

# BLUE LIGHT

REPORTS

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# BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first couple of months of 2026 have been a blur. David and I have been on the road working on training partnerships, NPLA contract negotiations, PLCA events, etc. We've built a blueprint to elevate the training opportunities available to Local 798 Welders, Journeymen Spacers, and Helpers. As I mentioned in my last report, training and quality are at the top of our agenda. There is no better time to take our training to new heights than right now, because the outlook for the work looks very good over the next several years. We are going to raise our quality, and once the work trends back down, we are going to control more market share than we hold going into this boom.

In this issue of the Blue Light, there is a notice to the membership of changes to the Dispatch Policy. Please read that notice in its entirety. Here are a few of the key pieces of information you will need to know. First, we are adding language to the Dispatch Policy that adopts and enforces the "Substance Abuse Policy." On the first "Failure to Comply," the member cannot be dispatched for a minimum of 30 days. On the second "Failure to Comply," the member cannot be dispatched for a minimum of 90 days. Finally, for the third "Failure to Comply," the member cannot be dispatched for six months. This is something we can, and will, clean up. Next, a Welder who misses a welding test or is run off for bad welds will not be able to accept a dispatch until he or she "requalifies" on that process at the Local 798 Training Center. The current rule allows two missed tests or runoffs, or a combination of the two. We are going a step further here by trying to remedy the issue immediately, before it gets out of hand. Through the Training Fund, we will compensate you to offset the cost of coming to the training center. I will talk about this much more in depth at Steward School. The new policy notice has been on the website for some time, and we also sent blast emails to the entire membership. If you aren't receiving those emails, you need to fill out a contact information update form and update your contact methods.

As we move further into this training agenda, we will be rolling out many more aspects of training for Welders, Journeymen, and Helpers. The plan involves a 40-hour "Helper Training" course, a hydrostatic testing course, fabrication, rigging certification, all welding processes, end prep, certifications, mechanized welding certification, instrumentation tubing, line carrying, etc. If it's work we perform in the field, we will have some level of training available for it. We are also looking to either buy or build a training center somewhere in the Northeast Region of our jurisdiction. We've studied this for some time, and to maximize the reach of our training, somewhere in that region, in conjunction with our facility in Tulsa, makes the most sense for reaching the vast majority of our membership. We have buy-in from our contractor partners for this very important tool to gain market share. Please, trust this process. We are going to do our part to make the training available. What we need is the membership to take advantage of the training. It might seem heavy-handed to some that I'm making changes to the Dispatch Policy, but I assure you, this is a must to regain market share and hold onto our wages and fringe benefits. Please trust that I have the data to show this is the right move at the right time. I don't take these changes lightly, and I hope you won't either.

If you haven't made plans to attend Steward School, please do so, if possible. To be a job steward, pipeman, or welder foreman in Local 798's jurisdiction, it's imperative that you are here. The only exception to this is if you are excused due to extenuating circumstances.

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

Fraternally,



**Justin Wallace**  
*Business Manager*



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After being sworn in on January 9, Justin and I have hit the ground running. Whether it be learning our new roles, numerous Zoom calls with software, apprenticeship, and training providers, or traveling from the East Coast to the West Coast, we are in the middle of it. We are doing all this to build the training structure that will carry us into 2026 and beyond. We are looking at all the ways we can reinvest in "YOU," the greatest membership in the world.

We truly believe we are the greatest membership in the world, but recently we've noticed some quality issues, with data to back it up, that need to be addressed. Our competition has closed the gap and passed us by in some sectors of the industry. Through our new training initiatives, we plan to lap the competition by offering a training program that no one can match. Our fair contractors have bought in, and we are going to inject a large amount of capital back into you by training existing and new members better than before. All we need from you is a willingness to train and the drive to get better.

We also have plans to clean up how we bring new members and apprentices into our local. Very soon, we will be rolling out a new "Application/Assessment/Interview" software module that should give us a lot more insight into the folks we are bringing in. The hope is to pick better candidates who have a strong desire not just to go to work but also have aspirations to make this organization better. This module will allow applicants to upload documents, such as driver's licenses or trade school certificates. We will also ask simple questions about travel restrictions to avoid scenarios that often cast a bad light on us. We are building a curriculum for a 40-hour Helper class, so when we send them to jobs, they will have the basic knowledge they need to succeed.

