Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year we will be celebrating our **70th Anniversary as a Local Union.** We were chartered on November 21, 1949. I want to thank all our charter members and retired members that stuck together through good times and bad to ensure they achieved better working conditions, wages, healthcare, and a sustainable pension. **Most of our active members today, myself included, had the privilege of joining 798. The men I mentioned above, created and built the Legacy of Pipeliners 798 from a vision to a reality.** To all of you men, we are indebted, and the only way to pay it back is to never forget your sacrifices by continuing the cardinal principles and standards that you set forth by your example.

2019 Steward School is just around the corner. We will kick off the week with our annual charity golf tournament on Monday, April 8th. **Lincoln Electric** will host a BBQ on Tuesday, April 9th, at the Local 798 Training Center. Steward School officially runs from Wednesday, April 10th, through Friday, April 12th, concluding around noon with a shrimp and crawfish boil hosted by **Miller Electric** at the Local 798 Training Center. There is no better place to meet and greet old acquaintances, make new friends and business contacts. This year we will be giving out a very special 70th Anniversary gift to everyone who attends, so make your plans early as rooms at the area hotels fill up quickly.

I am proud to announce that Business Agent Chad Gilbert has been appointed to the position of UA Special Representative by UA General President Mark McManus. Chad will be assigned to work directly with the UA Pipeline Department under the Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution, David Barnett. Chad has served 798 in many capacities diligently; the last 12 years as Business Agent in our jurisdiction out West. This moment is bittersweet, but I’m proud of his appointment and proud that Chad and 798 are recognized for their leadership in the pipeline industry.

I have appointed Journeymen Welder Justin Head to take over as Business Agent effective January 1, 2019. Justin joined the Local as a Helper in 2002 and changed his classification to Welder in 2005. He has served 798 in many capacities diligently; the last 12 years as Business Agent in our jurisdiction out West. This moment is bittersweet, but I’m proud of his appointment and proud that Chad and 798 are recognized for their leadership in the pipeline industry.

Just recently, we had a meeting at our Training Center with Williams Companies. D.R. “Bud” Rains, Director of Projects/Onshore Construction, along with 12 other pipeline personnel from Williams. They accepted our invitation to sit with us and discuss what 798 members and our Training Center is doing for the future of the pipeline industry. Williams is an industry-leading operation across the natural gas value chain including gathering, processing, interstate transportation and storage of natural gas and natural gas liquids. Williams owns and operates more than 33,000 miles of pipelines including Transco. Williams’ operations handle approximately 30% of U.S. natural gas. One of the projects that we provided labor to this year for Williams was the Atlantic Sunrise, 192 miles of 36 inch. The meeting went extremely well, and they were very impressed with the investment 798 makes every day in training and with our 798 Action Page. Advocating and providing the best pipeline constructors is what they are looking for as they move forward with more projects in the future.

A couple of weeks back in Houston, Local 798 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sac and Fox Tribe. The capital of the Sac and Fox Nation is Cushing, Oklahoma, the Pipeline Crossroads of the World. The significance of this Tribal/Union partnership, when utilized properly, should bear fruit for the members of the Sac and Fox Nation along with the members of Pipeliners Local 798 for decades to come. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2018 just flew by, and the work was fantastic with man hours exceeding over 11 million. By all accounts, 2019 looks to be even bigger! Local 798 and its members have been truly blessed. Last but not least, remember that in unity there is strength. The most important job on the ROW is yours, **PROTECT IT BY BEING THE VERY BEST AT IT.** Always work collectively, and union; the devil hates unity. As always, I am proud to say, **"I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world."**
Brothers and Sisters,

What a year! I hope that 2018 proved to be a prosperous year for every member of Pipeliners Local Union 798. Now that the holidays are behind us, it’s time to start thinking about making plans for Steward School. It may seem far off now, but it will be here before we know it. If you’re a newer member or have just been unable to attend in recent years, try to make plans to be here this year. There’s always a lot of good content to take in from the contract session, and great fellowship at the rest of the week’s events.

