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# BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all were able to spend time with your loved ones during the holiday season. 2026 is looking to be a promising year for Local 798 members!

I would like to first say "Thank You" to the membership of this great local union for entrusting me to move into the role of Business Manager. It is the greatest honor of my career, and I will do my utmost to keep advancing Pipeliners Local Union 798 into the future. Thank you to Danny Hendrix, Wade Pilgreen, Dave Barnett, my father, and many others who have helped and guided me on this path. All of those who came before us laid a solid foundation upon which Local 798 has continued to grow and thrive. In 798's history, there have been many hard times, lots of good times, and a whole lot of years that fell somewhere in the middle, but I truly believe we are on the cusp of another energy renaissance in this country. This staff is committed to making every move possible to see that Local 798 members and their families will prosper and thrive. To this, I am fully committed.

*Danny, thank you for all you've done for Local 798.* Now you and Norma Kay go enjoy your retirement to the fullest. The measure of a man's working career is to leave something better than he found it, and there is no doubt that you've done that. It's easy to do when you love the organization you lead, and let me tell you, Danny Hendrix loves Pipeliners Local Union 798 with all his heart.

I am also thankful that Local 798 members have full faith in David Butterworth to take on the role of Financial Secretary-Treasurer. David is smart, hardworking, and passionate about Local 798. I appreciate David's counsel and friendship over the years, and I believe that together, the two of us will make a great team. As Financial Secretary-Treasurer, David is now also a Trustee over the Funds. Bob Kime retired as Trustee in December, and I have appointed Danny Hendrix to that position. I want to thank Bob for his time as Trustee. Bob is a wealth of knowledge, and I appreciate all that he has done for PIBF and this membership. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of Local 798. There was a good field of candidates for the committees, and kudos to all who ran. It's a sign of strength that so many want to serve Pipeliners Local Union 798.

We ended up working around 5.2 million manhours in 2025, right at one million more than the year before. I anticipate this year to be better still. Many of our current and upcoming projects will utilize the 9045 downhill low-hydrogen process. If you're not proficient with this, please come to the Training Center and let the staff help you get there. Training must be at the forefront of taking back market share. David and I share a vision of expanding and growing training opportunities for this membership. Please support us in this endeavor, as our ability to train is one of the key components that sets us apart from the unorganized. It is a tool, and we must use it as such. Nobody ever lost market share from training too much. What does this mean? We are committed to doing our part by making the latest and greatest training readily available to this membership. What we need from the membership is for you to embrace this training. We've pushed training for years, even offering incentives such as stipends. Now, we are to the point that if you aren't proficient in the skills that are necessary, we can't in good conscience dispatch you to a job that requires proficiency in those processes. Most 798 members have the necessary skills, but those that don't will have to accept this initiative or take their chances hiring out on their own. We cannot let the minority bring down the whole. Let me be clear, we are going to focus on training and quality, along with building an apprenticeship and using organizing to fill in the gaps of manpower. Much more information and detail will follow on this subject, but I thought it fair to let you know what is coming. We are on the verge of another pipeline boom. How long it lasts, nobody knows for sure. What we do know is that you can lose market share, even during a boom. We plan to gain market share. That way when the boom is over, we have put our good signatory contractors in better position with the client gas companies to stay in those markets throughout our jurisdiction once the work goes back to normal levels. I ask that you trust the process and support this staff. I am looking forward to serving this membership as Business Manager with fairness and integrity, just as I feel like I did as your Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to call me. As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798!

Fraternally,

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

**Justin Wallace**  
Business Manager

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you receive this report, the holiday season will have passed. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the holidays and had a chance to catch up with family and friends.

I must admit that it is humbling to write this report, knowing that on January 9, Justin Wallace and I will be sworn in as Local 798 Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer. I am grateful to the membership of Local 798 for entrusting us with the assignment of continuing this local's past prominence in the industry, and we look forward to successfully guiding this local well into the future. I have loved serving this local as a Northeast Business Agent for over nine years, and I have 100 percent confidence in our ability to lead, thanks to the life and work experiences that have shaped and molded us. We will be rolling out new proposals as soon as possible, and I wouldn't want to tackle these challenges with anyone else but Justin. He and I are fully aligned; we make a great team, I consider him a dear friend, and for all these reasons, I'm pumped to get started.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention those who helped me along the way, and without their support, I never would have made it. Number one, I'd like to thank the good Lord above for all the blessings He has bestowed upon my family and me. Secondly, I'd like to acknowledge my father, Bob Butterworth, and my grandfather, Dr. D.W. Butterworth. Their guidance and support set me on a path to success, and words will never be enough to describe how important they are in my life. Next, I'd like to give recognition to Danny Hendrix for all the great things he has done for our local. He and his team brought our local from the ashes and have taken us to an unprecedented level of financial prosperity. He will always be remembered for that, and I hope the memory of what Danny and that staff achieved will never be forgotten. I'd like to thank Rick Taylor for working side by side with me back in 2016. His teaching was critical to my learning the job, and I will always remember that time fondly. David Barnett and Wade Pilgreen also played a huge role in bringing me along when I was first hired, and I don't want to forget to mention those fine gentlemen. There are too many influences to list in this report, but you know who you are, and I just want to publicly say "Thank You" to all those who have helped me along the way.

