



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

The Electrical Worker's Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties

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Business Manager's Report by Lamont Adams

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 3 on Book 1, 13 on Book 2, 7 on Book 3, and 3 on Book 4. There is 1 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm, 0 on Book 2, 1 on Book 3, and 0 on book 4. There is 0 on CW Book 1 and 0 on CW Book 2. There are no Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

Our labor movement continues to lead in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to fight for economic opportunity and social justice for American

operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy or other sun shelter as long as there is sufficient outdoor air movement. These Orders will remain in effect until it is appropriate to modify the order based on public health conditions. Information can be found at <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>.

Due to the changing conditions and Statewide orders, the Union Hall office is again closed to the public. Services are still available for members by telephone. Our online access site is also available for dues payments and monthly re-sign. COVID-19 updates can be found on the website. Visit the website at: www.ibew234.org

The JATC has decided to move forward with online classes for the upcoming Apprenticeship school year. Journeyman upgrade class are also planned to resume online and will require that members RSVP. The Zoom classes require the instructor to invite each individual to the class. Please Contact Stacy at stacy@tricityjatic.org to reserve your place.

I have proposed some Bylaws changes for Local 234 (***in bold italics***). The proposed changes were read at the July general body meeting and will be discussed and voted on at the August general body meeting. The changes will bring our Bylaws in-line with other Locals in our District.

Article VII, Sec. 1. Salaries shall be:

Business Manager– Financial Secretary ... a weekly salary equal to ~~44~~ **(48)** times the straight time hourly rate for the construction General Forman.

Assistant Business Manager(s)/ Organizer... a weekly salary of ~~44~~ **(48)** times the straight time hourly rate for the construction Forman.

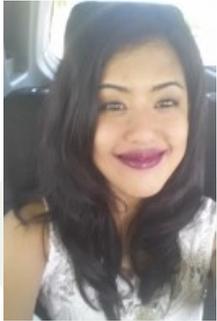
There will be a General Body meeting held August 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Union Hall. Social distancing guidelines apply and face coverings will be required. Please plan to attend.

We have received Certificates of Authenticity for our 50th anniversary coins. If you haven't received one please contact the Hall at 831-633-2311 to request one for your coin.

workers. Right now as this pandemic grows our representatives in Washington DC continue to use misinformation and distractions to downplay this threat and divide us. For months the Senate has been sitting on the HEROES Act, a bill that would provide the relief America needs to recover from the public health and economic crisis. As a matter of fact, the Senate is planning on cutting resources to the people that need it the most and another round of hand outs to the people who need it the least. With November fast approaching, we must increase our organizing efforts and inform our family and friends of the importance of keeping our elected leaders accountable to the people who elected them. Make sure you are registered to vote and strongly encourage others to do so. We must turn out to vote and change the direction of our great Nation.

"If not us, then who? If not now, then when?"
Congressman John Robert Lewis 1940–2020

On July 13, 2020 Dr. Sonia Y. Angell, State Public Health Officer & Director, issued Statewide orders restricting indoor operations on certain businesses in counties that were placed on the County Monitoring List. For counties on the County Monitoring List, the risk and impacts of disease transmission are even greater. The science suggests that for indoor operations the odds of an infected person transmitting the virus are dramatically higher compared to an open-air environment. Outdoor



Prevention With Little Steps by Rasha Aniag

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to share some information with you all. It's been a few months since COVID-19 has commanded the headlines, but as we head into the 5th month, our national attention is refocused on required wearing of masks and fears surrounding the increasing infection rates of coronavirus since mid-June.

Periodically experts will discuss the R0 factor ("R Not") which is a measure of how easily an infection passes from person to person. In the case of coronavirus, it is more infectious than the typical flu, but relative to other common viruses, it is in the middle of the pack. When the R0 falls to less than 1, an infection usually dies out.

CDC data this week shows an overall 1.1% increase in positive COVID test results—the second week in a row of increased positive test results. It seems that now is a good time to reflect on what we know in context to other pandemics from the past and, most importantly, what we can do as individuals to help keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe.

Experts predict that in the case of COVID a population immunity of approximately 70% will be needed to decrease the R0. However, it is important to emphasize that several variables will impact these conclusions. First, how long antibody immunity lasts; and second, whether significant viral mutation will occur, which may mean antibodies will not provide long lasting protection. Answers to these questions will affect long term public health strategies.

Another perspective to re-visit is the predictability of the stages of a pandemic and the public health strategies that align with each stage. Regardless of medical advances in treatment or vaccinations, public health strategies are vital to combating the coronavirus and will remain so until this infection dies out ($R_0 < 1$) or the infection becomes one that is managed over the long term.

Historically, pandemics typically last 1-3 years. However, some never really die out and measures are put in place to "live with the virus."

