

# *IBEW Local 234*

## *Union Tribune*

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### **Generational Knowledge**

Happy Cinco de Mayo everyone! My old buddy Dale Gunwall used to say "Don't have too much Drinko this Cinco."

As we begin the month of May, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the importance of generational knowledge and its impact on the future of our Union. Passing down knowledge and skills from one generation to the next is a time-honored tradition at Local 234 that is essential for the continuity of our craft and the growth and success of our Union.

We all understand the significance of generational knowledge and are committed to ensuring that future generations have the necessary tools and knowledge to continue to advance our industry. We cannot take for granted the valuable contributions made by those who have come before us, and we must continue to build upon their foundation to achieve our shared goals.

While I am honored to serve as your Business Manager, I want to emphasize that the strides we have made are a result of the collective effort and input of You our Membership. Your ideas, suggestions, and feedback have been invaluable in shaping the vision and direction of our Union.

As we move forward, I want to remind everyone of the Special called meeting taking place on May 10th, where we will vote on the purchase of 747 El Camino Rd., the selling of our property on Tembladera Road, and the decoupling from the JATC. These transactions are critical to the future of our Union, and I am confident that the choices made will be in the best interest of our Membership.

I urge all Members to attend the meeting and participate in the voting process. Your involvement and engagement are critical to the success of our Union. This is not just my vision, but our vision as a Union, and we must continue to work together to achieve our shared goals.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to IBEW Local 234. Together, we can continue to build a brighter future for ourselves and future generations.

Salud,

Paul Gutierrez



Business Manager

# *Building Our Future*



We have commissioned an opportunity to purchase a beautiful piece of property located at 747 El Camino Rd. in Salinas. This property is comprised of more than 10 acres with over 12,000 square feet of usable space, and it offers countless opportunities for our Union to grow and flourish.

Aside from the advantages that come with the ample space and modern facilities, this purchase would also give us the pride of ownership. As members of IBEW Local 234, we understand the value of ownership and how it can elevate our Union to new heights.

The question that we must ask ourselves is, do we want our future generations to be tenants or owners? By purchasing this property, we are securing the future of our Union and giving future generations the opportunity to thrive and build upon our foundation.

This purchase is an investment in ourselves and our future. It will provide us with the stability, resources, and space that we need to achieve our goals and make a real impact in our Electrical industry.

The decision to purchase this property is about securing our future and creating a legacy that we can all be proud of for generations to come.





## *Turning Dirt into Gold*



The opportunities continue to present themselves! We will also be voting on the approval to sell our property on Tembladera Road. This property has served as a valuable asset to our Union.

As we move forward into a new era of growth and opportunity, this sale will provide us with the resources needed to invest in our future and ensure our strength and stability. It is important that we make decisions that will benefit our Union both now and for future generations.

I want to thank each and every one of our Members for their unwavering support and commitment to the success of our Union.

## *Congratulations Class of 2023*



Brothers and Sisters, I am pleased to announce the upcoming graduation of our fifth-year apprenticeship class. On May 19th, we will celebrate the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our graduates as they embark on the next stage of their journey as Journeymen Wiremen. This is a momentous achievement, and I am proud to say that our program has once again produced highly skilled and knowledgeable electricians.

Our apprenticeship program is one of the most comprehensive in the country, and I am confident that our graduates are ready to take on any challenge that comes their way. Through hands-on training, classroom instruction, and mentorship from experienced Journeymen, they have honed their skills and knowledge of the electrical industry.

To our graduates, I want to say congratulations on this remarkable achievement. You have worked tirelessly to reach this point, and I am confident that you will continue to make us proud as you begin your careers as Journeymen Wiremen. You are the future of our Union, and I look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the years to come.

Congratulations Joel Berruoco, Sklyer Blean, Giovanni Lopez, Ernest Magallan, Alejandro Murguia, Kevin Page, Darien Rosbach, Bryan Ruiz-Herrera, Edgar Velasquez, and Zachary Warner

# *Opportunities for Business Ownership*

Have you ever considered becoming an Electrical Contractor? Are you currently seeking the path to owning your own electrical business? If so, I am excited hear from you!

