

# Official Journal of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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## REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Happy Independence Day all! Summer is officially here so make sure to welcome the new season with your favorite activities.

As I approach the end of my first year in office as your Business Manager, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and pride. It has been a great start to what will be a remarkable journey, and I am honored to serve you, the dedicated and hardworking members of Local 234. Together, we have already achieved significant milestones and laid the groundwork for a prosperous road ahead. In the past year, we have set ambitious goals and worked tirelessly to fulfill them. We have focused on strengthening our Local Union, enhancing Member benefits, and positioning ourselves for growth and success. The dedication and commitment of our team, including the officers and staff, have been instrumental in driving positive change and achieving tangible results.

We have embraced the power of strategic planning and envisioning a future where our Union thrives. I am immensely proud of the progress we have made. We have implemented initiatives to improve member services, opportunities, engagement, and enhance training and development opportunities.

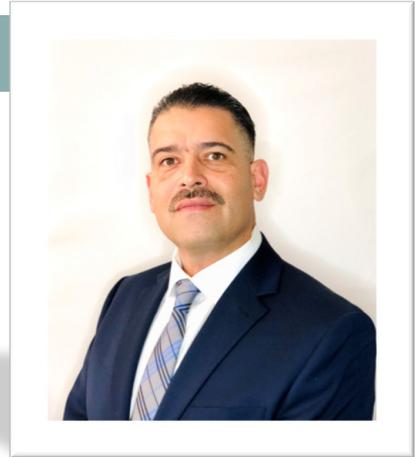
These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our Membership. Your trust in me and your active participation in our Union's activities have been truly inspiring. It is your commitment to our shared values and your determination to make a difference that drives us forward.

As we look ahead, I am filled with excitement for the road that lies before us. We have laid a solid foundation, but our work is far from over. Together, we will continue to pursue excellence, advance our industry, and champion the rights and increased benefits for our Members.

In solidarity,

*Paul G*

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1st Year in Office!
- Work Picture
- Acquisition of New Hall!

## Introducing Anita: Your Partner in health

We are delighted to introduce Anita, our dedicated nurse advocate, who joins our team with a wealth of experience and a passion for supporting the well being of others. Anita's role is to serve as your advocate and guide in navigating the complexities of our healthcare system and to ensure you have the resources and support needed to maintain a healthy and fulfilling life.

With Anita's expertise and compassionate approach, she will be your trusted ally, providing valuable assistance in understanding your healthcare benefits, accessing quality care, and addressing any concerns or questions you may have. From helping you find the right healthcare providers to assisting with claims and coordinating medical services, Anita is here to lend a helping hand and ensure you receive the support you deserve. She is ready to listen, support, and provide the necessary resources to help you and your loved ones lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

Nurse Anita contact info and bio coming to all via email. Let us welcome Anita to our family!

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## CELEBRATING THE ACQUISITION OF OUR NEW UNION HALL

With great joy and immense pride I'd like to announce that the acquisition of our new Union Hall at 747 El Camino Real is complete. This momentous occasion signifies our unwavering commitment to providing a strong foundation for our Members and amplifying our collective voice.

Nestled on over 10 acres of prime real estate, our Union Hall will become more than just a physical space; it becomes a symbol of unity, progress, and limitless possibilities. It will serve as a sanctuary where ide-

as flourish, skills are honed, and relationships are forged.

This transformative space will be the cornerstone of our Union's growth, offering unparalleled opportunities.

We extend our deepest gratitude to every individual who played a part in bringing this vision to fruition. From the dedicated members who tirelessly advocated for this moment, to our community partners who rallied behind our cause, and to the visionary leaders who paved the way, we are indebted to your

unwavering support.

Now, as we embark on this new chapter, let us remember the true significance of our Union Hall. It represents more than a structure; it symbolizes the collective strength, resilience, and determination of our Union. Together, we will continue to push boundaries, set new benchmarks of excellence, and create a legacy that will inspire future generations.

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## THE UNLEASHING OF OPPORTUNITIES:

The past month has been filled with remarkable achievements, unwavering commitment, and an abundance of opportunities for our dedicated members. June brought us an exceptional surge of job calls, with a total of 32 long calls for our Journeyman Wiremen.

Each call represents an opportunity for growth, a chance to showcase your skills, and a stepping stone towards a brighter future. Your unwavering commitment to professionalism, safety, and quality craftsmanship has undoubtedly played a significant role in securing these opportunities.

We take immense pride in our members who have answered the call, showcasing their expertise, knowledge, and dedication to every project they undertake. Your exceptional work ethic, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to excellence have earned the respect and admiration of clients and colleagues alike. Together, we continue to raise the bar and define the standard of quality in our industry.

## THE POWER OF GROWTH:

We proudly welcome 13 new 1st year apprentices this next school year. These individuals have embarked on a path that will shape their careers and our industry for years to come.

