



Charles "Slim" Green (left)  
Mario Zavala (right) in  
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Submitted by: Amber Green

# BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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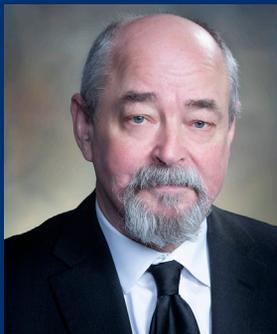
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# Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We had a great time at our four regional meetings; we had a late start due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, but next year, we plan to expand the regional schedule to include more locations. Talking and listening to you, the members, is the best part of my job. Every visit was more like a family reunion than a formalized meeting. The schedule for next year is in the planning stages, and the locations and dates will be posted on our website as soon as possible.

The Navigator CO2 project has been shelved for various reasons, including pushback from the same groups that want to kill the use of fossil fuels. I really believe that natural gas will remain the big winner when it comes to delivering affordable, abundant domestic energy. Wind farms and solar are falling out of favor worldwide as they struggle to serve the needs of the end users. The combustible engine will never be out of style, even if some try to regulate it out of existence. Nations make mistakes and walk down the wrong road, no different than humans. The primary difference is it takes longer for a nation to admit its mistakes and much longer to turn the ship in the proper direction.

Our organizing plan is working. The nonunion pipeline worker is not the enemy; the nonunion contractor is ultimately the villain in this play. The workers have been lied to, cheated, and have suffered financially under years of abuse. It will change. The workers are ready for change. Few workers, regardless of talent and skills on that side of the fence, are treated with dignity or receive what they are worth. The owners of these companies operate more like robber barons of yesteryear, continually leaving just the scraps for their labor pool, all the while the owners get richer and more dominating to their workforce. The mid-stream pipeline industry is a niche market that takes a special breed of people to travel nationwide to perform the work. All crafts involved in this work deserve representation, healthcare, pension, training, and a pay rate that is compensable to their job duties. The nonunion contractors believe in contracts but only with their clients, not the workers. The nonunion contractors believe in a unified voice for themselves; that is why they belong to the American Pipeline Contractors Association, but no collective voice for the workers is allowed. We will never stop educating the unrepresented workers. They deserve better, and we will continue to spread the word.

***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". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daniel C. Hendrix  
Business Manager



# Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this report shortly after returning from regional meetings. It was great to see so many of our members come for fellowship and to listen to what's happening around the country. We had more than 170 members at the meeting in Covington, Kentucky; 190 members in Charleston, West Virginia; over 100 members in Monroe, Louisiana; and around 50 members in Longview, Texas. Thank you to all who were able to participate. Each location had a good mix of active and retired members, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We are committed to bringing these regional meetings to each area. As of now, we plan to resume in the Little Rock area and continue from there. I enjoyed delivering my report and answering questions in the more relaxed setting that a regional meeting allows. As always, your Business Manager, Danny Hendrix, opened the floor for any questions or comments. I felt like everyone left the meetings with a better understanding of Local 798's finances, organizing efforts, dispatch system, training center, and the day-to-day business of Local 798. I believe the more informed the membership is, the stronger Local 798 becomes.

We received unwelcome news concerning the Navigator Heartland CO2 project in the Midwest. Navigator reached out to let us know that, as of now, they are "indefinitely suspending" the project. This was a 1,300-mile project that we had a full commitment to build. Business Agent Todd Hartle spent a lot of time in Iowa and other states advocating for this project. And you, the membership, answered the call to advocate by showing up when asked and submitting comments of support. This is a tough blow that has been dealt, and as we all know, getting projects permitted is getting harder every year. This may be the end of that project, but many others are proposed in other parts of the country (particularly down south) where permitting is not as much of an uphill climb. It won't be easy, but we are focused on those projects and clients. Carbon capture will bring us work, and so will LNG and hydrogen. Our bread and butter, natural gas, is not going anywhere. There's a need for natural gas in this country, and energy security is growing even more important with the turmoil in the Middle East and Ukraine heating up.

Our organizing efforts are paying dividends, and I feel it will continue to do so. The overwhelming sentiment of the workers in Texas is that they are sick and tired of working for wages that were the industry standard 20 years ago. They are being cheated out of wages, fair rig pay, and, more importantly, healthcare and pensions. We aim to raise wages across the industry, which will help level the playing field for our good signatory contractors. Every little bit helps, and we can already see a difference, particularly in what the nonunion contractor must pay to keep Helpers. This is due to our organizing team strategically bringing those Helpers into spots unfilled by current Helper members. Many of these new Helper members are already trained, so they can help a Welder on day one. This helps our contractors and hurts the nonunion contractors. It's getting harder for the nonunion to find Helpers willing to work for what they're willing to pay.

As you all have heard by now, recently retired Organizer Ronnie Hill has passed away. Ronnie was a good man and will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, Brother Hill. I hope each of you get to spend some time with your loved ones during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. If there is ever anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to call me. ***As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798!***

Fraternally,

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

Justin Wallace  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

# Business Agent Reports



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



Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

I am writing this after returning home from the Longview, Texas, regional meeting. It was a great pleasure visiting with all who attended our regional meetings in Ohio, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas, along with all those who made it to our September meeting in Tulsa. These meetings were a wonderful opportunity for members to get their questions asked and answered. The importance of taking advantage of our Action Network was explained in depth. I hope all my Brothers and Sisters will continue to get everyone they know signed up and involved. If possible, make plans to attend our regular union meeting on December 8, 2023. Staying up to date and actively participating is the best way to keep our local great.

Work is picking up across the South. Our fair contractors have picked up several projects with DT Midstream and Duke Energy (SC, NC), with other projects on the horizon. Relationships with contractors, gas companies, and sister locals continue to thrive. If you are interested in building trades work, please contact Jimmy Dick in Dispatch.

I would like to again send my condolences to the entire Hill family. The sudden loss of Brother Ronnie Hill left all of us in shock. His dedication and love for this local was unmatched, and his witty humor always kept us laughing. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, friend and Brother.

