



BLUE LIGHT REPORTS

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Business Manager's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend some quality time with your family and friends. In the line of work we have chosen, we typically don't have the luxury of working and being at home like many others. Pipelining is a lifestyle choice, and I commend you for your hard work and dedication to the industry and Local 798.

As you know, Local 798 was chartered on November 21, 1949, and we commemorated that with a recent celebration of our **75th Diamond Anniversary** as the pipeline industry leader. I hope everyone who had the opportunity to join us enjoyed the history and the fellowship. It was truly a highlight for me as your business manager. This is a milestone, and every member should be recognized for their part in our union's birthday! **I want to thank the members who had the foresight to unite to improve working conditions and wages for workers in the pipeline industry.** The members who helped establish Local 798 didn't have technology such as fax machines, cell phones, laptops, or any tools we think are essential to getting things done. The only communication tool available to them at the time was the Western Union, but what they did have was a desire and a tremendous amount of tenacity to stand united together. **We owe a debt of gratitude to these long-term members, and the only way to repay some of that debt is to honor them by being the best we can be as pipeline constructors and ensuring that, 75 years from now, we are stronger than ever.** Another way to show your respect is to attend the Retiree Banquet on Thursday, April 10, during Steward School 2025, and enjoy the camaraderie of our members who have been pipelining for over 50 years. It's never too soon to make your plans to attend.

No one can predict the future, but we can research, listen, and recognize patterns, then make an educated guess about what lies in store and prepare to embrace it. I believe we are positioned politically and economically for another upturn in the pipeline industry. We need permit reform, and I think it is just around the corner. We need affordable and domestically produced energy, such as natural gas and crude oil, and America has it. We need to untether the burdensome regulatory hurdles that handcuff corporations, forcing them to make business decisions based on politics instead of purely economic business models. The energy business is a crazy place to plant your dreams, but when it hits, it is sure to be a wild ride. I believe that the pipeline industry is positioned for a positive uptick in our man-hours for the next 3 to 4 years and maybe longer. Most people are ready for a renaissance of paramount proportions to overhaul our energy sector from not just adequate but to energy dominance—not only for America's needs but for our friends abroad.

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

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager



**Michels Pipeline, Inc. honors Business Manager
Danny Hendrix with a custom wooden flag to
celebrate Local 798's 75th Anniversary.**



Financial Secretary - Treasurer's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this new year is starting well for each one of you. We finished up 2024 with around 4.5 million man-hours worked. Many Local 798 members are currently working for various contractors in Alaska, and it appears there will be ample opportunity to work there over the next several years for those who wish to take advantage of it.

We are proud to announce that the Department of Labor has approved our Apprenticeship Program. This will be a huge asset to our local going forward and will help make us more competitive. I want to thank Director of Training Farron Hollabaugh and Apprenticeship Coordinator Joe Bigley. These individuals have worked very hard over the last several months to get us to this point, and it was no easy task. Great job, guys! More information will follow as we have more work to do before rolling this program out.

Our recent 75th Anniversary celebration was a fantastic night. This local union has much to be proud of, and it was nice to see so many people come out to look back on the history of our humble beginnings. Thank you to all who sponsored this event, including sister UA Locals and our fair contractors.

We also recently hosted a "Superintendent's Meeting" at our local union training center. Fifteen of our signatory contractors were represented at this meeting. It was an opportunity for us to exchange ideas, have discussions, and open dialogue concerning ways we can collectively grow our market share. I feel that everyone left this meeting with a better understanding of how we can move forward.

As the nonunion workforce continues to work for less and less, with no healthcare or pension benefits, we have to get creative about how to keep our fair contractors competitive. With this new administration, we might finally see a crackdown on contractors that employ an illegal workforce. I believe this has the potential to help level the playing field. You don't want to demonize the workers, but the fact is that contractors who employ an illegal workforce take food off our members' tables. Some might not want to acknowledge that, but it's a fact. Again, the blame lies squarely on the unscrupulous contractors who exploit these workers. What would also be helpful is if the client gas companies took a more active role in ensuring that no contractors performing their work employed an illegal workforce. This should be common sense, but unfortunately, it's still happening.

We've recently learned that one of the larger nonunion contractors, which is owned under the same umbrella as some of our fair union contractors, is going to try to set up shop in the Northeast. This contractor has earned quite a reputation in Texas for paying lower wages than even the lowest-paying nonunion contractors in the business. We want to make it clear that we will not let this happen without a fight. Wherever nonunion contractors move in, wages and conditions take a giant leap backward.

In recent months, there have been meetings at the Texas State Capitol in Austin centered around a large group of upset landowners who want to shine a light on the shoddy work this contractor performed and the state of disarray their land was left in after the project was finished. Is that the kind of craftsmanship we want to spread to another part of the country? I think they will find that the citizens and state agencies in the Northeast will not tolerate those types of issues. As aggravating as it may be, this is one of those instances where regulation will work in our favor. In short, they will find out that this isn't Texas, and they aren't dealing with the Texas Railroad Commission.

In closing, I hope and pray for a prosperous New Year for all members of this great local. God bless each of you. 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!***

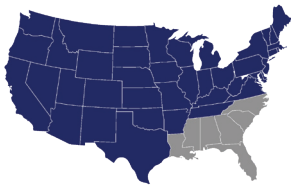
Fraternally,

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



Superintendent's Meeting held in December at the Local 798 Training Center.