My new role includes being named a Fund Trustee; the new Trustees will be myself, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace. Bob Kime retired in December, and I would like to congratulate him on 50-plus years of service to the PIBF. He has seen it all and guided the PIBF through both good times and bad, and all points in between. Thanks, Bob, for your service to this great local and to the PIBF!

I am still fully engaged in our apprenticeship, and it's something we are working on every day. With the workload we see coming, it is imperative that we take full advantage of this uptick. We will focus on retention, because while we are busy, we will be building a well-rounded workforce that can work in any sector on any welding or piping process. We plan to do everything possible to provide the best training available to both new and current members. If your skills are lacking, then we will provide the training to fix your issues. If you do not want to address your problems, then you might want to consider seeking another line of work. If we do this right, we will never have another period of extreme boom and bust. We plan to train you properly and equip you with the skills you need to be prepared for everything the piping construction industry can throw at you.

The entire Local 798 workforce must train aggressively and have the desire to improve so we can get back to where we once were. We know this is a current source of weakness, but we have a solution, and apprenticeship training has opened our eyes to all kinds of ways to grow our training, which will ultimately grow market share. The days of complaining about the problem and not actively seeking a solution are over. Some of these training initiatives are new, they cost money and they may raise questions, but they are necessary because we currently have a skill problem. By investing in training, we are reinvesting in you, our members. Together, we will fix this problem, and I strongly encourage everyone to get involved as a team pulling together in the same direction to be part of the solution.

Thank you for your support, and I promise to give everything I have towards the betterment of this great local!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Butterworth". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**David Butterworth**  
*Financial Secretary- Treasurer*

# BUSINESS AGENT

## REPORTS



### JERRY DALE CRABTREE, JR.

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It's January, and we have closed out another year of hard work, dedication, and brotherhood! I can't help but take a moment to reflect on where we stand as a local and where we are headed. Serving as a Business Agent for Pipeliner's Local Union 798 remains one of the greatest honors of my career, and I remain incredibly proud of the strength, professionalism, and unity our members display every day.

Looking ahead, I am encouraged by the positive outlook for pipeline work in 2026. Several large-scale projects are positioned to move forward, and the demand for skilled, certified pipeliners remains as strong as ever.

This year also marks a significant transition for our local. Our longtime Business Manager, and dear friend, Danny Hendrix is entering retirement. Danny's leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to our membership have left a lasting impact on Local 798. His years of service have shaped the strong foundation we stand on today, and we owe him our deepest gratitude. I encourage every member to take a moment to thank Danny for his steady hand, his advocacy, and his friendship throughout the years. With that being said, I also want to congratulate Justin Wallace. His strong leadership skills, knowledge, and heart for our profession will continue to propel our local to unimaginable heights. And with David Butterworth by his side as Financial Secretary-Treasurer, the possibilities are endless.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers and all the delegates chosen to represent us at the 2026 UA Convention. Your willingness to step up and serve is essential to the ongoing success of our local.

Together, we will continue to honor our past, embrace our future, and move forward with pride as 798 Pipeliners. As always, I am here to serve YOU, so please reach out if you need anything. God bless each of you and God bless this great local!



### JUSTIN HEAD

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

I hope this report finds you all well and that you have had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends during the holidays. Congratulations to the newly elected officers on their positions, as well as those who ran. Also, a big thank you to the members who attended the FERC scoping sessions and provided comments for the Tallgrass work coming up. This is one of the first projects to be on the FERC fast track through recent legislation, and from what I gathered, there was little, if any, opposition at any of the scoping sessions. It still appears that project will be late this year or early next year.

As of now, I have a few jobs that are currently manned up. I have heard that a couple of gas companies operating in my area may put out some winter work. I should have a better understanding of what that will entail after the first of the year. Work in Alaska is going to be very slow this year. It does not look like there will be a large demand for travelers. As I stated in previous reports, a final investment decision on the 800-mile natural gas line is expected by the time you read this report. If that moves forward, that job will likely be worked under the national pipeline agreement, and the out-of-work list will be utilized like any job in the states.

In closing, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. I hope you all have a blessed new year, and if there is anything I can do to help you, as always, give me a call. Please be sure to leave a voicemail or a text to get a return call.

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## TODD HARTLE

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By the time you receive this report, the results of the Officers and UA Delegate elections will have been announced. Congratulations to all elected officers. I extend special congratulations to Justin Wallace as Business Manager. Justin has been part of Local 798 for years, and I am confident he will continue to represent the membership with dedication and integrity.