In closing, I wish each of our members a happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas. Remember, I am here to serve YOU, so please feel free to call with any questions or concerns at 918-991-5341. God bless this great local, and God bless each one of you.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Price Gregory International:

- Lumberton, NC. 28 miles of 12" for Duke Energy. Welder Foreman: Jeremy Padgett. Job Steward: Jordan Russell. Special Agreement (16" and under).
- Norwood, NC. 3.5 miles of 8" in Union County, NC and 11.5 miles of 8" in Stanley, NC, for Duke Energy. Welder Foreman: Bobby Hinson. Job Steward: Kerry Lobell. Special Agreement (16" and under).

### Rockford Corporation:

- Lexington, NC. 1.97 miles of new 42" for Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC. Welder Foreman: Marty Elliott. Job Steward: TBD.



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



Justin Head

I am writing this report shortly after attending the regional meetings in Monroe, Louisiana, and Longview, Texas. It was great to see all the retirees and active members come out with their families. Afterward, Chad Simmons, Joe Gaines, and I met with representatives from Williams to talk about work in our respective areas. I believe good things will come from the discussions that occurred.

I'm also pleased to report that Rockford has secured the Suncor work in Colorado consisting of 59 miles of 16". I should be pre-jobbing the laying and testing of the drills to begin in the latter part of October. The Mainline should begin once the weather breaks in the spring. I am also still having discussions with Tallgrass on the Trailblazer conversion. For this project to move forward, they need to get on the agenda with FERC to lay two new laterals and decommission the Trailblazer line. We have reached a point where we would like to see a commitment from Tallgrass agreeing to use union labor on that project. Once we have that commitment, we will continue pushing to get that project permitted. Please keep an eye out and stay vigilant on the Action Network. The gas companies need advocacy, and it keeps our foot in the door for conversations about who does the work!

In closing, I would like to mention the passing of our retired Organizer, Ronnie Hill. We all look forward to retiring with the dignity of a fair pension and enjoying life. It seems unfair that this wasn't in the cards for Ronnie. I will miss Brother Hill, and my heart goes out to his family.

As always, if there is any way I can assist you, please don't hesitate to call. Please text or leave a voicemail, as service is not always great in the areas I travel.

## Pre-Jobs:

### WA Basic:

- AZ, NM, NV. Blanket emergency work for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Brad Tison. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Las Vegas, NV. 8" and 14" Tie-ins for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Brad Tison. Welder Foreman: Ryan Davis-Leon. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.



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



## Todd Hartle

I am writing this report after returning from our regional meetings. It was great to see everyone who attended.

In recent events, the NCO2 Heartland Greenway Project has been suspended indefinitely. They thanked our membership for all our support, but this will be a hard pill to swallow. It was to be a 1,300-mile pipe laid by union labor. The Wolf Carbon Solutions Project is pushing forward, but now, this project will face more opposition than ever. So, if you see an action on the Action Network about this project, please sign your name to it.

As of now, we have 38 pre-jobs in my area. It is mostly all Integrity Maintenance work, but it doesn't seem to be slowing down. These gas companies are trying to get these projects done by the end of the year. We have one project for Enbridge that Price Gregory is doing in Missouri. The welding procedures call for downhill low hydrogen, and the final tie ends are uphill low hydrogen, so if you need to brush up on these procedures, go to the 798 Training Center. I would like to thank Chad Houchin, owner of AF Energy, for signing the NPLA and becoming one of our fair contractors.

I have been visiting jobs in my area, and it is good to see our members on the ROW. We have some new Helper members, and it is our responsibility to train them and show them the 798 standard. If you're driving around and see a nonunion job, be sure to get a location and call one of our organizers or the BA in that area. If you're inspecting in my area, I would appreciate a call to let me know who you are inspecting for and where.

I want to offer my condolences to the family of Ronnie Hill. He was a dedicated member of Local 798 for more than 40 years. His presence will be greatly missed.

I hope to see everyone at the December meeting. As the holiday season approaches, my family and I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas.

As always, if I can be of assistance don't hesitate to call.



**Chad Houchin, owner of AF Energy  
and Business Agent Todd Hartle**

### Pre-Jobs:

#### Charps, LLC:

- Clearbrook, MN. 24" and 36" pipe to be used for shop Fab for Enbridge GTM. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Job Steward: Mark Hays. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Biggers, AR. Poplar Bluff, MO. Anomaly digs, 30" pipe for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Kevin Cain. Welder Foreman: Lane Briscoe. Job Steward: Chad Townsend. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Lenexa, KS. Install meter skid and 4" piping for Southern Star. Superintendent: Jason Enloe. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Dalton Clemmons. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Troy, MO. Maintenance and call out work blanket for various gas companies. Superintendent: Logan Verslues. Job Steward: Barry Ellerman. Integrity Maintenance. Working 5-8s. Approx. completion 12-31-23.

#### Intercon Construction, Inc.:

- Chillicothe, MO. Five 12" pipe replacements, 1 HDD for Buckeye Pipeline. Superintendent: Aaron Zila. Welder Foreman: Patrick Kingsland. Job Steward: Chad Townsend. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-24-23.

#### Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Dewitt, NE. Replace heater and associated piping TBS for NNG. Superintendent: Mark Stemrich. Welder Foreman: Jan Slater. Job Steward: Joseph Lee. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-11-23.
- Nashwauk, MN. Replace 10" valve settings at 3 locations for NNG. Superintendent: Trevor Norelius. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Adam Conzemius. Integrity Maintenance. 90 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-14-23.
- Salisbury, MO, Middelton, MO & Hartington, NE. Various spool change outs, 12" valve change out, unit bypass replacement, and drain tap for TC Energy. Superintendent: Jesse Neu. Welder Foreman: Cory Johnson. Job Steward: Heath James. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

#### Michels Utility Services, Inc.:

- Lawler, IA. 12,600' of 4" pipe and 4,600' of 6" pipe and 1 reg. station for Homeland Energy Solutions. Superintendent: John Restad. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Brian Straight. Special Agreement. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-22-23.
- Sioux Falls, SD. 7.57 miles of 6" and 8" pipe for Mid-American Energy. Superintendent: Andrew Singbeil. Welder Foreman: Dean Culshaw. Job Steward: Dalton Clemmons. Special Agreement. 80 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-22-23.

