Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have dedicated my report to only one subject because I, along with Justin and the rest of my staff, agree it is the most value we can provide the clients. And we need to continue to capitalize on it now while the opportunity is at hand. Believe it or not, we are at war with the extreme environmental groups and political parties that are trying to stop every pipeline project in Canada and America. War was declared over 12 years ago in our industry concerning the permitting of the Keystone XL Pipeline over the routing of the line by just a mere handful of landowners. Since that time, these fringe groups have been able to grow in numbers and are sharing tactics and information to shut pipeline projects down. At the very least, they delay permits on a national scale, and sometimes for years. “NIMBY” (Not In My Backyard) used to be the chant. Now it’s “BANANA” (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody). These extreme groups believe that today should be the end to all fossil fuels and that renewables are the future. As a nation, I think we are making progress in renewables. Still, any person in the energy supply business that has two brain cells to rub together will tell you that the technology and innovation to eliminate all fossil fuels are decades away, if ever. Unless you and your family live completely off the grid, you are dependent upon fossil fuels for most all your basic needs without even realizing it. Well over 6,000 products that we use daily require the basic building blocks of petroleum. I won’t try to name them all, but here are a few that may surprise you: anything made from plastic, sunscreen, insect repellant, vinyl, nylon, detergents, cosmetics, medicines, golf balls, and crayons. This list can be googled, and it just keeps going and going. The opposition screams, “Let’s go solar!” Well, today, even the solar panels are made from petroleum-based resins and plastic components in their photovoltaic cells. A barrel of oil is 42 gallons, which creates 19.4 gallons of gasoline. The rest is used to make products. Each American consumes petroleum products at a rate of 3 1/2 gallons of oil and more than 250 cubic feet of natural gas per day. Does it sound like fossil fuels are leaving anytime soon? See how silly the notion of abandoning fossil fuels really is when you do some simple research. The pipeline is our industry, and it is our future.

You, as a member, have a powerful opportunity to help guide not only your own economy, but you can also help strengthen the position of America as a global energy leader, as we should be. **We should never have to bow down to foreign countries for our energy needs.** Have we as a nation forgotten about the tragedy of 9/11 or the oil embargo of the 1970s? Pipelines, and the energy they provide, are the lifeblood of a strong and independent nation. What can you do to help? **We must work collectively; that’s why we joined the union.** There is no strength or power to yield if we don’t all pull in the same direction. The direction we need to pull in is **better partnerships with our clients.** We have commitments from numerous clients for some enormous pipeline projects over the next two to three years. But with that comes some expectations from those partners. I have spoken about this topic in almost every issue for the last 10 years, but the membership participation should be better. We need you, when called upon, to attend the various meetings for pipeline projects in your general area. You will not be required to speak unless you feel compelled to do so. We need members in the room. **Write a simple letter of support for projects when asked to do so.** **Take action on the Local 798 Action Network.** Your participation is critical to your financial well-being, as well as your local union. These two simple things have and will continue to create more real pipeline jobs than any picket line ever did. This is the “new” norm for Local 798. The best way to organize is partnering with clients, and we must do a better job of showing the client that the decision to utilize UNION LABOR was the perfect choice. There is strength in numbers, but only if it is focused. Surely, we can unite and be better activists than a bunch of fossil fuel haters who don’t even know what energy they consume every day, or how it got to its customers. Please think about what you should do as members, active and retired, in the greatest local in the world when the e-mail notice arrives to take action or the phone rings, and you are asked to help fight the fight. Will you do nothing, or will you unite and fight as a family when others try to destroy your livelihood?

The 2020 Steward School is just around the corner. If possible, I urge each of you to make plans to attend this annual event. The discussions and interpretations of our National Pipeline Agreement are what help promote harmony and protect our working conditions on the ROW, but there is so much more to be shared. The whole week is like a family reunion, with a carnival atmosphere to be enjoyed by all. With lots of fun, food, prizes, entertainment, and some education thrown in for good measure. Tulsa is the place to be in April! Hopefully, when you leave this year’s event, you will be armed with the best and latest information concerning this great organization to which you belong. I also believe you will be amazed at everything Pipeliners 798, the training center, benefit programs, Voluntary Fund, and Ladies of 798 are doing for you and your families. Pipeliners 798 Steward School is the largest UA attended event in the United States and Canada, with only one exception, and that is the UA National Convention. That should say something for your commitment to your local and to the pipeline industry that you work in. If you have never been to the Steward School, now is the time to commit. I would also like to invite you to include your spouse when you travel to the Steward School. The Ladies of 798 have a great charitable organization! They have a website and newsletter, the Pink Light, which is a great way to stay connected. They do volunteer work throughout the year, and their mission is simply to provide good works, whether at home or in a community while on a pipeline job. I encourage you to explore what these ladies are doing to promote the public image of workers in the pipeline industry. Take a few minutes and go to their website www.ladiesof798.org. You will be proud and grateful that you did. And by the way, you don’t have to be a female to join; many supporters who have joined are men, including myself. We are all 798 Pipeliners. As always, I am proud to say, **I work for you, the greatest pipeliners in the world.**

Fraternally,

Daniel C. Hendrix
Business Manager
Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone’s year has gotten off to a good start. At the time of this writing, union contractors have picked up three more jobs in Texas under the Market Recovery package. This is great news, and we anticipate more to come.