Business Agent Reports



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



Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

As you read this report, 2024 is in our rearview mirror, and 2025 is beginning to unfold. I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed holiday season and is excited to start another year of pipelining. As we move forward, please keep those still dealing with the damages from Hurricanes Helene and Milton in your thoughts and prayers.

Work in my jurisdiction slowed down during the holidays but should begin to pick back up. We are hitting the ground running and spending a lot of time on the road to help ensure we continue to regain our market share in the South. Several projects, from Louisiana to the Carolinas, will hopefully materialize into great work opportunities. Please remember to work and upgrade your skill sets with the hall continually. The more skills listed on your out-of-work card, the more work opportunities there are. If you are unsure what is on our out-of-work card, call Jimmy Dick in Dispatch. He is always available to get you up to date. Also, if you know anyone wanting to become a Helper or a better Helper, they can contact Farron Hollabaugh at the Training Center. That is the best place for Helpers to receive training and increase their skill set.

Congratulations to Farron Hollabaugh and Joe Bigley for getting the DOL approval for the new apprenticeship program. All your hard work and long hours are greatly appreciated.

We are still making great strides with the Action Network. So please continue to participate and advocate. It truly is making a powerful impact on our clients. You do not have to be a member to advocate. Involve your family, friends, and community in your efforts.

My job has always been to serve *YOU*, so do not hesitate to contact me. I encourage and appreciate all phone calls, so feel free to call with any questions or concerns at 918-991-5341. May God keep all of you safe. God bless each one of you and this great local.

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline Company:

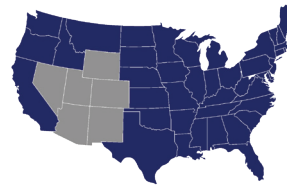
- Calhoun, SC. 150' of 4" maintenance work. Casing Replacement Project for Dominion Energy. Job Steward: Doug Elliott. Special Agreement.

Precision Infrastructure, LLC:

- Baker, LA. 20,605' of 24" and 30" pipe to be used for replacement for Florida Gas Transmission in East Baton Rouge Parish, LA. Welder Foreman: Kyle Tigert. Job Steward: Alexander Dalrymple. Integrity Maintenance.

RMS Welding Systems:

- Donaldsonville, LA. 2.4 miles of 24" of new construction for Exxon Mobile in Ascension Parish, LA. Job Steward: Chase Holder. Market Recovery. Mechanized.
- Grand Cane, LA. 77 miles of 24", 30", and 36". Approx. 5,250 welds-flux core for Momentum Midstream. Job Steward: Anthony Dickinson. Market Recovery.



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



Justin Head

I hope this report finds you well and recovered from the holiday season. Hopefully, many of you were able to spend time with family and enjoy the holidays. All the work in my area is manned up at the time of this writing. I was expecting an additional award to include some winter work in Wyoming, but I have yet to hear what is holding up that project.

I also started sending some Welder and Helper bios off my list to go to Alaska. The door opened for that due to Price Gregory kicking off before Christmas. Houston and Doyon will be kicking off multiple spreads after the first of the year. There may be more opportunities to pull additional Welders off my list, but I cannot be certain. I will almost likely need more Helpers who are interested in going up.

If you are curious about the work, email me at jhead@local798.org, and I will send you the travelers' hiring information packet. That will provide all the details on how the process works, the scale, and expectations.

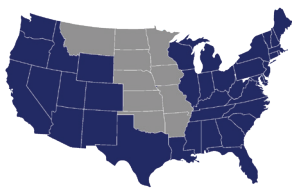
I would also like to point out that if the work goes well in Alaska this year, the new client that Price is working for has the potential for 10 years of work. As always, when working out of a sister local, remember to uphold the standard of excellence and stay in your lane as a traveler. It too often only takes one bad apple to spoil a good thing for many people.

Work this year in my area is not very predictable. I know Williams has some projects already awarded, and several are out for bid in my jurisdiction. There are a couple of nice station jobs being bid. If those bids are successful, they may be some of the lengthier jobs in my area this year. Also, if you are contacted about working nonunion in my area, please reach out to me or Chad Simmons. If you have any questions about anything I just mentioned, feel free to give me a call.

Pre-Jobs:

Rockford Corporation:

- Nunn, CO. Station demo and tie-ins for Suncor. Superintendent: Johnny Kroner. Welder Foreman: Mitchell Elliott. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 12-23-24.



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

Todd Hartle



As we welcome 2025, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season. We have marked a significant milestone, celebrating Local Union 798's charter date and 75 years of steadfast dedication by our members. I hope this commitment will continue to be honored for generations to come.

Currently, we have 18 ongoing pre-jobs in the Midwestern region. Although maintenance work has slowed, I expect more work in 2025. At this time, I am not getting many calls for Welders or fitters from building trades locals. However, I believe that will also pick up. Sharing and staying updated through the Action Network remains essential.

Our next membership meeting is on January 10, and I look forward to seeing you all there. Please feel free to reach out to me for any assistance. God bless our local, our families, our country, and the new year. United we bargain, divided we beg.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

- Ada, MN. 3" pipe to be used in RNG interconnect, meter skid, and filter separator for ONEOK. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: Tanner Dremmel. Job Steward: Austin Severson. Station. 90% rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-30-24.
- Clearbrook, MN. 4" fabrication in shop for Major Pipeline. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Tyler Rogstad. Station. 90% rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-7-24.
- St. Vincent, MN. 1/2", 3/4", and 1" fabrication for 11 sump pumps for TC Energy. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Christopher Olson. Station. 90% rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-30-24.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

- Grapevine, AR. Performing stoppling and cut-out/replacement on 20' section of 16" pipe for Enterprise Products. Superintendent: Joey Wade. Welder Foreman: James Smith. Job Steward: Tyler Wallace. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-23-24.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Kingdom City, MO. Relocate 800' of 8" pipe for the City of Fulton. Superintendent: Dusty Licktieg. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Walter Cole. Integrity Maintenance. 80% rates. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 1-15-25.