I also congratulate David Butterworth as Financial Secretary-Treasurer. David has done an outstanding job as a Business Agent, and I am certain he will continue to serve our membership well. Both men have dedicated their careers to Local Union 798, and I have confidence in their leadership moving forward.

Recently, Justin Head and I attended a Tallgrass function and spoke with their CEO. He indicated that a good amount of work is expected. I am hearing reports of 100 miles of 10", 12", and 20" pipe planned in Iowa for Tallgrass. Our contractors will also be bidding on additional station work for Tallgrass.

This year, I expect steady maintenance work in my area. In December, we completed several Enbridge digs and had multiple Welders tested on Enbridge in-service procedures.

I have received calls from nonunion Welders and Helpers interested in joining. As the work season approaches, I anticipate that some of these individuals will be given that opportunity. As union members, it is our responsibility to welcome new members and introduce them to the rules and standards that set Local 798 apart. In return, they must be drug-free, on time, and maintain a positive attitude, a day's work for a day's pay.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. May God bless you, your families, our country, and our great Local Union 798.



## JOE GAINES

TX | 918-237-3573

I want to congratulate Justin Wallace and David Butterworth on their new roles as Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Pipeliners Local 798. They're the right men for the job, and I'm proud to stand beside them.

As we enter the new year, I want to thank everyone who worked the Michels job as it wraps up. Helpers, Welders, Welding Foreman, and Steward. You all represented Local 798 with integrity. I am grateful for your hard work and commitment to helping 798 shine in Texas.

The Precision Pipeline job is now in full swing and keeping a lot of members working. Our members are doing outstanding work. This project is expected to run through the middle of March.

I want to take a moment to discuss 9045 downhill low-hydrogen welding rod. Many future projects will be using 9045, and it's a challenging rod, even for experienced Welders. With that in mind, now is the perfect time to head to the 798 Training Center in Tulsa and brush up on your skills. Get familiar with this rod and welding procedure. It's here to stay.

Outside of pipeline work, there's an abundance of building trades work in Texas. Local 404 is working on a data center in Claude, Texas. This is an enormous project that is projected to last several years. If you're interested in this job, please reach out to me for more information.

Lastly, don't forget to stay engaged through the Action Network. Signing letters and sharing campaigns helps protect our work, our wages, and our future.

My family and I wish you all a Happy New Year! 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.

# BUSINESS AGENT

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### CHARLES YATES, JR.

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The Central Region is currently focused on two major Enbridge projects. First, the Tennessee Ridgeline project is expected to need Welders for the Mainline sometime after the first of January. Meanwhile, the second project, Michigan's Line 5 tunnel, has yet to be finalized. In November, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed an alternative to the original scope of work, using a horizontal directional drill instead of the concrete utility tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Corps officials initiated a narrow public comment period back in December. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important project.

For those seeking employment in building trades, our sister locals are looking for combo Welders and Fitters with rigging certifications. Please take advantage of our Training Center where you can learn all these necessary skills.

I'd like to conclude my report with sincere reflections of my dear friend and recently retired Brother Danny Hendrix. We grew up in this together as young bucks, Welders, husbands, fathers, officers, and ultimately brothers in Christ.

Danny has remained a good man of faith, steadfast in all his beliefs, who genuinely cares for people, especially 798. Thank you, Danny, for the opportunities and for allowing me to enjoy this wild ride with you. Now, instead of getting called out and loading up, it's time for you to "do what you wanna do, go where you wanna go." God bless you and Norma on your well-deserved retirement. May this new season be filled with favor, happiness, health, and peace for you and your family. We have been blessed as an organization to have had you at the helm, looking out for our best interests. Your mentorship, support, commitment, and friendship have meant so much to all of us, particularly me.