As a Union, we believe in lifting up our Membership and providing opportunities for business ownership. The benefits of having more contractors within our Membership are numerous, and I believe it will only strengthen us as a Union. Imagine if we were able to create the opportunity for three new Members every year to become contractors - in just five years we could have 15 new contractors within our ranks.



There is a 3-day course taught by Matt Kulbinsky of Pro Labor Consulting, designed to teach individuals everything they need to know to begin a career as an electrical contractor. This course is a unique opportunity for our Members to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to start their own businesses.

I urge any members who are interested in becoming an electrical contractor and taking the course to please reach out to Mike Brown at 831-731-0927.

Let's continue to invest in ourselves and our Union by providing these opportunities for growth and success.

## *New Member Orientation: Join Us*

Attention all IBEW Local 234 Members, are you looking to learn more about your benefits and the workings of our Union? Look no further! We will be holding a "New Member" orientation June 14th at 5:00pm prior to the General Body meeting. This orientation is open to all members, including spouses, and will provide valuable information on everything from our benefit plans to the employment process.

For those who have recently graduated from our apprenticeship program, this orientation is especially crucial. As you transition into life as a Journeyman Wireman, it's important to understand the inner workings of our Union and all the resources available to you.

We encourage all new members, as well as any veteran members who may have questions or want a refresher, to attend this orientation.

Contact Mike Brown to register at (832)731-0927

We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming you into the IBEW Local 234 family!



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# *Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News*

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If you are interested in signing up for any of the classes listed below, please call Damaris in the JATC Office at (831) 633-3063

## *CPR/First Aid Certification Class*

A CPR/First Aid class is scheduled for **June 10, 2023 @ 8:00 AM—1:00 PM—Class is open to all**

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

\*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\*\***

## *Fluke Power Quality Applications*

Saturday, June 24th from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM—Class is open to all.

**\*\*Space is limited—sign-up only—NO drop-ins allowed \*\***

## *Fiber Optics Classes*

We are working to expand our course offerings to include fiber optics classes. The courses will cover terminations, testing, and much more!

The JATC is committed to providing our Members with the latest industry knowledge and training, and we believe these new courses will help us achieve that goal.

Stay tuned

## *Congratulations on Completing Class*

**3M Medium Voltage Termination and Splicing —4/25/2023**

Jeff Beers, Will Clough, Eric Guzman, David Martinez, Sam Martinez, Zach Moore, Chris Olsen, Roberto Paz-Murillo, Carlos Prado, Nick Pregovisk, Enrique Ramos, Matt Rivas, Juan A. Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Jack Russo, Erik Schapert, Adrian Silva, and Jacob Taylor

**3M Cable Splicing & Taping—4/26/2023**

Amauri Arista, Jeff Beers, Michael Bradley, Felix Cortez, Jose Gomez, Michael Julian, Javier D. Martinez, Zach Moore, Joseph Reyna, Jack Russo, Adrian Silva, Jacob Taylor, Chris Olsen, Patricio Ortiz, and Carlos Prado

## *Happy May Birthdays!*

Francisco Aldape, Jr  
Jose Amezcua  
Justin Anderson  
Trinidad Avila  
Issac Azua, Sr  
Salvador Barajas  
Rigoberto Benavidez  
Clint Byrum  
Paul Chapin  
Laurie Clark  
Adam Cullers  
Terry Currence  
Michael Delgado  
Alexander Elliott  
David Espinoza

Gary Fenn  
Michael Freeman  
Jose Garcia, Jr  
Fount Hanson  
Glenn Hanson  
Kasey Jeska  
Beau Kelly  
Tyler Kendall  
Robert Kirby  
Ronald Lance  
Alex Lara  
Jason Lawrence  
Christian Lopez  
Leo Lotz  
Felix Mabelo  
Jonathon Marquez, Jr