We are introducing this proactive approach to be ready for the upcoming work boom. When it happens, we will have prepared you in such a way that allows us to hold onto the markets that we WILL take back. This is going to be more change than many of you have seen in your careers, but this change is necessary, and if we don't do something now, the opportunity may never come again. We are hearing about historic projects that will require significant manpower, and we intend to have you trained and ready. We will also be ahead of the game by building a proper "bullpen" of organized and new workers that will help us reclaim what we have lost. Clients will begin to recognize how well-trained our workforce is. The more versatile we are, the more marketable we become in all sectors of the piping industry. That philosophy will no doubt lead to more work for us, not just now, but years down the road.

Justin discussed the policy changes in his report, so I won't go into the weeds on that, but he did mention trust and buy-in from the membership. You're going to see that our vision for the future will work, and I ask that you be open-minded and flexible while we launch these training initiatives. I have watched our quality drop as the Northeast business agent for the last 10 years, and I've been frequently chastised on job visits as to where we are getting the folks we are bringing in. Things are going to get better in that department by cleaning up the front-end process, but we need to take a long, hard look at the current members who have no desire to improve and are only here for a paycheck, not for the betterment of our "whole" local union. We are going to get this done, and we ask for your support, and in turn, Justin and I will give everything we have towards the betterment of this great local.

We truly are all in this together!

Faternally,

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.

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

I am writing this report after returning from Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. There, I had the opportunity to strengthen relationships with contractors, gas companies, and others who are actively involved in our field. I remain focused on the strength of our membership and the future of our union. While work in my jurisdiction is still slow, the future outlook is very positive. New opportunities are on the horizon, and how well we position ourselves now will determine how strong we are when work ramps back up. No matter where the work takes us, our success depends on unity, preparation, and active involvement from every member.

As we move forward in 2026, one of my top priorities is education and leadership development. I strongly encourage all members, especially current and future job stewards, to make plans to attend our Steward School this April. Steward School is essential to building knowledgeable and confident representatives on our job sites. It provides valuable training in contract enforcement, member representation, and communication. When our stewards are well-trained, our entire local is stronger.

I also want to remind everyone of the importance of staying engaged beyond the job site. I urge you to remain active in the Action Network, which gives our members a voice in advocating for pro-labor policies, infrastructure investment, and pipeline work. Decisions made at the local, state, and national levels directly impact our livelihoods, and participation ensures that Local 798 is represented where it matters.

Local Union 798 has a proud history built on solidarity and professionalism. By staying informed, attending training, and remaining involved, we can protect that legacy and build a strong future for the next generation of pipeliners.

As always, I am here to serve you. Please reach out if you need anything. My cell is 918-991-5341. I hope to see everyone in April. God bless each one of you, and God bless this local!



### JUSTIN HEAD

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

I hope this report finds you all well. Work is slowly getting started in my area, with some promising projects that look to be shovel-ready for the third and fourth quarters of this year. Tallgrass continues to have upcoming work, including the Pony Express, which should be close to 400 more miles of 24-inch going into Kansas. If our signatory contractors are successful, it appears that much of the work starting early out West will consist of solid station work. I will try to keep you all updated as that work is let for bid.

The Alaska LNG project is becoming increasingly real by the day. Contractors have been selected, and plans are underway to mobilize for the project. As a reminder, you do not need to be on a list to have a shot at that project. It will almost certainly be a National Pipeline Agreement job, and the out-of-work list will be utilized just like a job in the lower 48.

By the time you read this report, registration should be open for Steward School. If you are interested in stewarding, please make plans to attend. There is a lot of new information and changes to the reporting on the horizon that you will benefit from better understanding.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime if I can be of assistance.

