

BLUE LIGHT

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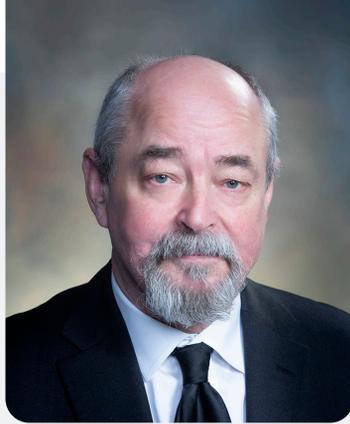
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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take a moment to welcome our new members into the family. The abundance of work has dictated that we grow our ranks to fulfill our obligations to the contractors as well as the clients. Accelerating our membership at such speed has caused a few growing pains in the office and in the field, but it is challenges such as these that create opportunities.

Many of our long-held traditions, customs, and policies, including R-O-W etiquette, have always been passed down from generation to generation by the elders educating the new members through verbal communication and example. We, as elders, shouldn't expect the newer members to understand this code of conduct if we are not willing to share this unwritten code that governs our expectations of what behavior is becoming of a 798 member.

Most behavior from new members perceived as disrespectful, discourteous, or abrasive is unintentional. It could be avoided by better communication from the welder foreman, job steward, or an elder member who can pass along the structure and principles of R-O-W etiquette. Blatant criticism of new members only ostracizes someone who has decided to join the union. Whether you have been blessed to be a part of this local for a short period or an extended period, please reach out and welcome the new arrivals to the family. We as a family must promote harmony and goodwill through assistance and education on what is expected. Let's all be mindful of our obligations to the family and each other, and we will all be stronger as an organization for it.

Justin and I recently returned from two job site visits in Louisiana, Price Gregory and Associated Pipe Line with 200 members collectively. It was nice to be able to get out of the office and visit with the hands. We have a PIBF trustee meeting scheduled for the end of August, and there will be discussions over pension and benefit improvements if prudent.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this report, the high heat of summer will be just a memory, and early fall will bring rising manhours. We believe that we will see an uptick in projects. We have a couple of nice, large-diameter pipeline spreads that will be starting soon in Texas and Tennessee. We are also visiting other clients on their buildout for 2026. I believe we are slowly heading into a new Renaissance for natural gas, proving once again it is not ready to be replaced by the charlatans of the Green New Deal.

Major pipeline companies have identified the vast potential of natural gas in powering data centers. As the power sector evolves to meet the escalating energy needs of data centers, natural gas remains a critical component in ensuring reliable, efficient, and sustainable power generation. Its capacity to support data center growth and the required data center reliability, while complementing renewable energy sources, positions natural gas as a vital element in shaping the industry's future. Natural gas is essential for maintaining grid stability and preventing outages. Its efficiency and reliability make it ideal for large-scale data center operations.

The Organizing Department is doing a great job and is showing measurable results. I have decided to make a management shift in the Organizing Department to alleviate one person from carrying too much of the load. I feel that the structure and day-to-day operations will be more efficient, and day-to-day operations concerning all parties will flow more smoothly if we change from a single lead organizer to a co-lead approach where Chad Simmons and Ralph Zoller will share in the top leadership role equally and share those responsibilities. Our team has grown, and I feel these are the most challenging positions in our organization. I want to ensure our team has all the tools they need to succeed. David Hall, Jacob Wallis, Marcus Milstead, Cassidy Croley, and Mickey Don Westerman currently serve the membership as organizers.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day. It's our holiday, celebrating the victories of labor organizations nationwide, that fought for workers' rights and continue to do so today!

Last, but not least, if you enjoy the great benefits of the union, such as healthcare, pension, 401(k), training, and a structured workforce, please take just a few minutes every morning to thank the good Lord for your many blessings. Then pick up your phone or laptop and go to the Local 798 Action Page to advocate for your future. Use your voice to collectively tell the nation they need this energy infrastructure built by the best, Local 798! It is our duty. **As always, I am proud to say, "I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel C. Hendrix". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager

FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this report finds you well. We are on track to have a really good year, with some larger projects looking like they will go in the fourth quarter. The Ridgeline Project for Enbridge in Tennessee still looks like it will go this fall, along with the Energy Transfer project in Texas. We've got a lot of irons in the fire right now with training, apprenticeship, and organizing. We are seeing a lot of progress on all those fronts, and I believe we will continue to.

At the time of this writing, we have a Board of Trustees meeting just around the corner, so by the time you receive this report, we should have news to report on any changes from that meeting.

Danny and I, along with some of the business agents and organizers, recently returned from attending the Southwest Pipe Trades Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This annual conference gives us an opportunity to fellowship and coordinate with the Sister locals in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arizona. We've got a great partnership with the SWPT, and their organizing team has been very helpful to our organizing efforts in Texas. We appreciate our partnership with them and all other pipe trades organizations. Collectively, we can cover much more ground.

We also visited the Associated Pipe Line job in Ragley, Louisiana, and the Price Gregory job in Oak Grove, Louisiana. Both projects have laid the pipe out by now and will be winding down soon. It was good to be able to get out and visit the 798 hands on these jobs and provide information and answer questions. We currently have two regional meetings planned: Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, October 18, and Charleston, West Virginia, on Sunday, October 19. More information is available in this issue of the Blue Light and on our website.

This issue of the Blue Light will honor those members who have reached 25+ years of continuous membership. My hat is off to each and every one of you who achieved this honor. It says a lot for the membership of this great organization to stick through the good times and bad times. It is not an easy way to make a living, and it sure isn't for everyone, but it is rewarding for those that are able to stick it out. The future is bright for Pipeliners Local Union 798 members!

Local 798 officer elections and the election to choose delegates to the UA convention are upon us. All the relevant information concerning these elections is included in this issue of the Blue Light. If you have further questions, please reach out to a member of the Election Committee. The officer elections come around every three years, and the convention every five years, so this will be the last time to participate for a while.

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 fluid and cursive.

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



Price Gregory International in Delhi, Louisiana

BUSINESS AGENT

REPORTS



JERRY DALE CRABTREE, JR.

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

I hope this finds everyone in good health and staying cool in this extremely hot weather. Since my last report, I have been very busy and have spent many miles on the road. I attended the Georgia Carolina Pipe Trades and had a great chance to catch up with business managers, business agents, and organizers from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. Building trades work in those areas continues to be greater than their capacity to man it, which creates a lot of opportunity for our members. Contact Jimmy Dick in Dispatch if you are interested in building trades work.