### CHARLES THOMAS

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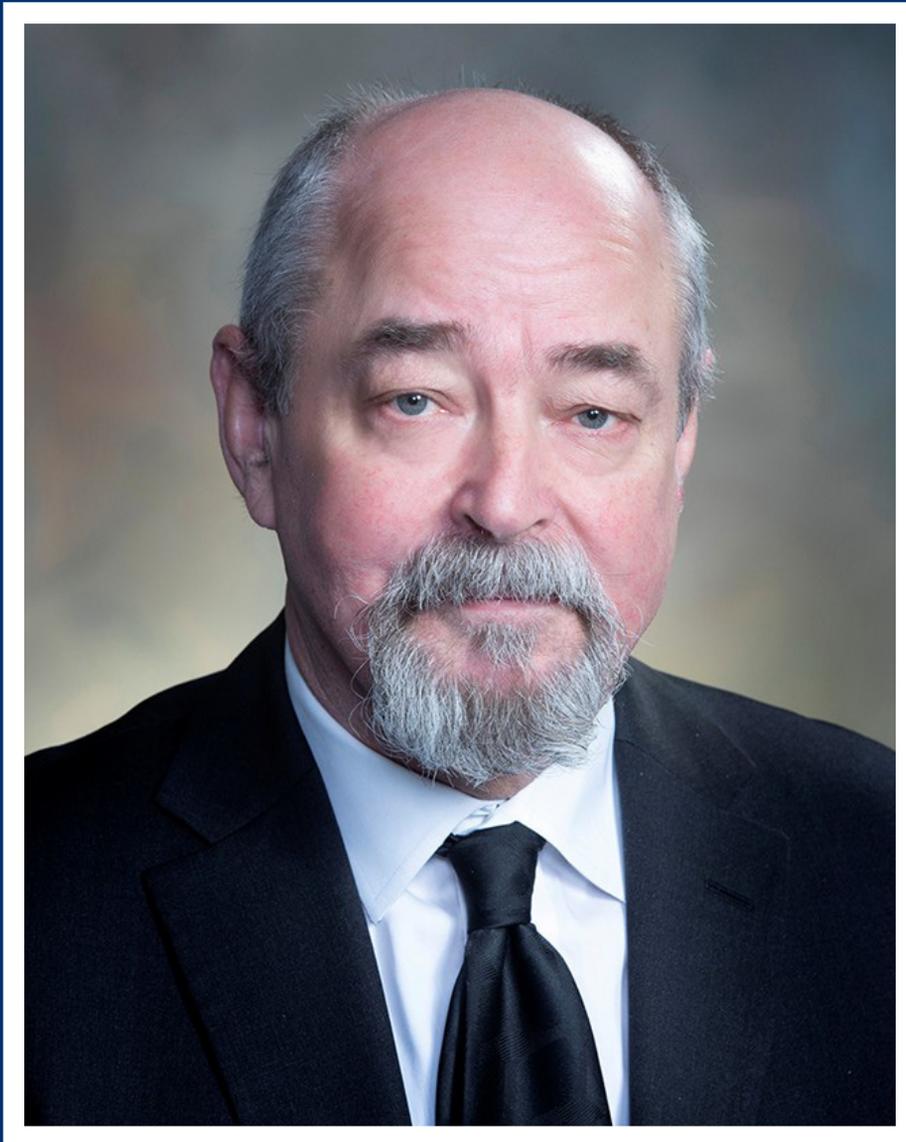
I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and loved ones. The new year has begun, and we're optimistic it will be a prosperous one. The work outlook remains strong across the country.

Stay active and diligent on the Action Network. A positive outlook doesn't mean we no longer need everyone's help. Environmental groups will be coming out in large numbers to try to halt our energy growth, and we must continue our advocacy to keep momentum and show that we have a voice just as loud as our opposition.

I would like to congratulate Brothers Justin Wallace and David Butterworth on their new roles as our Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer. I am confident that our local will grow and prosper under their leadership. With our upcoming apprenticeship program, we will develop an even better-trained workforce and produce a skilled team that will be unmatched.

Work in the Northeast has slowed down for the winter work season. We have a few Integrity Maintenance projects underway. The contractors are working to fill their schedules for early spring and get a head start on the year. If you're interested in taking on more responsibility, please reach out. If you'd like to step into a steward or welder foreman role and haven't attended Steward School, make plans to do so. These roles carry significant responsibilities, and when everyone is on the same page, the work runs more smoothly and is much more productive.

# RETIREMENT



We proudly recognize the retirement of our Business Manager, Daniel C. Hendrix, whose dedication, leadership, and service have helped shape Local 798 into the strong union it is today. He joined the union in 1977 as a Welder Helper and changed his classification to Journeyman Welder in 1981, following in his father, Doyle Hendrix's footsteps, beginning a career defined by hard work, integrity, and a commitment to the trade and the membership.

Throughout his career, he served Local 798 in many roles, including Welder Helper, Journeyman Welder, Job Steward, Welding Instructor, Dispatcher, and Director of Training. In each position, he brought a wealth of knowledge and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by our members in the field. He was appointed Interim Business Manager from 2006 to 2008 and was elected Business Manager in 2008, a role he faithfully served until his retirement in January 2026.

Through both challenging times and prosperous years, his leadership helped guide the local forward. He forged strength through uncertainty, protected the interests of the membership, and worked tirelessly to ensure opportunity, fairness, and solidarity remained at the core of Local 798. His legacy is one of resilience, service, and unwavering dedication. We thank him for his many years of service and wish him and his wife, Norma Kay, health and happiness during his well-earned retirement.

# DISPATCH REPORT

**JIMMY DICK** 918-610-2761



I'd like to begin by congratulating our new Business Manager, Justin Wallace, and our new Financial Secretary-Treasurer, David Butterworth, on their successful white ticket in the recent election. I have known both gentlemen for much of my career, and I believe our membership made an outstanding choice. I truly look forward to working with them as we move into a new era for Local 798. The future looks exceptionally strong.