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## TODD HARTLE

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

I hope this report finds you all doing well. The new year is looking very promising. As we prepare for the upcoming work season, the outlook in my area is strong, with a significant amount of Integrity Maintenance work expected. I am also hearing about several upcoming station upgrades.

Recently, we had an emergency in Minnesota. Michels was called in to cap off the pipe and run a bypass. We mobilized 18 tested Welders in a very short time. I want to personally thank all the UA members who worked around the clock in below-zero temperatures to get gas flowing as quickly as possible. When situations like this arise, our union contractors and members step up and make things happen.

We have also had several members utilize the training center to brush up on their skills, run handheld flux core, and obtain UA certifications. That is exactly what the training center is for, ensuring our members are fully prepared when they arrive on the job. Additionally, we have been able to get several members out on building trades work, primarily combo Welders, along with a few fitters.

I would like to remind everyone to sign up for the Action Network and actively participate. This is how we ensure our voices are heard. Remember, family and friends are also encouraged to sign up and support our efforts.

If you plan on serving as a welder foreman, job steward, or pipeman, you need to attend Steward School, April 6-10. I am looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone there.

As always, please do not hesitate to call me if you need anything. God bless you, your families, our great local, and our country.



## JOE GAINES

TX | 918-237-3573

As we move into March and April of 2026, I want to strongly encourage everyone to make plans to attend Steward School 2026. With a significant amount of work coming up, job steward training is more important than ever. If you plan to steward a job, Steward School is a must. The information and preparation gained there play a key role in protecting our members, maintaining job-site standards, and ensuring projects run smoothly.

Work across Texas remains active. The job in Mineral Wells is wrapping up, and I appreciate the professionalism shown by everyone who worked on that project. The job in Stephenville is in full swing and is making good progress, with completion expected in early summer. Additionally, Precision Infrastructure has a small station job underway in Vidor, which is progressing well and is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Building trades work continues to be strong throughout the state. Several data center projects are either underway or planned in Claude, Pampa, Abilene, and Amarillo. These are long-term projects that are expected to provide steady work for years to come and represent a solid outlook for our members.

I also want to recognize our new administration, which has truly hit the ground running. Congratulations to all our newly elected officers. I'm confident this leadership team will continue to move Local 798 forward while keeping the best interests of the membership front and center.

Stay safe, take care of one another, and continue to represent Local 798 with pride and professionalism. As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

# BUSINESS AGENT REPORTS

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## CHARLES YATES, JR.

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

Despite Winter Storm Fern causing widespread disruption with snow, ice, and freezing temperatures in 26 states, the work outlook remains strong with many gas companies in the Central Region prioritizing installation, repair, and replacement for 2026. Duke Energy plans to continue focusing on the Cincinnati area infrastructure, and we're still getting some members out on building trades work. We get weekly calls from our Sister locals needing travelers, sometimes requesting one or two hands, and other times asking for 15-20. If you're interested in working in the building trades sector, I will reemphasize that the more UA welding certificates you have, the better. The fitter calls mostly require rigging certifications. By the time you read this, the Ridgeline should be manning up in preparation for kick off in February. If you've been hired out or are hoping to go out soon, don't wait until the last minute to take care of your business. Now is the time to make sure your equipment is in good working order.

Looking ahead to spring, Steward School is only a couple of months away. Watch your mail for registration forms or visit our website for more information. Please plan to attend. There will be many new ideas shared and discussed, as well as a review of the National Pipeline Agreement.

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



## CHARLES THOMAS

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

By the time you read this, I hope the weather is breaking and the work season is getting underway.

I want to start by saying thank you. We recently submitted nearly 2,500 signatures in support of reviving the Constitution Pipeline. While I remain cautiously optimistic about the project moving forward, make no mistake, Williams wants to build this pipeline. Projects like the Constitution Pipeline are exactly why we must stay active on the Action Network. Williams' response proves that our efforts work, strengthening our position and credibility with clients. Turning in 2,500 signatures is something to be proud of, but we can generate even more support. Keep promoting and keep advocating.

West Virginia has also announced a proposed natural gas-fired power generation project, an 8 GW facility intended to provide reliable, behind-the-meter energy for AI and data centers. This project has strong potential to create good, long-term jobs for our members.