#### NPL Great Lakes, LLC:

- Bryant, SD. 6.5 miles of 2" pipe to be used for gathering lines for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Tony Sauter. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Jamie Short. Special Agreement. 80 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-22-23.
- Winthrop, MN. Station work using 6" pipe for Hutchinson Utilities. Superintendent: Tony Sauter. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Shane Kramer. Station. 90 percent rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 11-22-23.

#### Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Buffalo, MT. 1,100' of 16" pipe between tanks for Enbridge. Superintendent: Dan Schaubhut. Welder Foreman: Thomas Langley. Job Steward: Jerad Lene. Station. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-15-23.
- Carlton, MN. Stopple and bypass and replace existing pipe for NNG. Superintendent: Mac Bohachek. Welder Foreman: James Bottelson. Job Steward: Joseph Lee. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Keene, ND. Installation of 3 projects. 1,600' of 6" poly, 2,500' of 6" poly, 2,600' of 8" poly for Hess Midstream. Superintendent: Clint Johnson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Ryan Schwartz. Special Agreement. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-16-23.
- Winstead, MN. Installation of 4" bypass piping and 2" riser fab and install for NNG. Superintendent: Dustin Adams. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Jimmy Williams. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-4-23.

#### Precision West, LLC:

- Beulah, ND. 9,534' of 6" pipe to be used for new installation for Dakota Gasification Company. Superintendent: Cliff Sinclair. Welder Foreman: Marvin Bagwell. Job Steward: Casey Smith. Special

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

Agreement. 80 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-4-23.

Price Gregory International:

- St. Joseph, MO. 3,100' of 20" HDD and 300' of 20" for tie-ins, 2 stopple fittings for Platte Pipeline Company. Superintendent: David Blackledge. Welder Foreman: David Dickerson. Job Steward: Aaron Carr. Integrity Maintenance. 80 percent rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-20-23.

Q&D Construction:

- Clear Lake, SD. Small diameter station work for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Cory Vandervoorden. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Harold Vargas. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-20-23.

United Piping, Inc.:

- Angus, MN. Installing new compressor building at existing compressor station, 2"-24" pipe for ONEOK. Superintendent: Mike Manley. Welder Foreman: TBD. Job Steward: Nicholas Ostby. Station. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-23.
- Columbus Junction, IA. Replace filter separator and install new H2S scavenger System, 1/2" to 20" pipe for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Mack Santikko. Welder Foreman: Timothy Talley. Job Steward: Scott Johnson. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-7-23.
- Garvin, MN, Watonka, SD & Zeeland, ND. Install new gas filters 2" piping for TC Energy. Superintendent: Mark Thomson. Welder Foreman/ Job Steward: Mike Benham. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-10-23.
- Milaca, MN. Hydrotest existing pipe and install new piping using 2", 12", 24" pipe for 3,700' for ONEOK. Superintendent: Mark Thomson. Welder Foreman: George Houston. Job Steward: Joseph Eichstadt. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-7-23.

Wayne Holden & Company, Inc.:

- Wickes, AR. 6,000' of 6" pipe for Summit Utilities. Superintendent: Wayne Holden. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Kevin Perkins. Special Agreement. 80 percent rates. Working 4-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-23. Blanket.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

- Pecos, TX. Hydro test 11 miles of 30" pipe for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Eric Jones. Job Steward: John Werner. Working 6-10s. Integrity Maintenance.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Waco, TX. 600' of 10" new lay. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Kelby Wilson. Working 6-10s. Integrity Maintenance.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Corpus Christi, TX. Meter station with plant interconnect 48" thousand wall. Superintendent: Tony Neeld. Welder Foreman: Leon Gibson. Job Steward: Juan Rivera. Working 6-10s. Station Agreement.

Price Gregory International:

- Conroe, TX. Procedures for Williams. Superintendent: Kirk Kirkland. Welder Foreman: Daniel Drew. Job Steward: Anthony Dickinson. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery.

RMS Holdings, LLC:

- Columbus, TX. 9,400' of 42" automatic welds. Superintendent: Matt Steel. Welder Foreman: Colton Holder. Job Steward: Anthony Dickinson. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery.
- Robstown, TX. 2,800' of 42" automatic welds. Superintendent: Matt Steel. Welder Foreman: Paul Dodd. Job Steward: Colton Holder. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery.



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



Charles Yates, Jr.

It's been a busy few months filled with miles and hours of job visits, union meetings, and contractor talks. Mostly, I traveled around to ongoing jobs, spending time with members in the field conversing over our benefits, our contract, and our work outlook. A well-informed membership makes for a strong union. I also had the privilege to sit with a couple of Michigan contractors to explain our contracts and working conditions. They understood that utilizing our highly trained and skilled Pipeliners Local Union 798 workforce would add value to their companies. Consequently, I proudly welcome Pro Pipeline LLC to the NPLA and the 798 family of fair contractors. I am hopeful that the other gentlemen I met with will follow and sign in the near future.

We gathered for our regular September Membership Meeting in Tulsa, where Danny announced that our retirees would receive a 13th check this year. This is great news for all active and retired members because it means our pension fund is healthy. Additionally, regional meetings have resumed, and we recently gathered in the northern Kentucky/Cincinnati, Ohio area; Charleston, West Virginia; Monroe, Louisiana; and Longview, Texas. These regional events were well attended and were a benefit to the membership. It was great to sit and visit with Brothers and Sisters and their families, whom I haven't seen in years. These regional meetings are another opportunity to participate in union functions, ask questions, and strengthen our fellowship. Thanks to those of you who made the effort to attend any of our five meetings in the last two months. We'll see you in Tulsa at the next one in December.