Hanging H Companies, LLC:

- Minot, ND. 1"-10" pipe for heater modifications for Montana-Dakota Utilities. Superintendent: Scott Holbrook. Welder Foreman/Job Steward: Todd Smith. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-21-24.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Bozeman, MT. 850' HDD of 8" for Northwestern Energy. Superintendent: Derek Isickson. Welder Forman/Job Steward: Jeffrey Haynes. Integrity Maintenance. 80% rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.
- Mankato, MN. Continuing work on tie-ins and removal of 8" pipe for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Mark Stemrich. Welder Foreman: Derrick Kaul. Job Steward: Adam Conzemius. Integrity Maintenance. 90% rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-28-24.

NPL Mid America, LLC:

- Wichita, KS. 312' of 2". 96' of 4", 146' of 8" to be used for installation of two prefabricated compressor skids for Atmos Energy. Superintendent: Mike Nienke. Job Steward: Casey Smith. Station. 80% rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1-15-25.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Mankato, MN. 8" old line new line bypass for Northern Natural Gas. Superintendent: Ryan Piescher. Welder Foreman: James Bottelson. Job Steward: Levi Bottelson. Integrity Maintenance. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Precision Pipeline, LLC:

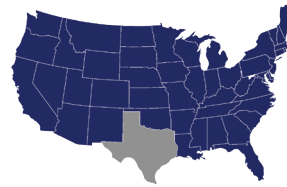
- McCool Junction, NE. 84.5 miles of 12" pipe and 2 miles of 36" for Tallgrass Energy. Superintendent: Kevin Olerud. Welder Foreman: Derik Strong. Job Steward: Dylan Thomas. Special Agreement. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-22-25.

Price Gregory International:

- Hastings, NE. Converting 350 miles of 36" NGPL to CO2 for Tallgrass Energy/Trailblazer CO2 Conversion. Superintendent: David Blackledge. Welder Foreman: David Dickerson. Job Steward: Robert Kindle. Market Recovery. 90% rates. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 2-14-25.

United Piping, Inc.:

- Angus, MN. Installation of an orifice plate in existing above-ground 24" for ONEOK. Superintendent: Mack Santikko. Welder Foreman: Jason Martin. Job Steward: Cody Pedigo. Station. Mainline rates. Working 6-10s. Job complete.



TX
918-237-3573

Joe Gaines



As we wrap up 2024, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration and December meeting. It was inspiring to see so many members come together to honor the legacy of Pipeliners Local Union 798 and the remarkable work we've accomplished over the decades.

This past month, I had the opportunity to travel to Austin to meet with state representatives about the importance of pipeline work in Texas going union. These conversations are essential to ensuring that our members continue to secure high-quality jobs, and that union labor remains at the forefront of the industry.

As we look ahead, opportunities are still abundant. LNG plants in Corpus Christi, Port Arthur, and Brownsville continue to need skilled workers. These projects are a chance for us to showcase the expertise and reliability that Local 798 members bring to the table.

I'd also like to recognize Chad Simmons and all the hardworking organizers who dedicate their time and effort to ensuring union labor stays strong. If you're interested in salting jobs or learning more about how you can support organizing efforts, don't hesitate to reach out.

As we welcome the new year, I'm optimistic about the future of Local 798 and the pipeline industry. Together, we'll continue building on our legacy of excellence.

Wishing you all a happy new year filled with health, happiness, and success! May God continue to bless America, our local, and each of you. As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call 918-237-3573.

Pre-Jobs:

Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Inc.:

- Carthage, TX. 4.3 miles of 12" for DTM Midstream. Superintendent: Matt Hinton. Welder Foreman: Brett Mason. Job Steward: Juan Rivera. Working 6-10s. Texas Initiative. Approx. completion 12-31-24.

Foltz Welding Ltd.:

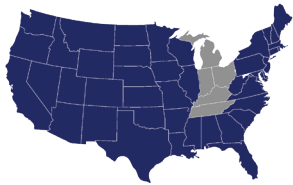
- League City, TX. 6,400' of 8". Superintendent: Jeff Huffman. Welder Foreman: Marvin Bagwell. Job Steward: James Brashears. Working 6-10s. Special Agreement. Approx. completion 1-31-25.

Michels Pipeline, Inc.:

- Houston, TX. Welding procedures for Enbridge. Superintendent/Welder Foreman: Carl Overstreet, Jr. Job Steward: Bryan Corbello. Working 6-10s. NPLA. Job complete.

RMS Welding Systems:

- Waller, TX. Whitewater Midstream. Superintendent: Matt Steel. Welder Foreman: Paul Dodd. Job Steward: Michael Holder. Mainline Tech. Working 6-10s. Market Recovery. Approx. completion 2-15-25.



IN, KY, MI, OH, TN
918-600-5097



Charles Yates, Jr.