With a very positive work outlook ahead, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of our training center and staff. The 9045 and handheld wire processes are here to stay. Now is the time to get comfortable with them. Sharpen existing skills and take the opportunity to learn new ones.

Steward School is right around the corner. If you're interested in working as a welder foreman or job steward, make every effort to attend. When everyone is aligned with the contract and trained on the latest procedures, jobs run more smoothly and efficiently for everyone.

# DISPATCH REPORT

**BLAKE MCANELLY 918-610-2761**



As I step into the role of dispatcher for Local 798, I want to begin by thanking Justin Wallace for the opportunity and the trust he has placed in me. I'm truly humbled to be part of this next chapter and look forward to serving the membership in this position. I also want to recognize and thank Jimmy Dick, my predecessor, for the professionalism and dedication he brought to the Dispatch office. Jimmy made this transition smooth and seamless, and his leadership helped elevate the Dispatch office to a higher standard, one I intend to maintain and continue to build upon.

As we all know, a pipeline boom is on the horizon. Several major projects are either underway or preparing to start in the near future. While work in Texas is beginning to wind down, activity in Tennessee is just getting started, with additional work developing in the North Carolina region along with numerous integrity projects across the country. Many of these projects involve testing requirements and welding processes that may be outside the norm for some members. A growing number of jobs are utilizing the downhill 9045 low-hydrogen rod process. We are also seeing the handheld wire process making a comeback, most recently on projects in Tennessee. If you're looking to brush up on any of these tests or processes, the Local 798 Training Center remains the best place to do so. Our state-of-the-art facility and experienced instructors are available to assist with all test qualifications and help ensure you're ready when these jobs begin hiring.

Additionally, we continue to see an increase in building trades work nationwide. From combo Welders to fitters, there remains a steady demand for skilled manpower. The training center can assist with any certifications required for these projects. For training or certification questions, please contact Farron Hollabaugh at the training center.

Lastly, given the amount of work ahead, please ensure your out-of-work card is current and accurately reflects your skills and qualifications. If there is anything we can do to assist you from the Dispatch office, don't hesitate to call 918-610-2761. We look forward to seeing you at Steward School or on the ROW.

**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.**

## DISPATCH POLICY AMENDMENT

In accordance with Section D of the Pipeliners Local 798 Dispatch and Out-of-Work Policies, the Policy may be amended at any time by the Business Manager. Any amendments become effective upon ten (10) days' advance posted notice.

**We would like to inform you that revisions have been made to the Pipeliners Local 798 Dispatch and Out-of-Work Policies and will become effective on March 9, 2026.** Below is a list of the sections that have been amended. The complete amended version of the Pipeliners Local 798 Dispatch and Out-of-Work Policies is available on our website at [www.local798.org](http://www.local798.org).

Section B, Paragraph 1  
Section B, Paragraph 7  
Section C, Paragraph 1  
Section C, Paragraph 13  
Section C, Paragraph 14

Section C, Paragraph 15  
Section C, Paragraph 18  
Section C, Paragraph 20  
Section C, Paragraph 21

If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding these changes, or if you would like a physical copy mailed to you, please contact the Dispatch office at 918-610-2761.

# ORGANIZING REPORT

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



The Organizing Department has started 2026 in high gear. Interest and activity from nonunion Welders, Helpers, and contractors continues to exceed our expectations. Our organizing staff receives daily calls from nonunion workers, and as mentioned previously, more highly skilled workers are recognizing the life-changing benefits of joining Local 798 for themselves and their families.

Local 798 is proud to welcome these workers and to continue growing our membership with skilled professionals. Collectively, our membership is the foundation of our continued growth and success. We believe every Welder, Journeyman, and Helper on a pipeline job deserves the wages, benefits, and retirement that Local 798 provides. With the cost of living the same for everyone, union or nonunion, why sell yourself and your skill set short? Earn what you deserve and build long-term stability for your family.