There are many projects being discussed, both underway and on the horizon. Now is the time to familiarize yourself with the welding processes that the gas companies will be utilizing. If you haven't yet visited the Training Center to run the downhill 9045 low-hydrogen process, it is critical that you do so. This process is poised to become the premier welding standard for all major gas companies moving forward. There is no better place to train than the 798 Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

You will also begin seeing the RMD welding process used more frequently on the right-of-way. Again, we encourage you to come to Tulsa and prepare for this early work. For many of our members, things will ramp up quickly beginning in January 2026, with enough work to continue through the 2027 work season. The outlook is very strong, so make sure your skill set is current and competitive to ensure steady employment throughout the next three years and beyond. The traditional downhill Welder is becoming less common, and adapting now will be essential.

It was great seeing everyone at the last two membership meetings. I'd like to congratulate all who participated in the election, as well as those who were elected. There is a tremendous amount of positive momentum within Local 798. I encourage everyone to stay involved and support the new administration and all newly elected officials.

Finally, please make sure your out-of-work card is up to date and accurately reflects the skills required for the upcoming work season. As always, if the Dispatch office can assist you in any way, do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing everyone at Steward School in April and out on the right-of-way.

**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.**



James Meyers and Braydon Cain in Columbus, Ohio by Ian Zimmerman.



Billy Wood in Stephenville, Texas by Wesley Kates.

# ORGANIZING REPORT

**RALPH "BARKY" ZOLLER**     539-235-4610



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and spent quality time with family and friends. The holidays always provide a meaningful opportunity to reflect on all we have to be thankful for.

The Organizing Department would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Danny Hendrix on his retirement. Danny has been a true inspiration and leader, demonstrating unwavering dedication and commitment in helping build this great local into what it is today. As Danny and Norma Kay begin the next chapter of their lives, their legacy will continue to shape Local 798 for many years to come. Thank you, Danny, for all you have done—you will be truly missed.

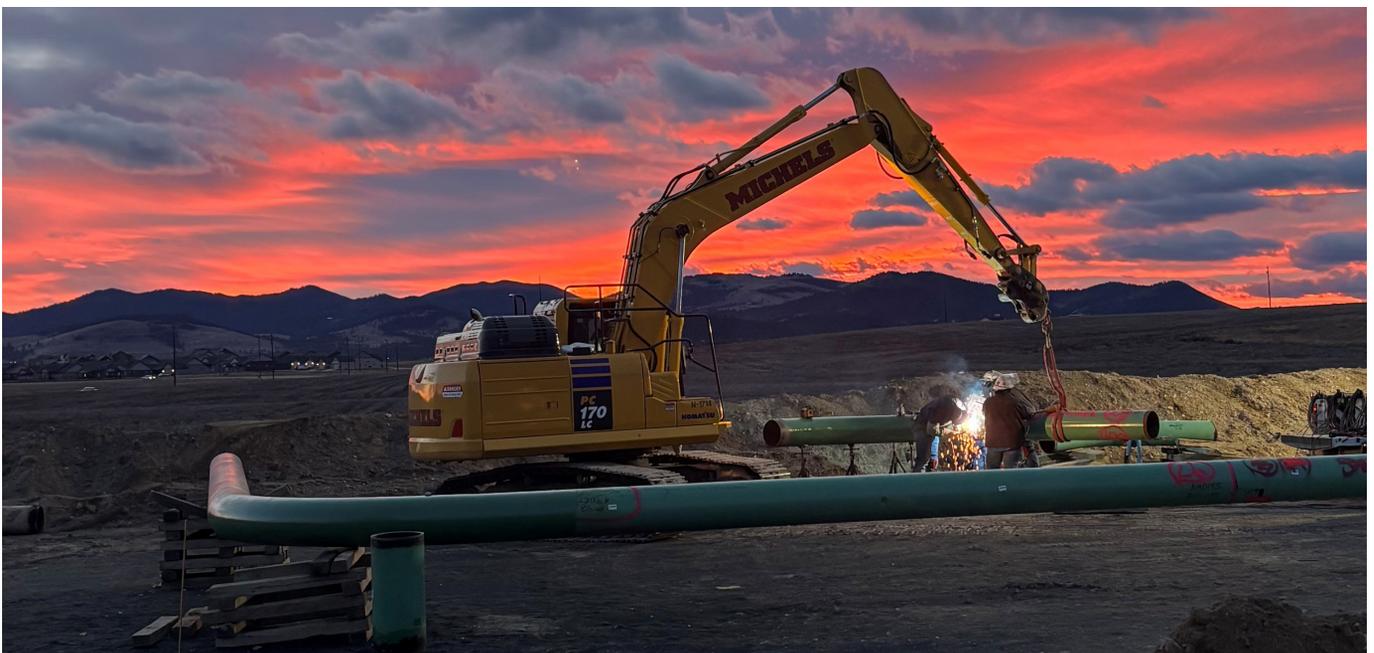
Congratulations to Justin Wallace and David Butterworth on their new roles as Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer. Our department looks forward to the future under their leadership.