TC Energy recently announced that they were moving equipment into storage yards and will be installing man-camps in April in anticipation of beginning construction on the Keystone XL late this summer. This project has been in the works for years, and unfortunately, has been a hot topic among politicians and political debates over several election cycles. TC Energy also stated that it intends to lay the 1.2-mile segment that crosses the US/Canada border as early as this spring. We hope that we finally get to build this pipeline that we’ve advocated for over the last decade. As has become the new normal in pipeline construction, there are still lawsuits pending against this project, so keep an eye out for any future petitions on the Action Network. Please remember to log in to your Action Network account from time-to-time to make sure that you’ve taken every available action. This is more important now than ever before. This is our collective voice, and we are going to continue to use it to get our message out.

It is that time again to start preparing for Steward School. The week will kick off on Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m. with the 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The proceeds of this tournament go toward the George M. Lambert/Harry Faucett, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program. This scholarship program awards ten $3,000 scholarships and one $7,500 scholarship each year and is open to Local 798 members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. This tournament is always a great time, and the proceeds raised directly benefit Local 798 members and families. There are 144 spots available, so don’t wait too long to sign up. The Mathis Family Clay Shoot will take place on Tuesday, April 7, with the first flight beginning at 9 a.m. This event also benefits the Scholarship Program.

We are changing the steward reporting class a bit this year. For the past several years, we have gone through the steward reporting forms from beginning to end. This strategy has proven to be very effective and we find that most job stewards are very proficient with these reports. Since there have been no recent changes made to the reporting format, this year we are going to use this time slot to cater to those who are less familiar with the steward reporting process. If you are familiar with the process and don’t need help with any aspect of the reports, it will not be necessary for you to attend.

If you’ve never had the opportunity to participate in the steward reporting classes that we’ve held during Steward School, help is available on our website at www.local798.org, under “Steward Information.” There you will find a series of videos that provide an in-depth tutorial for each of the reporting forms. These tutorial videos can be accessed at any time, and they are a great tool for familiarizing yourself with the steward reporting process. All the information from past presentations can be found there.

If you are new to the steward reporting process or have trouble with certain issues that you’d like help with, this year’s session will allow us to get you the help you need. Rather than a full presentation of this material, we will have staff on hand to sit with you and go over any specific issues that you may have with the reporting. To reserve a spot, please call the union hall at 918-622-1900 and ask to speak to me, or email me at jwallace@local798.org. It’s important that we have an accurate count of how many will attend, so we can plan to have enough help on hand for this one-on-one format. This will take place on Tuesday, April 7, at 1 p.m. in the upper-level conference room of the Local 798 Training Center. Once again, if you are already proficient with the steward reporting process, we are not asking you to attend this session so we can direct our attention to those that do need help.

The general session of Steward School will cover the National Pipeline Agreement in its entirety, and there will be presentations from the PIBF and the Trust Company of Oklahoma. The Ladies of 798 Basket Auction will take place Wednesday evening and is always a good time. Every penny raised goes directly to charities which are voted on by the Ladies group members. Thursday night, April 9, will be the Local 798 Retiree Banquet, which honors and recognizes members with 50 or more years of service to Local 798. This is always an exciting time, but this year will be extra special as Local 798’s own Cody Hibbard and his band will be the entertainment. The week will end with the Regular Membership Meeting on Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Renaissance Ballroom. We hope to see you all there.

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

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

As always, I am proud to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798!
I want to express my enthusiasm for the turnout at our January Regular Membership Meeting, especially considering the weather. It was truly overwhelming to see how many new members and first timers were in attendance. It is always a pleasure to meet new members and be able to listen to any concerns that you may have.

Secondly, please continue to participate in the 798 Action Network diligently. It is vital for our future that EVERY member participates. Our action page is the best avenue to accomplish our goals. As we all know, the “squeaky wheel gets the grease” so let’s be louder than our opposition! Our Action Network has proven itself to be a valuable resource to let our legislators know how passionate and dedicated we all are for the work that we do.

If you have not already made plans to attend this year’s Steward School, get those reservations now. It is the best opportunity for you to participate, learn important working details of this profession, and make valuable job contacts. To all our new members: 798 is a family and is family oriented. Make plans to bring your family with you. There will be activities for them while you are attending the sessions. I look forward to seeing you and your family there.

In closing, remember that I am here to serve you, so do not hesitate to call me at 918-991-5341. God bless each and every one of you, and God bless Local Union 798! Please remember that there is always Strength in numbers.

Jerry Dale Crabtree, Jr.

T.J. Construction Inc.:
R.M.S. Holdings, LLC.:

Pre-Jobs:
R.M.S. Holdings, LLC.:

I want to start this report by mentioning the great turnout we had at the January Regular Membership Meeting, despite the bad weather. It was great to see the new officers installed by Brother and UA Director of Pipeline and Gas Distribution, David Barnett. Afterward, Brother Barnett gave a report to the membership that gave us a lot of insight into what the UA has been working on. One of the highlights was the new R.H.M.S.A. mega rule. By the time you read this report, there should have been an action to sign on the Action Network in support of the new rulemaking. I hope many of you were able to sign it. With the environmentalists supporting these rulemakings along with us, it should pass. The amount of Maintenance and Integrity work that this is going to produce over the next 15 years is going to be huge. Just to give a brief summary, this rule applies to all transmission lines, including lines that were grandfathered in pre-1970s. If gas companies cannot produce good documentation confirming their M.A.O.P.s and materials, they will be required to retest and reconfirm that the line is capable of running the pressure they are trying to obtain. This also means that all of those lines will need to be piggable.

