

IBEW Local 234

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Building Stronger Together

Monterey Bay, CA

Happy February to all! I hope this month is starting off on a positive note for you all. Let's not forget it will soon be Valentine's Day! To all of the gentlemen out there, Trust Me, don't believe your significant other when they tell you they don't like flowers. Roses are always a great choice!

Now, on to the business at hand. I am thrilled to report that attendance at our Union meetings has been on the rise, and this is a testament to the strong sense of community and commitment that exists within IBEW Local 234. This increased participation is greatly appreciated and is a clear indication that our members are passionate about their careers and are eager to stay engaged and informed.

I believe in the importance of Solidarity and Communication, and these are values that are critical to our success. When we work together and stay connected, we are able to achieve great things and make positive changes in our industry and in our community.

In addition to staying connected and working together, it is also important that we invest in our personal and professional development. That's why we are proud to offer California state certification prep classes, the Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP), and much more to come. By participating in these programs, our members can acquire new skills, expand their knowledge, and enhance their careers.

As we move forward, we remain focused on business development and expanding our reach and opportunities. IBEW Local 234 is open for business and sharing the message will create new opportunities and assist in building out a brighter future! With your support and the commitment of our leadership, I am confident that we will continue to thrive and grow.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Membership. I appreciate and get excited to see both new and seasoned IBEW members collaborating, meeting, and getting to know each other. The friendships, personal story sharing, empathy for one another, and the Brotherhood we share at Local 234 is special and must be acknowledged. I would like to encourage you to stay engaged and make a positive impact on your Union, because you are important and your input is appreciated.

Paul Gutierrez



Business Manager

Join Our State Certification Prep Classes

We are thrilled to announce a fantastic opportunity for all of our Members! Our esteemed instructor, David Martinez, will be leading a series of Electrician State Certification prep classes, aimed at helping our members pass their state certification exams with flying colors.

We understand the importance of obtaining your state certification, and we want to help you every step of the way. This is why we have teamed up with David Martinez, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field and classroom, to bring you the best prep classes possible. These classes will be tailored specifically to the requirements of the state certification exam, ensuring that you are well-prepared and confident on the day of the test.

By taking these classes, you will not only be increasing your chances of passing the certification exam, but you will also be increasing your marketability as a skilled electrician. Obtaining state certification demonstrates your commitment to the trade and showcases your expertise to potential employers and clients. This can lead to greater job opportunities, and increased job satisfaction.

We encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity and take their careers to the next level.

So, don't wait! Sign up for these prep classes today and start on your journey towards obtaining your state certification. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting you every step of the way.

Contact Stacy at (831)741-9069 or stacy@tricountyjatc.org to sign up. Classes tentatively scheduled to begin in April.



Stepping Up To The Challenge

Exciting news!

Our Examining Board is coordinating and will be beginning Hands-on Journeyman Exams starting April 1st. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to improve their classification and enhance their skills.

We understand the importance of staying current with the latest techniques and technologies in our field, and the Hands-on Journeyman Exams are an excellent way to achieve this. Not only will passing the exam demonstrate your proficiency, but it will also lead to greater job opportunities.

We encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity and sign up for the exams. Our Examining Board will be available to answer any questions and assist with the process.

Let's strive for excellence and continue to grow as skilled tradesmen. Improving our classification through the Hands-on Journeyman Exams will benefit not only the individual but also our entire Local Union.

Michael Brown will work with our Members to facilitate testing with the Examining Board. Contact Mike at (831)731-0927 or email mike@ibew234.org

Score Big with Monterey Bay FC Soccer Tickets

We are excited to bring you the opportunity to attend Monterey Bay FC soccer games with our season tickets!

With the support of our Union, you and three friends can experience all the excitement and energy of live soccer action. These tickets are not just a great way to spend a day out, but also an opportunity to bond with your family, friends, and fellow Union members.

We will be raffling off all four tickets at each of our monthly Union meetings.

This is a fantastic chance for one lucky member to enjoy the games with their friends and family. Home opener will be on Saturday, March 11th.