Work in my jurisdiction has slowed at the moment. Several of the jobs are starting to finish up. But I expect more projects to be bid and hopefully get kicked off later this year.

Please contact our Organizing Department if you see or hear anything happening in your area. If you would like to be a part of the organizing campaign, get in touch with one of our organizers to find out how you could contribute. As with all aspects of this industry, it takes us all working together to be successful.

I encourage everyone to take notice of the "Service Awards" section in this issue of the Blue Light. These members have stuck with this local for 25+ years, through thick and thin, and have worked to help make us what we are today. Their service and experience are truly honorable and valued. Thank you to all of them!

As I've stated in all my reports, every member is encouraged to continue to be actively involved with our Action Network. I know I sound like a broken record, but this is an amazing way for our voices to be heard and our way of life to be recognized and valued. Please take the time to encourage all family, friends, and neighbors to get involved. There is always strength in numbers.

I hope to see everyone at our September Membership Meeting on the 12th. May God bless each one of you and this local.



JUSTIN HEAD

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

The summer work season out west is starting to wrap up. As of this writing, Precision should have the pipe laid out in Nevada. I still have some projects ongoing, but do not anticipate any more large projects this year; mostly smaller Integrity Maintenance projects.

The work outlook out west is looking great for 2026 and 2027. I just returned from Denver after meeting with Tallgrass, and they have a project coming up consisting of 160 miles of 24". I will be working with them on a letter to FERC to help expedite the permits. I encourage everyone to sign that letter. Representatives from Tallgrass mentioned several times how helpful the letters and signatures were in getting the Trailblazer work permitted.

I recently read an article that showed EnergyTransfer is looking at laying a 42" line from the Waha Hub in Texas to Phoenix, approximately 516 miles, and nine compressor stations. I am almost certain that the work is driven by the new power generation demand that new data centers will need. Hopefully, we will soon have conversations about our fair contractors having the opportunity to pursue that work.

Also, I have spoken to the business agent in Alaska. They will still have opportunities for travelers, but they do not anticipate needing as many as last year.

In closing, if there is anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call. Please make sure you leave a voicemail or text message if you would like a return call.

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TODD HARTLE

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

I hope everyone has had a great summer. We are looking forward to more work as we head into fall.

As I write this, I am on the road doing job visits in Kansas and Iowa. We currently have 43 open pre-jobs in my area. We are making headway on the Northern Natural Gas maintenance work. Michels has picked up several digs in Kansas and Minnesota. A nonunion contractor had some of this work, and they were run off. We have stepped in to take this work with trained, qualified members to assure our work is second to none.

We have many great seasoned and young Welders working on our projects all over the country. Our members are showing what a 798 Welder is all about: safety, quality, and production.

The Tallgrass gathering lines we had going in Nebraska are winding down. In the past few months, the maintenance has really taken off in my area. I've been talking to our contractors here, and they are still bidding on a lot of work. We are still getting a few out on building trades work as well.

I would like to thank the 25+ year members that have helped make 798 what it is today. I am looking forward to visiting with our members at our upcoming September meeting.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone to get on the Action Network and sign the actions. It just takes a few clicks of a button to do so.

As always, I want to remind everyone that if you need me for anything, please do not hesitate to contact me. May God continue to bless you, your families, our great country, and Local Union 798.



JOE GAINES

TX | 918-237-3573

Fall is shaping up to be a strong season here in Texas. The Michels job is in full swing, 45 miles of 36-inch, .750 wall stick rod, and our hands are showing up and doing solid work. I will be visiting the job soon and look forward to seeing you on the R-O-W.

Precision Pipeline is also getting ready to start their big job in Texas: 130 miles of 42-inch automatic. That job is expected to start in late September or early October. I am glad to have some big union pipe back in Texas, and we'll need a strong showing for this to continue. If you are interested in manning this job, check the job line and give me a call.

I encourage everyone to make plans to attend the September Membership Meeting in Tulsa. We will have the Superintendent's Meeting and the Union Sportsmen's Banquet, and we'll be taking nominations for UA Delegates and Local 798 Officers. If you've never been, this is a great time to jump in and get involved.

To all our 25+ year members, congratulations! That kind of dedication is something special. You have helped shape this local into what it is today, and we're grateful for your service. Thanks for all you do. Stay safe, stay proud, and I hope to see you in Tulsa or on the R-O-W.

May God continue to bless America, our local, and each of you. As always, if I can assist you, please do not hesitate to call 918-237-3573.

BUSINESS AGENT

REPORTS



CHARLES YATES, JR.

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

I am proud to report that our local is healthy and solvent. What a privilege to have leadership that has professionally and compassionately cared for our membership and the longevity and success of Pipeliners Local Union 798. If we inspect the recent manpower and financial numbers, we are stronger than ever. We have excellent pension credits, the credit value has grown, and our Health and Welfare benefits provide access to quality health care. We also have numerous opportunities for man-hours, especially in the Central Region; we have 47 jobs underway and are looking ahead to put members to work on the Ridgeline Project.

In late July, the Putnam County Commission meeting highlighted updates to the Tennessee Ridgeline Project. The project is still progressing well, and permits are expected from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in August. Company sources also confirmed that the proposed construction will begin in the fall of 2025, despite big opposition from country singer John Rich. The 122-mile Enbridge Natural Gas Pipeline will use the same easement as the old East Tennessee Natural Gas Pipeline, which minimizes environmental impact. The project includes transitioning the current Kingston Fossil Plant from coal to cleaner energy.

What initially began as a war on coal has swelled to a generalized resistance against all naturally occurring energy sources like coal, natural gas, and oil. Phasing out fossil fuels as a reliable energy source while increasing global energy demands is unrealistic. You cannot have one without the other. Let's ensure the celebrity opposition is not the loudest voice in the room. Contact your local senators to vocalize your support for the Enbridge Ridgeline. Show your support on our Action Network by reading, signing, and sharing important petitions.

Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.



DAVID BUTTERWORTH

918-600-5109

Recently, I have been receiving questions about what's been going on in the apprenticeship process. Justin Wallace asked me to travel to Seattle, Washington, with Local 798 Director of Apprenticeship, Joe Bigley, and Local 798 Assistant Training Coordinator, Jeff Clark, to check out UA Local 32's apprenticeship program. I want to personally thank the leadership of Local 32 for opening their doors to us, and I want to give a special shout-out to Local 32 Training Coordinator, PJ Moss, and Assistant Training Coordinator, Heather Winfrey. The knowledge and guidance we gained from them cannot be measured or put into words. I am still working on industry relationships, but the apprenticeship has become the primary focus. I am thrilled about the benefits we will receive from being named a nationally registered Department of Labor Certified Apprenticeship Program, and I am eager to see how this new focus on training will keep our great local sustainable for generations to come.