Meanwhile, work in this central region is slowing down, as evidenced by the pre-job list. I appreciate your phone calls checking in when the job is complete. Keep an eye on your hours for retirement credits and health insurance coverage.

Lastly, I want to publicly say goodbye to my Brother and friend, Ronnie M. Hill, who passed away on September 19, 2023. Ronnie and I initiated in 1981, and you could say we grew up together in this local. We worked together many times over the years. I remember a job in Big Piney, Wyoming, where he came in and made the test. That inspector looked out over 100 of our Welders on that



TX  
918-237-3573



Joe Gaines

I am writing this report from the road since I have been busy traveling the United States these last few months. All the regional meetings from Ohio to West Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas have been tremendous. We had a great turnout at all these locations. We met with young new Welders and Helpers who recently joined the local and saw retirees. It was great to see such an abundance of people and support. Thank you to everyone who made an effort to join us. I hope to see all of you at our December Membership Meeting in Tulsa.

Work in Texas continues to look promising for the foreseeable future. I have several jobs that are underway. All of these are manned, but with our continued organizing efforts, I see more work coming to Texas in the future. Building trades work also continues to thrive. If you are interested in any building trades work, please contact me. I am placing several hands each week at different locations in Texas.

I want to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Ronnie Hill. I had the pleasure of knowing Ronnie for over 20 years. He was a fine Welder, a fine organizer, and a fine man. He will be greatly missed.

As we enter the holiday season, I wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas! May we all take the time to remember that we have so many blessings for which to be thankful. I hope that you can spend time with your loved ones this holiday season.

job, but not Ronnie. He was a top-hand and skilled Welder. We shared a love for pipelining, hunting, and guns. We also had dreams of chasing a big bull elk together. *I'm sure those bulls are screaming in heaven with you listening at this very moment.* I'll miss you, my friend.

As 2023 is almost over, let's remember this year and all the others with a grateful heart. Happy Thanksgiving and merry Christmas to you and yours. If I can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call. Shop small, shop local, and support unions.



CT, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA,  
VT, WV  
918-270-6745



David Butterworth

The work in the Northeast continues to be steady. We have the ongoing construction of MVP and the finishing of REA, plus we are still manning quite a few small projects as we head into the fall. Charlie Thomas and I recently visited the MVP West Virginia spreads and will soon be headed to see everyone on the Virginia spreads. I hope we continue to bring our "A" game each day and be able to complete MVP ahead of schedule so gas can flow into Southern regions where it's desperately needed. Please appreciate the magnitude of the project you are working on and its importance to grid reliability and energy independence. Recent world events will continue to shape the trajectory of our industry, and I think we'll be able to help our allies by someday providing them the energy they need with the energy our country is so blessed to have.

I truly enjoyed seeing everyone at the Charleston meeting, and I was honored that U.S. Senator Joe Manchin was able to appear. Senator Manchin talked one-on-one with everyone in attendance and gave a speech showing how he aligns with our views regarding energy policy. I recall going to a regional meeting in Charleston in the early 2000s, and I remember feeling the sense of pride instilled in me by being a small part of this great organization. I hope those who came felt that same sense of pride and belonging.

I also attended and spoke at the Marcellus Shale Coalition's Shale Insight Conference in Erie, Pennsylvania, with Charlie Thomas, Ralph "Barky" Zoller, and Chad Simmons. The topic was "Appalachia's Dire Need for Pipeline Infrastructure," and I tried to provide facts that showed the dire need. Speaking at events where the clients and the policymakers are in the crowd shows that we are at the forefront of the industry when it comes to advocating for our jobs. Even though we have recently been in the valley, I feel that we are in a great position to obtain our fair share of the market if we continue to do what we do when it comes to advocating. We got a couple of wins this year with MVP and REA, and I see the potential for more wins in the future. Let's enjoy these two, but let's never stop fighting the good fight!



## Pre-Jobs:

### Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Inez, KY. 300' of 8" take-up and relay in Martins County, KY, for TC Energy. Superintendent: Curt Hall. Welder Foreman: Todd Caseman. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-20-23.

### Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Carleton, MI. 140' of 22" for 9 or more anomaly digs for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jim Shepler. Welder Foreman: Scott Petty. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-23-23.

### Contracting and Material/Meade:

- Crawfordsville, IN. 1,150' of 12" with meter station in Montgomery County, IN, for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Ben Constintien. Welder Foreman: Eddie Sims. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-21-23.
- Terre Haute, IN. Installing prefabricated meter station and retiring existing station in Vigo County, IN, for CenterPoint Energy. Superintendent: Ben Constintien. Welder Foreman: Marty Gregor. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-21-23.

### Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Lebanon Junction, KY. 875' of 24" HDD and tie-ins for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Jeff Huffman. Welder Foreman: Ed Orrell, Jr. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-15-23.

### Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Bluffton, IN. 200' of 22" line lowering in Wells County, IN, for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dustin Licktieg. Welder Foreman: James Adams. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-20-23.

### InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Antioch, TN. Small regulator replacements 2" and 4" in Davidson County, TN, for Duke Energy. Superintendent: John Baker. Welder Foreman: Clay Francis. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-20-23.
- Columbia City, IN. Assist in 16" blow-down and pigging process for NiSource. Superintendent: Clark DeGroot. Welder Foreman: James Trautman. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-4-23.

### Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Newcomerstown, OH. Off-set installation of 6,384' of 26" with hydrotesting of 30" for BHE-EGTS. Superintendent: Joe Carter. Welder Foreman: Anthony Stone. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-14-23.

### PJ Steel Supply, Inc.:

- Casco, MI. 450' of 16" take-up and relay for DTE. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Blaine Cecil. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10-31-23.

### Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Akron, IN. 4 cut-outs on 8" and 10" in Lake, Stark, and Fulton Counties, IN, for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Milan Klaus. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Sugar Grove, OH. Install 3" fuel lines in Fairfield County, OH, for TC Energy. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Gavin Shuman. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 10-25-23.