Happy New Year! I pray that 2025 is a year of prosperity for Local 798 and all our members. December in Tulsa gave us time to celebrate and enjoy the fruits of our labor. The scheduled events emphasized our legacy of family and teamwork. We remembered the past at our Local 798 75th Anniversary Celebration, highlighting extraordinary members and memorable moments from the last seven decades. Then, we pressed on toward the future at our Friday night membership meeting. We also held our first-ever superintendent roundtable discussion with leadership representing both our fair contractors and Pipeliners Local Union 798. This gathering of industry personnel supported an organized conversation to brainstorm solutions, collaborate openly, and strengthen our bonds with contractors and clients. The purpose of this meeting was to help each other understand what we can do better to gain more market share and secure our current position in the gas and oil industry. When we work together, it makes us all stronger. It is our union's foundation and what we need to propel us forward into the next 75 years.

The work outlook for 2025 includes more Integrity Maintenance projects and a substantial Mainline job in Tennessee. Enbridge's Ridgeline Expansion Project has a proposed scope of 117 miles of 30" pipe, along with an 8-mile 24" lateral and a compressor station. This work would provide our members with a fair wage and benefits for a good portion of the year here in the Central Region.

I am truly humbled to have been blessed with 44 years of membership in 798 (out of its 75-year existence). I try never to take for granted what it took for us to have the conditions and benefits we have today. We should never forget to leave it better than we found it and pass it on to those who will be good stewards and take care of it. What once was a vision for a small group of men in 1949 has become a legacy—a victory for us all.

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

Pre-Jobs:

Big Inch Fabricators and Construction:

- Allen County, IN. 6" flange and valve installation for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jason Brown. Welder Foreman: Chris North. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Geeding Construction, Inc.:

- Holland, OH. Emergency cut-out on 22" high pressure transmission line for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Dustin Licktieg. Welder Foreman: Michael Messer. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc.:

- Nappanee, IN. 2" heater replacement in Elkhart County, IN, for NIPSCO. Superintendent: Kerry Schott. Welder Foreman: Casey Holohan. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Midwestern Contractors:

- Adams County, IN. 10" and 12" integrity digs in Adam County, IN, for Buckeye. Superintendent: Wes Sears. Welder Foreman: James Trautman. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-21-24.

NPL Great Lakes LLC:

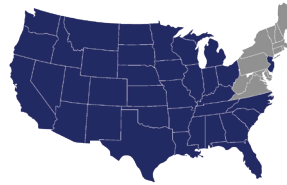
- Elkhart, IN. Install 4-6" regulators in Elkhart County, IN, for NipSCO. Superintendent: John Saltzman. Welder Foreman: Robert Turner. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-7-24.

Roberts Pipeline, Inc.:

- Middletown, IN. 2", 6", and 20" pipe for fabrication of 3 spools in Jay County, IN, for TC Energy. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Samuel Talley. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 12-24-24.
- Terre Haute, IN. 5 integrity digs on 12" in various Indiana counties for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westraater. Welder Foreman: Garrett Bergkamp. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-31-24.

United Piping, Inc.:

- Falmouth, MI. 2" pipe station install, 4,000' lateral to hot tap for TC Energy. Superintendent: Isaac Schober. Welder Foreman: Taylor Bergstrom. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11-23-24.



CT, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA,
VT, WV
918-600-5109

David Butterworth



The current workload in the Northeast is slow at this time, but I am still encouraged by what we are hearing about the overall amount of energy that this country will need for 2025 and beyond. The high demand for energy is real, and it has become increasingly obvious due to our strained power grids, the artificial intelligence and data center boom, and the potential LNG offers to our allies around the world. More and more Americans are understanding that energy security is paramount to the success of our nation as we continue to grow and as new technologies develop. Pipelines are the safest and most efficient way to move molecules around the country so we can meet future demands, and I do not doubt that we will play a large part in this innovative infrastructure build-out.

Most of your data centers will require the same amount of power that it currently takes to run small cities, and I've heard that overall demand is equivalent to 15 New York Cities. We are poised and ready for this inevitable uptick in workload. The organizers, the agents, and the staff are working hard and coming up with new ways to stay ahead of the game. For example, we just received word that the Department of Labor approved us as a certified Apprenticeship Program. This was a huge lift that some thought was impossible, and I want to thank Joe Bigley and Farron Hollabaugh for all their hard work and dedication. More information will be provided as we roll this out, so stay tuned to our website.

By the time you receive this report, the holidays will have passed. I hope everyone had a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I look forward to a prosperous 2025.

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:

- Pennsboro, WV. Install 20" spool piece plus fab. Superintendent: Jeremy Phillips. Welder Foreman: Jason Pitts. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Alex E. Paris Contracting Co. Inc.:

- Washington, PA. 2.9 miles of 20" new lay steel plus additional work. Superintendent: Andy Cilia. Welder Foreman: Logan Hopkins. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:

- Bealeton, VA. 20" split tee install. Superintendent: Jason Neidig. Welder Foreman: Ryan Aikey. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Charps, LLC:

- Leesburg, VA. 10" check valve replacement. Superintendent: Brandon Olson. Welder Foreman: James Griffith. 90% rates. Working 6-10s.
- Owing Mills, MD. Fab, test and install 10" piping and by-pass. Superintendent: Daniel Bendickson. Welder Foreman: Nick Otsby. 90% rates. Working 6-10s.

Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

- Glenville, WV. New POD station and 100' of 2" pipe. Superintendent: Chris Card. Welder Foreman: James Griffith. 90% rates. Working 5-10s.
- Roanoke, WV. 400' of 2" to connect station skid. Superintendent: Chris Card. Welder Foreman: Matt Strother. 90% rates. Working 5-10s.

Otis Minnesota, LLC:

- Andrews Air Force Base, MD. 8" dig. Superintendent: Scott Newcomer. Welder Foreman: Ryan Copley. 90% rates. Working 4-10s.
- Middlebury Center, PA. 70' of 12' steel fab. Superintendent: AJ Niedermaier. Welder Foreman: Jack Niklas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

campaigns. Two new contractors signed—GDN Welding and P&E Constructors. The Organizing Department has several cases pending at the National Labor Relations Board.

We contacted over three thousand nonunion Welders and Helpers this past year. These workers understand they are underpaid and exploited by unfair working conditions and benefits. The only difference between them and us is that they have yet to have the opportunity to join Local 798.

As we jump into 2025, the outlook for the pipeline industry is bright. Our three goals this year are to advocate, collaborate, and educate. With two major topics being permit reform and immigration policies, the door could open wide for our contractors. Remember to advocate for these changes when you see the Action Network petitions appear. Let our united voice be heard. This is the easiest way for you to help your local union, and it may even lead to a job. We often fight to give our fair contractors a chance to bid on work.

We will collaborate with our contractors on strategies to make us more competitive in the industry. Collaboration with other crafts is making our voice bigger as we work together on policies with government officials and engage gas companies early in the project progression. We will continue to collaborate with end users on how to use our united voice and skill sets to bring projects to fruition.

We will educate both members and nonmembers on how to achieve these goals. First, we are all Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers doing the same work who deserve the same compensation and benefits. We need to let nonunion workers know what the union has to offer. Our goal is for every Welder, Journeyman, and Helper to be paid for the skill sets they possess. It does not matter whether they are union or nonunion; pipeliners deserve a fair wage for a day's work. We need to educate these fellow Welders and Helpers about workers' rights and the benefits the union offers. They are not the enemy.

There are many ways for you to get involved with your local union. If you want to help the Organizing team, contact one of us. Make plans to attend Steward School April 7-11. Among all the other exciting activities, we will offer organizing classes during the week. Advocate, collaborate, and educate!

If someone is interested in a better way of life, have them contact us or scan the QR code for more information. May God bless you, and may God bless Local 798.



ORGANIZING Report

Chad Simmons

918-600-4207

By the time this report reaches you, the holiday season will have been unwrapped. Hopefully, you were able to spend time with family and friends and reflect on how great it is to be a union member. If you had the opportunity to attend the Local 798 75th Anniversary dinner, what a celebration it was, highlighting our first 75 years as a local union. We look forward to the next 75 years!

In conjunction with the anniversary dinner and union meeting, we held a Gulf Coast Pipeline Committee meeting at the Training Center with the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). This two-craft partnership has been great, and it continues to grow. We also hosted a Superintendent's Meeting at the training center with our signatory contractors. This open-dialogue session was a fantastic opportunity to discuss strategies to be more competitive in areas that nonunion contractors control by paying inferior wages and offering little to no benefits. We also discussed protecting our union-friendly areas. Some of our contractor's nonunion counterparts are trying to ease into our "bread and butter." We must take control of this work and perform as union craftsmen should to thwart these attacks. With our continued collaboration, we will regain our market share.

Congratulations to Farron Hollabaugh and Joe Bigley on getting our Apprenticeship Program approved by the DOL. Local 798 is set to produce the best all-around Journeymen and Welders this country has ever seen.

In 2024, you worked approximately 4.5 million man-hours. We saw few opportunities to add new members, partly because the Helpers we organized last year are staffing the work. They are doing an excellent job representing our local. The new members added through organizing helped us with our



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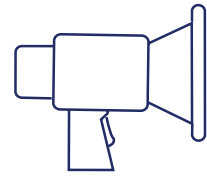
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We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year! This past year, we celebrated our 75th anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee event, which was truly unforgettable. Sitting in a room filled with retirees, current members, and future leaders was humbling, reflecting on how far our local has come. A special thank you goes to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and the Local 798 staff for hosting such an elegant and memorable banquet.

As we begin the new year, we encourage everyone to embrace a set of suggested Local 798 resolutions:

- 1. Update Your Work Status:** Whenever you complete a Local 798 project or one outside of our jurisdiction, contact the Dispatch office within five days to place yourself on the Out-of-Work List (OOWL). Currently, 62% of our members fail to do this, so let's prioritize it.
- 2. Keep Your Out-of-Work Card Current:** We've seen an improvement in members updating their cards, and we appreciate the effort. Let's continue this trend in 2025.
- 3. Submit Weld Data:** Welders, once you finish a project, complete and submit the weld data form. This tool allows business agents to track specific procedures and gas company tests, ensuring you're recognized for your certifications.
- 4. Explore Building Trades Opportunities:** If you're interested in maintaining benefits and building your retirement, reach out to the 798 Dispatch office and training center. Our state-of-the-art facility is here to help you refine your skills and better provide for your family.
- 5. Prepare for the Future:** We can't predict what's ahead, but we can get ready. Helpers, take advantage of training opportunities to improve your skills, from cutting pipe to transitioning and mastering general duties. Welders, utilize our heli-arc and uphill booths to expand your capabilities. Contact Farron Hollabaugh at the training center to prepare for the upcoming work season.

