

Blue Light Reports

Trustee Local 798 **JAMES P. MOSS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By now, all of you are aware that Local 798 will conduct a mail ballot Election of Officers. The specific timelines for this process to take place were included in the Notice of Nominations and Elections mailed to all members. They are also contained in this edition of the *Blue Light*.

I hope all of you appreciate the importance of the upcoming elections. I strongly urge you to

vote and ask that you encourage your fellow Local 798 members to vote as well. Your active participation in this great Local Union is what makes it strong!

Fraternally,



James P. Moss

IMPORTANT NOTICE **ELECTION OF LOCAL 798 OFFICERS**

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

A Meeting was held on November 2, 2007 to nominate candidates for Local 798 office. A mail ballot election will be conducted. Listed below are those members who have accepted nomination for each office:

President: Keith Duncan; Preston Richard (Ree-Shard); Bobby L. Harvey

Vice-President: Wade Pilgreen; Randy Mathis; George G. Sanders

Recording Secretary: Guy S. Williams; Frank F. (KC Slim) Bowker

Business Manager: Danny Hendrix; Leon Loggins; John Larry Rice; Jack F. Holley, Jr.; Lem Cox; Jerry Smoak

Financial Secretary-Treasurer: Hugh Leslie Jr.; David L. Barnett

Inside Guard: Bob Fatherree; Jerry (Dale) Crabtree, Jr.; Steve Hinton; Brian G. May; Richard S. Warren

Executive Board (4 positions): John W. Knight, Jr.; Roger Wheeler; Edward G. Gumpert; Mitch (Groovy Man) Leih; Bryan S. Fox; Billy Clendenning; Larry H. Edwards; Frederick P. Curran; Darrell (Doug) Thompson; Coy W. Edwards; David M. White; Keith Edwards; Ray A.

Lambert; Andy Hess; Billy B. Cox, Sr.; Thomas Collins; Paul Davis; Kenny Glaze; Matthew J. Ingram; Charlie Garrett; Frank C. Hankins; Brian Anderson; Terry J. Thibodeaux; Marcus A. McCleese, Jr.

Finance Committee (3 positions): Billy Wayne Hawkins; Gilbert Burch; Ronnie M. Hill; Michael L. Mathis; Charles Walker; E. Stanley Ingram; Robert E. Shamblin; Buster Chapman; Henry L. Redifer; Bart Scarbrough; Keith Carr; Terry Langley; Charles L. Miller; Mark Anthony Witt; R.J. "Robbie" Miller (Craig Watson did not accept his nomination and has withdrawn)

Examining Board (2 positions): John Dougherty; David A. Harrington; Mitchell S. Pendergraft; Billy Troy Martin; Billy Burns; Steve Gatehouse; Joel Mallette; Mike Miller; Donald Joe Monette

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ELECTION COMMITTEE

The following Local 798 members have been appointed as the Local 798 Election Committee for this upcoming election:

Farron Hollabaugh (Chairman): Cell: 918 244-0648 Email: maryholl@junct.com

Bobby C. Gipson: Cell: 501 215-7752

Michael "Kent" Jewell: Cell: 225 335-4355 Email: ktigar04@yahoo.com

All inquiries regarding the election (other than requests for ballots) must be directed to the Election Committee.

MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

1. Election Services Corporation ("ESC") shall administer the election. The Local Union has used ESC's services for mail ballot elections in the past. ESC is headquartered at 70 Trade Zone Court, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. ESC's representative conducting the Local 798 election is Sandee Tovin. ESC has advised that it will utilize the services of Automatic Mail Services to conduct the mailing. Automated Mail Services is located at 4501 34th Street, Long Island City, NY 11101.

2. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Local 798 members on Friday, December 7, 2007 at their most recent permanent address on file with the Local Union ("primary address") as of Friday, November 30, 2007. Any member who wishes to provide the Local with a secondary address for purposes of receiving a ballot may do so as long as the request is made by the member himself, in writing, to the Local Union. Written notification of a secondary address for purposes of receiving a ballot must be received at the Local Union offices by 4:30 p.m. (CST) on November 30, 2007. (After the election is over, the Local will resume sending the member mail at his primary address.) Any changes in address after November 30, 2007 should be directed to ESC.

3. No Local 798 member shall be eligible to vote in the election unless he has 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 December 7, 2007. Thus, if a member is not eligible as described above as of December 7, 2007, he will not be eligible to vote.

4. Members who do not receive a ballot or who need a “duplicate” ballot must contact ESC directly at 1-800-864-1263. 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, he may request a duplicate ballot from ESC. 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. ESC will provide the member with a confirmation number.

5. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Tulsa, OK U.S. post office box printed on the outer return envelope by 8:00 a.m. (CST) on Thursday, January 10, 2008. 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, January 10, 2008 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma starting at 9:00 a.m. (CST).