As of right now, when the rules go into effect, they have until 2028 to get 50% of the applicable lines done and until 2035 to get it all done. With that being said, Maintenance and Integrity work is going to be a big part of what we do for quite some time. Make sure you utilize the training center to ensure you have the skills to do this work.

As of right now, it looks like the work out West is going to be better than last year. There are a few large projects that are scheduled to go this season. The contractors are going after work, and we have given them the tools to compete. I am hopeful we will start to see a swing towards our direction. I currently still target gas companies operating in the Permian to gain some of that market. It is extremely hard to make these gas companies see the difference between sub-standard contractors and fair contractors when they have been operating a certain way without a ton of regulation for so long.

If you haven’t made arrangements to attend this year’s Steward School, now is the time. It’s a great chance to meet new people and network for the upcoming work season. In closing, if I can be of any assistance, please don’t hesitate to call.
Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

Snelson Companies, Inc.:

Phillip Wallace

This year started with good news on the big projects in my area. I just attended the 68th public comment meeting on the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project at the Minnesota Senate Building in St. Paul. The Minnesota Utility Commission heard public comments on the first day, and the lawyers delivered their case to the four commissioners on the second day. After question and answer sessions, the four utility commissioners voted 3 to 1 to approve the Revised Environmental Impact Study on the Lake Superior Water Shed. The second vote was also approved with a vote of 3 to 1 to issue the Certificate of Need for the new pipeline. Finally, the last vote was approved 3 to 1 in favor of the preferred route to be used. There are still two permits needed before construction starts, but they will come a lot easier than what we just went through.

Minnesota Limited has started fabrication on three pump stations, and Michels will start fabrication on their five stations mid-February. I feel like we will be laying mainline pipe by mid-summer. Thank you to all the UA and 798 members that take the time going to these meetings and supporting this local by clicking the Action Network when called on. Special thanks to the UA attorneys that do all the legal business that goes on constantly. Thank you, Ellen Boardman, for all your work, and thank you for sending Anna Friedlander to represent 798 and the UA. Anna did a great job.

TC Energy is starting to move on the Keystone XL. I have been shot down every time I make a prediction regarding the XL, but I think we are close enough to lay some pipe this year and start some stations. I’ve been fighting this fight for ten years now, and I’m not letting up until we are building this pipeline.

The Maintenance Integrity work has not moved a lot this year. The northern states will be dealing with the frost laws on road restrictions, as they do every year. I expect the same amount of this type of work as in the last two years. Maintenance Integrity work will be what keeps this local going in the future. On these small crews, you must be well rounded to take measurements, fab, hydro, and weld the stopples on the hotline to tie the new piece in.

Don’t forget the 2020 Steward School the second week in April. I’ve had a lot of Welders ask me how to become a steward. The first step is to attend Steward School, pay attention, and ask questions. Please stay in the meeting room, not the hallway. Always remember, United We Stand Divided We Fall.

I want to congratulate Danny and Justin for their re-election, as well as the rest of the officers that were elected and re-elected. It’s very good to know Local 798 has excellent leadership for the next three years.

With the Market Recovery in play, we are picking up a few jobs in Texas. It is not what I expected, but we will take what we can get. There are a lot of projects being bid as we speak, and a lot more to be bid in the next few years. Some are very large. One is the Permian Global Access Pipeline, which is a 42" mainline that runs from the Permian Basin to southwest Louisiana. If you are not signed up as an advocate on the Action Network, please do so immediately and sign the petition for this project. Your future depends on it.

I want to emphasize this again. If you are working for a non-signatory contractor that is performing UA work according to the UA Constitution, you are subject to a fine, expulsion, or both. UA work is defined as a pipe that product or water runs through. There are no exceptions to the rules; any UA Brother or Sister has the right to file charges if you are seen. I hope that clears things up!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Steward School. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don’t hesitate to contact me at (918) 633-3435. Please leave a message if you are unable to reach me.

Pre-Jobs:

Michels Pipeline:

Precision Pipeline:

United Piping, Inc.:

Rockford Corporation:
Spring is just around the corner. With spring comes another work season and anticipation of plentiful job opportunities following a slow first quarter. At least two gas companies in my area have mainline projects on the books to complete this year.

In January, FERC approved TC Energy’s Buckeye Xpress expansion. Consequently, they have signed contracts with Associated Pipeline, Price Gregory, and US Pipeline to construct the four spreads in Ohio consisting of approximately 66 miles of 36”. My understanding is that they are looking at another union contractor to build at least a portion of the facilities (station work). Contractors are tentatively scheduling an April/May start for the welding department. According to the Bismarck Tribune and other western newspapers, TC Energy is also returning to the Keystone XL Pipeline thanks to approval at both the federal and state levels. Let’s stay optimistic about clearing this hurdle and continue to follow our Action Network.

The groundwork is underway for Snelson Companies to replace 28.2 miles of 24” from Grand Blanc, Michigan, to Clawson Control for Consumers Energy. This will be the fourth and final phase of the Saginaw Trail. This project includes five HDDs, and Snelson is looking at the possibility of needling welders sometime in April.