The workload on the North Slope looks promising, and we receive weekly inquiries about opportunities there. If you're interested in working in Alaska, please contact Business Agent Justin Head, who coordinates closely with Local 375 in Fairbanks. Remember, you represent yourself and Local 798 while working in this jurisdiction under challenging conditions. Let your actions reflect the pride and professionalism of our union.

We look forward to a productive and prosperous new year. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to call the Dispatch office at 918-610-2761.

PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all students! The deadline to submit your completed application, appraisal forms, and transcripts is January 24, 2025. Applications can be downloaded online from the Local Union 798 website at www.local798.org. The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarships section.



CLIFTON "CLIFF" THRONEBERRY, JR.



Clifton "Cliff" Throneberry, Jr., 88, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 1, 2024, at home beside his beloved wife of 71 years, Emma. Born to Elihue Clifton and Ollie Beatrice Throneberry (Minor) on April 10, 1936, in Wartrace, Tennessee, Cliff learned the values of hard work and determination early on, principles that would guide him throughout his life.

Cliff served in the U.S. Air Force, where he distinguished himself as a skilled military police officer. After his service, he embarked on a career in the pipeline industry, learning to weld while working in Iraq. He had the opportunity to perfect his craft while being an involuntary guest of circumstance during the Iran-Iraq border disputes of the late 1950s. Upon returning to the States, he joined the Pipeliners Union. For more than four decades, his unwavering commitment and dedication earned him the respect of his peers, allowing him to lead Union members as the Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Pipeliners Local Union 798 and as Vice President of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada.

Always eager to innovate, Cliff passionately embraced his entrepreneurial spirit. He ventured into horse breeding and racing, gaining a reputation for raising prestigious American Quarter horses for over 20 years. He was also a pioneer in the entertainment industry, as a founding member of Entertainment Plus, where they owned and operated multiple Major Video stores in Oklahoma. That grew into over twenty Blockbuster Video franchises throughout Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Those stores became favorite neighborhood destinations for friends and families, bringing joy to his community.

Cliff was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His faith as a dedicated Christian and member of the Church of Christ was central to his life. Known for being tough but fair, he embodied the principle of working hard to play harder. An avid runner and golfer, he also enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em poker. The warmth of Cliff's generous spirit was evident in his unwavering care for others throughout his life.

After battling Parkinson's disease for 28 years, Cliff sought to give back even in death. He donated his brain to the Mayo Clinic for Parkinson's research, hoping to aid others in their struggles. He also gifted his body and organs to science, wishing to contribute to further advancements.

Cliff is survived by his beloved wife, Emma, and their children, Mike Throneberry (Mickie) and Cheryl McCloud (Jeff). He cherished his grandchildren, Amy Neely (Ryan) and Jon-Michael Throneberry (Lacy), and the joy they brought him through their children: Elliot, Emmalynn, and Everly Neely. He was filled with pride at the news of a new Baby Throneberry on the way. Cliff is remembered by his sisters, Jane Alexander and Joyce Henderson, as well as step-grandchildren Trey Dobson, Anthony McCloud, and Allyson Farrell. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Francis Morrow, and beloved son Steve Throneberry. The family extends special thanks to Denise Jones for her compassionate care, which greatly impacted Cliff and Emma's lives.

Cliff's life embodied the American dream—a testament to hard work, dedication, and generosity. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable contributions in memory of Cliff Throneberry be made to Brain Support Network or the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund.

Brain Support Network
PO Box 7264
Menlo Park, CA 94026

Pipeliners Voluntary Fund
PO Box 470798
Tulsa, OK 74147



Renée Vause

Director

401(k) Contribution Limits for 2025 - Higher Catch-Up Limitations for Those Ages 60-63

The annual contribution limit for employees who participate in the 401(k) plan is increased to \$23,500 for 2025, up from \$23,000 in 2024. The catch-up contribution limit that generally applies for employees aged 50 and over remains \$7,500 for 2025. Therefore, participants who are 50 and older generally can contribute up to \$31,000 each year, starting in 2025. New for 2025, a higher catch-up contribution limit of \$11,250 is available for those who are ages 60, 61, 62, or 63 by the end of 2025. Please note the higher catch-up limit of \$11,250 is only available to individuals turning ages 60, 61, 62, or 63 in 2025. Individuals turning 64 during 2025 will be limited to the \$7,500 catch-up contribution.

COBRA Coverage

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (PIBF or the Plan) met on November 7, 2024, and approved changes to the Plan as summarized below. This important health and welfare plan change will affect active participants, spouses, and children.

Effective March 1, 2025, COBRA rates will be as follows:

- Single Coverage \$675 per month
- Family Coverage \$1,785 per month

Don't Forget to Utilize Zelis Member Rewards

When your doctor recommends a medical service (surgical procedures, diagnostic tests, and common screenings), this program will allow you to compare providers for eligible procedures and potentially earn a cash reward based on your savings by choosing an equally qualified but less expensive provider. This service is only available for participants who have PIBF as their primary coverage. You can find the link on our website, www.pibf.org, under the "H&W Benefits" tab, then click on the "Zelis Price Comparison Tool with Member Rewards" or call the Member Rewards Care Concierge Team at 1-833-849-0567. Once you have the procedure at a "Rewarded" location and the claim is paid, Member Rewards will verify that the location qualifies for a reward and send a check to your home! Please note that if your total "Member Rewards" payments for the calendar year are \$600 or more, the total is taxable, and you will receive a 1099MISC for the year.