The apprentices, chosen for their passion, dedication, and potential, represent the future of our trade. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to learning, a desire to excel, and a willingness to embrace the challenges that lie ahead. We congratulate them on being selected and extend our warmest welcome as they begin their apprenticeship journey.

The apprenticeship program serves as a cornerstone of our Union, fostering the growth and development of skilled electricians who will carry our legacy forward. Through a comprehensive curriculum and hands-on training, these apprentices will learn the intricacies of the trade, acquire essential skills, and gain valuable experience under the guidance of our experienced journeymen. It is our firm belief that investing in apprenticeship programs is investing in the future of our industry. By providing these individuals with the tools, knowledge, and support they need, we are cultivating a skilled workforce that will uphold our values of excellence, safety, and professionalism.

To our esteemed journeymen, we express our deepest gratitude for opening your hearts and sharing your expertise with our apprentices. Your mentorship and guidance will play a pivotal role in shaping their growth, helping them navigate the complexities of the trade, and instilling in them the core values of our union.

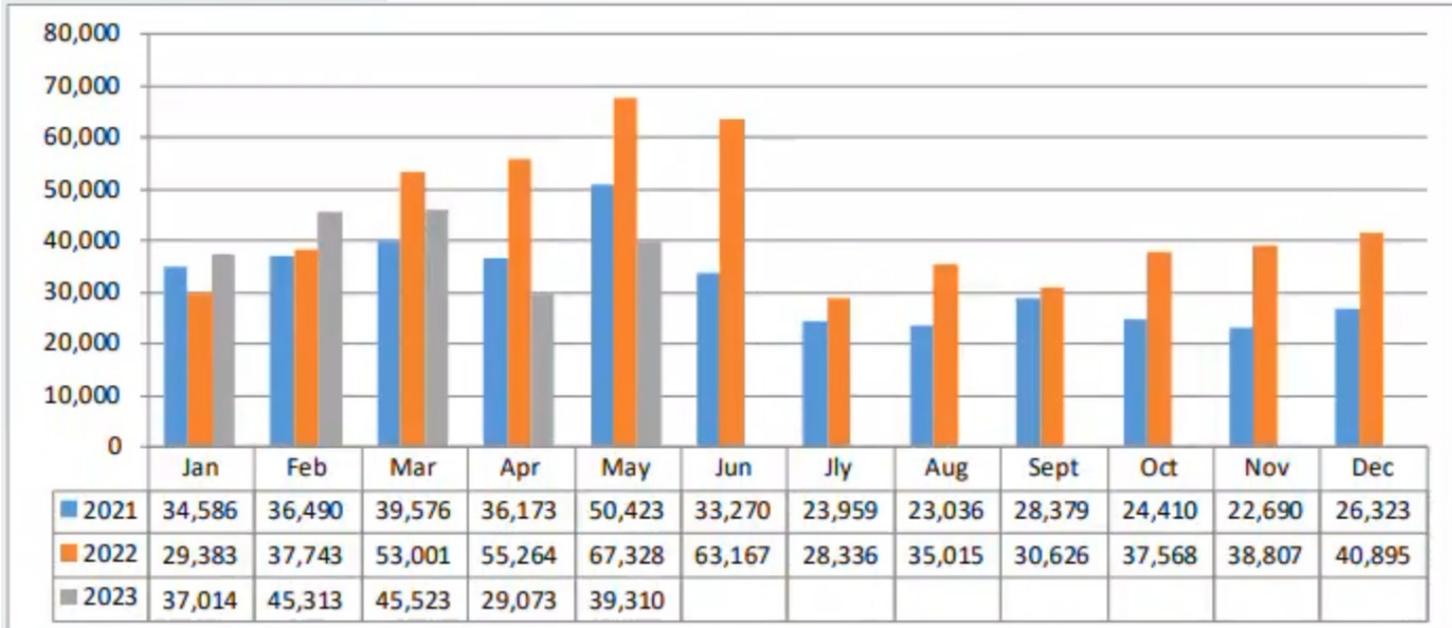
As we celebrate the beginning of this new chapter, let us reaffirm our commitment to the growth, development, and empowerment of our members. Together, we will continue to shape an industry that values craftsmanship, professionalism, and solidarity. The future is in our hands, and with each apprentice we welcome, we move one step closer to a stronger, brighter tomorrow for all.



Happy July Birthdays!