In the meantime, prepare for Steward School. It is the highlight of our year. Don’t let the name fool you. Steward School is absolutely for anyone interested in being a Job Steward, but the week-long event is professionally beneficial to ALL members. For us to be on the same page, we must literally try to work together. As always, if I can be of assistance don’t hesitate to call. Shop small, support union, and buy made in the USA.

Pre-Jobs:

Contractor Rental Corp dba CJ Hughes:

Minnesota Limited, Inc.:
- Centerville, OH. 20” pup removals and replacements in Montgomery and Greene County, Ohio for Vectren. Superintendent: Mark Carpenter. Welder Foreman: Tim Schwendiman. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 3-6-20.

Schmid Pipeline Construction, Inc.:

VEC, Inc.:

The work is starting to move a bit in my jurisdiction. I recently pre-jobbed three Mariner East jobs that were previously shut down, and I pre-jobbed 7.5 miles of 42” in Catlett, Virginia. The work is definitely not at 2018 levels, but at least it’s starting to pick up some. I will continue to watch and advocate for the MVP and ACP because if both jobs begin, they will be good jobs, but they will be under the microscope environmentally. Supposedly MVP will do some work this April, and we won’t know about the ACP’s Supreme Court ruling until Spring 2020.

The 2020 Steward School is right around the corner. I want to encourage everyone to attend, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone.
I hope everyone had a good 2019 and a happy holiday season. As we get into 2020, the work is starting slow again, but it looks like some of the work may start earlier than last year. Latex should be starting the work in North Carolina by mid-March. This work is approximately 40 miles of 20". Snelson also has approximately 5 miles of 20" to begin in Nashville, Tennessee, which I hope gets started by March. Several more jobs are being bid in North Carolina as well. I’m hopeful we will hear something on ACP by June. We need to keep advocating for this work, as it is a major project that will put many members to work. Thanks for all you have done to get the permits and let’s keep on advocating. We need to complete this job.

I congratulate those who were successful in the recent election. I know all of you will do an excellent job in your elected positions. Also, thanks to all the members that run for office. It is encouraging to see the interest in our union and in keeping our union strong. Thanks again to all the candidates.

It is almost time for the 2020 Steward School. I hope everyone is excited and preparing to attend. For those who haven’t attended before, it is a fun-filled week starting with the golf tournament and sporting clay shoot. Lincoln and Miller put on two great cookouts for all to enjoy. The Ladies of 798 have several events as well. They have their basket auction, which is always an exciting and fun event and it helps much-needed charities. But, the most important part of Steward School is the review of the National Pipeline Agreement. This helps everyone to have a better understanding of the agreement and answer any questions you may have. On Thursday evening, we will have the privilege of honoring our 50 and 50-plus year members. It’s always humbling to have the opportunity to meet and thank those who paved the way for us to enjoy what we take for granted today.

I look forward to seeing you at Steward School or on the ROW. If I can be of assistance, please give me a call.

Pre-Jobs:

Ace Pipeline, Inc.:  

Alex E. Paris Contracting Co., Inc.:  

Apex Pipeline Services, Inc.:  

Appellation Construction Services, LLC:  

Bond Civil and Utility Construction:  

Michels Pipeline:  

Otis Eastern Service, Inc.:  

Precision Pipeline:  

Rockford Corporation:  

US Trinity Energy Labor Services, LLC:  

VEC, Inc.:  

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline Company:  

Foltz Welding Ltd.:  
New Pension Tax Table Installed
Pension tax tables are updated in the first quarter each year. The new table for 2020 will be installed effective March 1, 2020. Please review your deposit amount as of that date and after and let us know if you need to make any changes.

Annual Pension Statements
Annual Pension statements will be mailed to the membership 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 2019 claims. Don’t leave money on the table! Remember to file for reimbursement of your 2019 claims by April 15, 2020.

PIBF at Steward School
PIBF’s presentation Thursday afternoon at Steward School will include the PIBF and PIPF plan year in review and guest speakers from the Trust Company of Oklahoma, who will cover helpful information on our 401(k) plan. As in the past, the PIBF staff will be available throughout the Steward School for member questions. Please stop by if we can help you with anything or just to say hello!

Life Line Screening at Steward School
Life Line Screening will be at Steward School again this year. PIBF continues to offer this screening because the tests offered by Life Line Screening are detecting medical problems, which left unattended, could lead to more serious health issues. A form to sign up for an appointment is in the Steward School packet.

Featured Personnel

Brandi Snyder joined the accounting department as the Assistant to the Controller/Cash – AP in April of 2015. Brandi loves music and attending concerts. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and going on cruises. She also loves spending time with her nieces and nephew and taking them on adventures. Brandi says, “I would like to thank the membership for their hard work and for the sacrifices they make each day. It is an honor to be able to serve the members, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to do so. Working at PIBF the past four years has been such a blessing, and I am looking forward to many more. Thank you Local 798 and PIBF!”

Jeff Parks has been with PIBF as the IT Manager for 12 years. Jeff evaluates the computer and technological needs of the organization and recommends the acquisition of computers, other information systems, information security measures and applications. Jeff also enforces and monitors compliance with internal policies on the use of computers, internet, and data. Jeff and Kelli have been married 23 years. Jeff has five children: Gabe, 23, Sidney, 22, Elijah, 19, Jett, 7 and Tripp, 5. He also has one grandchild, Easton, 3. Jeff enjoys heavy metal music, guitars, photography, videography, and video gaming. Jeff believes it is an absolute honor to be a part of the PIBF and 798 family. “I simply enjoy helping others. As IT Manager, my job allows me to take on many technical challenges while assisting members and staff in completing their tasks. I am the guy who just wants to fix everything. Whether I am teaching my children how to play the guitar or keeping a server up and running, I am always up for the challenge.”
Brothers and Sisters, I hope this report finds you well and enjoying this new year.