This has been a daily grind where Joe, Jeff, and I have been revising legal documentation, writing policies, procedures, and doing everything we can to make this apprenticeship a program that specifically fits the needs of the pipeline industry. We know that we are not exactly like all the other UA locals, but we will make this work, and we will do our best to structure the apprenticeship to fit our needs. I don't have a definitive timeline of when we will be up and running but we are working every day to achieve this goal. Becoming the best trained workforce in the world is our future, and the apprenticeship will set us up for success so we can meet the pipeline industry needs of today and of tomorrow.

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CHARLES THOMAS

CT, DE, MA, ME, MD, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV | 918-313-5987

We are nearing the end of the summer work season in the Northeast. Job visits in the region have gone well, and morale has been high. It has been a hot and wet summer, and I commend the hands for overcoming these challenging conditions and continuing to move forward. As the summer comes to an end, I expect to continue to see work opportunities, especially in the Integrity Maintenance sector.

2026 looks like it will be a strong work year across the country. Please don't let our diligence with the Action Network slip because the outlook is promising. We still face many permitting challenges, and we need to stay proactive. We can't become complacent with what we have and let the opposition drown us out. Some major projects are already facing renewed opposition; let's work to get these projects over the finish line.

There will soon be major changes in our local union. If you aim to become a welder foreman or steward next year, start planning now to attend Steward School in 2026. We expect a heavier workload. Along with the upcoming apprenticeship program, things will change considerably for welder foremen and stewards. Stay proactive and begin preparing now to stay ahead.

If I can help anyone, please don't hesitate to call.



Jacob Ikerd in Aurora, Nebraska. Submitted by: Tiffany Ikerd



Zack Weisner and Koty Russell in Anacoco, Louisiana. Submitted by: Victoria Weisner

DISPATCH REPORT

JIMMY DICK 918-610-2761



We want to take a few minutes to address several important reminders and ongoing issues we're seeing in the 798 Dispatch office.

If you're working out of jurisdiction or have been laid off from a project out of jurisdiction, you must put yourself back on the out-of-work list. Per our Dispatch Policy (Page 7, Paragraph 16), members working out of jurisdiction are removed from the out-of-work list effective as of their first day of work for the contractor. If you're unsure of your status or have questions, call us at the office, and we'll walk you through it.

Several of our members are not putting themselves back on the out-of-work list once they are disconnected from a project. You have five days to put yourself back on the out-of-work list. If you miss that window, you will receive a new out-of-work date and move to the bottom of the list. We strongly encourage everyone to register on the out-of-work list immediately after being disconnected from a project.

Many members mistakenly believe the 300, 450, and 600-hour rules reset annually. They do not. Your hours only reset when you receive a new out-of-work date. Everyone's situation is different, so if you're unsure how your hours carry over, give us a call. We'll be glad to help.

With a substantial influx of new members from our organizing efforts, we want to remind everyone: We must show up and man the work. Absenteeism is hurting us. Most jobs are six days a week, ten hours a day. If you accept a dispatch, be committed. We have an obligation to the contractors and the gas companies to show up and perform.

If you're a Journeyman with testing capabilities and you're available, please contact one of our business agents. Work is picking up, and we are actively looking for testing Journeymen for multiple roles. Get involved; opportunities are out there.

We've had welding jobs go unfilled until we sent a call blast. Often, this is simply because members aren't checking the job line. The workload is picking up. Check the job line nightly and stay current.

We understand the frequent call blasts, especially to Helpers, can get old. But we're doing it for a reason: We must man the work. If you're available, answer the call. We're working hard to connect members to jobs and meet contractor demands.

If you're a Welder, especially if you're tested or have certs, submit your name to the Welder Data Sheet. It's helped many members get opportunities they wouldn't have had otherwise. We regularly get calls from contractors and business agents across jurisdictions looking for tested Welders. We are here to help promote you and your skill set. This program has opened many doors and will continue to do so. Stay involved.

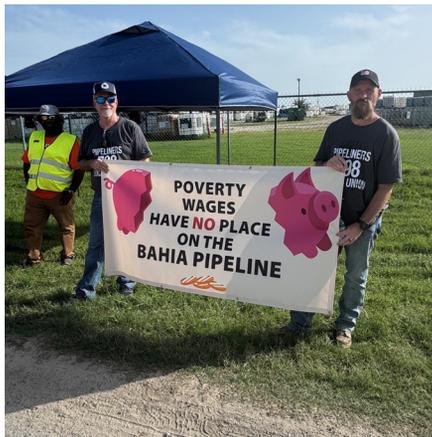
We look forward to seeing many of you at the September Membership Meeting. A lot of great opportunities are coming up. If you have any questions or need help, call the 798 Dispatch office at 918-610-2761.

Let's stay engaged, stay informed, and most of all, man the work.

TO STAY INFORMED WITH THE LATEST UPDATES FROM THE DISPATCH OFFICE, OPT IN TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES. TEXT THE WORD "ALERT" TO 22300 TO BEGIN RECEIVING IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS.



Contractors Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes Pipeline in Lebanon, Ohio



Local Union 798 demonstration in Bryan, Texas



NPL Construction, LLC in Columbus, Ohio

ORGANIZING REPORTS

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CHAD SIMMONS

918-600-4207

July started with some fireworks of our own. Your Organizing Department, in conjunction with UA Pipe Trades and the other three pipeline crafts, held informational demonstrations in Bryan and Colorado City, Texas. Standing together with our fellow crafts, we were able to interact with hundreds of nonunion workers to educate them on what the unions have to offer. It is amazing what the workers do not know about the union and the benefits that go along with it. The nonunion contractors have spread anti-union rhetoric for years. Some of these workers made their own informed decision and joined one of the four crafts, starting a new career path with organized labor. Welcome, Brothers and Sisters!

Listen to this: The union spends millions of dollars on training, while the nonunion spends the same portion or more on union-busting lawyers and propaganda. Wouldn't you want someone to invest in YOUR future instead of corporate greed?

Congratulations to the Welders at Degen Excavating for voting in favor of Local 798 in the National Labor Relations Board election. We look forward to being their bargaining agent and building new relationships.