We hope to see you at the next union meeting and cheer on Monterey Bay FC.



Take Time to Celebrate Local 234's Holiday Schedule

We would like to take a moment to share our Holiday schedule for the year.

We understand that it is important to spend time with family and friends, and we want to make sure that our members have the time they need to do so.

We will be closed on the following holidays:

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New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

(observed the third Monday in January)

President's Day

(observed the third Monday in February)

Memorial Day

(observed the last Monday in May)

Fourth of July

Labor Day

(observed the first Monday in September)

Veteran's Day—November 11th

(observed Friday, November 10th)

Thanksgiving Day and Day After

(observed the fourth Thursday in November and the day)

Christmas Eve—December 24th

(observed Friday, December 22nd)

Christmas Day—December 25th

New Year's Eve—December 31st

(observed Friday, December 29th)

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Floating Holidays:

Friday, May 26, 2023

Friday, September 1, 2023

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

Advance Your Skills With Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program

Stay ahead of the Game!

We are excited to announce a new and innovative training opportunity for our electricians! The Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) is now available for sign-ups, and we encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity to expand their skill set and knowledge in this rapidly growing field.



The EVITP program is a 20-hour online course that provides comprehensive training on the design, installation, and maintenance of electrical vehicle charging systems. Upon completion of the online course, members will take a one-hour proctored exam to demonstrate their understanding of the material covered. Online access to the course will begin on April 1st, and members will have a specified amount of time to complete the course.

This training program is an excellent opportunity for our members to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to work in the exciting and rapidly growing field of electric vehicle infrastructure. As the demand for electric vehicles continues to grow, so does the need for qualified electricians with expertise in this area. By participating in the EVITP program, our members will be positioning themselves to take advantage of the numerous job opportunities that exist in this field.

We understand the importance of staying current in an ever-evolving industry, and we are committed to providing our members with the training and education they need to succeed. We encourage all members to sign up for the EVITP program and take their careers to the next level.

To sign up for the EVITP program, please contact Stacy at (831)741-9069 or Stacy@tricountyjatc.org. We look forward to seeing our members participate in this exciting training opportunity!

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez has scheduled a **Significant Changes** class for **Tuesday, February 21st from 5:30—8:30 pm.**

This is a once a month class. Please note that while you are still welcome to drop in for the class, we encourage you to sign up if you plan to attend. This will ensure that if the class is cancelled or postponed, you will get a call notifying you of the change.

Please call Stacy at (831) 741-9069 to sign up.

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is re-scheduled for **March—Dates TBD**

Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

Please call Stacy at (831) 741-9069 to sign up.

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!

****Please Note: This is NOT a drop-in class—sign up is required****

Secure Your Future With Local 234's 401k



We are thrilled to announce a fantastic opportunity for our Members! We have established a 401(k) plan, and we encourage all members to participate in this exciting and valuable benefit. With this plan, you can invest in your future and secure a comfortable retirement.

One of the best things about the 401(k) plan is that it is easy to manage. Members can check their portfolio online at any time and make changes as needed. This means that members have full control over their investments and can make informed decisions about their retirement savings.

Investing in a 401(k) plan is a smart way to prepare for the future. The earlier members start investing, the more time their money has to grow. Plus, contributions to a 401(k) plan are tax-deferred, which means that members can reduce their taxable income in the current year and enjoy the benefits of compounding over time.

We understand the importance of preparing for retirement and providing our members with the tools they need to achieve financial security. The 401(k) plan is just one of the many benefits we offer to support our members and help them achieve their financial goals.

So, don't wait! Take control of your future and participate in the 401(k) plan today. Our team is here to answer any questions you may have and help you get started.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

2023 Scholarship Opportunities!

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 31, 2023**. 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 **2023**. 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.

Happy February Birthdays!