Tax Forms Available on Member Portal

Tax forms 1099-R (Pension Payments) will be mailed to you by the end of January and 1095-B (Health Coverage) will be mailed to you by March 3, 2025. These forms are also available on the member portal at www.pibf.org. Log in and click on the "General Information" tab and then "Fund Office Correspondence." A list of correspondence will be displayed, and you can select and print the forms.

Email Addresses and Other Personal Information

To remain HIPAA compliant, PIBF and Local 798 do not share change of address information. It is extremely important that plan participants notify both 798 and PIBF when permanent address changes occur or when email or telephone numbers change. You can change your address by mail, by calling the PIBF office at 918-280-4800, or by going online to www.pibf.org, logging in to the "Members Login" section, and choosing "Change of Address Form" under the "Forms" tab.

Deductibles Renew January 1

Please remember that medical and prescription deductibles start over at the beginning of the year. The PIBF office receives a large volume of calls early in the year, questioning the price increase from their last refill. In most cases, this is due to the deductible having to be met before the prescription is covered with co-insurance. Sav-Rx is available 24/7 to answer questions related to the processing of your prescription claim.

Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)

The HRA deadline is fast approaching for 2024 claims. Don't leave money on the table! Remember to file for reimbursement of your 2024 claims by April 15, 2025.

Summary of Benefits and Coverage

The PIBF office recently mailed out the Summary of Benefits and Coverage, describing what the benefit plan covers and what it costs. This is a condensed version of our PIBF Summary Plan Description booklet showing comparable information about your health plan benefits and coverage. This document is also available on our website under the "H&W Benefits" tab.

MEETING NOTICES

January 10, 2025

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 10, 2025, 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 10, 2025.

April 11, 2025

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 11, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: Nomination and Election of an Election Committee. The Election Committee will oversee the 2025 Election of Officers and 2025 UA Convention Delegates election for the 2026 UA Convention. Therefore, Election Committee members will not be eligible to seek election as a Local 798 officer or UA Convention delegate.

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, April 11, 2025.

Hotel Accommodations

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

Parking is complimentary for Pipeliners Local 798 guests. Simply use the code RENTN during your stay to take advantage of this offer. Upon arrival at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, you'll find signage in the parking lot and at the front desk with instructions on how to pay for parking. To complete the payment, just scan the QR code with your phone or text the provided number to receive a link.

STEWARD SCHOOL

April 7-11, 2025

Save the date for Steward School 2025! The event will be held from April 7-11, 2025. Registration details will be mailed soon. **If you plan to work as a Steward, Welder Foreman, or Pipeman, be sure to attend.** Please complete your registration and make your reservations as soon as possible. **Pipeliners Local Union 798 has secured a group rate at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel. When making reservations, please mention Pipeliners Local Union 798.**

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel – 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133
1-800-264-0165
Starting at \$114/night

Monday, April 7

Pipeliners 24th Annual Charity Golf Tournament – The Club at Indian Springs

Tuesday, April 8

Lincoln Electric Barbeque – Local 798 Training Center

Wednesday, April 9

Steward School General Session – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
Ladies of 798 Basket Auction – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

Thursday, April 10

Steward School General Session – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
Retiree Banquet – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

Friday, April 11

Miller Electric Crawfish Boil – Local 798 Training Center
14th Annual Slick Rig Contest – Local 798 Training Center
Regular April Membership Meeting – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
Ladies Hospitality – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On behalf of the union, we sincerely thank all who attended and our sponsors who joined us in celebrating our 75th anniversary. The evening was filled with food, fun, camaraderie, and heartfelt memories as we honored our union's incredible journey and the strong bonds that continue to unite us all. Your attendance is a testament to the dedication and unity that have fueled our journey for over seven decades. This milestone would not have been possible without your unwavering support and commitment to our shared goals. Thank you for being a vital part of our history and your continued efforts to shape our future together. Here's to the next chapter of our collective strength and solidarity.





Short & Personal

THANK YOU

Sam and Sherri Sandbothe thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received following Hurricane Helene. "It is an honor to be a part of this great union!" Special thanks to Justin Wallace.

Ricky Standridge thanks every person who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received after the storms. "It is a privilege to belong to such a great organization such as Local 798." Special thanks to Phillip McCann and Danny Hendrix.

Tommie G. Newsom thanks the Voluntary Fund and its contributors for the money he received after his hospitalization. Special thanks to Monty Samford, Richard Sowell, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Gladys Bassham and family thank everyone for the beautiful bible, cards, phone calls, emails, and texts of sympathy after the passing of their loved one, Billy Bassham. "Billy was proud and honored to be a member of Local 798 for 62 years. He was so very pleased with the way the local supports and cares for the membership . . . God bless each of you!"

Dell Davis thanks the members of Local 798, "the greatest people I've ever worked with," for the check he received to help with travel expenses as he undergoes cancer treatment. Special thanks to Matt and Stanley Ingram, and Guy Williams.

Chad Springer and family thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received after their son Eli's lengthy stay at the children's hospital.

Gary Buchan, Jr. expresses gratitude to all 798 Brothers and Sisters for the kindness, support, and condolences he received after his father's passing. Additionally, he thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund and the staff members who organize and manage it for the generous gift.

Bruce and Andrea Carroll thank 798 members for the Voluntary Fund check received following Hurricane Helene. "It was appreciated and helpful."

The Bailey family thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received following Hurricane Helene. Special thanks to Chad Simmons and Jerry Dale Crabtree.