Since the demand for Helpers has increased, we have organized approximately 200 experienced Helpers from the nonunion. Make sure to welcome these new members and educate them on the benefits of union membership. Many nonunion workers are reaching out to learn more about becoming a union member. Have your nonunion friends reach out to an organizer if they are interested. The tides are turning in favor of the workers. We are here to help them make the transition. Scan the QR code for more information.

We hope to see you at the September meeting. Advocate, collaborate, and educate! Together, we change America! May God bless you and may God bless Local 798.



RALPH "BARKY" ZOLLER

539-235-4610

I hope everyone is doing well and has enjoyed their summer months. I would personally like to welcome all new members to Local 798. We are grateful to have new, hard-working members join us to help fulfill the increasing number of man-hours.

It was wonderful to see all four union crafts at the informational demonstrations recently held in Texas. Talking with workers who do the same or similar work as we do but are not provided with the same on-the-job luxuries and benefits that union members receive always offers an opportunity to gain insight and knowledge.

We, as union members, must remember that we are all the same whether union or nonunion. The difference is that union members have collective bargaining power with representation, and we stand together. If you see a nonunion Brother or Sister, please share and educate them on the benefits of being union and direct them on how to get in touch with a union representative from their specific craft.

The Organizing Department would like to thank the membership for the ongoing help and support. Your continued efforts and communication about contractors, jobs, and industry-wide events are what drive our efforts. We value each of you and your input, and are collectively further ahead because of our supportive membership.

As always, if I can help in any way, don't hesitate to contact me. I wish all of you good health, safe travels, and God's blessing to you and your family. God bless Local 798.

Local 798 Officers and 2026 UA Convention Delegates/Alternates

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

This notice provides important information regarding the nomination process for the upcoming election for Local 798 Officers and UA Convention Delegates/Alternates for the 2026 UA Convention. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact an Election Committee member.

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NOMINATIONS

1. A meeting to nominate candidates for officers and UA Convention Delegates/Alternates will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, starting at 7 p.m. CST, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145.
2. Nominations will be accepted for UA Convention Delegates/Alternates and the following offices:

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Business Manager

Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Inside Guard

Executive Board (4 Positions)

Finance Committee (3 Positions)

Examining Board (2 Positions)

3. No member shall run for more than one office. The term of office shall be in accordance with the United Association Constitution. However, a member may run for one office and run as a UA Convention Delegate/Alternate.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798 unless they have been a member in good standing of the United Association and Local 798 for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in Local 798. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to run for office is October 29, 2025. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 29, 2025, they will not be eligible to run for office.
5. Nominations will also be accepted for convention delegates for the upcoming 2026 UA General Convention. No Local 798 member shall be eligible as a delegate or alternate unless he has been a good standing member of the Local Union which he is to represent for at least two (2) continuous years previous to his election and he remains in good standing from the date of his election through the period of the convention. The date of the "election" for purposes of determining eligibility to serve as a convention delegate or alternate is October 29, 2025. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 29, 2025, he will not be eligible to run for convention delegate or alternate.
6. Nominations for officers and convention delegates will be accepted from the floor at the nominations meeting. A candidate may nominate themselves and need not have a second. If a member is not present at the meeting, they may be nominated or nominate themselves by sending a written notice of their acceptance of nomination to the specified office. Such written notice may be delivered by hand, mail, or facsimile to the Union Office or by email to nominations@local798.org. Written notice must be received by the Local 798 Union Hall in Tulsa, Oklahoma, no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on the day of nominations, Friday, September 12, 2025. (Please note that the email address for nominations will be activated on June 30, 2025, and deactivated at 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, September 12, 2025.) The names of all candidates received by this deadline will be announced at the nominations meeting.
7. Under Section 504 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act ("LMRDA"), a member who has been convicted of certain crimes may not hold union office for a maximum of 13 years following the date of conviction or the end of imprisonment, whichever is later. Please call the U.S. Department of Labor or the Chairman of the Election Committee if you have a question about this provision of the LMRDA.
8. The Election Committee will conduct a candidate meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2025. All candidates and their observers are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be conducted at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, and will start at 10 a.m. CST.

MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

1. The General President has directed that the election be conducted by mail ballot. There will be no manual balloting.
2. Election Source shall administer the election. Election Source is headquartered at 4615 Danvers Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. The Election Source representative conducting the Local 798 election is Steve Panoff. Election Source has advised that it will utilize the services of Pageworks. Pageworks is located at 2801 Oak Industrial Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.
3. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, October 24, 2025.
4. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to vote in the election unless they have been a member of the United Association and Local 798 in good standing for at least a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to vote. The "date of the election" for purposes of determining eligibility to vote is October 29, 2025. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of October 29, 2025, they will not be eligible to vote.
5. Members who do not receive a ballot or who need a "duplicate" ballot must contact Election Source directly at 888-742-8037. Thus, for example, if a member does not receive a ballot at the address provided to Local 798 or is no longer receiving mail at that address, they may request a duplicate ballot from Election Source. Members must call personally to obtain a duplicate ballot; they may not have another individual call for them. The member will be asked to provide identifying membership information (such as book number or social security number) to obtain a duplicate ballot. Election Source will provide the member with a confirmation number.
6. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S. post office box printed on the outer return envelope by 9 a.m. CST on Thursday, December 11, 2025. Any ballot that is returned to the post office later than this date and time will not be counted. Ballots will be counted on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, starting at 9:30 a.m. CST.
7. The results of the election will be announced at the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, December 12, 2025, starting at 7 p.m. CST at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145.
8. In the event there is a tie vote in an officer or convention delegates/alternates election, and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those offices or convention delegates for which there is a tie vote. Ballots will be mailed on January 12, 2026, and will be counted on February 12, 2026, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK, starting at 9:30 a.m. CST. The results of any run-off election will be announced at a Special Membership meeting to be held on February 13, 2026, at the Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, starting at 7 p.m. CST.

Officer Responsibilities

Taking on the role of a union officer is an important responsibility that requires dedication, leadership, and a clear understanding of your duties. Please review the brief descriptions below to help ensure you fully understand what each role entails. For the complete descriptions, refer to the [Local 798 Constitution and By-Laws](#).

PRESIDENT (1 Position)

The President presides at all meetings and enforces law and order in those meetings. The President is ex-officio over all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT (1 Position)

The Vice President is chairman and a voting member of the Executive Board. He shall assist the President in maintaining order during meetings and, in the absence of the President, will assume the chair.