I would like to congratulate Brother Chad Gilbert on his recent appointment as Special Representative to the UA Department of Pipeline and Gas Distribution. This appointment was well earned, and I know Chad will continue to make Local 798 proud. Chad has worked diligently out West to procure more work for our members and union contractors, and I know he will prove to be a valuable asset to the UA Pipeline Department. We are proud of you, Chad. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Justin Head as Chad’s replacement as Business Agent over the Western states. Justin is a great addition to the Local 798 staff, and I know he will do a fantastic job.

If last year showed us anything, it’s that we can’t take any pipeline project for granted. It seems that the permitting process for these jobs gets more stringent as time goes by. We advocate for these projects long before construction starts, and then we must continue advocating right up until the job is complete. I want to thank everyone who has participated in the Local 798 Action Network. We are gaining ground in this aspect, and the clients are taking notice. Please continue to check the Action Network for any new actions you can take.

I would like to mention a couple of items related to changes of classification from Helper member to Journeyman Spacer. If you are a Helper member working towards a change of classification to a Journeyman Spacer, it is your responsibility to get with the Job Steward every week and let him know how many hours that you worked spacing and carrying the line. It’s then the responsibility of the Job Steward to follow up and verify the hours and work performed, and then document the hours on the Manpower Report. If you are asked to sign a letter of recommendation for a change of classification for a Helper member, be sure that you have witnessed the work performed. When you sign this letter, you are telling us that you have seen the Helper member spacing and carrying the line, and that Helper is capable of performing those duties. This system is proven and works well, but only when everyone is on the same page.

The work outlook for 2019 looks to be very strong. Local 798 has truly been blessed with abundant work for the last several years, and we hope it continues for many years to come. With that said, in this line of work, it’s never too early to plan for the slower times. It may be years down the road, but slower times will come in the pipeline industry.

Stay safe on the job, and we hope to see you at Steward School in April. If there’s ever anything I can help with, please don’t hesitate to call. As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Photo by Cheryl Lager
As you read this report, 2018 is in our rearview mirror, and 2019 is starting to unfold. I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed holiday season and is excited to start another prosperous year of pipelining. Our great Local was very blessed this past year, and the outlook for 2019 is gearing up to be nothing less. The strength and perseverance of our leadership have guided this Local to places that once seemed impossible but now has become a reality.

I would like to personally congratulate my fellow Business Agent and Brother member, Chad Gilbert, on his recent UA appointment to serve as Special Representative assigned to the Department of Pipeline and Gas Distribution. I know he will do a fantastic job and continue to fight hard to further the interests of this great profession.

Work in the South will be plentiful for 2019 with many jobs going out for bid. Although we have not been fortunate enough to acquire very many of these in the past, I feel that this is our year to make it happen and I will work diligently every day to help ensure that outcome.

I would like to remind everyone to make plans to attend our Regular Membership Meeting on January 11, 2019. We are all empowered by the knowledge gained when staying involved with what is going on in our Local and our regular meetings are a big part of that process.

Lastly, if you are having trouble contacting me, please call my cell number, 918-991-5341. As always, I look forward to hearing from you. May God bless you and your families with a healthy and prosperous year. And remember, “There is Strength in Numbers and Greater Strength in ORGANIZED Numbers.”

This will be my last report to you, Brothers and Sisters. I have been appointed as a Special Representative to the United Association Pipeline Department by UA General President Mark McManus. I cannot express what an honor it is to be asked to be a part of such a great and successful team.

I look forward to working with David Barnett, the Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution, and Special Representative Mike Mikich, daily in the Pipeline Department. My last 12 years as a Business Agent for Pipeliners Local 798 have been the most rewarding time in my career. The membership has always been there to help me, and I ask for your continued support at my new position.

I have been very fortunate to work under the great leadership of Danny Hendrix. He has been a great mentor for me, and I cannot express how thankful I am for his direction as an employee and a Brother member. We all owe Danny a lot for his dedication to the members and Local 798 as our Business Manager. I would also like to thank James Moss, David Barnett, and Wade Pilgreen for their mentorship throughout my term as Business Agent. Last, but not least, I thank the Brothers I worked with daily, the Business Agents and Organizers who work so hard for the membership. I will never forget the bond we all have, and I will continue to work together to unite and uphold the rights of union workers.