The Organizing Department continues to stay busy with nonunion outreach throughout our jurisdictions. Many nonunion workers remain interested in making positive changes, professionally, personally, and financially, by joining and working union. If you know a skilled Welder or Helper who may be interested in joining Local 798, please encourage them to reach out to any member of the Organizing Department. Additionally, if you are aware of any town hall or community meetings related to pipeline or facility work in your area, please attend and let us know so we can send additional resources to show strong industry support.

This past month, a group of us traveled to Danville, Virginia, to speak on behalf of the Williams Southeast Supply Enhancement Project. This project will generate multiple levels of work across both pipeline and compressor stations, including mainline upgrades and compressor station expansions throughout Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

As we begin the new year, April will be here before we know it. Please make plans now to attend Steward School, if possible. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in the coming year.

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Michels Pipeline, Inc. in Helena, Montana by Steve Matson.



**December Membership Meeting**



The United Association is proud to offer the United Association Pipe PALS, a peer-ally wellness program designed to support the mental health and overall well-being of our members. Built on care, prevention, and solidarity, Pipe PALS connects members with trusted resources and a supportive peer network, because no one should face mental health or substance misuse challenges alone. This program reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a culture where asking for help is encouraged, stigma is reduced, and every Brother and Sister knows they are supported. For more information, please visit the UA Pipe PALS website at [ua.org/ua-pipe-pals](http://ua.org/ua-pipe-pals).



**RENÉE VAUSE**  
DIRECTOR  
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### LOCAL 798 TRAINING CENTER IS NOW NATIONAL PIPELINE JOINT APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING TRUST

Due to the development of the apprenticeship program, the Local 798 Training Center was recently renamed to the National Pipeline Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust to reflect the dual purpose of the Fund.

### COBRA COVERAGE

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (PIBF or the Plan) met on December 3, 2025, 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, 2026, COBRA rates will be as follows:

- Single Coverage \$700 per month
- Family Coverage \$1,875 per month

### CONTINUITY OF CARE

If your provider will no longer participate in the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBSIL) network, you may have the right to continue receiving care from that provider for a limited time at in-network benefit levels, even though they are now out-of-network. This protection is called Continuity of Care. Continuity of Care helps protect you from sudden disruptions in treatment and ensures you have time to safely transition to an in-network provider without compromising your health. PIBF receives notification from BCBSIL of all affected plan participants when a provider leaves the BCBSIL network, and a letter is mailed by PIBF to those impacted participants explaining who may qualify, how Continuity of Care works, and what you need to do to apply for Continuity of Care.

### 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 available online by March 2, 2026. PIBF is no longer required to mail 1095-B forms. 1099-R and 1095-B forms are available on the member portal at [www.pibf.org](http://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. Additionally, participants can request the 1095-B form by calling the PIBF office at 918-280-4800, sending an email to [support@pibf.org](mailto:support@pibf.org), or by submitting your request in writing to PIBF, PO Box 470950, Tulsa, OK, 74147-0950. Requests will be fulfilled within 30 days.

### 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](http://www.pibf.org), logging in to the "Members Login" section, and choosing "Change of Address Form" under the "Forms" tab.

### DEDUCTIBLES RENEW JANUARY 1ST

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 by contacting a customer service agent at (800) 228-3108.

### HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT (HRA)

The HRA deadline is fast approaching for 2025 claims. Don't leave money on the table! Remember to file for reimbursement of your 2025 claims by April 15, 2026.

### 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.

# RETIREMENT

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We thank Bob Kime for his many years of dedicated service to the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund. Bob began his career as Controller in 1970 and later served as Assistant Director before becoming Director in 1999, a role he held until his retirement in 2018. He continued to give back through his service as a Trustee from January 2021 through December 2025. Bob's leadership, professionalism, and commitment to the membership for over five decades have left a lasting impact on the organization. We sincerely appreciate his dedication and wish Bob all the best in his retirement.

# PIPELINERS LOCAL 798

## 2025 OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

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### FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

<b>David Butterworth</b>	<b>1253</b>
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### RECORDING SECRETARY

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<b>Brett Mason</b>	<b>905</b>
<b>Jeffrey Doyle</b>	<b>903</b>
<b>Cody D. Pedigo</b>	<b>771</b>
<b>Tom "Rusty" Morgan, Jr.</b>	<b>613</b>
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### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS)

<b>Raymond Johnson</b>	<b>778</b>
<b>Guy Simms</b>	<b>657</b>
<b>Harry Houser</b>	<b>478</b>
James Brashears	288
Chad F. Springer	277
David J. Nash	185
Josh Alley	147
Ryan "Mutt" DeLashmutt	146
Brandon Conner	135
Alexander "Alec" Dalrymple	123
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### EXAMINING BOARD (2 MEMBERS)

<b>Ricky G. Jones</b>	<b>723</b>
<b>Kevin Davis</b>	<b>532</b>
Tracy Lester	453
Anthony Webster	294
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# PIPELINERS LOCAL 798

## UA CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATES ELECTION RESULTS

The number of delegates the Local is entitled to send to the convention will be determined in late spring, in accordance with the UA Constitution.