## Pre-Jobs:

### Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:

- Elkins, WV. 60' of 8" lift and lay creek crossing. Superintendent: Dana Keaton. Welder Foreman: Chad Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Great Falls, VA. Expose and test 1,000' of pipe and fabrication.

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ACTION NETWORK

Superintendent: Cecil Hill. Welder Foreman: Richard Kerwood. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Easton, PA. Install 24" MLV and 4 runs of control valves and spools. Superintendent: Zach Bowes. Welder Foreman: Richard Farnsworth. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Cockeysville, MD. 2"-12" meter tube runs remove and replace. Superintendent: Tim Walter. Welder Foreman: Jack Saxton. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Charps, LLC:

- Berlin, NH. 24" stopple by-pass change out. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Brady Spencer. Integrity Maintenance. Working 6-10s.

InfraSource Construction, LLC:

- Springfield, MA. Station modifications in Andover and Northampton, MA. Superintendent: Troy Easter. Welder Foreman: Jorian Brown. Station rates. Working 5-10s.

JL Allen Services, Inc.:

- Stony Point, NY. Fuel gas reroute for Unit 7 at Stony Point Compressor. Superintendent: Nate Phipps. Welder Foreman: William J. Smith. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.

Kirila Contractors, Inc.:

- St. Mary's, PA. Fabrication of valve setting plus 14,000' of 16" pipe. Superintendent: Ron Kirila, Jr. Welder Foreman: Ted Hazelet. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Coudersport, PA. Install 2"-24" launcher and receiver, remove and replace 24" plug valve, remove and replace 180' of 6". Superintendent: Paul Yeakel. Welder Foreman: Justin Seyler. Integrity Maintenance. Working 6-10s.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Friendsville, PA. Well pad connections, 4,768' of 10" and 10,918' of 12". Superintendent: Butch Niedermaier. Welder Foreman: Robert Dale. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Hollidaysburg, PA. 20" stopple install and 12" bypass install. Superintendent: Scott Newcomer. Welder Foreman: Joseph Bigley. Integrity Maintenance. Working 4-10s.
- Jim Thorpe, PA. 14 cutouts located in NY and PA. Superintendent: Brad Moline. Welder Foreman: Ryan Copley. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s.
- Luthersburg, PA. 24" integrity digs in 14 locations. Superintendent: John Lynch. Welder Foreman: Paul Rice. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.
- Methuen, MA. 30" mainline valve modifications. Superintendent: Kyle Wittie. Welder Foreman: Steve Coraci. Integrity rates. Working 6-10s.

Price Gregory International:

- Roaring Branch, PA. Hydrotesting of 0.7 miles of 12" and 4.6 miles of 16".

VEC, Inc.:

- Rock Stream, NY. 2" wastewater drainpipe install. Superintendent: Kelly Giltinan. Welder Foreman: Brandon Houston. Station rates. Working 6-10s.

The second situation we see weekly in the Dispatch office is members not putting themselves back on the OOWL after being disconnected from a project. The policy says you must notify the Dispatch office within five business days of termination or layoff to retain your out-of-work date under the 300/450/600-hour rule. This also applies to missed welding tests or termination for bad welds. A good rule of thumb is if you get disconnected from a job for any reason, call and put yourself on the OOWL immediately.

We are still having a hard time filling requests for Helpers. We receive more calls a week from non-members wanting to become members than from any other source. Let's take a minute and review the current membership process. There is a lot of misinformation out there, so maybe this will help with some of the hurdles. For anyone seeking membership into Local 798, the first step is to go to our website, [www.local798.org](http://www.local798.org), and click on the tab "Apply For Membership." Once there, take the time to read over a few of the requirements. You will then click "Apply" at the bottom of the page. Then, set up an account with your email and have it verified. Once your account is set up and verified, you can log on and fill out the pre-qualifying application. We recommend giving as much information about yourself as possible. Be sure to take the time and read the application thoroughly. Make sure your pertinent information is correct before submitting. Once you have completed the application and clicked submit, you will receive an email letting you know your application is accepted. Currently, there are over 700 applications on file. The Organizing Department reviews all applications as they are submitted. All calls the Dispatch office receives about applications will be directed to the Organizing Department. We appreciate everyone's patience with the process.

We want to thank everyone for their help in manning the work this year. If there is anything we can help with, please give us a call.

*Happy Holidays* from the Dispatch office.

## Out-of-Work List

1,150 Welders

199 Journeymen

421 Helpers



## ORGANIZING Report

Chad Simmons

918-600-4207

We have just finished a round of regional meetings. It was great seeing all of you who attended – young and old, retirees and newly organized members. The Organizing Department staff met some of those newly organized Helpers in person for the first time. It was fantastic to see them getting involved with their local union. Make sure to extend a welcoming hand to these new

members when you meet them.

As we approach the end of the year, let's recap some of the growth we have experienced. Through meetings with gas companies, we have been able to help our signatory contractors get back into some of the Southern markets. These gas companies recognize your superior craftsmanship along with our advocacy power. These two attributes make our local union a vital partner. Please continue to sign and share the actions. Three new contractors have signed the NPLA – AF Energy, Pro Pipeline, and TDD Solutions. We look forward to working with them to increase our employment opportunities and man-hours. We have had the opportunity to help PPC11 approximately 370 Helpers. About half of these were organized from nonunion contractors. These individuals are experiencing a life-changing event with membership into the greatest union in the world. Welcome to solidarity and structure.

If you know someone who wants to join Local 798, they MUST first fill out an application on [local798.org](http://local798.org). We will review their application and call with any additional questions (if they haven't called me already). As some say, the "squeaky wheel" might "get the grease," but calling all the staff members will not increase your chances of being sent out to work. We have over 700 Helper applicants on our spreadsheet.