In closing, I ask everyone to encourage and support Brother Justin Head, the new Business Agent for the West. Justin has shown true craftsmanship in the field and has the character to become a great Business Agent, but he will need you, Brothers and Sisters, just as I did. Justin has earned the respect of those out West by always supporting his Union. He has helped walk every picket and advocated for every job in our area.

Thank you all supporting me, both professionally and personally. Always, “Work Safe and Work Union.” See you down the road.
Happy New Year if you stay the course and work all you can. The 2018 work season was great, and as a member, you had the opportunity to work as much as you wanted. The choices of jobs and locations available were just unbelievable. If you work hard, the job opportunities will keep coming your way.

The 2019 work season looks as good as 2018 to me. The Midwest states that I cover will have some Maintenance Integrity work as usual. The Keystone XL and Line 3 replacement are still on as far as I can tell. With all the work in the Northeast that will be finishing up and new work kicking off, 2019 promises to be another prosperous year for 798 members and this Local. The permits are getting harder to get every year. The pipeline industry is rapidly changing, and this Local and our members must adapt to it. If you get emails or texts on your cell phone, you have the tool in your hand to help advocate for these permits. Get involved with your Local, punch a few buttons. It takes about one minute. Your participation in the Action Network does all the hard work for you by getting the petitions and letters to the right politicians in your zip code or the zip code of the areas where these billion-dollar projects are on the line. The Action Network does work for you and me. When FERC shut down the Mountain Valley Pipeline in 2018, everyone was asking, "What just happened? They can't do that." But they can and did shut it down with thousands of jobs gone in a flash. When FERC lifted the stop-work order, that was a great victory for this industry. We had over 6,000 signatures on the Action Network supporting the MVP that had a lot to do with getting our jobs back.

I have some sad news of the unexpected death of Bob Schoneberg. Bob was a co-founder of United Piping, Duluth, MN. He also founded the organization, Jobs for Minnesotans. Bob was the best advocate for jobs I've ever met. The pipeline industry will miss him. God Bless his family. Work safe and have a great 2019. Always remember, "United We Stand Divided We Fall."

Since the last Blue Light Report, I have attended several meetings in Houston. David Barnett, Danny, and I attended the PLCA Safety & Quality Conference. This very informative meeting included our PLCA contractors, oil and gas company representatives, and labor unions. The main topics were safety and quality. We also attended the Pipeline Leadership Conference. There were numerous panel discussions on relevant topics including training, management, generation gaps, and future challenges the industry faces. UA Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution David Barnett was part of a panel that consisted of the four union crafts and Tribal Nations. Justin Wallace and I, as well as all the attendees witnessed Danny and David signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sac and Fox Nation.

As for the work outlook here in Texas, we have had numerous discussions about the abundance of large diameter pipelines going out for bid in the next three years and what it will take to be competitive here. I wish everyone a Happy New Year! Please be safe and stay healthy. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Pre-Jobs:

Made in the USA. As always, if I can be of assistance don’t hesitate to call. Let’s share our prosperity and shop small, support union, and buy the new year unfolds.

and maintenance projects remain steady, which will continue to ramp up as scheduled footage will be in OH with the other half in PA and WV. Integrity

Prepare for the New Year and set yourself up for success. 2019 has you’ve done and have yet to accomplish.

It is also our good fortune to have newly appointed Brother Chad Gilbert to serve as Special Representative assigned to the United Association’s Department of Pipeline and Gas Distribution. Thank you, UA General President Mark McManus for your vision and confidence in Brother Gilbert. Congratulations and Godspeed Chad. You will surely be missed around here but will

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Before we turn the calendar and look ahead to 2019, it’s important to reflect on our prosperity in 2018. Local 798 was again able to increase pension accrual rates, retirees received a 13th check, PIBF maintained the $4,000 HRA benefit, and our industry provided an abundance of work for our membership. These are a few of the many things for which we can be thankful.

During this period of good fortune, we were able to utilize travelers from our sister locals to help man the work. As our work tends to slow down a bit during the winter months because weather affects progress, many of our members are now able to seek work in the Building and Trades sector with those sister locals. These jobs give us an opportunity to make a respectable wage, earn hours towards pension and insurance; while remaining on our Out-of-Work Wheel. Building and Trades promote the prosperity of our United Association and provide employment without working non-union.