Arnell J. Malnar thanks all who give to the Voluntary Fund for the help received after Debbie's recent hospitalization. Special thanks to Todd Hartle and the Michels crew.

Gerald and Kathy Davis thank all the members who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received following Hurricane Helene flooding their home. "God bless 798 pipeliners."

Lynn and Mary Landreth express thanks for the 13th check and the percentage increase. "May God bless the local and all of its members!"

Tim Hartness expresses gratitude for the help he received from the Voluntary Fund. "I am very thankful for the assistance from the membership." Special thanks to Don Lewis.

Daniel Leibr thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The money will be put toward hospital bills. Special thanks to Tado and Rhonda Spann and Lance and Robin Leibr.

Sue and Jimmy Cook thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received due to Hurricane Helene. Special thanks to Dale Crabtree, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "God bless America and Local Union 798."

Tom and Hope Shaw thank all the hands that give to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to Wade Pilgreen and Justin Wallace.

Melissa Redding thanks the Precision Dahlonga, Georgia, Spread for their concern and understanding when she had to leave the job to have back surgery in late November. Also, she expresses gratitude to the Voluntary Fund for the check she received. It was "so very unexpected and I am so appreciative of those who thought of me during this difficult time." Special thanks to Dave Warner, Zach Scott, Ricky Johnson and Kerry Lobell.

Anthony Langone thanks Brother David Nash for submitting his name to the Voluntary Fund after his neck injury. "I would also like to thank all members of 798, past and present, and other crafts who have contributed." Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for their compassion and consideration.

J.C. and Carolyn Thornburg thank the Voluntary Fund for the check received following Carolyn's knee replacement surgery. "It's truly an honor to belong to a great caring and giving family." Special thanks to Rusty and Donna Bailey, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

RETIREMENTS

Kevin C. Coffin, Spacer, Palm Bay, FL

Timothy J. Emerick, Helper, Avis, PA

David M. Fears, Welder, Shelbyville, TN

Lance S. Herren, Helper, Downsville, LA

Charles L. Houston, Welder, Florien, LA

Jeffery D. Martin, Welder, Bald Knob, AR

Lance N. Nugent, Welder, Oak Grove, LA

Michael E. Shuman, Spacer, Graham, TX

Jeffrey A. Taylor, Welder, Belhaven, NC

Wayne B. Petz, Welder, Alberton, MT

IN MEMORIAM

Holland P. McHam, 91-year-old Retired Welder of Harrisville, MI, passed away October 12, 2024.

Gary W. McDonough, 68-year-old Retired Helper of Charleroi, PA, passed away October 14, 2024.

Jimmy D. Watkins, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Pottsboro, TX, passed away October 18, 2024.

James E. Schocke, 54-year-old Retired Helper of Milford, OH, passed away October 19, 2024.

Gary L. Evens, 83-year-old Retired Welder of Mustang, OK, passed away October 23, 2024.

Sammy L. Pankey, 77-year-old Helper of Ripley, TN, passed away October 25, 2024.

D. Carl Hiland, 68-year-old Retired Welder of Adairsville, GA, passed away October 29, 2024.

Timothy F. Adrian, 83-year-old Retired Welder of West Branch, MI, passed away October 31, 2024.

Clifton Throneberry, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Broken Arrow, OK, passed away November 1, 2024.

Donald J. Hutchinson, 84-year-old Retired Helper of Honey Grove, PA, passed away November 6, 2024.

Wesley F. "Buster" Chapman, Jr., 75-year-old Retired Welder of Winnsboro, LA, passed away November 11, 2024.

Jimmy D. Patterson, 66-year-old Retired Helper of Lexington, TN, passed away November 27, 2024.



McCizer Pipeline, Inc. in Jessieville, Arkansas



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SWAP & SELL

2010 Mobile Suites Trailer: 8ft. x 38ft. Contains the Canadian package that includes two heaters. Good condition. Good tires. Last lived in, 2019. Licensed in Colorado. Will deal. Trailer can be seen and picked up in Colorado Springs, CO. \$12,000. Contact Larry Sportsman at 719-337-6814.

2012 Dodge Ram 3500: 285,000 miles, motor has around 170,000. Rebuilt transmission with 5,000 miles. Contact Joy Compton at 785-204-1892.

2016 Chevrolet 3500 HD High Country: 125,276 miles, but currently being driven. Fully deleted and tuned. Very reliable rig truck. Onboard air compressor system. Everything works great. \$48,000. Contact Brady at 701-330-8200 for more information.

2016 Passport Grand Touring Ultra Lite 33ft. Bunkhouse Camper: Sleeps 6-7, 3 slide outs with electric awning. \$20,000. Contact Martin Varner at 814-259-3034.

2017 F-350: 121,000 miles. Brand new motor with a two-year warranty. Remote airbags. Deleted. \$43,000. Contact Tyler Ruff at 870-654-2708.

2020 Ford F-450 STX: Truck available end of February/mid-March. Still have original bed for it. Very good condition. 55,500 miles. Aluminum bed was made by Martins Steel, Inc. Lots of storage space. Truck and bed only. \$62,000. Contact Joy O'Rourke at 814-823-1966.

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



Update Your Information

Start the new year off right by updating your contact information with the union hall. Please take a moment to log into the Member Login section on the Local 798 website at www.local798.org or call our office at 918-622-1900 to ensure your details are up to date. Details include your mailing address, phone number(s), email address, and demographics.

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