With the holidays coming, remember to be thankful for what we have. Our pension is in great shape, and the healthcare fund is holding its own. Be

## DISPATCH Report

Jimmy Dick

918-610-2761

Currently, our workload is steady. As fall approaches, a few of our summer jobs are winding down. As you finish a job, we want to remind you that if you have plans to draw unemployment, we recommend you call in and get on the OOWL. Some may wonder why we ask members to sign up on the OOWL. Weekly, we get official letters and



calls from different state-run unemployment agencies wanting to verify if a member's dues are current and if they are on our OOWL. One of the many unemployment rules that affect union members is that you must be on the OOWL to be eligible. We want everyone to be aware of this. It could save a lot of time and possibly keep you from getting denied unemployment benefits.

grateful to our leadership and trustees for making wise decisions to grow these funds. And most of all, as we celebrate Christmas, be thankful for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

On a personal note, the Simmons family would like to thank each of you who extended your condolences for the loss of our father, Charlie Simmons. "Good Time" will sure be missed.

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

**Cassidy Croley 539-235-4487**

**Chad Simmons 918-600-4207**

**Charles Thomas 918-313-5987**

**Ralph "Barky" Zoller 539-235-4610**



**Father and son Darrell N. "Fuzz" Glaze, Jr. and Grant Glaze, third and fourth-generation Pipeliners Local 798 Welder members, welding together on Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc., for DTM in Leesville, Louisiana.**

# PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January 2024, following the conclusion of the Fall 2023 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 their 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 2023-2024 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the Fall 2023 semester. Written requests should be addressed to Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147-0798. Applications may also be downloaded online from the Local Union 798 website at [www.local798.org](http://www.local798.org). The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarships section.

An instruction sheet accompanies the application and appraisal forms. Adherence to the rules and compliance with the requirements are necessary to be eligible for consideration in the final screening process. Completed forms should be returned along with copies of all previous college transcripts. It is the applicant's responsibility to have their college or university registrar's office immediately mail in a transcript of their grades upon completion of the Fall 2023 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 26, 2024, deadline.



# PIBF Report

918-280-4800  
PIBF.org



Renée Vause

Director

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF), Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (PIBF), and Pipeline Industry 401(k) Fund met on August 29, 2023, and approved changes to the respective Plans as summarized below. These important pension, health and welfare, and 401(k) plan changes will affect active participants, spouses, children, and retirees.

- PIPF will issue a full 13th check in 2023 for participants who retired prior to January 1, 2023, and were in pay status on December 31, 2022. If the participant died before January 1, 2023, and the designated beneficiary was in pay status on January 1, 2023, the beneficiary will get a 13th check based on their beneficiary amount.
- Pension credit levels for 2,080 hours for 1¾ pension credits and 2,200 hours for 2 pension credits have been extended through December 31, 2025.
- The Trustees have again approved the continuance of the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for 2024. The HRA benefit will continue to be \$4,000 per year for active members for single or family coverage. Active members 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 member with covered dependents is \$4,000 per year. The HRA amount for single retired members and retired widows is \$2,000 per year. HRA benefits are available for months with active, COBRA, or retiree coverage only. The HRA filing deadline for 2023 claims is April 15, 2024.
- Effective January 1, 2024, 401(k) hardship distribution requests will be available by self-certification. Participants can attest that they qualify for the distribution via the application, which includes a signed attestation. As was previously the case, please note that all available distribution options must be utilized (three-month separation, 24-month separation, in-service withdrawal, retirement withdrawal, etc.) before a hardship distribution can be processed. Annuity funds are not eligible for withdrawal under a hardship distribution. HRA funds must be used before a hardship withdrawal for medical bills can be processed. If the Fund receives a distribution request and has knowledge that conflicts with the attestation, it will be denied.

## IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

A 13th check is a one-time benefit, not an ongoing benefit, and is based entirely on the Fund's circumstances at the time. Participants/retirees/beneficiaries should not assume that the same or similar benefit will be approved in any future years.

## Do You Have a Designated Beneficiary on File with PIBF?

Please log onto the member portal and verify your beneficiary information is valid and up to date. From the member portal dashboard, you can click on "View My Beneficiaries." You must designate a beneficiary for both PIBF and the 401(k) plan. Forms are located on our website at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org). If your PIBF beneficiary information is missing or inaccurate, please download the form located on our website under the H&W Benefits section/PIBF Forms/**Death Benefit Beneficiary Form** or call our office to have the form mailed to you. If you need to designate or update your 401(k) beneficiary, you can find this form on our website under the 401(k) section/401(k) Forms/**401(k) Enrollment Form (Part 2 of 2)**.

## NEW! Sapphire Cost Estimator Tool

You can now access an online tool to estimate costs for common medical services. By utilizing our Sapphire Cost Estimator Tool\*, you can:

- Receive personalized estimates based on your health care plan and factor in your remaining deductible, benefit maximums, copayments, and coinsurance.
- Avoid surprises and save money by comparing costs from different doctors and facilities.
- Plan ahead to keep health costs under control and make the best care decisions for you.

\* The cost information provided is intended to be used as a reference tool for your convenience. It is not a substitute for medical advice from, or treatment by, a medical professional.

This tool is available on the [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org) main page and through a link on the Member Portal. You will need to create a new account the first time you access this tool. More services will be added to this portal soon.

## Census Information and Dependent Audit

Be on the lookout for a mailout from PIBF confirming census data and dependent information. It is vital that you review this information and let PIBF know of any changes. PIBF conducts a dependent audit periodically to ensure that our records are up to date. Please inform PIBF of any changes, such as the birth of a child, a divorce, or death, as they occur. Claims paid in error due to inaccurate census and dependent information can result in the need for reimbursement by the participant. PLEASE NOTE: Any census information request from PIBF must be submitted to PIBF even if you previously responded to a census request from Local 798. For privacy reasons, PIBF and Local 798 do not share census information.

## Please Notify PIBF of Other Coverage - Coordination of Benefits

If you have other insurance coverage in addition to PIBF, please notify the Fund office if you have not already done so. This includes coverage from another employer, your spouse's employer, Medicare, etc. This will ensure claims are accurately and timely filed resulting in savings for participants and PIBF. You can access the **Coordination of Benefits Form** at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org), H&W Benefits section/PIBF Forms.

