



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

January 2022

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Business Manager's Report by Lamont Adams

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 19 on Book 1, 81 on Book 2, 15 on Book 3, and 9 on Book 4. There is 0 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm, 0 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3, and 0 on Book 4. There is 0 on CW Book 1 and 0 on CW Book 2. There are 0 Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

California will ring in 2022 with hundreds of new state laws addressing a range of issues. Assembly Bill 1003 (AB 1003) will go into effect and will make the intentional theft of wages, including

gratuities, in an amount greater than \$950 for one employee, or \$2,350 from two or more employees, by an employer in any consecutive 12-month period punishable as grand theft and imprisonment for up to 3 years. California's minimum wage will increase on January 1, 2022, to \$15.00/hour for businesses with 26 or more employees, and \$14.00/hour for businesses with 25 or fewer employees. The California minimum wage will increase every year until it is \$15.00/hour for all employees in 2023.

January marks the one year anniversary of the unprecedented assault on our great democracy. Hundreds of misinformed voters stormed the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. The Capitol had not been breached since the British did it in 1814. I wish I could say our great union is stronger because of this attack. But now we are more divided than ever. Unfortunately we have people in positions of authority that continue to spread inaccurate and dangerous information. We must work hard to preserve and build upon the gains we have made as a Labor Organization and a Country. I believe if we listen to each other we will find that we have more in common than we have differences. We all want the same thing for ourselves and

our loved ones. If we work together we can once again become "one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Congratulations to Inside Wireman Carlos Prado. He won the \$234 at the December General Membership meeting. For every meeting that is attended members put their name in for a drawing. The drawing happens at the December meeting. The prize is \$234 and you must be present to win.

Our Local is now participating in the National 401(k) Plan (NEFP). Members will be mailed information and instructions on how to sign up. Members will only have the option to invest \$2, \$5, or \$8 per hour. If you have any questions, please contact the Hall at 831-633-2311.

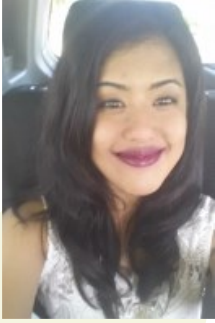
The JATC is actively looking for instructors to teach Journeyman upgrade classes. The Electrical Training Alliance is now offering new Journeyman upgrade Train the Trainer classes. This is the perfect time to take advantage of this training. Teaching a journeyman upgrade classe would only require minimum time out of your busy schedule. If you are ready to share your knowledge with the rest of your brothers and sisters, please contact Lamont 831-731-0927 or the JATC at 831-633-3063.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our efforts to help Food Bank for Monterey County. Remember their efforts continue after the Holidays.

Monday, January 3, 2020 is New Year's Day and a Holiday for the Inside, S&C, and CECWs. **Monday, January 17, 2020** is Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday and a Holiday for the Inside, S&C, and CECWs.

Happy New Year to you and your families. May this new year bring you happiness, prosperity, and good health.





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Prevention With Little Steps by Rasha Aniang

New Year, New You. Is that the theme every year? I would like to take the opportunity to introduce to you a new concept called "Blue Zones." Blue Zones are regions around the world where a population of people have lived to 100 years old or greater. It is not about dieting or trying out a new fad. This is about changing your lifestyle towards longevity. Please see below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVauROroe1Y>

Pandemic Update:

This season, the coronavirus has yet to be defeated and there are some regions where the number infected has risen. Some of the employers may require weekly testing for those who are not vaccinated. Here are some wallet-friendly options nearby. Please refer to :

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Center | Anthem Blue Cross](#) for more resources.