Almost a year ago, President Trump signed two executive orders to expedite permitting of pipeline construction projects in the United States. This has been a great help in our industry and has finally produced results despite much opposition from the left. Permitting and overburdensome regulations have plagued our industry for years, even grinding it to a halt many times. Not to mention frivolous lawsuits and some biased judges willing to tie these projects up in court for months and even years, as in the case with the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

The President has targeted over 90 burdensome environmental regulations that stand in the way of our ability to get jobs permitted and to provide for our families. Each one of us has witnessed firsthand how ridiculous and overbearing some of these regulations are. President Trump is moving forward with his “America First Energy Plan.” The administration estimates that deregulation will increase wages by $30 billion by 2024. This figure is based on the removal of the Obama administration’s “Climate Action Plan” alone. This plan and the Green New Deal that was introduced in the House but so far killed in the Senate, would be the end of our way of life, totally destroying our industry. Of course, it would never work because the technology is not there to replace all fossil fuels at this time, but nonetheless that has not stopped radical thinking politicians from pushing it forward. The cost of this fallacious idea would be astronomical, to say the least. Cost estimates for the Green New Deal range from $8.3 to $12.3 trillion dollars in the first nine years if implemented today. That would be $52k to $72K per household, not to mention the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs in the oil and gas industry. Whether you buy into the whole climate change theory or not, the Green New Deal is not a feasible or realistic plan, and it’s certainly not economically sound. Besides that, what good would it do when the United States, as usual, would be the only country in the world that adhere to it. It would be no different than all the other times the American industry has been plagued with high taxes and expensive regulations. They would move to another less restrictive country and take our jobs with them. It is time to say, “America First” and put the best interest of American workers at the forefront.

Please continue to support the Action Network. Get involved, sign petitions, make calls, write letters, whatever it takes. Urge your friends and relatives and anyone else who supports the oil and gas industry to get involved as well. Our voice must be louder than our opposition.

Steward School is right around the corner, and I hope everyone plans to attend. This is the best opportunity we have for fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters, to meet new people, and to visit with old friends. It is also the place to be to show your support for your local union and to learn and become more knowledgeable about our contract. It is your opportunity to ask questions and get clarity on anything that may not be clear to you regarding our local union. If you have thoughts or suggestions that you feel can help us in a positive way, this is the place to share them.

We belong to the best local union in the world, and there is a reason for that. Our members love this local. We aren’t in it just for the paycheck. We carry what good would it do when the United States, as usual, would be the only country in the world that

At the moment, work is slow at every level. In dispatch, we are diligently looking for work with other local unions by making phone calls every day. Many of our building trades locals have some work, but they do not have the overflow to look at sending out travelers. Some do have work coming, and we will be on top of it as it begins. Also, 798 has work coming, and it looks like a large portion will be high scale work. Read the Business Agent reports for more information.

Welders, please be prepared when you start your work year, especially if you have been off for quite some time. Do not think you will be able to show up and pass a test. We have had many members go out on our work after a long sit on the wheel, and either their machine or their arm and eyes are not ready. Please be prepared and check your equipment before you get to the job site when everything is on the line. Local 798 provides the best in pipeline skills, and we should be prepared.

Call dispatch if we can be of any assistance. Thank you.
The United Association is pleased to introduce you to a new United Association Free College Benefit that is being offered as an additional benefit to our members and their families. As you know, the United Association has always supported and prioritized education for our members and has strongly advocated for promoting affordable tuition for working families.

Today we are introducing our members and their families to a way to work toward obtaining a college degree for free! We have partnered with Eastern Gateway Community College to offer you this great opportunity. Eastern Gateway Community College is a public, non-profit, regionally accredited school that offers UA members and their families a path toward obtaining an associate degree.

All course work is done online, and there is no out-of-pocket cost to you for tuition, fees or books. Through our partners at Union Plus, the United Association Free College Benefit combines PELL or other federal grants with employer reimbursement, then covers any remaining costs for your tuition, fees and online books. All students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), but even if you are not eligible for any federal or employer grants, there is absolutely no cost to you, the member, and you will never be asked to take out any loans. Perhaps best of all is that the United Association Free College Benefit is available to you, your spouse, your children, grandchildren, stepchildren, step-grandchildren, parents, siblings, sons and daughters-in-law, as well as other financial dependents.

Over half of all college students choose community college to begin their higher education. The courses offered are regionally accredited and transferable, and the college will work with your institution to ensure that any previous college work or relevant work or military experience counts toward your degree.

A very important aspect of this benefit is the support you will receive. When you call, you will be assigned a staff member who will guide you through the process of applying and assist you in signing up for your courses. Everyone at Eastern Gateway Community College is focused on helping UA members achieve their personal education goals on their schedule and at their own pace.

We urge you to take advantage of this exciting new benefit. Call the UA Free College Hotline at 888-590-9009 or log on to www.UnionPlusFreeCollege.org to find out more.