# MEETING NOTICE

**December 8, 2023**

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 8, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

### **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 8, 2023.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, please call 918-307-2600. Book by November 15 to receive the discounted rate starting at \$109/night.

**January 12, 2024**

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 12, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

### **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, January 12, 2024.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

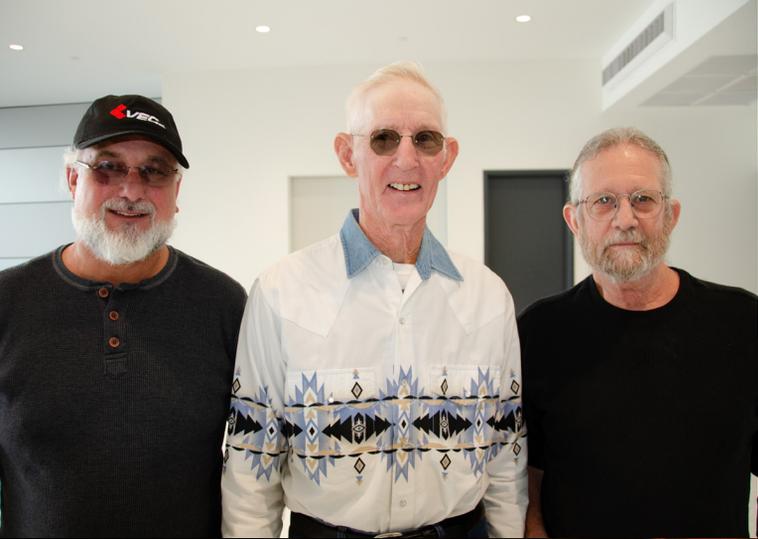
To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, please call 918-307-2600. Book by December 10 to receive the discounted rate starting at \$109/night.



# Happy Holidays

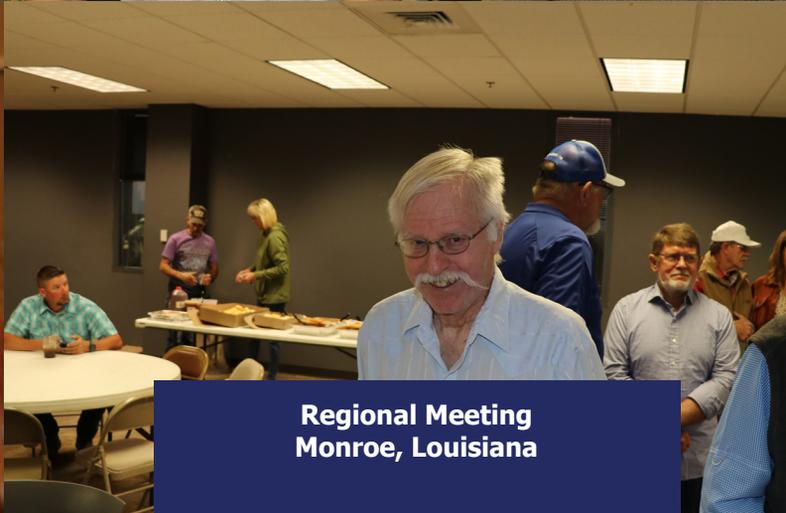
The Officers and Staff of Pipeliners Local Union 798, the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund, and the Local 798 Training Center wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season.

In observance of the holidays, our offices will be closed on November 23-24 and December 25.



**Regional Meeting  
Charleston, West Virginia**

**Regional Meeting  
Cincinnati, Ohio**



**Regional Meeting  
Longview, Texas**

**Regional Meeting  
Monroe, Louisiana**

# Short & Personal

## THANK YOU

**Randy Eason** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the money received following the death of his son, Randy Jr. A special thanks to Chris and Phillip Lancaster, Cain Naylor, and anyone else involved.

**David Marsh** thanks all the Brothers and Sisters who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The help he received after lung surgery was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Chippy, Walter, and Josh.

**Charles and JoAnn McKenzie** thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received is much appreciated and will help greatly with expenses not covered by insurance. Special thanks to Wade Pilgroom and Jimmy Noggle.

**Gary Burrow** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check received was very much appreciated and will help cover expenses not covered by insurance. Special thanks to Ricky Duncan, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

**Wayne Holden** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received. He continues to improve daily. "This, along with your prayers, are greatly appreciated. May God richly bless each one of you!"

**Lee Chesson** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received following his brother's passing. It was truly a blessing. Special thanks to Juan Rivera, Bryan Boyette, and Josh Wolf.

**Troy Post** thanks all members and contributors to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Jerry Tomlinson, Cody Pedigo, Jimmy Pedigo, Joe Norris, Selena Norris, and David Butterworth. "It is so nice to belong to a family like this."

**Bobby Wagner** thanks all for the help he received from the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Virgil Ashworth and Mark Doyle.

**Anthony Langone** thanks all 798 members, active and retired, as well as members of other crafts who have contributed to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Mike Hatch and David Nash for submitting his name and to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for their compassion and kindness.

**Barry English** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his recent health diagnosis.

**The Minnis'** send thanks for the funds they received after the loss of their son. "We appreciate the kindness shown to us."

**Ryan Daniels** thanks those who submitted his name for the Voluntary Fund. "My family and I truly appreciate everyone's prayers, well-wishes, and assistance."

**Chad Conlee** thanks the Voluntary Fund for helping when his family needed it most. "We would like to give a special thank you for all the thoughts and prayers from everyone, especially those from (the) MVP Spread G. Thank you very much."

**Bobby and Robin Meachum** thank all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help received. Robin is doing well after her hospital stay, and Bobby is slowing recovery following back surgery. Thank you once again for the thoughts, prayers, calls, and contributions." Special thanks to Justin Wallace and Danny Hendrix.

**Frank Bowker** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after his surgery. Special thanks to everyone who wrote letters on his behalf. "Thank you, Todd Hartle, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix, for all your efforts to keep this fund intact and solvent. Long live Pipeliners Local Union 798."

**Chad Shivers** thanks each of you for contributing to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Chris Elliott.

