



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

April 2021

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Business Manager's Report by Lamont Adams

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 35 on Book 1, 44 on Book 2, 9 on Book 3, and 3 on Book 4. There are 2 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm, 0 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3, and 0 on book 4. There are 1 on CW Book 1 and 4 on CW Book 2. There are 5 Inside apprentice on the out-of-work list.

On March 16, 2021 Monterey County met the requirements to move into the Red Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. With that decision we are now able to

remember to continue to practice social distancing, heighten cleaning practices, and wear face masks. The health authorities also recommend that anyone who has received the vaccine still wear face a mask and practice social distancing.

The Trustees of the Inside Health & Welfare Plan took action to reduce the out-of-pocket maximum cost that members have to pay. The plan has been updated from a cost of \$15,000 per individual to \$8,550 for single and \$17,199 for a family. This brings our plan in line with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) rate structure.

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Happy Easter!

hold outdoor regular body meetings. It has been 8 months since our last in person General Body meeting and I look forward to hearing your feedback at April's meeting. We will be following social distance and face mask requirements.

A letter has been sent out to all Inside members informing them that a ratification vote will take place on **Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm**. This is our regular scheduled meeting and will include a ratification vote of the recently negotiated Inside Agreement and wage allocation. Only Inside members in good standing will be allowed to vote. You must have a current dues receipt to vote (IBEW Constitution, Article XXI). Attend this meeting if you would like to learn the results of negotiations.

Thankfully more COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available. At this time anyone with a high chance of exposure, high-risk, and those 50 and older are eligible to receive one of the available vaccines. Eligibility opens to everyone 16 and older on **April 15th**. Please visit myturn.ca.gov to find out if you are eligible, schedule an appointment, and sign up for notifications. This is good news and I encourage everyone to get vaccinated when eligible.

This COVID-19 chapter in our lives is far from over. As the community and businesses begin to open back up,

Prevention With Little Steps by Rasha Aniag



Expanded Vaccine Eligibility

Starting March 15, providers can vaccinate individuals aged 16-64 who are at the highest risk of developing severe COVID-19, due to certain preexisting health conditions noted by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Individuals who work for public transit or reside or work in a high-risk congregate residential setting are also eligible.

This new group joins workers in education and childcare, emergency services, and the food and agriculture industries as the population recently added for vaccination eligibility. Health care workers and people aged 65+ also continue to be eligible.

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How to Book An Appointment

If you are eligible under any of these groups, there are several options available to you.

For information on where you can currently schedule a vaccination appointment in your county, you can visit California's COVID-19 Vaccine website.

In addition, the demand for mental health continues to rise as feelings of disconnection and being away from support systems has taken its toll on some individuals. If you, witness any of the following:

Talks about:

1. Feeling hopelessness
2. Being a burden
3. Acting anxious, agitated; behaving reckless
4. Extreme mood swings
5. Wanting to take their lives
6. Feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.

Please be a good human and call
The National Suicide Prevention Life line
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

Members: New Forms Available

We are excited to announce a new way to sign the books.

We have created an easy and quick way to get back on the books if you have been laid off. The link below will bring you to the member forms page. Here you are able to fill out the Sign-In form (Form B) straight from your phone.

Other forms available are the Information Form (Form A): You may use this if you would like to update your profile: new address, new cell, new email, etc.

Member Upload (Form D): This area is for you to upload any new certifications you have received. Renewed State Certification, CPR, or any other certificate you have.

Monthly Re-Sign (Form E): You can submit Form E to do your monthly resign after the 10th of each month.

<https://ibew234.org/member-forms/>

Go Green with Our e-Edition!

Sign up today to receive the newsletter in your email. Help reduce production costs and be "green" at the same time. Our homepage is located at www.ibew234.org.

If you would like to move from a paper newsletter to a digital one, please call the Local at 831-633-2311 and we would be happy to change it for you.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to the 2021 Scholarship Winners!

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, are pleased to announce this year's winners of the Christopher Burditt Memorial scholarships. Each student will receive **\$1,000** scholarships to their college of choice.