RECORDING SECRETARY (1 Position)

The Recording Secretary maintains correct and intelligent records of the business transacted at the regular membership meetings and during the Executive Board meetings.

BUSINESS MANAGER (1 Position)

The Business Manager handles the daily affairs and business operations of the local union. The Business Manager is in constant contact with the members, employers, public, and is the trustee of the welfare of the members of the local union.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER (1 Position)

The Financial Secretary-Treasurer maintains a correct account of the financial standing of all members of the local union. The Financial Secretary-Treasurer is also responsible for paying all bills and for accounting for all monies received or disbursed by the local union.

INSIDE GUARD (1 Position)

The Inside Guard is responsible for maintaining order and security at both the Executive Board meetings and the regular membership meetings.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (4 Positions)

The Executive Board acts as a trial board for all internal union charges referred to trial. It is also empowered to transact business referred to it by the local union, or duties referred to it by the duly elected local union officers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Positions)

The Finance Committee examines the local's bank records and bank accounts and counts all money in the possession of the Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

EXAMINING BOARD (2 Positions)

The Examining Board reviews the membership records of new initiates, transfers, and classification changes approved by the Business Manager to ensure that all the qualification requirements have been met.

UA Convention Delegate Responsibilities

DELEGATE

Be a voice and vote with Local 798 at the UA Convention when proposed changes or amendments to the UA Constitution are brought to the floor.



RENÉE VAUSE
DIRECTOR

918-280-4800
PIBF.ORG

PIBF REPORT

OVERCOMING STIGMA TOGETHER - LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

One in five adults in the U.S. experience mental health concerns each year, but less than half are getting treatment. Having a conversation can help.

A great way to address this gap and empower people to seek help is by simply starting a conversation. This can feel scary — whether you're reaching out to help someone you care about or if you're looking for support yourself.

If you believe a friend or family member needs support and you aren't sure how to start the conversation, here are some questions to try:

- "I've been worried about you. Can we talk about what you are experiencing? If not, who are you comfortable talking to?"
- "I am someone who cares and wants to listen. What do you want me to know about how you are feeling?"
- "Who or what has helped you deal with similar issues in the past?"
- "It seems like you are going through a difficult time. How can I help you to find help?"
- "I'm concerned about your safety. Have you thought about harming yourself or others?"

If you're struggling and seeking support, start by building your support system one step at a time. Reach out to a few trusted individuals in your life and share how you feel. You can also find a local peer group where you can connect with people who have similar mental health struggles to yours.

(This article first appeared in the May 14, 2025, issue of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois' Blue Access for Members newsletter.)

Requirement to Notify Pipeline Industry Pension Fund (PIPF) of Retirement Intentions

The PIPF sends all participants nearing their normal retirement age a letter to verify that the participant is aware that they can take their retirement and that the participant can retire immediately, or at the normal retirement age, or wait. In any case, the participant must send the completed form back so the PIPF staff will know the participant's retirement intentions. PIPF is required to comply with the fiduciary duties of prudence under Section 404(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to advise participants who have not filed a benefit application of their entitlement to benefits under the terms of the Plan. Receipt of this signed form enables PIPF to clearly document compliance with this requirement.

As a reminder, the Trustees previously approved the age 62 in-service distribution rule which allows a participant to retire at age 62 and draw the monthly pension and continue to work. You can draw your pension and continue to earn additional pension credits that can increase your monthly pension amount. In addition, when you retire, you have the option to select the survivor benefit of your choice, choosing from 50%, 75%, or 100% joint and survivor annuity. If something should happen to you before you retire, your spouse would draw the plan default of 75% joint and survivor annuity option. Also, if you do not qualify for retiree health insurance at retirement, you can now earn the additional credits to qualify by working after retirement. A participant can choose to wait past the normal retirement age to retire, but the final required date to retire under IRS rules is 70 ½. Please refer to the PIPF Summary Plan Description for complete details.

Access to the PIBF Member Portal and Your 401(k) Account with TCO

Just a reminder that PIBF IT Staff cannot reset passwords to the PIBF Member Portal. This feature is part of the Member Portal through the "Reset Password" link on the Member Login screen. Be sure to save your password and security questions in a secure place.

In addition, if you have login issues or need to reset your password for your 401(k) Account at the Trust Company of Oklahoma (TCO), you must contact TCO directly. You can contact a TCO representative at 1-866-239-1042 Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CST.

SERVICE AWARDS

Union labor, as we know it today, was built by courageous men and women who stood together to defend the rights of American workers. Their unity and determination established the protections we benefit from today. We proudly honor our Brothers and Sisters who have chosen to be part of the labor movement and who continue to serve faithfully through their membership in Pipeliners Local Union 798 and the United Association. Their dedication and hard work carry forward the values of our union and pay tribute to the sacrifices of those who came before us. Because of their commitment, the legacy of past generations endures, ensuring that their struggles were not in vain and that the principles of justice and fairness remain at the heart of our future.

CELEBRATING

OVER
70
Years



70+ INITIATED
NOVEMBER 3, 1955

Roger E. Bowshier
Welder
S. Coffeyville, OK



70+ INITIATED
JUNE 4, 1953

Earl P. Kesner
Welder
Tulsa, OK



70+ INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 29, 1951

Tommy J. Robison
Welder
Holdenville, OK



70+ INITIATED
MAY 12, 1953

Homer Skaggs, Jr.
Welder
Siloam Springs, AR



70+ INITIATED
AUGUST 3, 1953

Harold G. Wells
Welder
Centerville, TX

CELEBRATING

OVER
65
Years



65+ INITIATED
JULY 23, 1959

James R. "Pearl" Faucett
Welder
Neches, TX



65+ INITIATED
FEBRUARY 8, 1957

Richard W. Hanatow
Spacer
Somerset, MA



65+ INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 1, 1959

Jerry I. Murray
Welder
Ardmore, OK



65+ INITIATED
OCTOBER 30, 1959

Max L. Pifer
Welder
Ewart, MI



65+ INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 6, 1958

John D. Post
Welder
Avella, PA



65+ INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 17, 1957

Thomas R. Stanfill
Welder
Reagan, TN



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JULY 1, 1957

Howard G. Ward
Welder
Glenwood, AR

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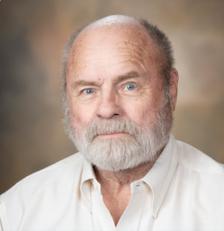
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MAY 3, 1965