Local 798 has also established strong relationships with many building trades locals across the United States. These locals consistently reach out when they need assistance manning their jobs. These opportunities have become an excellent source of man-hours for our members and will continue to provide steady work and opportunities for growth. If you know a skilled Welder or Helper who could benefit from this type of work, please contact the organizing staff.

As we transition from the winter months into spring, please stay current with your skills and make it a priority to attend Steward School in April. This is an excellent opportunity to learn and network with your leadership team, business agents, organizers, contractors, and fellow members in support of Local 798, while also enjoying a fun-filled week of camaraderie and activities.

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Michels Pipeline, Inc. in Clark Range, Tennessee



Michels Pipeline, Inc. in Cookeville, Tennessee



**RENÉE VAUSE**  
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### NEW PENSION TAX TABLE INSTALLED

Pension tax tables are updated in the first quarter each year. The new federal tax table for 2026 is scheduled to be installed effective March 1, 2026. Please review your deposit amount as of that date and after, and let us know if you need to make any changes. Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana state tax tables will also be updated effective March 1, 2026.

### ANNUAL PENSION STATEMENTS

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

### QUARTERLY 401(K) STATEMENTS

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

### REMINDER - HRA FILING DEADLINE APPROACHING

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

### PIBF AT STEWARD SCHOOL

PIBF's presentation on Thursday afternoon at Steward School will include the PIBF, PIPE, and 401(k) plan year in review and guest speakers from the Trust Company of Oklahoma, who will cover helpful information on our 401(k) plan, Sav-Rx, who will cover your prescription plan, specialty Rx and preauthorization for Rx, and other beneficial presentations. In addition, as in the past, the PIBF staff will be available throughout Steward School for participant questions. The PIBF office in the Renaissance will be located in Seville III. You can verify that your information is up to date – phone, address, beneficiary, etc., and get assistance with the Member Portal. Please stop by if we can help you with anything or just to say hello!

### FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS AT STEWARD SCHOOL

PIBF will be providing health screenings by CardiOptics at Steward School again this year. This screening provider has proven to be more convenient than in years past with all screenings taking place at one station, with no fasting and no needles! PIBF continues to offer these screenings because the tests being offered detect medical problems, which if left unattended, could lead to more serious health issues. A form to sign up for an appointment is in the Steward School packet. During Steward School, please arrive at your designated appointment time. If you arrive earlier than your appointment, those with appointments scheduled prior to your appointment will be seen before you, even if they arrive after you do. Walk-ins will not be seen until scheduled appointments are complete. In years past, walk-ins were seen after lunch.

### DO YOU HAVE A DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY ON FILE WITH PIBF?

Please log in to the member portal and verify your beneficiary information is valid and up to date. From the member portal dashboard, you can click on "View My Beneficiaries." You must designate a beneficiary for both PIBF and the 401(k) plan. It is important to update these designations in the event of a marriage, divorce, or death. Forms are located on our website at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org). If your PIBF beneficiary information is missing or inaccurate, please download the form located on our website under the H&W Benefits section/PIBF Forms/"Death Benefit Beneficiary Form" or call our office to have the form mailed to you. If you need to designate or update your 401(k) beneficiary, you can find this form on our website under the 401(k) section/401(k) Forms/"401(k) Enrollment Form – Beneficiary Designation". Please note that PIBF is transitioning the location of all forms from the main website to the member portal. When this is complete, forms will only be available after logging in to the member portal.

### PLEASE NOTIFY PIBF OF OTHER COVERAGE - COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

If you have other insurance coverage in addition to PIBF, please notify the Fund office if you have not already done so. This includes coverage from another employer, your spouse's employer, Medicare, etc. This will ensure claims are accurately and timely filed, resulting in savings for participants and PIBF. You can access the "Coordination of Benefits Form" at [www.pibf.org](http://www.pibf.org), H&W Benefits section/PIBF Forms. Please note that PIBF is transitioning the location of all forms from the main website to the member portal. When this is complete, forms will only be available after logging in to the member portal.