1. Jimmy Dick	909	40. David N. Hall	428
2. Daniel C. Hendrix	885	41. Jerry Ryan	417
3. Phillip W. Wallace	861	42. Jimmy Hankins	413
4. Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.	857	43. Cassidy Croley	395
5. Charles E. Yates, Jr.	818	44. Justin P. Hornback	383
6. Brett Mason	786	45. Christopher Huber	378
7. Jeffrey Doyle	783	46. Chad Springer	377
8. Randy Mathis	783	47. Ralph Zoller (Barky)	377
9. Justin Head	778	48. Joseph Bigley	372
10. Chad Simmons	772	49. Joshua Pattison	362
11. Todd Hartle	770	50. Sarah Rogers	358
12. Farron Hollabaugh	743	51. Kelly Jellison	353
13. Shannon V. Jackson	737	52. Jeremy Ryan	346
14. Black Schroeder	713	53. Kerry Lobell	327
15. Guy Simms	706	54. Jeffery Martin	326
16. Ricky G. Jones	704	55. Dustin J. Ashby	325
17. Joe W. Gaines	682	56. Phillip McCann	319
18. Billy Burns	678	57. Blake McAnelly	289
19. Clark Eastwood	673	58. Anthony Webster	287
20. Cody Pedigo	664	59. RJ Bauer	286
21. Chad Williams	646	60. Chuck Seale	284
22. Ralph (Kirk) Kirkland	609	61. Jeffrey Clark	284
23. Preston Richard (Reeshard)	600	62. Kevin Lee Pattison	277
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25. Harry Houser	569	64. Mickey Don Westerman	276
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27. Karmen Mason	547	66. Ervin Cole	242
28. Tom "Rusty" Morgan, Jr.	543	67. Marcus Milstead	239
29. Terry Langley	540	68. Jacob Wallis	238
30. Tracy Lester	536	69. Clay Francis	233
31. Joseph P. Torres	528	70. Brandon Conner	222
32. Charles Thomas	519	71. Bailey Tillman	196
33. Steve Birgy	508	72. Josh Taxis	194
34. Juan M. Rivera	495	73. Alexander "Alec" Dalrymple	192
35. Charles Buddy Kervin	490	74. Kevin Perkins	181
36. Leroy McDougal	451	75. Gunner McCann	179
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# MEETING NOTICE

**JANUARY 9, 2026**

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 9, beginning at 7 p.m. CST.

*SPECIAL BUSINESS: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS*

## 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, on Friday, January 9, beginning at 6 p.m. CST.

**APRIL 10, 2026**

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 10, beginning at 7 p.m.

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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

To make reservations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, please call 918-307-2600 or visit the home page of the Local 798 to make your reservation online.

# PIPELINERS VOLUNTARY FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all students! The deadline to submit your completed application, appraisal forms, and transcripts is January 30, 2026. Applications can be downloaded online from the Local Union 798 website at [www.local798.org](http://www.local798.org). The application is available under the Voluntary Fund tab in the Scholarships section.

## 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](http://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.

# YEAR-END STATEMENTS

Your monthly dues, Voluntary Fund, and working assessments paid for 2025 are available to you on the Member Login section of the Local 798 website. Once signed in, click on the payment history page, and enter any year to view the total amount of monies paid during that time. To view your working assessments and organizing fees paid, go to the work hour page, and enter the date range you need; it will give you the totals for that time frame. **Please remember hours are typically reported 30-45 days behind, so if you worked in December, those working assessments will not appear until late January to mid-February 2026. If you have worked out of a sister local union, be sure to contact that local union regarding your dues and receipts.**

**Your emailed year-end statements will not be available until after February 16, 2026.** If you do not have an email address on file, your year-end statements will be mailed to your home address. We will be working diligently to get this information out to all members, so we will be unable to provide the information over the phone prior to that date. However, you may obtain this information when logged into the Member Login section of the website, as indicated above.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR STEWARD SCHOOL 2026

Steward School will be held from April 6-10. Registration will begin in late January. If you plan to work as a Steward, Welder Foreman, or Pipeman, be sure to attend. Pipeliners Local Union 798 has secured a group rate at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel. The final day to book to receive the discounted rate is Friday, March 6.

**RENAISSANCE TULSA HOTEL** – 6808 S. 107<sup>th</sup> E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133  
1-800-264-0165  
Starting at \$119/night

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

**PIPELINERS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** – The Club at Indian Springs

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC BARBEQUE** – Local 798 Training Center

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**STEWARD SCHOOL GENERAL SESSION** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**LADIES OF 798 BASKET AUCTION** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

**STEWARD SCHOOL GENERAL SESSION** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**RETIREE BANQUET** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

**MILLER ELECTRIC CRAWFISH BOIL** – Local 798 Training Center

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SLICK RIG CONTEST** – Local 798 Training Center

**REGULAR APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**LADIES OF 798 HOSPITALITY** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

# Short & Personal

## NOTES

### THANK YOU

**Philip Barillet** thanks all the members who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The help he received after his wife's passing was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Kerry Lobell and the hands on the Mineral Wells job for the beautiful card and personal check. "Thank you so much."