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Dewey, OK



60+ INITIATED
OCTOBER 19, 1962

John H. Balch
Welder
Jenks, OK



60+ INITIATED
JULY 20, 1965

Rufus Bex, Jr.
Welder
Falmouth, KY



60+ INITIATED
AUGUST 23, 1965

Larry M. Canoy
Welder
Pioneer, LA



60+ INITIATED
DECEMBER 18, 1961

William R. Cross
Welder
Tenaha, TX



60+ INITIATED
OCTOBER 10, 1961

Jerry A. Gilley
Welder
West Monroe, LA



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JUNE 18, 1965

B. Wayne Harlan
Welder
Winnfield, LA



60+ INITIATED
JUNE 28, 1965

Myron J. Johnson
Welder
Chanute, KS



60+ INITIATED
NOVEMBER 30, 1965

Robert W. Kamppinen
Helper
South Range, MI



60+ INITIATED
JUNE 24, 1963

Charles R. "Buddy" Kervin
Welder
Village Mills, TX



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SEPTEMBER 30, 1965

William V. "Bill" Laffoon
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Claremore, OK



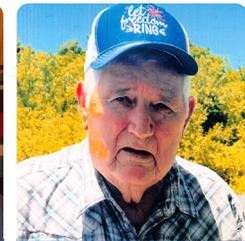
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Kansas, OK



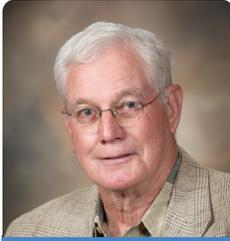
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Robert "Doyle" Perry
Welder
Summertown, TN



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SEPTEMBER 29, 1965

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Welder
Porum, OK



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JULY 17, 1965

Gary Sanders
Welder
Bulverde, TX



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SEPTEMBER 12, 1963

Larry A. Sportsman
Welder
Colorado Springs, CO



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APRIL 28, 1965

Elton M. Tanksley
Welder
Weir, MS



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JUNE 14, 1965

Joe Thornhill
Welder
Pioneer, LA



60+ INITIATED
SEPTEMBER 26, 1963

William C. Warren
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Parma, ID



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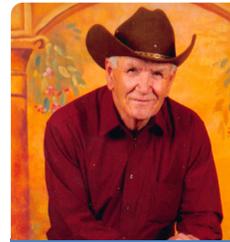
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Virgil L. Frith
Welder
Dale, IN



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NOVEMBER 21, 1966

Junior A. Graham
Helper
Carriere, MS



55+ INITIATED
JUNE 1, 1966

Robert J. Gravois
Spacer
Thibodaux, LA



55+ INITIATED
AUGUST 15, 1968

Donald R. "Don" Hawkins
Welder
Bastrop, LA



55+ INITIATED
AUGUST 1, 1966

Kirby D. Hendrix
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Rayville, LA



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JULY 8, 1968

Jessie C. Shoemaker
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Reading, PA



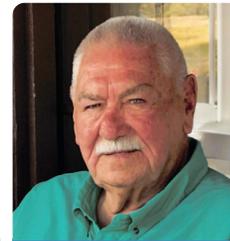
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Willie Thames
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Midland, TX



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Welder
Iuka, MS



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JULY 12, 1966

Earnest J. Whatley
Spacer
Pioneer, LA



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JUNE 13, 1968

Guy S. Williams
Welder
Alexander, AR



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NOVEMBER 24, 1967

John W. Williams
Spacer
Louisville, KY



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SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

David E. Allen
Welder
Nowata, OK



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Robbie Antle
Welder
Skiatook, OK



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Charlie F. Bailey
Helper
Haynesville, LA



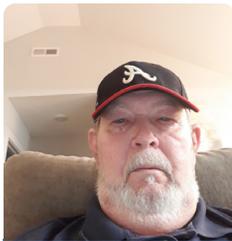
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Haynesville, LA



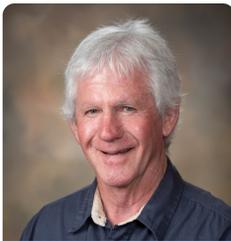
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Haskell, OK



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Helper
Cullman, AL



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Mark Cazaux
Welder
Cottonwood, AZ



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Bill Clendening
Welder
Wetumka, OK



50+ INITIATED OCTOBER 1, 1975

Larry D. Collier
Spacer
Pella, IA



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Robert H. Daniel
Welder
Broken Bow, OK



50+ INITIATED JULY 31, 1975

Rodney W. Davis
Welder
Hurt, VA



50+ INITIATED JULY 30, 1971

Charles A. Eddleblute
Spacer
Malta, OH



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Billy W. Elumbaugh
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Batesville, AR



50+ INITIATED AUGUST 23, 1972

Larry D. Ferguson
Welder
Bronson, TX



50+ INITIATED APRIL 1, 1975

Charles E. Goolsby
Welder
Timpson, TX



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Robert W. Holden
Welder
Texarkana, AR



50+ INITIATED JUNE 19, 1975

Ricky G. Jones
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



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Chris A. Lancaster
Welder
Scotts Hill, TN



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Rickey Long
Welder
Prairie Grove, AR



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Doyle R. Maggard
Spacer
Gainesville, TX



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Carl E. Nicholas
Helper
Jennings, OK



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Gregory G. Oaks
Welder
Coleman, MI



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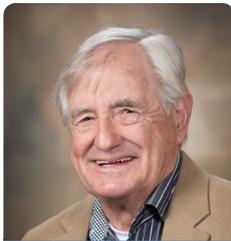
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Remus, MI



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Michael K. Strickland
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Ted R. Thomas
Welder
Falling Rock, WV