# PIPELINERS LOCAL UNION 798 STEWARD SCHOOL

APRIL 6-10, 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to Steward School 2026, April 6-10, at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133. The week will be packed with informative sessions and activities designed for professional growth and family fun. If you are considering future roles as a job steward, welder foreman, or pipeman, your attendance is highly encouraged.

## REGISTRATION

Registration packets have been sent by mail. You may also register on the home page of the Local 798 website at [www.local798.org](http://www.local798.org).

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Renaissance Tulsa Hotel – 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133**

1-800-264-0165

Starting at \$119/night

Parking is complimentary for Pipeliners Local 798 guests. Use code RENTN during your stay to take advantage of this offer.

**Please complete your registration by March 20 and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

## AGENDA:

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

**7:30 a.m. – 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** – The Club at Indian Springs

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

**10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Registration Check In** – Local 798 Training Center

**Noon – Lincoln Electric Barbeque** – Local 798 Training Center

**1 p.m. – Introduction to Organizing Class** – Local 798 Training Center

**6-8 p.m. – Registration Check In** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**8 a.m. – General Session** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**5 p.m. – Ladies of 798 Charity Basket Auction** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

**8 a.m. – General Session** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**1 p.m. – PIBF Session** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**7 p.m. – Retiree Banquet** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

**8 a.m. – General Session** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**Noon – Miller Electric Crawfish Boil** – Local 798 Training Center

**Noon-3 p.m. – Slick Rig Contest** – Local 798 Training Center

**6 p.m. – Ladies of 798 Hospitality** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

**7 p.m. – Regular April Membership Meeting** – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

# MEETING NOTICE

APRIL 10, 2026

The regular April Membership Meeting will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel, 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 on Friday, April 10, beginning at 7 p.m.

## LADIES OF 798 HOSPITALITY

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel at 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 on Friday, April 10, beginning at 6 p.m.

# RAFFLE

Lincoln Electric and Miller Electric have both graciously donated welding machines to raffle off during Steward School, with all proceeds benefiting the Voluntary Fund Scholarship Program. The drawing will take place during the Membership Meeting on Friday, April 10. Lincoln is donating a package including a Lincoln Maverick 325, FlexCut 45, and PowerMig 215MP, and Miller is donating a Miller Pipe Pro 400 welding machine. Tickets can be purchased from the Local 798 website, [www.local798.org](http://www.local798.org), in the shop section. Tickets can also be purchased from designated 798 personnel or Lincoln and Miller personnel during the week of Steward School. You DO NOT have to be present to win.



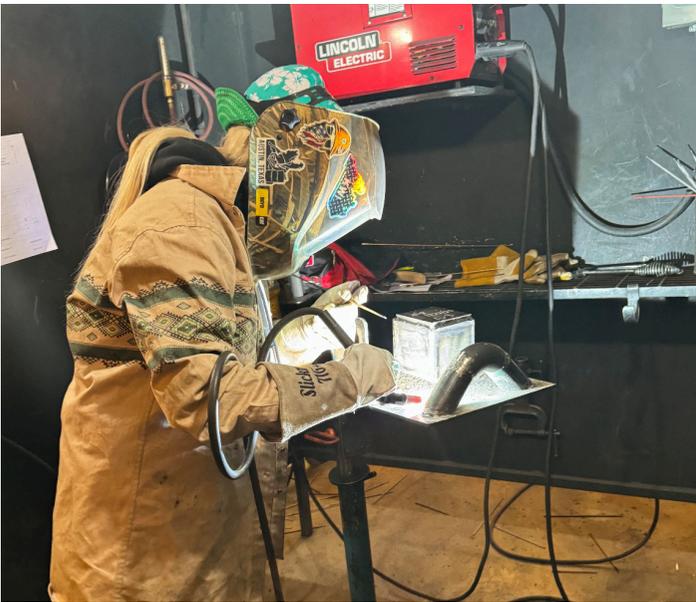


Louisiana Gumbo Cookoff 2026



Future Women of Welding Competition in Louisville, Kentucky at UA Local 502 Training Center.