The United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 academic year. UA members in good standing, their children, grandchildren, and spouses are eligible to apply if they are dependent on the union member’s financial support. The three most important considerations in determining who receives a UA scholarship are the applicant’s academic standing, personal achievements, and community participation. However, financial need may also be considered in “tie-breaker” situations. Applicants must be a full-time student to apply. Applications are exclusively accepted electronically through uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com. The deadline for submitting applications is June 7, 2020.

United Association Free College Benefit
Registration packets have been mailed to all members for the upcoming Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School. You may also complete your registration online at www.local798.org on the home page. Please complete your registration information and return it to the Local 798 office no later than March 13, 2020. Pipeliners Local Union 798 has group rates at the following facilities. When making reservations, please ask for the Pipeliners Local Union 798 rate. Please call the Local Union office if you need any assistance (918) 622-1900.

Renaissance Tulsa Hotel - 6808 S. 107th E. Ave.
Accommodations at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel are currently sold out. If you need to cancel your reservation, or place yourself on the waitlist at this hotel, please call (918) 307-4046, leaving your name, phone number, and a brief message about your request.

Courtyard Marriott - Woodland Hills – 9041 E. 71st St.
(800) 626-6873
$99/night
Group Code: Pipeliners Local Union 798

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tulsa South - Woodland Hills – 9031 E. 71st St.
(800) 626-6873
$94/night
Group Code: Pipeliners Local Union 798

Steward School registration packets can be picked up at the Local 798 Training Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. You may also pick up your packet at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. and again beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 8, 2020.

Monday, April 6, 2020
11 a.m. – 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament – Forest Ridge Golf Club

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
9 a.m. – 6th Annual Mathis Family Clay Shoot: Hosted by Trinity Energy Services – Tulsa Gun Club
12 p.m. – Lincoln Electric BBQ – Local 798 Training Center
1 p.m. – Steward Reporting Forms Troubleshooting Class – Local 798 Training Center
6 p.m. – Local 798 Night at Boot Barn – Boot Barn

Wednesday, April 8, 2020
8 a.m. – Steward School General Session – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
4 p.m. – Ladies of 798 Basket Auction – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

Thursday, April 9, 2020
8 a.m. – Steward School General Session – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
7 p.m. – Retiree Banquet – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel

Friday, April 10, 2020
8 a.m. – Steward School General Session – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
12 p.m. – Miller Crawfish Boil – Local 798 Training Center
12 p.m. – 11th Annual Slick Rig Contest – Local 798 Training Center
6 p.m. – Ladies of 798 Hospitality – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
7 p.m. – April Regular Membership Meeting – Renaissance Tulsa Hotel
Local 798 Training Center would like to thank the DeWalt team for their continued support. It is always much appreciated. Special thanks to Jason and Tennessee.
**Thank You**

Tim Hartness and Family: greatly appreciate the help they received from the Voluntary Fund due to his recent hospitalization. Special thanks to Don Lewis, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Jeff and Lee Martin: thank the Voluntary Fund for the check they received following Lee's recent surgery and hospital stay. They thank everyone who gives so generously each week. Special thanks to Billy Burns and Richie Hayes.

John W. Johnson: thanks all the members of Local 798 who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. Special thanks to the hands on the Southern Pipeline job in Hico, TX, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Pat Mathis: thanks you for the generous check after the passing of her husband C.W. Mathis. He was very proud to be a member of 798.

Wade Fields: thanks you for lending a hand in his time of sorrow. It's a great comfort to know he has 798 Brothers and Sisters to count on, and he appreciates that. It's a pleasure and honor to be a part of such a wonderful group of people. Your contributions were needed and helpful after the passing of his brother.

Robert and Donna Pugh: thank all members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help they received after Donna's accident. They are so thankful she is doing well. It's a privilege to be a member of an organization such as 798. Special thanks to George Sanders and Jerry Crabtree.

The Allen Williams Family: thank the ones that give to the Voluntary Fund for your generous gift to their family in their time of need. Special thanks to Elvis Stilwell, Cody Haynes, Gary Burrow, Kenny Glaze, Phillip Wallace, Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and Casey Williams.

George and Donna Murphrey: thank you for the gift they received after George's open-heart surgery. It helped a lot with trips and stays at the hospital. He's not perfect yet, but hopefully they can do the other artery in a year or so. Special thanks to Jimmy Strange, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Nathen Lampton and Family: thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The check they received is greatly appreciated. They are honored to be members of this great local. God bless.

Royce and Susana Laskoskie: would like to thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund and for the gift that helped them in their time of need. Susana's cervical fusion went well and gave huge relief. She is recovering well, and they want to extend their sincere appreciation for your gift and your help.

Edward Dyas and Family: thank you for the kind words during their time of loss. Many thanks to their fellow Brothers and Sisters that give to the Voluntary Fund. We are truly a close-knit family.

Gary and Beverly Graham: thank the Voluntary Fund for the help they received when Bev had her fourth knee replacement. She is doing well. Special thanks to Preston Ri'chard, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Steve Spatocco and Sheet Metal Workers' Local 19: thank you for your generous donation to Steve Spatocco in this time of great need he and his family are experiencing. His prognosis is positive, and your contribution will certainly ease the financial burden and help him focus on the long recovery process.

Stanley and Barbara Chapman: thank everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund for the money received for Barbara's ongoing cancer treatment. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Dana Scott.