**Joseph Thornburg** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his hospital stay. He is now home and feeling much better. Special thanks to Rusty Bailey, Matt Franklin, and Jimmy Dick. "It's an honor to belong to an organization that's continually helping its members in their time of need."

**Larry Spann** thanks all the men and women who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check received will help pay for medical bills following his wife's surgery. Special thanks to Justin Wallace.

**Johnny and Carla Mason** thank all for the generous Voluntary Fund gift they received following Johnny's surgery. It is very much appreciated.

**John Smith** thanks all 798 members for the money he received during his time of hardship. Special thanks to Steve Birgy, Bo Berry, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix,

**Keith Johns** thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund and appreciates the money received following his knee surgery. Special thanks to the three 798 members who nominated him.

**Michelle D. Hill** would like to thank every member who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help she received was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Zach Scott, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Tom Rockwell.

**Ray Brumley** thanks all who requested help from the Voluntary Fund on his behalf. He is doing well since open heart surgery. "The generosity of those who give have made the Fund what it is today."

**Wesley Taylor and Bobby Taylor, Jr.** thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received during their time of need. Special thanks to all the hands working on the MVP Spread I, as well as Zachary Scott and Derek Strong.

**Kevin and Charmin Lane** thank those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The assistance received following Charmin's surgery is greatly appreciated. "May God bless each of you, and God bless Local 798!"

**Aubrey and Katy Rodgers** thank everyone who so generously contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received during Kathy's lengthy illness and subsequent accident was sincerely appreciated. Special thanks to Todd Hartle.

**Scott and Sherrie Saner** thank everyone for the check received from the Voluntary Fund.



**Mike Hague** sends a very heartfelt thank you to all the guys who came to his 80th birthday party!

## RETIREMENTS

**Janet L. Ashby**, Helper, Lehigh Acres, FL

**Percy A. Bowen, Sr.**, Helper, Pawhuska, OK

**Thomas T. Buckley**, Welder, West Columbia, TX

**Donald L. Croner II**, Spacer, Terre Haute, IN

**Marty Garrison**, Welder, Toccoa, GA

**Jerry S. Guthrie**, Helper, Judsonia, AR

**Jayson N. Lambert**, Helper, Harrisville, WV

**Lynn M. Lilyerd**, Helper, Mora, MN

**Troy M. Post**, Welder, Avella, PA

**Ronald E. Scarborough**, Welder, Lake Village, AR

**Raymond E. Stafford**, Helper, Morehead, KY

**Johnny L. Tims**, Helper, Bradford, AR

## IN MEMORIAM

**Carl M. Bond**, 75-year-old Retired Helper of Denham Springs, LA, passed away April 16, 2023.

**John S. Burdge**, 90-year-old Retired Helper of Orbisonia, PA, passed away June 12, 2023.

**Gerald G. Duggan**, 81-year-old Retired Spacer of Glenwood, AR, passed away July 9, 2023.

**Don L. Hutchison**, 80-year-old Welder of Bald Knob, AR, passed away July 13, 2023.

**Bobby S. Taylor**, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Temple, GA, passed away August 7, 2023.

**Kerry R. Wells**, 62-year-old Welder of Winona, TX, passed away August 8, 2023.

**Jerry D. Smith**, 76-year-old Retired Helper of Antlers, OK, passed away August 23, 2023.

**Johnny L. Northcott**, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Odessa, TX, passed away August 25, 2023.

**Joe L. Martinez**, 93-year-old Retired Helper of Crest Hill, IL, passed away August 31, 2023.

**Justin C. Jones**, 48-year-old Helper of Idabel, OK, passed away September 6, 2023.

**Timothy Wilcox**, 73-year-old Helper of Talihina, OK, passed away September 16, 2023.

**Dencil E. Truman**, 83-year-old Spacer of Newton, WV, passed away September 19, 2023.

**Ronnie M. Hill**, 67-year-old Retired Welder of Kosse, TX, passed away September 19, 2023.

**Phillip W. Russell**, 77-year-old Retired Welder of Tulsa, OK, passed away September 23, 2023.

**James R. Walton**, 86-year-old Retired Welder of Beckley, WV, passed away September 29, 2023.

**Charles K. Finke**, 65-year-old Retired Welder of Pottsboro, TX, passed away October 10, 2023.

## SWAP & SELL

**2001 GMC 3500/2006 Lincoln 300D:** 2001 GMC 3500 HD 4WD diesel, Allison transmission, 209k miles, injectors replaced at 175k, good Michelin tires, and aluminum bed with toolboxes. 2006 Lincoln 300D, 6,000 hours, welds great. Tidwell reels for leads, remote and oxy-acetylene hose. Includes 240' welding leads, 100' 10-gauge remote cord, and Tidwell remote. Contact Chris Nuebling at 484-433-2181.

**2008 Lincoln Vantage 300:** One owner, has 3,500 hours and two rheostats. Asking \$4,500. Contact Justin Yarbrough at 870-414-1451.

**2014 Ram 3500 Limited:** Purchased new. Mega cab, top of the line. Asking \$24,995. Contact Steve Spiker at 608-369-4984.

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

**Welding Machines for Sale:** Diverse selection of welding machines. Ideal for professionals or hobbyists. Priced to sell. Contact Sheryl Mason at 501-201-0107, please leave a voicemail if she misses your call.

**Welding Truck Bed:** 3500 Dodge Ram truck bed. Fits Dodge Ram 4-door Limited truck. Contact Todd Spiker at 817-455-1003.



**Geeding Construction, Inc., in Drumright, Oklahoma**

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**Patch Logo Winter Cap**

Item # 107  
\$15.00

**Camo Winter Cap**

Item #101-C2  
\$16.00

**Stainless Steel Travel Mug**

Item #133  
\$12.00

**70th Anniversary Pocketknife**

Item #147  
\$69.00

**Navy Pullover Hoodie**

Item #116  
(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)  
\$30.00-\$56.00

**Local 798 Blanket**

Item #135  
\$34.00