50+ INITIATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1975

Joseph C. Thornburg
Welder
Bastrop, LA



50+ INITIATED DECEMBER 17, 1975

Phillip Wallace
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



45+ INITIATED APRIL 21, 1980

Billy G. Burns, Jr.
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



45+ INITIATED MAY 24, 1977

Daniel C. Hendrix
Welder
Claremore, OK



45+ INITIATED MAY 15, 1978

Farron W. Hollabaugh
Welder
Vinita, OK



45+ INITIATED NOVEMBER 24, 1980

Delbert "Doug" Jones
Welder
Weston, WV



45+ INITIATED
APRIL 12, 1976

Terry Langley
Welder
Searcy, AR



45+ INITIATED
OCTOBER 12, 1978

Kevin L. Pattison
Spacer
Quinlan, TX



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JULY 14, 1978

Morgan A. Scott
Welder
Mount Juliet, TN



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APRIL 16, 1980

Michael W. Williams
Spacer
Louisville, KY



40+ INITIATED
JULY 13, 1981

Benny D. Fontenet
Welder
Eunice, LA



40+ INITIATED
JANUARY 16, 1981

Arnell J. Malnar III
Welder
Smithville, WV



40+ INITIATED
NOVEMBER 12, 1982

Michael "Phillip" McCann
Welder
West Columbia, TX



40+ INITIATED
MAY 21, 1981

Mark A. Niman
Spacer
Mifflintown, PA



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SEPTEMBER 15, 1981

Sidney B. Pendleton
Welder
Mount Sterling, KY



40+ INITIATED
NOVEMBER 12, 1982

Robert R. "Bever" Riley
Helper
Manvel, TX



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JUNE 30, 1982

Guy A. Simms
Welder
Epps, LA



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APRIL 22, 1981

Russel J. Wierema
Welder
La Salle, CO



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Reedsville, OH



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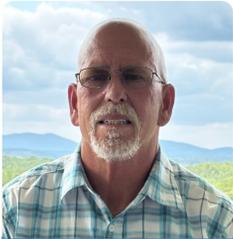
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Spacer
Marshall, TX



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



35+ INITIATED
APRIL 21, 1986

Barry F. English
Spacer
Gretna, VA



35+ INITIATED
APRIL 21, 1986

Robert L. "Bob" Houston
Welder
Florien, LA



35+ INITIATED
APRIL 12, 1986

Jeffery D. Martin
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



35+ INITIATED
MAY 4, 1987

Chad P. Simmons
Spacer
Bastrop, LA



30+ INITIATED
FEBRUARY 26, 1992

Steve L. Birgy
Welder
Fife Lake, MI



30+ INITIATED
AUGUST 5, 1993

Edson R. Blaisdell
Welder
Ladysmith, WI



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 21, 1999

Lee W. Allen
Welder
Diboll, TX



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 11, 1997

David B. Butterworth
Welder
Elkview, WV



25+ INITIATED
MARCH 29, 1999

Vernon "Stan" Campbell
Welder
Norman, OK



25+ INITIATED
APRIL 21, 1997

Stephen "Craig" Chumley
Welder
Cleburne, TX



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 21, 1999
Stephen E. Demos II
Helper
Manchester, NH



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 21, 1999
Jeanne Edwards
Helper
Seguin, TX



25+ INITIATED
JANUARY 4, 2000
Joseph W. Gaines
Welder
Dalhart, TX



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 11, 1999
Cletis T. Graham
Helper
Hammond, LA



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 5, 1997
Randall "Todd" Hartle
Welder
Rose Bud, AR



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 11, 1999
Christy D. Houston
Helper
Florien, LA



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 2, 1999
Rani L. Johnson
Helper
Bastrop, LA



25+ INITIATED
JULY 2, 1999
Donnie R. Lindsey, Jr.
Welder
Bald Knob, AR



25+ INITIATED
JANUARY 24, 2000
Bradley S. Mudd
Welder
Monroe City, MO



25+ INITIATED
MARCH 2, 2000
Nathan Rickard
Welder
Hermantown, MN



25+ INITIATED
JANUARY 28, 2000
Todd D. Smith
Welder
Hunnewell, MO



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 16, 1997
Charles N. Thomas
Welder
Elkview, WV



25+ INITIATED
JUNE 4, 1999
Phillip "Justin" Wallace
Welder
Chelsea, OK



25+ INITIATED
JULY 21, 1999
Chad S. Williams
Spacer
Owasso, OK

Congratulations

ON THIS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

MEETING NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

The regular September Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145, on Friday, September 12, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND 2026 UA CONVENTION DELEGATES

LADIES OF 798 HOSPITALITY

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel at 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, beginning at 6 p.m. CST on Friday, September 12, 2025.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional meetings are coming soon to a city near you.

CINCINNATI, OHIO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Food and beverages will be served at 6 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter
10 West Rivercenter Boulevard
Covington, Kentucky 41011

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Food and beverages will be served at 3 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 4 p.m.

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center
200 Civic Center Drive
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

LEGAL NOTICE

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Local 798 Training Center, in compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other federal laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes but is not limited to administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



HAPPY LABOR DAY

Labor Day is a time for us to come together and reflect on the meaning of our work. It honors the skill and dedication we bring to building and maintaining the nation's vital infrastructure and the victories we've achieved through solidarity, such as fair wages, safe workplaces, and benefits for our families. Your dedication keeps our union strong today and for generations to come.



PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January 2026, following the conclusion of the Fall 2025 semester, the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program will award ten general scholarships of \$3,500 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 \$10,000, 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 2025-2026 Scholarship Program are now available for students enrolled in the Fall 2025 semester. Written requests should be addressed to Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program, PO Box 470798, Tulsa, OK 74147-0798. Applications may also be downloaded online from the Local Union 798 website at www.local798.org. The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarships section.

An instruction sheet accompanies the application and appraisal forms. Adherence to the rules and compliance with the requirements are necessary to be eligible for consideration in the final screening process. Completed forms should be returned along with copies of all previous college transcripts. It is the applicant's responsibility to have their college or university registrar's office immediately mail in a transcript of their grades upon completion of the Fall 2025 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 30, 2026, deadline.



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NOTES

THANK YOU

Mykhailo and Oleh Zabrodin thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. The checks they received were much appreciated and will help pay medical bills after Mykhailo's mother's passing. Special thanks to Eric Raymond, Union Pipeline, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix.

Mack Doyle thanks everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. His wife, Barbara, is getting better. Special thanks to Ernie Fontenot, Justin Wallace, and Danny Hendrix.

Cecil Rester III extends thanks to the Voluntary Fund. "We are deeply grateful for the Voluntary Fund for the generous donation made in the wake of our family's recent loss. Your kindness and support mean so much to us during this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who reached out."

Terry Langley thanks 798 members for contributing to the Voluntary Fund and extends gratitude to the members who submitted the letter on his behalf following his shoulder surgery. Special thanks to Danny and Justin for their hard work.

Gary Loyd, Sr., thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "It is greatly appreciated!" Special thanks to Ray "Ringo" Champagne and Dave Loyd.