Gary Pohlman: thanks you for the Voluntary Fund check sent to him after his operation. It was greatly appreciated. He is proud to be a member of 798.

Tim and Vickie Hart: thank Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, and all who contribute to support the Voluntary Fund for their generosity following Vickie's surgery. Special thanks to Mark and Deanna Ballou and Greg and Wilma Oaks.

Larry D. Fuller: thanks all the contributors to the Voluntary Fund for the help received after his hospital stay. It was surely appreciated. Special thanks to George Sanders.

Dalmas Jett: thanks his 798 Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check was greatly appreciated. His back surgery went well, and he is now in therapy. Special thanks to Brian Lloyd.

Scott Sessions and Family: thank all their Brothers and Sisters of Local 798 and everyone with the PIBF for all the well wishes and financial support during the hardest time of unexpectedly losing a family member. They are very grateful.

Warren Jones: says thank you to all the 798 members. His successful retina surgery made his holiday much brighter. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix and Phillip Wallace.

Kody Lively and Family: say thank you for the help they received while their daughter was in the Children's Hospital for RSV and pneumonia. Special thanks to Michael Hatch, Wayne Walker, Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace.

Corey Sharp and Family: thank you for the Voluntary Fund check that was given to them following the death of his mother. It was very much appreciated.

Ty Huff: thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund. The help received during Whitlee's hospital stay was appreciated beyond words. They are thankful to be a part of the 798 family. God bless this local.

J.W. and Linda Osburn: thank all the Brothers and Sisters of 798 for helping through the Voluntary Fund for J.W.'s unexpected surgery. Special thanks to Dale and Shawna Crabtree.
Van Smith and Family thank Local 798 and all the members and non-members who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. It was a big help during their time of grief and loss of their beloved GiGi, his wife’s mother. Special thanks to Carroll Morris, Chris Hathcoat, Jeff Estep, Dakota Sanders, and Snelson Companies for your support. Special thanks also to Danny Hendrix and Justin Wallace for all they do to keep Local 798 second to none.

The Loggins Family thanks everyone for the kindness, thoughts, and prayers during their loss. Ronnie Loggins was a proud member of Local 798 for many years. Your kind expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Black Schroeder and Chad Gilbert for spending time with them.

Roddy Geron and Family thank Justin Wallace and Danny Hendrix for providing help during their financial hardship after his mother’s passing. They are deeply touched by your kindness and generosity.

Ray Brumley says he’s thankful to all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. This fund would not be possible if not for the generosity of each person who gives. He greatly appreciates the money he received. His surgery went well, and he will continue to improve each day. Special thanks to Brian Acosta.

Leroy McDougall and Wife thank everyone who donates to the Voluntary Fund. They truly appreciate the help they received while he was rehabilitating from his knee surgery.

Paula Campbell thanks all of you for the Dove of Peace King James Bible. Marty had a very strong faith in God and our savior Jesus Christ. Your kindness will help her through this very difficult time.

Merwyn O. (Petey) Dobbs thanks the Voluntary Fund for the assistance he received. He’s truly blessed to belong to this organization.

Gary Coates thanks all the Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the help following his ankle surgery and 5 months of rehab. He is honored to be a member of such a great union and large family of caring members. Special thanks to Justin Wallace and Danny Hendrix.

Pudden and Donna Usry thank all who donate to the Voluntary Fund for the gift they received when Donna had her emergency surgery. Proud to report that she is doing a lot better. Thank you to the Michels crew from Lincoln, NE, and special thanks to Mark Usery.

Jessie Shoemaker thanks all Local 798 Brothers and Sisters who contribute to the Voluntary Fund for the check he received after his heart attacks and stent. Special thanks to Justin Teague for caring enough to sit down and write a letter for someone in need. God bless.

Darlene Wolfe thanks all her Brothers and Sisters for the money from the Voluntary Fund which was well needed. She misses working with you. Special thanks to Jimmy Dodd and Debbie Plaster. Hope you all have good work this year.

Brian Gavin thanks everyone who contributes to the Voluntary Fund in this special time of need as his wife, Cheri, has been going to dialysis three times a week and is very sick. The gift has helped with medical expenses and transportation for her treatments. Special thanks to Jon Law and Steve Coraci.

John D. Murphy II thanks the Brothers and Sisters of 798 Pipeliners Union and the Voluntary Fund for your thoughtfulness and caring during his loss.

Collie D. Clardy thanks you for the kindness and thoughtfulness he was given during his time of hardship. He is proud to be a part of Pipeliners Local Union 798. He will never forget how each and every one involved reached out to help him. The money was surely a blessing.

Billy W. Hawkins thanks the Voluntary Fund and all who contribute to it. The help he received due to his wife’s recent surgery is appreciated very much. Special thanks to Wayne Causey, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

Wayne Bates thanks all the Brothers and Sisters that give to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received after his surgery was much appreciated. Special thanks to Danny Hendrix, Justin Wallace, Dale Crabtree, Jr., and Bruce Weeks.

Walt Kennedy III and Family express their sincere gratitude after they received the Voluntary Fund check. It has definitely been a hard year since their daughter’s diagnosis, but the Voluntary Fund has been a blessing to them.

Joe Bourg and Family thank everyone from 798 for the help in their time of need. Special thanks to Blake Fincher, Richard Stout (Red), and Chuck Seale.