6. There will be an informational membership meeting on Friday, January 11, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST) at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which the results of the election will be announced.

7. In the event there is a tie vote and a run-off election is necessary, a mail ballot election will be conducted for only those offices for which there is a tie vote. The run-off election will be conducted by ESC. Ballots will be mailed on Friday, January 18, 2007 by ESC through Automatic Mail Services (*see* address above) and will be counted on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 9:00 a.m. (CST). The results of any run-off election will be announced at a union membership meeting to be held on Friday, February 22, 2008 at the Local Union Hall, 4823 South 83rd East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, starting at 7:00 p.m. (CST).

Interim Business Manager **DANIEL C. HENDRIX**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dispatcher Kevin Leeper has advised me that we have an unusually large number of helpers accepting a dispatch, but not showing up on the job. When this happens, it costs the contractor and the Union valuable time, money, and resources. If for any reason you cannot go to the job after accepting a dispatch, *you must contact the dispatcher*, the welder foreman, or both as soon as possible.

The United Association has commissioned

Pioneer Pipe of Marietta, Ohio, Local 168 to construct a pipeline training trailer. The trailer is a 53' drop deck semi that will contain welding booths for stick-rod, flux-core, fabshield and mechanized welding. It will be equipped with the latest and greatest equipment furnished by Lincoln Electric, Miller, and CRC. It will also be equipped with fume extractors, heat, air-conditioning and lighting. This will be a great tool for all pipeline locals

and contractors because of its portability. I would like to personally thank General President Bill Hite for his support and forethought on pipeline training. I would also like to thank Phil Stephenson and Tom Gross from the UA Pipeline Department, and 798 training director Farron Hollabaugh for making this portable pipeline training trailer a reality.

All areas of the pipeline have been stretched thin, but none have suffered more than the tie-in positions that have utilized hand held wire and flux-core. These skill sets are in high demand and will increase as pipeline companies continue to use X-80 pipe or greater. I want to encourage our welders to utilize our training facility in Tulsa and take advantage of our fine instruction staff.

As of the end of September, hours reported were *over 4 million*, and the work is still holding strong. The work outlook is fantastic,

even though the winter season is approaching. Due to work loads in the field, the state of Wyoming has been assigned to Business Agent Chad Gilbert and a new Organizer, Mike Dickinson, has been hired. I believe Mike will dedicate himself to the duties of organizing and recruiting, and has already had some positive results in the field.

I want to encourage everyone to participate in this Local Union. Remember, you are the Local. It's not a building in Tulsa; it's in the heart of the member. I hope to see you soon. As always, I'm proud to say, *"I work for you, the finest pipeliners in the world."*

Fraternally,



Daniel C. Hendrix

Interim Financial Secretary-Treasurer **DAVID L. BARNETT**

Brothers and Sisters,

Since my last report, most of my time has been spent in the Tulsa, OK office of Local Union 798. As Interim Financial Secretary-Treasurer, I have been actively involved in Contractor's reporting errors on inaccurate amounts, and in some cases complete omissions of employees on their reports. I cannot emphasize enough to the Stewards in the field how important it is for you to have accurate information on your reports. These reports are vital in this office as a cross-reference between what the employer submits and what the Steward report shows. I have also been working on collection of late Initiation Fees and paying bills that are properly submitted and deemed payable after review by Brother Danny Hendrix and myself. For those of you who are not yet aware, two signatures are now required on all checks written on the

Local Union 798 account. This is one of the checks and balances that are in place for paying the expenses of the Local. Because of the measures that have been taken, and the volume of man hours that are presently being worked by every one of you in the field, Local Union 798 funds are now at an all-time high for the fifty eight year history of the local. As of this writing, Local Union 798 funds are placed as follows: 53% in CDs that are strategically placed by our bank to be fully FDIC protected; 32% in a money market account with our bank that is fully protected; 13% placed with the Trust Company of Oklahoma for investments; and the remaining 2% in the operating account.

I would also like to take this opportunity to suggest to the members of Local Union 798, when it is possible to buy American and Buy

Union. If you check the internet and Google American-made clothing, you get over two million references. One is an Ohio-based company that advertises blue jeans for \$33.95 per pair and denim shirts for \$29.95 each. This company is not only American but also Union. There is another that advertises similar pricing for these products and is Union as well. Google the Buy America Campaign and you get a list of household goods and the American companies that manufacture them with over 30 of them clothing companies.

It is true that to utilize some of these made-in-America products, we may have to make a small sacrifice such as pay a little more or order them and wait for their arrival. However, this is a small sacrifice compared to the experiences my father has shared with me on the sacrifices

they made to buy American goods. When he was 15 years old in 1939 he worked for fifty cents a day chopping cotton and a pair of Union made overalls cost him \$1.50 per pair.