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Prepare for the New Year and set yourself up for success. 2019 has strong projections for many work opportunities. By the time you read this, the 93 miles of 12-inch Falcon Line should be underway. Approximately half of the scheduled footage will be in OH with the other half in PA and WV. Integrity and maintenance projects remain steady, which will continue to ramp up as the new year unfolds.

Let’s share our prosperity and shop small, support union, and buy Made in the USA. As always, if I can be of assistance don’t hesitate to call.

Pre-Jobs:

Charps, LLC:

Contractors Rental Corp:

DRS Enterprises:

Foltz Welding:

Geeding Construction:
- Toledo, OH. 2,800’ of 16” relocation for Buckeye. Superintendent: Logan Verslous. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 1-31-19.

InfraSource Construction:
- Evansville, IN. 12” station for Vectren. Superintendent: Jason Sutherland. Welder Foreman: Chad Hall. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-1-18.

Meade:

Michels:

Minnesota Limited:
- Bloomington, IN. 4” and below flow line modifications for Vectren. Superintendent: Doug Vaughn. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 12-10-18.

R.L. Coolset:

R. L. Morris and Sons:

By the time you read this report, 2018 will be a memory, and we will turn our focus towards the 2019 Pipeline Season. 2018 was a year for the record books in the Northeast. During the peak, we had 21 mainline spreads, between 80 to 90 active pre-jobs and 3,600 UA members working in the jurisdiction. I appreciate the Stewards, Welder Foremen, and membership for manning this work despite environmental shutdowns and rainouts. 2018 was an abnormally wet summer in WV and VA. The rainouts and shutdowns are not ideal when working away from home, but a rainout adds another day to the job each time it happens. The environmental regulations can also be viewed positively because they stagger the work and make the jobs last.

2019 looks to be just as strong as 2018. EQT’s MVP has quite a bit of work to do and with a 4th quarter 2019 tie-in date. Dominion’s ACP is a 17 spread project and I only know of four spreads that are currently pre-jobbed. TransCanada’s MXP should be done after the first of the year, and everyone is working hard to get the gas flowing as soon as possible. I recently visited three spreads on MXP with TransCanada’s Director of Safety and Quality over US Gas Projects Ken Murchie. TransCanada officials praised Local 798’s safety record on the project and said it was one of the best safety records they had seen on a project of that magnitude. It’s good to see the client recognizing our hard work and our commitment to safety.

The hiring has slowed to a crawl during the holiday season. Work should slowly get moving after the New Year. Once tree clearing begins, we will be able to see how the work year is going to play out.

I look forward to another busy year, and I hope everyone remains focused on safely working in dangerous terrain. I hope 2019 finds you well and everyone had time to be with loved ones during the holiday season.
Pre-Jobs:

Apex Pipeline Services:
- Wheeling, WV. 6.5 miles of 16” and under 1 mile of 12” and 10” steel. Superintendent: Cecil Hill. Welder Foreman: Charlie Thomas. Mainline rates. Working 5-10s.

Otis Eastern:

Precision:

U.S. Pipeline:

Price Gregory:

United Piping, Inc:

Price Gregory:

B&G Pipeline:

KY, NC, SC, TN
918-270-6735

Chris Lancaster

As we are going into a new year, I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. 2018 has been a super work year for most everyone, and 2019 looks great as well. There are still several spreads on the Atlantic Coast project that haven’t got started yet, as well as some smaller but good jobs to go in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in 2018 and for manning and keeping the work going. I know a lot of these jobs were hard and in steep terrain but thanks to you and your efforts we are building the best pipelines in the country.

I want to thank and congratulate Chad Gilbert on his appointment as Special Representative to the UA Pipeline Department. I know this had to be a hard choice for him to make but I am proud he is taking this position. I know he will represent the UA in the very professional manner as he has as Business Agent for 798. He will be truly missed by us in 798, for he has done an outstanding job over the past several years as Business Agent. In many ways, he has helped advance our Local in a positive direction. My best wishes go out to him and his wife Crystal as he takes on this important task in his life as Special Representative.