Monterey County: **Alicia Tongol**

San Benito County: **Adam Kalstrom**

Congratulations and all the best luck on your new adventure!

Safety Corner

March was Ladder Safety Month!

Over 100 people die every year in ladder-related accidents and thousands more suffer disabling injuries. This important month in the calendar has been designed to raise awareness on ladder safety and help try to decrease the number of ladder-related injuries.

Vubiz offers an online class in ladder safety for \$29.00. Here is the link:

https://vubiz.com/home/ladder-safety?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Vubiz+Spring+Newsletter&utm_campaign=20210330+-+Newsletter&vgo_ee=1aPpfhPNMvkFL0m2de8wgMPHscJHbbOnxyOvPlnI2kE%3D

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class and CPR / First Aid

Instructor David Martinez has scheduled a **Significant Changes** class for **Tuesday, April 20th 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@tricityjatic.org to reserve your place.

Congratulations on Completing Class

Significant Changes to the 2017 NEC 3/16/2021

Jorge Mendoza, Justin Anderson, Randy Evans, Ralph Yniguez, James Stanchfield, Hermilo Ruiz, John Agra, and Eric Schappert.

CPR / First Aid 3/27/2021

John Agra, Ivan Garcia Ponce, Jose Gomez, Andres Laureano, Patricio Ortiz, Reginaldo Ramirez, Steve Rios, John Rodriguez, Hermilo Ruiz, Justin Soto, Michael Steel, Jorge Suarez, AJ Todd, Randyn Trybom, and Tyler Western.

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TITLE: Receptionist / Clerical
COMPENSATION: Commensurate with experience
ESTIMATED START: Immediately
LOCATION: 10300 Merritt Street, in Castroville, CA

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COVID

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://211.montereycounty.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/>

CALIFORNIA COVID-19 TIERS

Source: CA Department of Public Health

<p>TIER 1) WIDESPREAD OR PURPLE</p> <p>WHAT IT MEANS: Many nonessential indoor business operations are closed</p> <p>CRITERIA:</p> <p># of new daily cases: More than 7 per 100K people Positivity rate: More than 8%</p>	<p>TIER 3) MODERATE OR ORANGE</p> <p>WHAT IT MEANS: Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p> <p>CRITERIA:</p> <p># of new daily cases: 1-3.9 per 100K people Positivity rate: Between 2% and 4.9%</p>
<p>TIER 2) SUBSTANTIAL OR RED</p> <p>WHAT IT MEANS: Some nonessential indoor business operations are closed</p> <p>CRITERIA:</p> <p># of new daily cases: 4-7 per 100K people Positivity rate: Between 5% and 8%</p>	<p>TIER 4) MINIMAL OR YELLOW</p> <p>WHAT IT MEANS: Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p> <p>CRITERIA:</p> <p># of new daily cases: Less than 1 per 100K people Positivity rate: Less than 2%</p>

Members only Online Access to Pay Dues

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.
831-633-2311

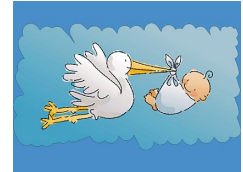
New Merchandise

Curbside pick up is now available! Just call ahead to order and pay and then swing by to grab your new merchandise!