Johnny Baker  
Nicholas Beck  
Priscilla Cerna  
Bradley Conger  
Sean Connors  
L. Earl Davis  
Seth Dietz  
Philip DiGirolamo  
Juan Dimas  
Stevan Gamez  
Andrew Gaona  
Fred Geiger  
Michael Gruber  
Scott Harris  
Jaime Hernandez  
Randy Hill  
Richard Hoerger  
Tonnie Humphrey  
James Hurtado, Jr  
Dennis Ihnot  
Stan Klasa  
Matthew Kulich  
Enrique Lara  
Alan Lopez  
Greg Maggini  
Vincent Matyas  
Robert McClung  
Jose Melgarejo  
Arturo Melgoza  
Robert Meloney  
Mario Mladineo  
William Moua  
Jake Myhre  
Adalberto Padilla  
Carlos Prado  
Josiah Ramos  
Alberto Rangel  
Jose Recio, Jr  
Trey Repogle  
Michael Rippey  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
John Rodriguez  
David Silva  
Michael Stevenson  
Josh Stockton  
Raymond Sykes  
Murray Temple  
Ezequiel Torres  
Robert Valenzuela, Jr  
Carlos Vargas  
Andrew Vasconcellos  
James Walker

## MONTHLY HOURS REPORT



## MONTHLY CALENDAR: JULY 2023

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

# Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

## Upcoming Classes:

**A CPR/First Aid:** This 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 Class:** This class is being re-scheduled—everyone on the sign-up sheet will be notified of the new date shortly.

## Foreman Development Series:

The series begins on Saturday, July 8th from 8am –3pm with instructor Ryan Porter. Please note that space is limited to 10 an sign-up is required. NO DROP-INS. Also note that you may take as many classes as in the series as you’d like however to get a certification, you must complete all 16 modules (there will be 2 modules completed per class). Please contact Damaris in the JATC office to get your name on the list at (831) 633-3063.

**EVITP Test Proctoring:** June 17th 2023

## UNLOCKING THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE

We are delighted to recognize and express our gratitude to Andres Laureano for his exceptional teaching of this summers 40-hour motor controls class. Andres, with his vast knowledge and expertise, has brought a new level of excitement and engagement to the classroom.

One of the standout features of this year's class is the incorporation of hands-on labs. By applying theoretical concepts to real-life scenarios, our apprentices are gaining practical skills that will serve them well throughout their careers. These interactive sessions not only deepen their understanding but also make the learning process fun and engaging.

Thank you to Andres for his exceptional teaching, and congratulations to our apprentices for their dedication and progress in the 40-hour motor controls class.

## Class completions:

OSHA 10

April / May

Jasper Gonzalez

Priscilla Cerna

Angel Mendoza

Jonas Delgado-Hurtado

Dave Alonzo

Felix Cortez

Armando Munoz

David Salinas

Jose Gomez

Oscar Rivero

Amauri Arista

Jose Castaneda

Joseph Reyna

Noe Arana

Michael Bradley

Michael Julian

## IBEW OBJECTIVES

The objects of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are:

- ◆ To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions,
- ◆ To cultivate feelings of friendship among those of our industry,
- ◆ To settle all disputes between employer and employees by arbitration ( if possible ),
- ◆ To assist each other in sickness and distress,
- ◆ To secure employment,
- ◆ To reduce the hours of daily labor,
- ◆ To secure adequate pay for our work,
- ◆ To seek a higher and higher standard o of living,
- ◆ And by legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social conditions of our members, their families and dependents, in the interest of a higher standard of citizenship.

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## CONTRACTOR CLASS RESERVED FOR 2024!

The highly anticipated contractor class, taught by the renowned Matt Kolbinsky of Pro Union Consulting, has been officially reserved for January 22-26, 2024. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details to come!

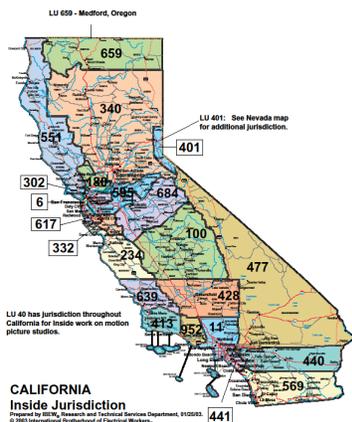
This class presents a tremendous opportunity for our Members to develop the skills and knowledge needed to thrive as electrical contractors. By bringing the training to our own backyard, we are maximizing convenience and accessibility for our members.

Matt Kolbinsky, with his extensive experience and expertise, will guide participants through a comprehensive curriculum designed to equip them with the tools for success in the contracting world. From business management strategies to industry best practices, this course will empower our members to take charge of their own businesses and seize new opportunities.

By investing in the development of our members as contractors, we are strengthening our Union and expanding our presence in the market. The benefits of this class extend beyond individual growth; they contribute to the collective success of our Union as we strive to gain market share.

We encourage all interested members to seize this incredible opportunity and embark on a journey towards business ownership and increased professional fulfillment.

Don't miss out on this game-changing opportunity and get ready to take your career to new heights as we unlock the doors to success in the contracting world.



### In the Office

**Paul Gutierrez**  
 Business Manager/  
 Financial Secretary

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 CAO/Assistant  
 Business Manager

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 Business  
 Development/  
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