The January Union meeting is just around the corner, I’m sure it will be a great one as always, I hope you will be able to attend. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone. If I can be of help, don’t hesitate to call.

Pre-Jobs:

Price Gregory:
Brothers and Sisters, by the time you receive this report we should be starting a new year. I hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas whether at home or on the job. We enjoyed a fantastic work year and from all accounts, the new year looks very promising.

Please be aware that steps have been taken by our foes to place yet another barricade in front of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project. It’s beyond me how anyone can think that enough has not been done after nearly ten years of impact studies and proper planning. These radical environmentalists have nothing better to do than to comb over documents searching for it’s that have not been dotted or t’s that have not been crossed so they can get some type of stop-work order. We must all do our part and make sure our names are on all Action Network petitions. Make sure your friends and relatives are on it as well. We need 100% participation. If you have a 798 book in your pocket or are related to people who make their living as pipeliners, your name should be there in support. Our jobs and livelihood literally depend on it.

It’s been said, “skilled labor isn’t cheap, and cheap labor isn’t skilled.” It seems that every time I turn around there is another accident of some kind in West Texas, whether it be new construction or related to system failures due to poor craftsmanship and quality control. It’s beyond me how any client would accept such liability simply to take advantage of what they feel is cheap labor. In the long run, it winds up being VERY expensive costing them triple the amount. The poor quality of work and production is the worst I have seen in my entire pipeline career. The total disregard for industry specifications, safety, and workers’ rights is unbelievable. I wonder where all the protesters are? If they ever wanted to protest something, West Texas would be the place to go, but it seems they have turned a blind eye to this area for some reason.

Many non-union welders fed up with low pay and poor working conditions joined our ranks this year. To them I would say, welcome Brothers and Sisters, you have made the right choice. Many remain on the other side, and I have no idea why. Our goal is to see that every pipeline welder in this country is a member of Local 798. I am willing to help anyone who has the skill to perform the work, but I can’t help someone who won’t help themselves. If you are working for sub-standard wages, have ever received a check that was short and not made right or have been lied to in order to get you on a job, then you are a victim of theft. They are stealing your money and your trust, and if you allow it, then it’s self-inflicted. The people who do this to you are not your friends, so stand up to them and demand to be treated fairly and to be respected. We are all pipeliners and should be working and fighting together for a common goal.

To all our members, talk to the guys in the non-union sector. Help them to understand the importance of solidarity among pipeliners. We all need to share in the task of organizing the unorganized. Help show them the right path, and that is this where you prosper and rise above the stagnation of the non-union side.

I hope everyone had a fantastic work year and hopefully, 2019 will be just as prosperous. If I can help anyone, do not hesitate to call. Please try to attend all membership meetings and support the Action Network.

Here in the Dispatch Office, we want to begin with wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I’m sure the Business Manager and Business Agents will address the work outlook sufficiently, so I would like to address some things we need to do to prepare for the new year. Please make sure you are on the Out-of-Work List. Also, double check your Out-of-Work Card to be certain that you have the appropriate skills checked. Anyone who has not made their way to Tulsa to take their initial qualification weld test after gaining membership, please arrange to do so now. If you are not scheduled for your test, you will not be dispatched.

At the end of every year, we always have several members who need just a few more hours to get over that hump of 1,200, 1,800, and 2,200. It is not easy, but it can be done by working Building and Trades jobs. They do not pay as well or seldom do they match our benefits hour for hour, but a few more hours could be what you need to get over the top at the end of the year. Getting your UA Certifications, OSHA 10 Card, or TWIC Card are some of the tools you need to get on Building and Trades work. Heli-Arc and Stick Rod Welders are in high demand. Sometimes we can find projects that need Stick Rod only, but there is not an abundance of these. The Combo Welder (Heli-Arc and Stick) is what they are usually looking for, and the stainless Heli-Arc Welder is the highest in demand. Good stainless Welders seem to find work the quickest and are seldom unemployed, so keep these options in mind.

The Training Center will be glad to help you get your skill level up to the performance level needed for these different types of welding. Young men and women are paying $20,000 to attend private schools to learn this type of welding. As a member of 798, the Training Center is available to you. All you need to do is to cover your room and board. There is no better deal around!