[CVS Health COVID-19 Drive Thru Testing Site](#)

DRIVE-THRU

📍 347 E. Ailsal Street, Salinas, Monterey, CA, 93901
 (0.8 miles away)

✓ Appointment Required

[Walgreens](#)

DRIVE-THRU

📍 575 N SANBORN RD, SALINAS, MONTEREY, CA, 93905
 (1.9 miles away)

☎ (831) 751-9319

⌘ Non-Rapid Testing Results Available

✓ Appointment Required

✓ Screening Required ⌚

♿ Testing Available from Children 3+ Years Old

Appointments available via <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing>

[Walgreens](#)

DRIVE-THRU

📍 226 RESERVATION RD, MARINA, MONTEREY, CA, 93933
 (7.8 miles away)

☎ (831) 384-4700

⌘ Non-Rapid Testing Results Available

✓ Appointment Required

✓ Screening Required ⌚

♿ Testing Available from Children 3+ Years Old

Appointments available via <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing>

[CVS COVID-19 Test Site](#)

DRIVE-THRU

📍 490 Rodriguez Street, Watsonville, Santa Cruz, CA, 95076
 (17.1 miles away)

☎ (831) 722-9454

✓ Appointment Required

✓ Screening Required ⌚

♿ Testing Available from Children 18+ Years Old

[Walgreens](#)

DRIVE-THRU

📍 600 TRES PINOS RD, HOLLISTER, SAN BENITO, CA, 95023
 (18.5 miles away)

☎ (831) 638-1024

⌘ Non-Rapid Testing Results Available

✓ Appointment Required

✓ Screening Required ⌚

♿ Testing Available from Children 3.0+ Years Old

[Walgreens](#)

DRIVE-THRU

📍 1810 FREEDOM BLVD, FREEDOM, SANTA CRUZ, CA, 95019
 (18.9 miles away)

☎ (831) 768-0183

⌘ Non-Rapid Testing Results Available

✓ Appointment Required

✓ Screening Required ⌚

♿ Testing Available from Children 3.0+ Years Old

[ARCpoint Labs of Monterey Bay](#)

RETAIL CLINIC

📍 24560 Silver Cloud Ct #103, Monterey Bay, Monterey, CA, 93940
 (10.9 miles away)

☎ (831) 324-0772

🕒 Hours of Operation ▼

⌚ Rapid Testing Results in 24 Hours

⌘ Non-Rapid Testing Results in 2-5 Days

✓ Appointment Required

✓ Screening Required ⌚

♿ Testing Available for All Ages

✍ Antibody Testing - Available

As your Nurse Advocate, my goal is to keep you informed on living the most optimal life and navigate through the barriers and gaps of the health care network.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, is offering **three (3) \$1,000** scholarships to high school graduates – one each in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito County, who will graduate during the current school year and who meet all qualifying criteria.

To apply, a student must have at least one present or past union member, **of any affiliation**, in his or her immediate family and type an essay of approximately **500 words** on **one** of the following topics:

- What is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and what has it done to enhance organized labor?
- Why is the organized labor movement important in the United States today?
- How has the union movement played a key role in the life and well-being of my family member who **is or was** in a union?

Essays must be typed and mailed with a completed Application Form to:

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest
10300 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012

Entries must be **received by Friday, March 25, 2022**. IBEW Local 234 will judge essays for content, clarity, and originality. Proof that application requirements are fulfilled, including graduation, will be required, as will proof that the winner enrolls in a university, college, junior college, or other institution of higher learning in the summer or fall of **2022**. No essays will be returned. IBEW Local 234 is not responsible for any entries that are not received or are damaged before being received.

The announcement and application form are available for download on our website **www.ibew234.org**. Please share with any interested students.

LMCC Education Quarterly Drawing

The LMCC holds a quarterly gift card drawing. (2) \$100 gifts cards are awarded each quarter for those taking JW upgrade classes. One gift card goes to the member with the most hours of class completed in the last quarter. The other gift card is awarded by lottery. Every four hours of completed classes will equal one entry in the lottery, with no limit.

The member with most hours is ineligible for the lottery. The winners for Oct/Nov/Dec were Chad Vargas (randomly for the most hours of training and Mohammed Garaan for the lottery.

Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card

2021 Tax Statements

The Union Hall will not be mailing out the Statement of Dues and Assessments paid in 2021 in a mass mailing. We are happy to mail or e-mail your statement to you upon request.