**Robert Perry** thanks everyone who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check received was appreciated and used for medical expenses. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

**Jeff Wickett** thanks the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it for the check he received following his knee replacement surgeries. Special thanks to Todd Hartle.

**Ray and Pam Brumley** thank the members of 798 who willingly contribute to the Voluntary Fund. "It is a great help to all in times of need. We appreciate the love shown to us."

**The Family of William Owen** including wife Sue thank Local 798 for the expression of sympathy. Brother Owen was a 57-year Journeyman Spacer member of 798.

**Terry Thibodeaux** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received helped pay for surgery. Special thanks to Sam Sambothe.

**Jimmy and Darlene Freeman** thank the Voluntary Fund and all 798 Brothers and Sisters who donate to the fund. The gift received following Jimmy's recent surgeries was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Joe Norris, Sylina Norris, Richard Swiger, and James Samson.

**Stu and Judith Baldwin** thank the Voluntary Fund and all members who contribute to "this worthy program." Stu's recent hospitalization came as a surprise. "It means a lot to receive this help." Special thanks to Tommy Coker.

**Mike Lohah** thanks all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to David Barnett, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

### RETIREMENTS

**Larry D. Arnold**, Welder, Mansfield, MO

**John T. McCracken**, Welder, Valentine, AZ

**Randal W. Pinell**, Welder, Maurepas, LA

**Randy L. Plants**, Helper, Claysville, PA

**John E. Smith**, Welder, Hemphill, TX

### IN MEMORIAM

**Marwyn L. Stutts**, 87-year-old Retired Welder of Odessa, TX, passed away October 12, 2025.

**James H. Bowden**, 85-year-old Retired Helper of South Fork, CO, passed away October 13, 2025.

**Max W. Helms**, 85-year-old Retired Welder of Mecosta, MI, passed away October 14, 2025.

**Gary R. Oaks**, 64-year-old Welder of Boon, MI, passed away October 15, 2025.

**Hugh A. "Butch" Johnson, Jr.**, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Coral, MI, passed away October 18, 2025.

**Joe N. Henderson**, 89-year-old Retired Welder of Claremore, OK, passed away October 22, 2025.

**Michael D. Green**, 74-year-old Retired Helper of Fremont, OH, passed away October 25, 2025.

**Micheal E. Throneberry**, 70-year-old Retired Welder of Tulsa, OK, passed away November 11, 2025.

**Rufus R. Duron**, 86-year-old Retired Helper of Oronogo, MO, passed away November 20, 2025.

**Perry C. Sample, Jr.**, 50-year-old Spacer of Doylesburg, PA, passed away December 11, 2025.

**Abraham Scott**, 64-year-old Retired Helper of District Heights, MD, passed away December 17, 2025.

### SWAP & SELL

**1979 SA200 Yanmar Swapped:** 1979 SA200 blackface, swapped by Danny Braden. 2,500-3,000 hours since the swap. Welds and runs great. The paint has some imperfections. Comes with a remote and cord. Based in Ozark, AL. Asking \$7,000 OBO. Contact Josh Lassy at 334-379-3082.

**2012 Dodge Ram 3500:** A single-owner 2012 Dodge Ram 3500 4x4 regular cab is a complete rig ready for work. It has a 3" lift, an EFI live programmer, and remote start. The tires are in good condition. This is a solid and reliable rig. I built the custom bed in 2018. The 2013 Miller 350 Pipe Pro has a wireless remote. Leads, torch, and hose are in good condition. Asking \$40,000 OBO. Contact Clay Lafaye at 830-928-2398.

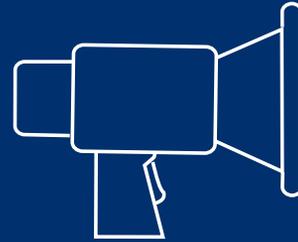
**2012 Ford F-350 Welding Rig:** Super duty complete welding rig. 143,200 miles. 6.7-liter diesel-deleted, automatic 4WD, XL package with power equipment. 2000 model Lincoln gas welding machine. Asking \$35,000. Contact Morris Fontenot at 281-732-8892 for more information.

**2015 Lincoln Cross Country:** Black face welding machine with 1,077 hours. Asking \$8,500. Contact Robert Gwin at 601-253-4972.

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

**FREE Magneto and PC Boards for a Lincoln SA 200:** Please call Mike Runion at 307-359-9746.

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



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Charles "Slim" Green (left), and Mario Zavala in Mineral Wells, Texas.

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