer of Laurel, MS, passed away January 29, 2023.

Jerry G. Carney, 75-year-old Retired Welder of Sour Lake, TX, passed away January 30, 2023.

Thaddeus A. Simmons, 50-year-old Helper of Devils Lake, ND, passed away February 1, 2023.

Jory L. Carrol, 43-year-old Spacer of Hico, TX, passed away February 8, 2023.

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.

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

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

Steward School

April 10-14, 2023

Registration packets have been mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School. You may also complete your registration online at www.local798.org on the home page. Please complete your registration information and return it to the Local 798 office no later than March 24, 2023. Pipeliners Local Union 798 has a group rate at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel. **When making reservations, please ask for the Pipeliners Local Union 798 rate. Reservations must be booked by March 20 to receive the discounted rate.**

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel - 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133
1-800-264-0165

Starting at \$109/night

*Please note that the \$8 parking fee will **NOT** be charged to Steward School attendees.*

The 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting the George Lambert/Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held Monday, April 10, 2023, at Forest Ridge Golf Course, 7501 E. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Registration information will be included with your Steward School registration packet.

Steward School registration packets can be picked up at the Local 798 Training Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. You can also pick up your packet at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel Tuesday evening, April 11, 2023, from 6-8 p.m., and again beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 12, 2023.

Lincoln Electric will host the annual Barbeque at the Local 798 Training Center on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at noon.

A COMET 'Construction Organizing Membership Education Training' Course will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Local 798 Training Center following the Lincoln Barbeque.

Steward School sessions will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel beginning promptly at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2023, and continue through noon Friday, April 14, 2023.

The Retiree Banquet, honoring members with 50 or more years of membership, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, April 13, 2023. Join us for a delicious dinner and live entertainment.

Miller Electric will host the annual Crawfish Boil and equipment demonstrations at the Local 798 Training Center on Friday, April 14, 2023, at noon.

The 12th Annual Slick Rig Contest will be held on Friday afternoon at the Local 798 Training Center. Additional information will be provided with your registration packet. A minimum number of 10 participants will be required for this event to be held.

The regular April Membership Meeting will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel at 7 p.m. Friday evening, April 14, 2023.

The Ladies Hospitality will also be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel from 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2023.

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#104

**Dark Gray/Royal Mid-Profile
Cap**

Item # 104 - \$18.00



#139

Welder Lapel Pin

Item # 139 - \$3.00



#106

**Patch Logo Summer Cap – Navy W/
White Mesh – Snapback**

Item # 106 - \$18.00

Safety T-Shirt W/Pocket

Item # 115-B - \$22.00

**White T-Shirt W/
Embroidered Logo**

Item # 115-C - \$13.00