Now is the time to learn how to live in these restricted times. Form your own social bubble-group of family or friends that you trust to help our mental health. Human beings are pack animals. We are here together. Stay positive



FAQ's on Coronavirus:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?utm_source=leaderupdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=04-09-20

AFL-CIO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Page

The AFL-CIO has compiled a [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic resource page](#) with valuable information and updates. In addition, please check out [your union's website](#) as they may have additional information and resources.

Local 234 Health & Welfare Link

<https://www.ourbenefitoffice.com/IBEW234/Benefits/HealthcareDocuments.aspx>

Protecting Your Mental Health and Grief Counseling During COVID-19

The **Peer-Run Warm Line (1-855-845-7415)** is a non-emergency resource for anyone in California seeking emotional support. They provide assistance via phone and webchat on a nondiscriminatory basis to anyone in need.

<https://211montereycounty.org/>

State of California Updates

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Free COVID-19 testing now underway on the Central Coast

All tests are by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call 1-888-634-1123 or visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.

United States Department of Labor

This webpage provides information for workers and employers about the evolving coronavirus pandemic. The information includes links to interim guidance and other resources for preventing exposures to, and infection with, the novel coronavirus—officially named SARS-CoV-2, which causes the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

NEBF.com

The NEBF website allows members to log on and estimate your retirement benefits. You can easily generate your NEBF lifetime benefit estimate, including years of service. Go to www.nebf.com/nebf and click on "Online Benefits" to register. You can also update your address through the online benefit's portal and activate alerts to receive text and email notifications when new documents or important communications become available.

Union Hall—Office CLOSED

The Union Hall office has closed.

Due to the recent orders from the Governor, the Union Hall is closed again for in person visits.

Rest assured the staff is still available to handle your needs via phone and e-mail.

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Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

Due to health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be holding a physical, onsite CPR / First Aid course at the training center. The JATC, however, has come up with an alternative solution should you be in need of renewing your certification, through the American Red Cross.



Online portion at www.redcross.org/takeaclass

In the upper right hand corner scroll to CPR and then add your zip code

Look for **Adult First Aid/ CPR / AED – BL (online + classroom)**

Cost: **\$97** (to be reimbursed by the JATC upon receiving a copy of your certification)

****Please note that the online portion is only the first step. Once this is completed, take your certification to an American Red Cross facility near you to do the practical exam where you will receive your actual certification card. You must present the JATC with a copy of this certification card in order to be reimbursed.****

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez has scheduled a **Significant Changes** class for **Tuesday, August 18th from 5:30–8:30 pm**. This is the beginning of a new series. This is a once a month class but depending on demand and attendance, a second date may be added.

Please note this is a **Zoom** class—You will need either a computer, laptop, or mobile device that has a working camera and microphone.

Contact Stacy at stacy@tricityjetc.org to reserve your place.

California State Certification Renewals

Have you recently renewed your Electrician Certification? Do you know when your certification expires?

Notify the Hall of your new expiration date and certification number. Also, pick up any forms you need at the Hall or request copies of Class Completion Certificates to provide proof of education.

If you are renewing your Electrician Certification prior to your certification expiring, you will need to have 2,000 hours of work in the industry in the past three years and have completed 32 hours of continuing education from an approved educational provider, like the JATC.

You will then need to submit your [Renewal Application](#) with proof of your 32 hours and payment of \$100. As always, call the Hall or call Stacy with the Training Center if you have any questions.



Donate To The JATC When You Shop Amazon

Shop at **AmazonSmile** when you shop at Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the **Tri-County Electrical JATC**. Start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7114317

The Tri-County Electrical JATC is a non-profit 501(c)3. Donations are tax-deductible.

New Merchandise

T-Shirts



Long sleeve Charter shirts have just arrived: Orange, Dark Ash, and Black

Hats



Lapel Pins



The Hall now is able to ship merchandise. Shipping costs vary from \$11.00 up to \$25.00. Feel free to contact the union hall office at 831-633-2311 to inquire about purchasing your merchandise over the phone.

Look for new zippered hoodies and gators arriving soon!

Are You Registered to Vote? Go to goo.gl/XF1FBd

Are you registered to vote in California? Or have you moved recently and need to update your address?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen,
- A resident of California,
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony (for more information on the rights of people who have been incarcerated, please see the Secretary of State's Voting Rights for Californians with Criminal Convictions or Detained in Jail or Prison), and
- Not found by a court to be mentally incompetent.

The deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day, so be certain to register early! Register to vote online with the California Secretary of State Alex Padilla at goo.gl/XF1FBd

[letsmakeaplan.org](https://www.letsmakeaplan.org)

Do you have a financial planner? Are you planning for retirement or simply deciding where to invest and save your money? A CFP or Certified Financial Planner professional can help you navigate all aspects of your finances. When looking for a financial person, look for those initials after their name. Although many professionals call themselves "financial planners," only Certified Financial Planner professionals have completed extensive training and are held to the highest ethical and educational standards. CFP professionals understand the complexities of the changing financial climate and are committed to make financial planning recommendations in your best interest. No matter where you are in life, you'll find confidence in working with a CFP professional to evaluate your finances and develop a comprehensive plan for your financial future. Find one at <http://www.letsmakeaplan.org/>

Members only Online Access

You may access your online profile at <https://m.gotomyunion.com>. Or download the **ISAQR** app at

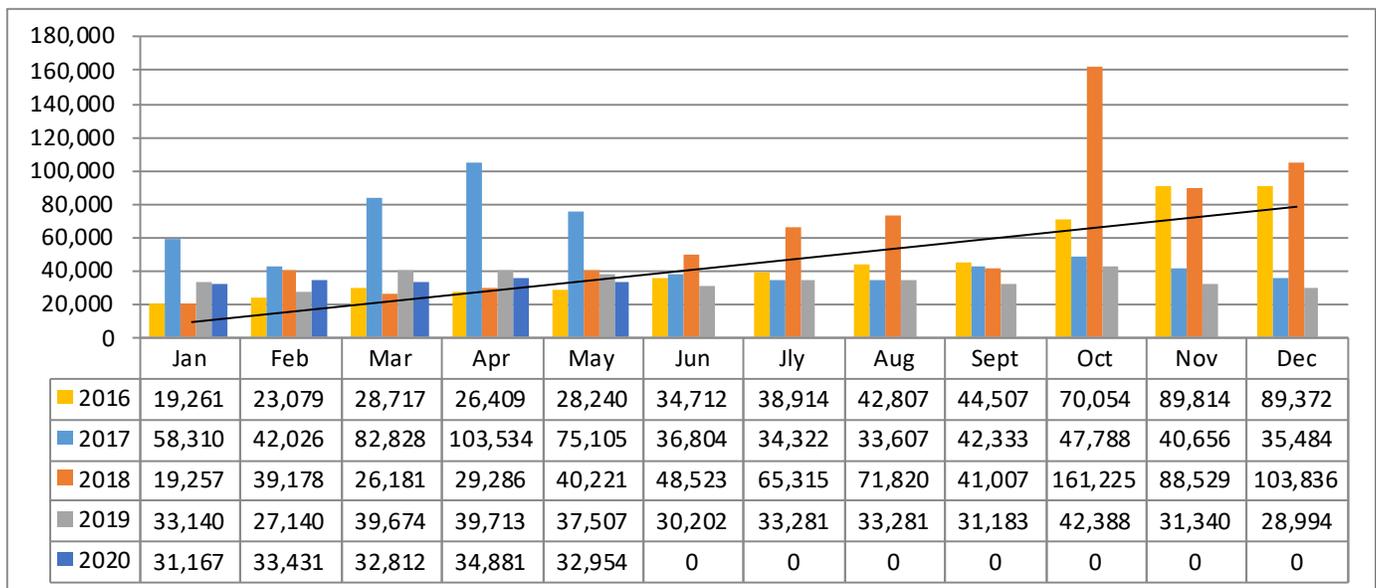
Apple Store: <https://goo.gl/GxYXtk>
Google Play: <https://goo.gl/LqvSt7>

Please contact the office if you need your individual username and password again.
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Monthly Hours Report



Happy August Birthdays!

Lyle Abraham
Israel Andrade
Marco Arredondo, Jr
Joe Baxter
Mark Behnke
Joshua Benavidez
Kenneth Boner
Tighe Callahan
Robert Campbell
Brian Carroll
Javierto Castillo, Jr
Gilberto Contreras
Bryan Daniel
Daniel Day
Michael Dempsey
Lloyd Eads
Gerardo Espinoza
Mateo Flota

Stephen Gilbert
David Goddard
Ramiro Gonzalez, Jr
Hector Haro
Joshua Haupt
Richard Hodges
James Horn
Travis Karrle
Angel Lopez-Magana
Igor Malyghin
Robert Miller
Joel Montes
Zachary Moore
Jesus Morales
John Mowrey
Epigmenio Perez
John Radich

Albert Randall
Gabriel Regalado
Ricky Rodriguez
David Rubens
David Salinas
Gilbert Sanchez
Ronald Smith
Edward Sudyka
Vanessa Taber
Herman Taube
James Taylor
Alex Vargas
Mario Vera
Tyler Western
Donald White
Donald Wolfe
Ralph Yniguez



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

The winners from the **July** union meeting.

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

John Agra won and donated it back

Apprentice Give-Away:

Ricky Rodriguez won \$23.40

Give-Away Winners:

David Salinas won an IBEW coffee mug.

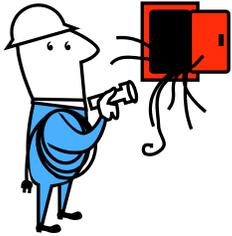
Noe Arana won an IBEW Tervis mug.

TJ Tatroe won an IBEW knife.

Ricky Rodriguez won a t-shirt donated by TJ Tatroe.

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, August 12th, 2020
@6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.”

- Aristotle

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18 JATC Meeting @ 4:00 PM Significant Changes Class @ 5:30 PM	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 Executive Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM	27	28	29
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