Betty Armstrong thanks the Voluntary Fund for the generous gift she received after her accident. Special thanks to Joe Norris and Danny Hendrix. "God bless Local Union 798."

Tim Hartness sends gratitude for the generosity and support he received following his knee replacement surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and all the 798 members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund, along with Ben Hutton and Roger Wheeler, for submitting a letter on his behalf. "It's this support and kindness that make me proud to be a Local 798 member."

Michael and Lisa Johnson extend their thanks for the support received from the Voluntary Fund. It helped cover the damage after a tree fell on their fifth wheel. "We appreciate the generosity."

The family of Tommy Ray Manning thanks all for the beautiful Bible and appreciates the kindness from the ladies at the hall.

J.C. Cobble sends a heartfelt thank you to the Voluntary Fund for its support. "I really appreciate the kindness; it means a lot knowing people care and are willing to step up."

Henry Guy Harrell thanks the Voluntary Fund for the check. It was greatly appreciated. "Thank you to my dear friend, Gene Hankins, rest in peace, and Jerry Baker."

The family of Ernest Outz thanks the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute for the help received following Ernest's passing. "He was a proud member of Local 798 for almost 50 years. May God bless 798 and all its members."

David E. Allen and family appreciate the thoughtful gift from the Voluntary Fund following the passing of David's brother, 798 Journeyman Steven R. Allen. "Thank you for your support, and to all members who wrote letters."

Darren West greatly appreciates the many blessings bestowed by the Voluntary Fund. "I am very thankful to be a part of 798. May God bless you."

The family of Richard Ball thanks Renae Davis, 798 officers, members, and staff. "Words cannot express how grateful we are for your support and encouraging words and the beautiful Bible, which our family will cherish. Your kindness will not be forgotten."

Don Pawloski thanks everyone who supports the Voluntary Fund. The check he received will help pay medical bills following his surgery. Special thanks to Justin Wallace, Danny Hendrix, and everyone who donates.

Merwyn (Petey) Dobbs thanks the Voluntary Fund for its generosity after the loss of his wife, Tina. Special thanks to Harry Connaway, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Michael Drake thanks all Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help he received following extensive shoulder surgery. Recovery is going well. "A special thanks to Charles Thomas and David Butterworth, as well as my family and friends, who have helped and checked on me."

Robert "Skip" Todd extends thanks to the Voluntary Fund and Local 798 members for the help received. "I never thought I would be thanking you all for the thoughts, prayers, and assistance after two brain surgeries! Your kindness during this recovery process is much appreciated. Thank you to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for their friendship and commitment to our members. And a special thank you to my friend David Barnett. Your efforts on my behalf and many years of friendship mean more to me than you know."

Matt Doyle thanks the Voluntary Fund for the help he received while in the ICU for heart issues. Special thanks to Jeffery Doyle and Shannon Jackson.

RETIREMENTS

Stacey R. Eubanks, Welder, Stilwell, OK

James W. Freeman, Welder, Halifax, PA

Jessie L. Powell, Welder, Oak Grove, AR

IN MEMORIAM

Larry J. Wheeler, 85-year-old Retired Welder of Clifton, CO, passed away September 14, 2024.

David L. Foster, 91-year-old Retired Welder of Adamsville, TN, passed away June 10, 2025.

Tommy R. Manning, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Buna, TX, passed away June 26, 2025.

J. B. Hodge, 86-year-old Retired Welder of Poplarville, MS, passed away June 30, 2025.

Stacy D. Sanders, 67-year-old Helper of Livingston, TX, passed away July 7, 2025.

Wayne R. Johnston, Jr., 75-year-old Retired Welder of Fouke, AR, passed away July 11, 2025.

William Owen, 82-year-old Retired Spacer of Purvis, MS, passed away July 13, 2025.

Franklin D. Young, 88-year-old Retired Spacer of Elkview, WV, passed away July 16, 2025.

Timothy L. "Spot" Simpson, 66-year-old Retired Helper of Newbern, TN, passed away July 18, 2025.

James E. Fisk, 83-year-old Retired Welder of Wetumka, OK, passed away July 18, 2025.

Franklin E. Kribbs, 82-year-old Retired Welder of Willis, TX, passed away July 19, 2025.

SWAP & SELL

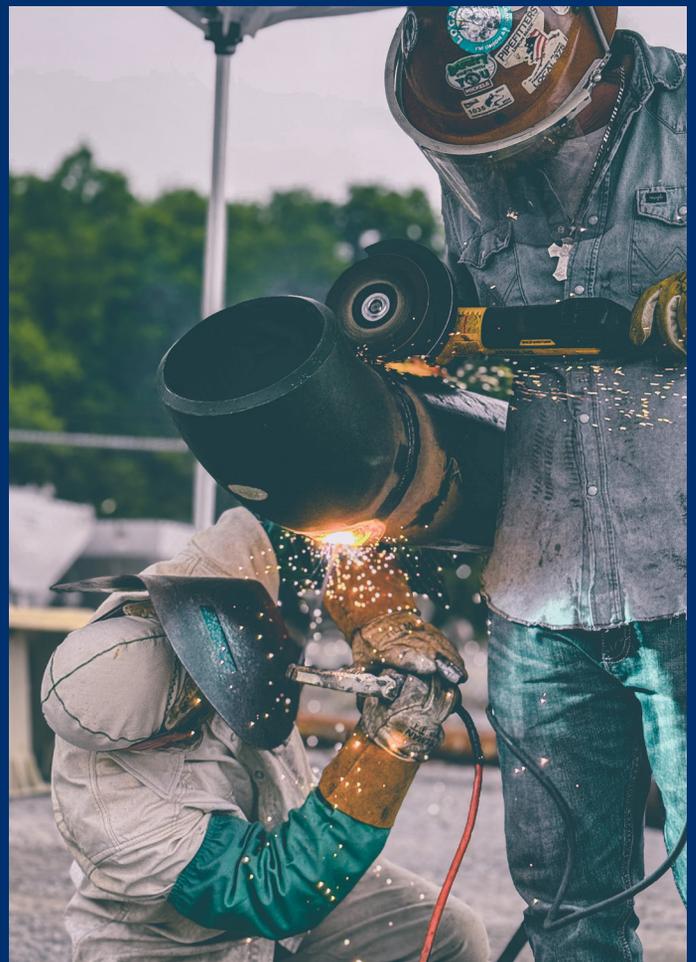
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Welders/Helpers Caps: Contact Cindy at 918-557-1660.



Oliver Frazier in Columbia City, Indiana
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