At this time, we are considering having a Tube Bending class for those that may be interested. Please call the Dispatch Office if this is of interest to you. I am also looking into rigging classes at other Locals that might allow our members to attend. On the Building and Trades side, rigging certifications for the Journeyman are becoming “must have” items.

In closing, I want to again wish everyone a Happy New Year, and a year filled with prosperity in every form for your entire family. During these winter months of January and February, let us lay the foundation for success by preparing to get back out into the field. Getting our business at home taken care of and being prepared when the work does break is important. Be safe this year.

Some of the tools you will need to get a Building and Trades job:

- UA Certifications (Certifications are good for six months.)
- OSHA 10 Card (Renewed every three years is advised.)
- TWIC Card (Required for workers who need access to secure areas of the nation’s maritime facilities and vessels, good for five years.)

As of the date of this writing, the wheel has:

| 1,422 | Welders   |
| 198   | Journeymen|
| 1,946 | Helpers   |
Pipeliners Voluntary Fund Scholarship

All scholarship applications must be received in our office by January 25, 2019, to be considered for the 2018-2019 scholarship program. You can still obtain an application on the Local 798 website at www.local798.org under the Voluntary Fund tab or request an application by phone at (918) 622-1900. If you have any questions regarding the Scholarship Program, do not hesitate to call the Union Office.

Year-End Statements

Your monthly dues, Voluntary Fund and working assessments paid for 2019 are available to you on the Member Login section of the Local 798 website. Once logged in, you can click on the payment history page and enter any year period to view the total amount of monies paid during that time. To view your working assessments and organizing fees paid, you must go to the work hour page and enter the date range you need, and 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 2019.

Your emailed year-end statements will not be available until after February 18, 2019. 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. Please keep in mind that it is our goal to provide the membership all the information they need, while striving to do so in the most cost efficient ways possible.

Meeting Notice

January 11, 2019

The Regular January Membership Meeting will be held at the Pipeliners Local Union 798 Union Hall, 4823 S. 83rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK on Friday, January 11, 2019 beginning at 7 p.m.

798 Ladies Hospitality & Hotel Accommodations

The Ladies of 798 Hospitality will be held at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel at 6808 S. 107th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133 beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019. The Renaissance Tulsa Hotel has graciously offered a discounted room rate of $97.00/night. To make reservations, please call (918) 307-2600. Make sure you indicate you would like Pipeliners Local Union 798 rate; the group code is PJM.
Steward School – April 8-12, 2019

Registration information will soon be mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School, April 8-12, 2019. If you plan to work in the future as a Steward, Welder Foreman, or Pipeman, make plans to attend. Please complete your registration information and make your reservations as soon as possible. Additional information on the events will be included with your registration packet. Pipeliners Local Union 798 has group rates at the following facilities. When making reservations, please ask for the Pipeliners Local Union 798 rate.

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel - 6808 S. 107th E. Ave.
(918) 307-2600
$97-137/night
Group Code: PUL

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tulsa South - Woodland Hills – 9031 E. 71st St.
(918) 794-4900
$90/night
Group Code: Pipeliners Local Union 798

Courtyard Marriott - Woodland Hills – 9041 E. 71st St.
(800) 626-6873
$94/night
Group Code: Pipeliners Local Union 798

The 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, benefitting the George Lambert/Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be held Monday, April 8, 2019, at Forest Ridge Golf Course, 7501 E. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Registration information will be included with your Steward School registration packet.

Steward School registration packets can be picked up at the Local 798 Training Center from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. You can also pick up your packet at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel Tuesday evening, April 9, 2019, from 6-8 p.m., and again beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 10, 2019.

Lincoln Electric will host the annual Barbeque at the Local 798 Training Center on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at noon.

Classes covering the Steward Reporting Forms and Computer Class will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the Local 798 Training Center, following the Lincoln Barbeque.

Steward School sessions will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel beginning promptly at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2019, and continue through noon Friday, April 12, 2019.

The Retiree Banquet, honoring members with 50 or more years of membership will start at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, April 11, 2019. Join us for a delicious dinner and live entertainment.

Miller Electric will host the annual Crawfish Boil and equipment demonstrations at the Local 798 Training Center on Friday, April 12, 2019, at noon.