Aaron Maxwell  
James McGee, II  
Jose Munoz  
David Novarina  
Federico Ortega  
Omar Padilla  
Charles Perkins  
Kevin Pitts  
Kevin Rategan  
Irlesis Rodriguez  
Darien Rosbach  
Tommy Sims  
Robert Tangonan  
Will Thompson  
Bernie Wall

## *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 **May 2023** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

### **3rd-year: Roberto Alanis Aguilar**

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 - Jeff Beers—donated back

**Apprentice Give-Away:** \$23.40— Joaquin Argueta

### **Give-Away Winners:**

Soccer tickets - John Agra

Soccer tickets— Jeff Beers—donated to Richard Edwards

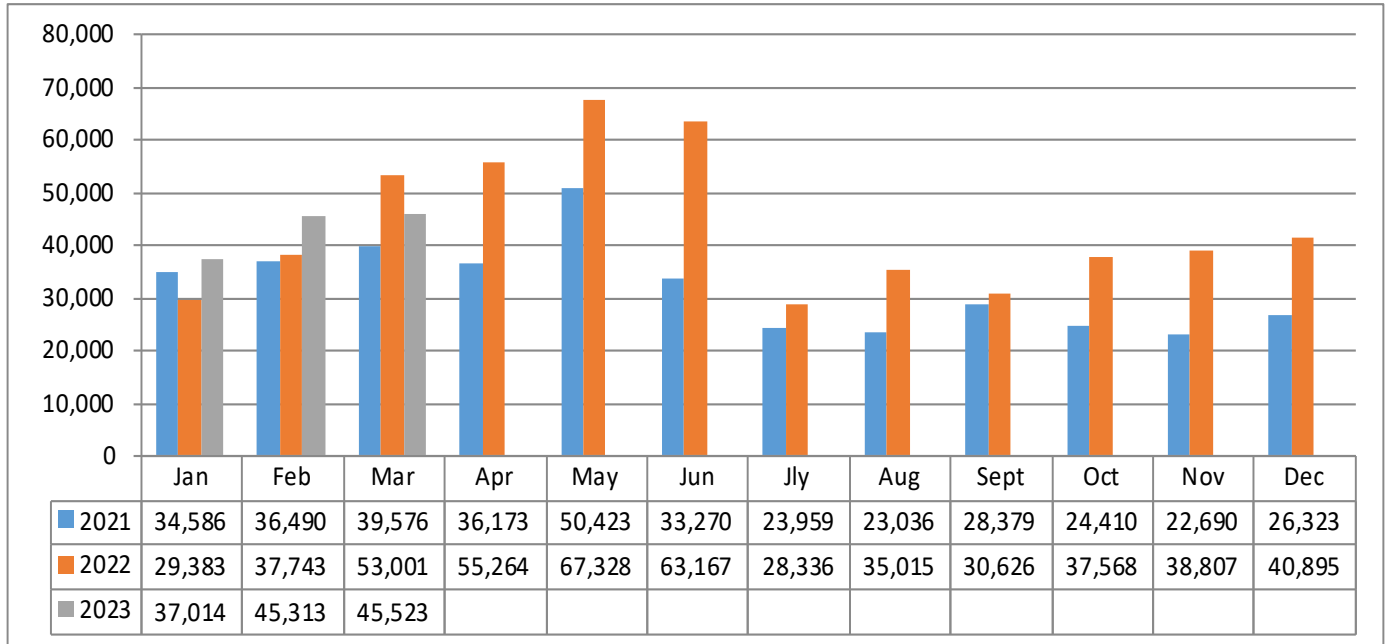
IBEW tape measure - Amauri Arista

IBEW license plate frame—Jaime Hernandez—donated to Eric Guerrero

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM at the Union Hall.

# Monthly Hours Report



## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	11	12	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15	16 JATC Meeting @ 4:00PM	17	18	19 Apprenticeship Graduation	20
21	22	23	24 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	25	26 HOLIDAY	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	30	31			





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