I just want to point out that it is possible to buy both American and Union made products. The changes we make as consumers today will last far into tomorrow. The time has come for us as Americans to buck up and do the right thing and buy American when we can.

If I can be of assistance to any of you feel free to call my office at Local Union 798 in Tulsa, OK. Work safe, work proud, work Union.

Fraternally,



David L. Barnett

S H O R T A N D P E R S O N A L



The following have submitted Thank You cards or notes to Local 798.

September 2007

Jason Fowler & Family
Robert & Patti Christmas

Jack Dobbins, Jr
David Doyle & Family
Janice & Henry Guy Harrell
Merle Horsley
Billy "Bull Plug" McDaniel
Ricky Morgan
Brian & Karen Norris
Josh Shamblin
Ralph E Suter, Sr. & Family

October 2007

David Ashby
Karen & Doug Figura
Charles K. Hanna
Spencer, Hope, & Tyler Kenney
Bill, Valerie, Billee Jean & Daniel O'Loughlin
Douglas H. Smith
Dean Snuffer & Family

RETIREMENTS

Name	City / State	Trade Level	Initiation Date	Month Retired
Andrea S. Butler	Ruidoso, NM	Helper	December 22, 1989	September 2007
Malcolm R. Carriere	Lafayette, LA	Welder	September 6, 1995	September 2007
Rowland F. Clark	Garvin, OK	Journeyman	June 7, 1999	September 2007
Gerald M. Crabtree	Thida, AR	Helper	March 22, 1978	September 2007
Janet L. Degeyter	Newark, OH	Helper	November 20, 1989	September 2007
Rollie W. Hart	Laurelville, OH	Helper	November 18, 1970	September 2007
Jimmy D. Pedigo	Smiths Grove, KY	Journeyman	October 29, 1969	September 2007
Jose M. Rombado	Houston, TX	Welder	October 19, 1999	September 2007
James W. Smyrl, Jr	Concord, NC	Journeyman	June 6, 1977	September 2007
Larry D. Burdge	Honeygrove, PA	Helper	September 12, 1980	October 2007
Jack D. Dobbins, Jr.	Hominy, OK	Helper	December 9, 1974	October 2007
Darla W. Durham	Elk City, OK	Helper	July 22, 1997	October 2007
Hugh A. Johnson, Jr.	Coral, MI	Welder	April 7, 1965	October 2007
Vernon L. Oliver	Milam, TX	Welder	October 20, 1966	October 2007
Harold C. Pitts	Georgiana, AL	Welder	June 28, 1965	October 2007
Cecil A. Reynolds	Columbia, LA	Helper	July 17, 1980	October 2007
F L Westbrook	Fouke, AR	Welder	March 2, 1983	October 2007

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Age	Passed Away	Trade Level	City / State
Tina B. Lewis	38	August 18, 2007	Helper	Iola, KS
Orville D. Doll	70	September 1, 2007	Welder	Norman, OK
Douglas Murphree	51	September 16, 2007	Helper	Longwood, FL
Teddy E. Stearns	85	October 13, 2007	Journeyman	Marble Hill, MO

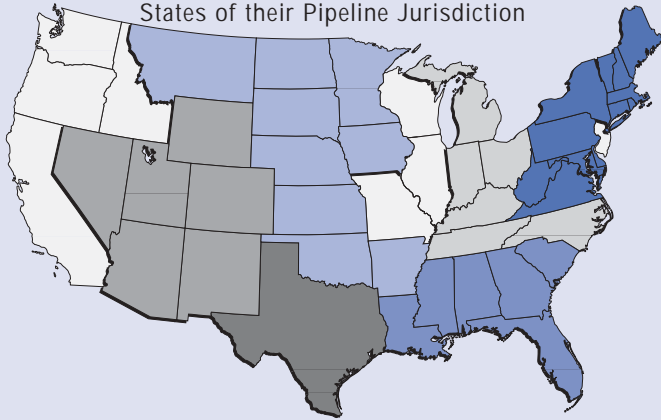
Congratulations!!

Our congratulations go out to Helper member James Bradley Turner. Brother Turner has recently been notified that he was a recipient of a \$5,000.00 United Association Scholarship Trust Fund scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year. Brother Turner was also recently notified he was the fortunate winner of a \$1,500.00 Texas Pipe Trades' Education Foundation Scholarship.

Brother Turner is the son of Business Agent James Darrell Turner and his wife Bonnie of Heflin, AL.

Pipeliners Local Union 798 Business Representatives

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Union and Fund Offices and Training Center Observe Holidays

Pipeliners Local Union 798, the Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund, and the Local 798 Training Center will be closed to observe **Thanksgiving** on Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, 2007.



We will also be closed December 24-25, 2007 to observe **Christmas**, and



December 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008 to observe the **New Year**.



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