The 10th Annual Slick Rig Contest will be held on Friday afternoon at the Local 798 Training Center. Additional information will be provided with your registration packet. A minimum number of 10 participants will be required for this event to be held.

The April Regular Membership Meeting will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel at 7 p.m. Friday evening, April 12, 2019.

The April Ladies Hospitality will also be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel from 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2019.
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 Fund office at 918-280-4800, or by going online to www.pibf.org, logging into the “Members Login” section and choosing “Change of Address Form.”

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.

Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)
The HRA deadline is fast approaching for 2018 claims. Don’t leave money on the table! Remember to file for reimbursement of your 2018 claims by April 15, 2019.

401(k) Plan Hardship Distribution
In addition to retirement distributions, your 401(k) plan offers hardship distributions. It is important to remember that distributions from the 401(k) plan are governed by the plan document and federal guidelines that must be followed. 401(k) plans were initially set up to provide an additional avenue for long-term retirement savings and can’t be viewed as a short-term savings account. Funds that qualify for a hardship distribution are employee contributions only and DO NOT include earnings, employer contributions or rollover funds. Distributions that can qualify for a hardship distribution are as follows:

1. Payment of expenses for unreimbursed medical expenses previously incurred or necessary to obtain medical care for either myself, my spouse, my dependent child(ren) or my other dependents. (Please attach copies of unpaid medical bills/EOBs – HRA must be completely exhausted before a hardship can be taken. EOBs submitted for a hardship cannot be the same as the ones submitted for HRA reimbursement.)

2. Purchase of a principal residence (excluding mortgage payments). (Please attach documentation showing down payment or purchase amount you are withdrawing – this includes an estimated closing statement from the lender and a purchase agreement with the realtor; if building a home, the contract with the builder must be attached, and the contract must state that the home is to be completed within 12 to 18 months.)

3. Payment of tuition and related educational fees, including room and board for the next 12 months of postsecondary education for either me, my Spouse, my child(ren) or my other dependents. (Please attach copies of tuition expense – this includes a letter from the bursar’s office from the college stating the qualified person is enrolled at the college, listing out the tuition, books and related educational fees due for the next semester.)

4. Prevention of foreclosure on or eviction from my principal residence. (Please attach a copy of Eviction letter or Foreclosure notice – must include past due payment amounts, including monthly rent/mortgage amount, number of months past due, late fees and total amount due to prevent foreclosure or eviction.)

5. Payment for burial or funeral expenses of my deceased parent, Spouse, child or dependent. (Please attach copies of invoices – Participant must be listed as a responsible party for payment of funeral expenses – reimbursement will be based on portion Participant is responsible for.)

6. Payment of expenses for the repair of damage to my principal residence that would qualify for a casualty deduction under Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Please attach copies of the repair bill and description. Also, we would need a letter from your Tax preparer if the damages qualify with the IRS section 165 or a letter from the Governor’s office declaring the area a disaster area.)

7. Expenses directly incurred for the repair or replacement of the Participant’s work-related vehicles, welding machine or any equipment related thereto, provided the equipment is necessary to perform any tasks or duties of employment of the Participant. (Please attach a detailed estimate including Participant’s name, VIN number and make and model of the vehicle, a written request from the Participant and a copy of insurance verification including VIN number of the vehicle.)

After Hours Support
Just a reminder that you can email questions/concerns after hours to support@pibf.org. We make every effort to respond the next business day.

New Benefit Reporting System
We are currently testing a new benefit reporting system. We anticipate that this reporting system will improve efficiency for the Stewards. More details to come.

Renee Vause
Director

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Aaron Hubler wishes to express his gratitude to Local 798 and all of those who contribute to the Voluntary Fund.

Vanessa Hankins says thank you to all her Brothers and Sisters of 798 for the calls, texts, messages and letters you wrote on her behalf. She had to leave the job in West Virginia to have a pacemaker put in. The money she received from the Voluntary Fund has really helped to cover some medical bills. She feels fortunate to belong to this Union. She just got her book in June and she is in awe of how wonderful everyone has treated her and has become good friends and family.

Gary and Cathy Pohlman say thank you. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Duncan Family want to thank everyone for the calls and prayers that they received for their loss. Special thanks to David Hall and Stephen Morris and everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund.