James Brown
Stanley Chen
Travis Chiapella
Ira Franklin
Erik Fritz
Mohammed Garaan
Ivan Garcia Ponce
Richard Giovannoni
Jonathan Goddard
Anthony Grandelli
Rick Keaton

Paul Laoretti
Jorge Mendoza
Ulises Mendoza
Alan Minami
Kirk Morrison
Joshua Murray
Michael Nickals
Jared Palmer
Richard Regier
Steve Rios
Paul Rivas

Gerard Rogers
Keith Rudd
Robert Scardina
Erik Schappert
Carlos Souza
William Stadtmiller
Theodor Teman
Per Trondhjem
Heber Tuazon
Ricardo Vasquez
Derek Webster

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 **Jan 2023** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

5th-year: Alejandro Murguia

For **Feb 2023** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

4th-year: Angel Lopez-Magana

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.



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

C.O.P.E.: \$5.00 - Luis Rodriguez

Apprentice Give-Away: \$23.40— No apprentice present

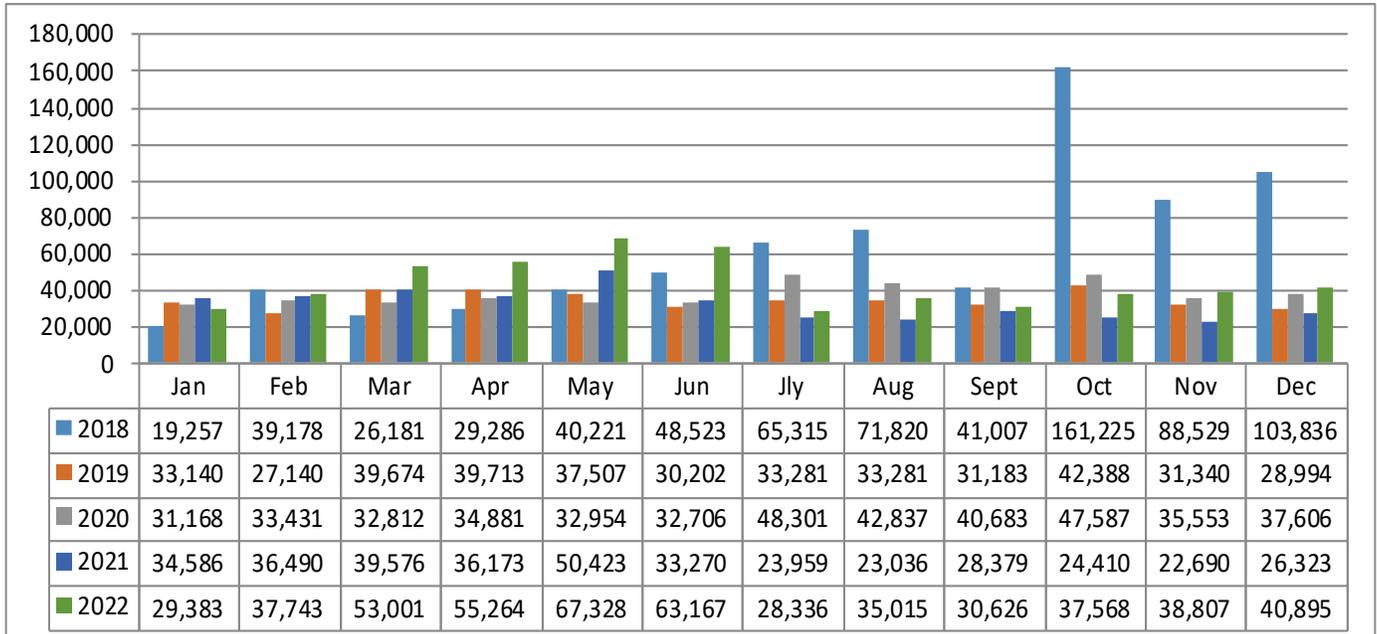
Give-Away Winners:

IBEW cup - Nick Luczak
IBEW shirt - Thomas Bell
License plate frame - Nick
IBEW Money Clip—Nicholas Beck - John Agra

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 PM at the Union Hall.

Monthly Hours Report



February 2023

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



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