Please feel free to contact Local 234 at :

(831) 633-2311

or via e-mail at: thehall@ibew234.org if you would like to receive your statement.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 741-9069

ALL upgrade classes have gone back to 100% in-person learning at the training center

CPR/First Aid Certification Class



A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 22nd** from **8am—1pm**. Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

Contact Stacy with the JATC at (831) 741-9069 to sign up and reserve your space.

If you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.

Limited space available—sign up soon!

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

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

Contact Stacy at stacy@tricityjetc.org or 831-741-9069 to reserve your place.

Congratulations on Completing Class

There were no upgrade classes in December

Donate To The JATC When You Shop Amazon



REMEMBER to use Amazon Smile while buying your holiday gifts this year!

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.

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The winners for **Oct/Nov/Dec** were **Chad Vargas** for the most hours of training and **Scott Benson** for the lottery. Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card.

Instructors Needed

The JATC is still looking for instructors to teach an Inside apprenticeship class and Journeyman upgrade classes. If you are interested in sharing your experience and knowledge with the future of the IBEW, please contact Lamont Adams (831-731-0927) or Stacy Rubalcava (info@tricityjetc.org) at the JATC. There are minimum qualifications requirements to be an instructor for the Community College system that need to be satisfied with Hartnell College.

Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job.

For **January 2022** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

3rd-year: Rigoberto Garcia

as the Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month. The apprentice of the month will have a dedicated parking space at the Training Center and also receive a gift provided by Milwaukee.



Holiday Food Drive

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Union Hall and donated food and cash to the Food Bank!! We were able to fill two large barrels as well as additional boxes this year!



With a 30.3% poverty rate, Monterey County is the childhood poverty capital of California. We are happy we were able to help out during this time of year.

Merchandise— No-Dogs

Local 234 has engraved No-Dog Offset Levels for sale. They are in assorted colors and available for \$15 each. The "No-Dog" is a handy tool for electricians that eliminates "dog-legs" in offsets and saddles. It is precision tooled from lightweight, durable aluminum. Measuring 1/2" by 1" by 2", it is also useful as a spacer for multiple runs of conduit. This size also makes it convenient to carry. The "No-Dog" can fit easily in a pocket or tool box, or can be clipped to a hardhat or tool pouch.



National Electrical 401(k) Plan—NEFP

Saving for retirement is one of the most important things you can do to provide for your financial future!

You should have received your Welcome Packets in the mail and I hope you went to the website and signed up! Make sure you hand in the elected deferred form to your Contractors.

Some key points to remember as you enroll:

- You are allowed to elect to defer \$2.00, \$5.00, or \$8.00 per hour **ONLY**. Although you may be allowed to chose other dollar amounts and/or a percentage on the contribution election page, those amounts will not be accepted.
- Selection changes may be done at dispatch and at the beginning of the January payroll period only.
- Participation is elective—you do not need to participate.



The 2022 contribution limit for elective deferrals is \$20,500 and the "catch-up" provision is \$6,500.00

Member Life Events

Big Congratulations to:

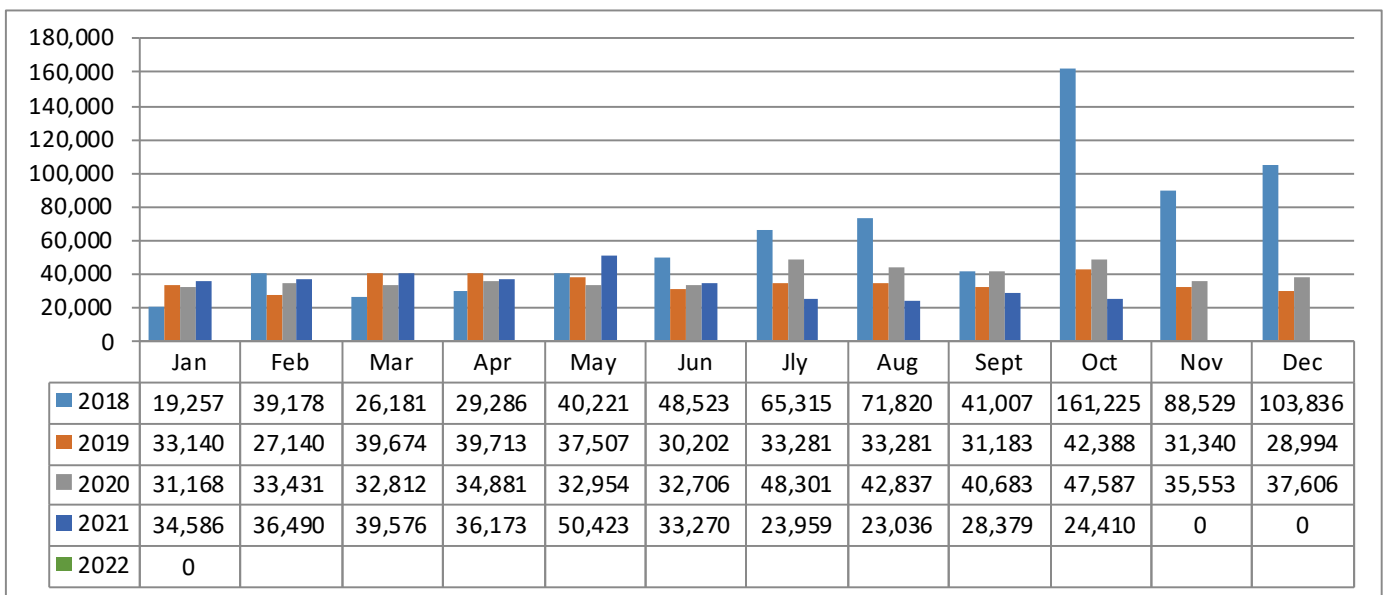
Francisco Mundo, Jr. and Yesenia Mundo on their recent nuptials in October!

Also

Jorge Suarez, Jr. and Kathleen Suarez on their recent nuptials in November!

All our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Monthly Hours Report



Happy January Birthdays!

Lamont Adams
Joseph Antoni
David Boggs
Rafael Castro, Jr.
Mark Clough
William Clough
Matthew Craddock
Ruth Dean
Scott Gaffney
Manuel Garcia
Ralph Garcia
Cristian Gonzalez
Robert Greene
Kirt Hackett
Gregory Hague
Darrell Hickey

Cory Hoffman
Valentin Ivanov
Jesus Jara
Artemio Juarez
Philip Karleen, Jr.
Sean Kent
Michael Kulich
Jaime Lara
Jose Leon
Giovanni Lopez
Ernest Magallan
Ronald Martinez
George Mellone
Gale Michalek
Jose Moncada
David Morales
Ernesto Morales

Bill Moua
Yeng Moua
Francisco Mundo, Jr.
Roberto Paz-Murillo
Nicholas Pregovisk
Reynold Ramirez
Orlando Pinedo
Manuel Ramos
Bryan Ruiz-Herrera
Dana Saccullo
Maxwell Schmittger
Jorge Suarez, Jr.
Trudi Teller
Jaime Urzua
Michael Wolfe
Jim Zupkus

This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee): Carlos Prado Won \$5.00 and donated it back

Apprentice Give-Away: \$23.40—Rigoberto Garcia

Give-Away Winners:

Aaron Monroy won an IBEW Local 24 sweatshirt
 Carlos Prado won a t-shirt donated by Jeremy Bigham
 James Stanchfield won an IBEW local 46 t-shirt
 Ricardo Vasquez won a Milwaukee tool bag

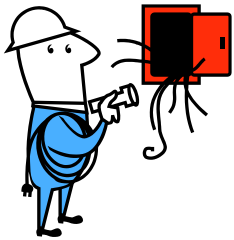
Quote of the Month

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

- Oprah Winfrey.

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 PM

Face masks are required for entry into building



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 HOLIDAY	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 General Body Meeting @ 6:30PM	13	14	15
16	17 HOLIDAY	18 JATC Meeting @ 4:00PM Significant Changes @ 5:30PM	19	20	21	22 CPR / First Aid 8:00AM—1:00PM
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	27	28	29



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