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Jason Lambert and Family say thank you for the show of support for their family in their time of need. It’s heartwarming to know that you are all in his corner as he faces this difficult time. They are forever grateful for their 798 family.

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Robert Senn would like to thank Danny Hendrix and his team for what they have done for Local 798. He appreciates everything and proud to be a member of this great union.

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Frank and Nina Watt would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Big thank you to Selene Decker and John Bradford.

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Adam Kehl is extraordinarily appreciative of the support/assistance, God bless.

Britt Rodgers would like to thank the Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 and all in the pipeline industry who have selflessly contributed to the Voluntary Fund and for the help he received during his illness and the subsequent passing of his wife, Melody Ann Rodgers. Your kindness and sympathy are eternally appreciated, and he is forever grateful to you all. Special thanks to Justin Wallace, David Davis, Chet Berryman, Jason and Samantha McKinney.
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Kathy Morgan says thanks to all who donate so generously. Her heart skipped a beat when she saw the check she received in the mail, your gift was very thoughtful. The funds will go toward picking up trees and cleanup. Special thanks to Danny, Justin and whoever submitted her name for help. God bless you all.

Don and Christy Hawkins would like to thank everyone who gives to the Voluntary Fund. They were blessed to have their loving family there and the support of their pipeline family during the recent hospital stay. Special thanks to Summer Hawkins, Billy Earl Hawkins, and Zac Scott.

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Wendell and Candi Derrick would like to thank the Voluntary Fund and all that give for the assistance after the passing of Carol Derrick, one of the greatest influences in their life. Thanks to Bill Lemon and Raymond Johnson and all the hands on spread C of MVP.

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Daniel Morgan would like to thank all the members of Pipeliners Local Union 798 who helped make things easier financially for him and his family and bless all who contribute to the fund. Thank you for those of you who care about the welfare of others who are faced with hardship, it means a lot.

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Lee and Cindy Sloan would like to express their gratitude to all of those who donate to the Voluntary Fund. They are grateful to all the members on the ACP Michels Pipeline job in Buckhannon, WV for the request submitted for their family. The loss of Cindy’s father was difficult, but your thoughtfulness and kindness lifted their spirits. Special thanks to Preston and Katie Ri’chard, Shannon Jackson, JW and Linda Osborn and Jason Knight.

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Frank and Nina Watt would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. Big thank you to Selene Decker and John Bradford.

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John W. Barnes and Family thank you for your support in their grieving time of need. It was greatly appreciated.
RETIREMENTS

Stephen L. Cannon, Welder, Pineland, TX
Premrose Cubit, Helper, Luling, TX
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Douglas S. Gochneaur, Welder, Roaming Shores, OH
Larry H. Graves, Helper, Dickson, TN
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Darrell E. Roy, Welder, Gillett, PA
Klynn C. Sowell, Helper, Cross Plains, TX
Darron K. Wills, Helper, Dayton, OH

IN MEMORIAM

Doyle W. Eagan, 76-year-old Retired Helper of Lindsay, OK, passed away August 19, 2018.


Leo J. Duchon, 35-year-old Welder of Reed City, MI, passed away September 20, 2018.


James F. Fink, Sr., 77-year-old Retired Welder of Batesburg, SC, passed away October 4, 2018.


Edgar J. Johnson, 81-year-old Retired Welder of Natchitoches, LA, passed away October 8, 2018.


Rodney D. Moore, 26-year-old Helper of Arp, TX, passed away October 17, 2018.

Phyllis C. Vanderhoof, 66-year-old Helper of Marion, MI, passed away October 21, 2018.


Glennis Parker, 80-year-old Retired Welder of Morehead, KY, passed away October 29, 2018.

John D. Harding, Jr., 37-year-old Helper of Morgantown, WV, passed away November 2, 2018.


Steven L. Wilson, 62-year-old Retired Helper of Monticello, AR, passed away November 17, 2018.

Charles Fictum, 78-year-old Retired Welder of Homosassa, FL, passed away November 18, 2018.

Joe B. Gaines, 63-year-old Welder of Dalhart, TX, passed away November 29, 2018.


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