# Short & Personal

## NOTES

### THANK YOU

**Patrick (Gil) and Courtney Cochran** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all Local 798 Brothers and Sisters who contribute to it. "Gil's recent hospitalization came as a shock to our family. The generous gift received is most appreciated and will be used towards his medical expenses." Special thanks to Brian Fox.

**Michael Crawford and Family** would like to extend their sincere thanks to Local 798 and the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund for the generous monetary donation made during the time of his mother's passing. "Your kindness, support, and thoughtfulness during such a difficult period meant more to my family and me than words can fully express. It brought comfort to know that we were surrounded by such a caring and supportive community. Thank you again for your generosity and compassion."

**Warren Jones** thanks everyone for the help received from "the great people of Local 798" who donate to the Voluntary Fund. The support he received was greatly appreciated while dealing with the loss of his wife of 60 years, Barb Jones. Special thanks to Frank Bowker, Phillip Wallace, Justin Wallace, and Randy Mathis.

**Jerry and Heidi Ryan** would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Heidi has been home and recovering since her December surgery. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix (enjoy your retirement) and this great organization.

**Michael Jenkins** appreciates all Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The help was needed and greatly appreciated.

**James Jett and Family** thank the Voluntary Fund for the assistance received following James's surgery. "Your kindness has lightened our burden during my recovery." Special thanks to Greg Rose for submitting the request.

**Ray and Rose Ann Champagne** would like to thank the Voluntary Fund for the generous assistance received for Rose's knee replacement. Special thanks to Jerry and Pam Thibodeaux, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

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following the passing of his brother Darryl. Special thanks to Jimmy Gleitz and Shane Tompkins.

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**Ryan and Paula Harris** thank the Voluntary Fund for the help received following Ryan's shoulder surgery. It was much appreciated.

**The Brigrance Family** thanks the Voluntary Fund for the donation they received following their daughter's cancer diagnosis. "We cannot express our appreciation for your kindness and generosity. The monetary gift was impactful, but also knowing there is a network of members and their families supporting her as she battles this disease."

**Eva Holt and Family** express gratitude for the lovely Bible received following the passing of Eva's husband, Tim Holt, a 62-year Welder member of Local 798. "Tim loved 798 and believed in the local, and all that it represented . . . 798 was good to us, and we were blessed to be a member." Special thanks to Wendi Taylor at PIBF for her kindness and help in completing the paperwork.

### RETIREMENTS

**Stephen D. DeArmond**, Helper, Conroe, TX

**Robert D. Ferguson, Jr.**, Welder, Rush, KY

**Matthew F. Harris**, Welder, Manquin, VA

**Eddie Herring**, Welder, Azle, TX

**Thomas D. Lambert**, Welder, Indian Harbour Beach, FL

**James D. Lee**, Helper, Petroleum, WV

**Arnell J. Malnar III**, Welder, Smithville, WV

**Roy O. Mayton**, Spacer, Hope, AR

### IN MEMORIAM

**Tim Holt**, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Marshall, TX, passed away December 3, 2025.

**Walter J. Dial**, 92-year-old Retired Welder of Ida, LA, passed away December 23, 2025.

**Thomas W. "Tuck" Shepherd**, 88-year-old Retired Welder of Willow Wood, OH, passed away December 27, 2025.

**Harvey C. Beverlin II**, 55-year-old Welder of East Waterford, PA, passed away January 3, 2026.

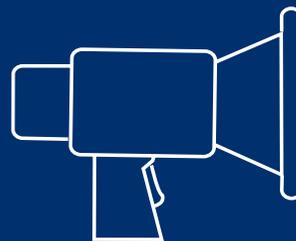
**Ronnie G. Bennett**, 91-year-old Retired Welder of Dennard, AR, passed away January 6, 2026.

**James A. Shaver**, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Alum Bridge, WV, passed away January 11, 2026.

**Gary L. Chambers**, 67-year-old Retired Welder of Glen Easton, WV, passed away January 17, 2026.

**Robert L. Greenfield**, 84-year-old Retired Welder of Villisca, IA, passed away January 18, 2026.

**Martin E. Leone**, 78-year-old Retired Spacer of Gold Canyon, AZ, passed away January 31, 2026.



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