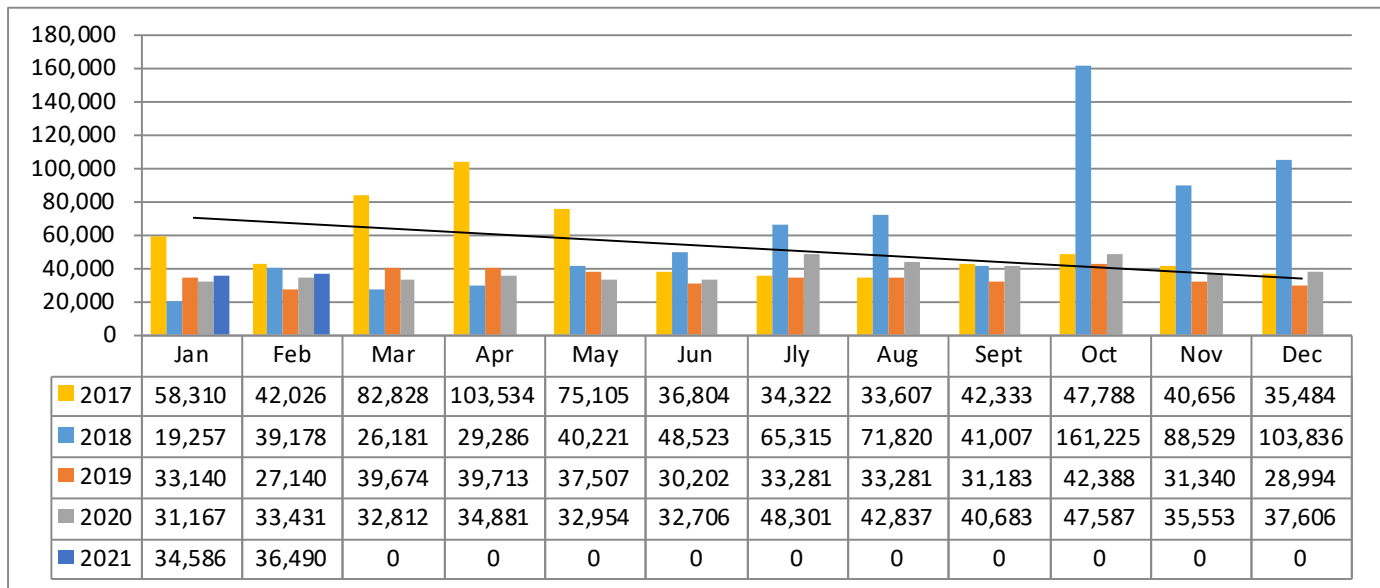
The Hall now is able to ship merchandise. Shipping costs vary from \$11.00 up to \$25.00. Feel free to contact the union hall office at 831-633-2311 to inquire about purchasing your merchandise over the phone.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Joe and Evita Sakoda on the birth of their baby boy!
Ezren Imriel Sakoda was born on March 22, 2021 and was 8lbs 2 ozs



Monthly Hours Report



Happy April Birthdays!

Dave Alonzo
Adrien Antosz
Thomas Bauer
Robert Benton
Frank Bigham
Diego Blackman
Louis Bonds
Joaquin Correa-Mickel
Leslie Dollins
Alejandro Escobar
Michael Fryou
Gary Gabriel
Alex Garibay
John Greene, II

Troy Grier
Mark Huiru
Glen Johnson
Michael Kunkle
Tramaine Lamb
Elias Madrid
Lloyd Marchant
Richard Massie
Samuel Mendoza
Roldan Morales
James Nichols
Warren Nichols
Patricio Ortiz
Evey Perez

Mickel Reeves
Alan Replogle
Michael Rodda
Adolfo Sandoval
Carlos Segura
James Shumaker
Johnathan Stanley
Kyle Tuck
Bryan Tufts
Joe Velasquez Jr
Paul Velasquez
Francisco Villanueva

This Month's Local 234 Winners!

There was no General Membership meeting in March.

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Apprentice Give-Away: Justin Soto
5th Year won \$23.40

Give-Away Winners: N/A

Milwaukee Student of the month for April:
5th Year—Zachary Moore

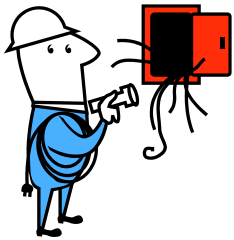
General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting has been scheduled for in person in the parking lot on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 PM

April 2021

Quote of the Month

“The secret of happiness, you see, is not found in seeking more, but in developing the capacity to enjoy less.”

— Socrates, 469 BCE.



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Easter 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 General Body MEETING @6:30 PM	15	16	17
18	19	20 JATC Meeting @ 4:00 PM Significant Changes @ 5:30 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Executive Board MEETING @6:00 PM	29	30	



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