Richard and Klynn Sowell thank all the people that give to the Voluntary Fund. It is a blessing to belong to this local union and have the privilege to work with so many good people. Special thanks to Danny, Justin, Black and Michael Layrock. God bless you.

Johnny and Carol Huskey thank all who contribute to the Voluntary Fund. The check he received after his recent eye surgeries was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Jimmy Dodd, Danny Hendrix, and Justin Wallace.

IN MEMORIAM

Peter L. Ashby, Sr., Welder, Tularosa, NM
Jerry W. Atkinson, Helper, Atkins, AR
David W. Dickerson, Helper, Canon, GA
Clayton D. Donnell, Welder, Barnsdall, OK
Romeo Espinoza, Helper, Hillsboro, TX
Billy C. Fears, Welder, Shelbyville, TN
William E. Haggard, Helper, Heber Springs, AR
Dennis C. Hiland, Welder, Adairsville, GA
Jeffrey M. Jones, Welder, Kinderhook, IL
Bill L. Kellogg, Welder, Ozark, MO
Jimmy D. Meeks, Helper, Williford, AR
Scott L. Morgan, Spacer, Glen Rose, TX
Robert E. Morris, Welder, Morgantown, WV
Kenneth J. Nord, Helper, Stone Mountain, GA
James W. Osburn, Jr., Welder, Abbeville, LA
Tommy G. Pace, Jr., Helper, Damascus, AR
Kevin L. Pattison, Spacer, Quinlan, TX
Formander A. Shears, Helper, Cannon, GA
Jimmy N. Williams, Welder, Smithville, OK
Steve K. Yates, Welder, Polk City, FL

IN MEMORIAM

Chad E. Easley, 37-year-old Welder of Ivoryton, CT, passed away October 22, 2019.
Ronnie Loggins, 64-year-old Retired Welder of Lufkin, TX, passed away December 28, 2019.
**2016 Dodge Ram 3500 Mega Cab Lone Star:** 77,550 miles. Comes with factory warranty, 100,000 miles or 5 years, whichever comes first. Reason for selling: Just recently moved and am no longer pipelining or pulling a camper. I hope this truck goes to someone that really needs it. All maintenance has been kept up on this beauty and have the paper trail. Serious inquiries only please. $42,000. Contact Corey Dallas at 812-406-5025.

**2019 Miller Pro 400:** New with only 166 hours, located in Albuquerque, NM. $12,500 or best offer. Contact Chris Hinz at 505-980-6254.

**1999 Chevy Tracker:** 4 cylinders, automatic, 4x4, 2-inch lift, new tires, upgraded stereo with Rockford speakers, and cold A/C. All new front struts, shocks in front/rear, brakes/rotors, base/clear coat paint with stiped design. Excellent condition with only 78,800 miles. $6,100. Call or text Larry Rodriguez at 918-269-1925 or 918-407-9969.

**Brand New Welding Bed:** Ready to be installed! Two large toolboxes that will hold two oxygen bottles and one acetylene bottle. Two lead wells with inset LED lights. Sandblasted, primed, and painted glossy black. $7,500. Contact Robert Morris at 903-563-3715.

**2003 F-350 4WD:** 61,000 miles, 4-wheel drive. Comes with welding machine, tools, gander, 2-hole pins, and barrel torch. 2,900 hours on machine. $26,000. Will also sell truck as flat bed for $22,000. Contact Michael Bake at 330-627-6366.


**Jimmy R. Harris,** 82-year-old Retired Welder of Alba, TX, passed away January 7, 2020.


**Samuel Luther,** 92-year-old Retired Welder of Finksburg, MD, passed away January 15, 2020.

**George R. Kisner,** 76-year-old Retired Helper of Cameron, WV, passed away January 26, 2020.


**George J. Hizer,** 72-year-old Retired Helper of Ravenswood, WV, passed away February 6, 2020.

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**6th Annual Mathis Family Clay Shoot**

**Clay Shoot Local 798**

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SKEET SHOOTING, COMPETITION, AND PRIZES**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

9:00AM - 5:00PM

**Tulsa Gun Club**

**Benefiting the Pipeliners Voluntary Fund**

**REGISTRATION**

Includes 100 Clay Targets, Ammo, Prizes, Awards and Lunch

**Online:** Individual: $165 / 4 Man Team: $650

**On-Site:** Individual: $185 / 4 Man Team: $725

**Ammo included with registration**

**SCHEDULE**

**Morning Shoot**

8:00AM 1st Flight Registration & Practice

9:00AM 1st Flight Begins

11:30AM Lunch

**Afternoon Shoot**

11:30AM 2nd Flight Registration & Practice

1:30PM - 4:30PM 2nd Flight Begins

Prizes and Trophies to follow

**Raffle Tickets for Sale at Event. Cash/Check Only.**

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“I am the Union” T-Shirt
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Stainless Steel License Plate
Item #145 - $14.00

Light Gray/Royal Mid-Profile Cap
Item #103 - $18.00

White T-Shirt W/Embroidered Logo
Item #115-C - $13.00
(S, M, L, XL, XLT, 2XL, 3XL, 3XLT, 4XL)

798 Car Flag
Item #146 - $9.00

“Im the Union” T-Shirt
Item #115-I - $13.00
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Navy/Tan Summer Cap
Item #101-B - $16.00

Stainless Steel License Plate
Item #145 - $14.00