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Local 234 Castroville, CA. October 2023 Edition

Community Engagement

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As October creeps in, and the daylight fades earlier it's a delightful time of year again—Halloween! As our kids hit the streets in search of sweets and treats let's remember to prepare the flashlights, be safe, and have a spooktacular month!

Just like a perfectly carved pumpkin, our Unity shines bright. Together, we are a formidable force, and our commitment to each other and our communities is unwavering. As we look ahead, we're on the hunt for opportunities to make a difference in our own neighborhoods.

That's where you come in! I'd like to rally the Local 234 troops for an exciting mission. In the spirit of community and togetherness, I encourage interested members to attend a Santa Cruz City Council meeting with us in October.

Why, you ask? Well, we have a host of our fellow Members residing in Santa Cruz and Santa Cruz County, and it's a fantastic chance for us to connect and contribute to this vibrant community.

Imagine the positive impact we could make, not just as electricians, but as community leaders and advocates. Let's show Santa Cruz City Council our dedication, our values, and our willingness to roll up our sleeves and get involved.

So, keep an eye on your email for the date and time of this meeting. Let's make it a fun, spirited gathering where we proudly represent Local 234. And hey, we might learn a thing or two about our local government while we're at it!

As we continue moving forward together, we can light up not only our homes but also our communities with positivity and progress.

Have a fang-tastic October, everyone!

In solidarity,

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THE HEALTH CORNER

Happy Fall!

During this time of year, we celebrate many holidays, often with others, and indoors. Chances of getting infections like the common cold, flu, RSV, and COVID-19 virus are greater.

To prevent and decrease chances of getting sick this season:

Get a Flu and RSV vaccine:

The CDC states best time to get them are September and October. Available from your medical provider and local pharmacies. You can also schedule an appt at: MyTurn.ca.gov

Stay up to date on COVID-

19 vaccine series: New updated single dose is available. Available from your medical provider, pharmacies, or go online at: MyTurn.ca.gov to schedule.

Wash your hands: Frequent handwashing with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.

Consider wearing a mask, in Indoor Public Places
If you are feeling sick, stay home. Test for Covid-19.

As a reminder, I am available to assist you with health care needs and questions. Please reach out to me.

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747 El Camino Real Update

Our Union Hall transformation is well underway, and we're excited to share the latest update on this remarkable project. The building has seen remarkable changes with the completion of painting and flooring, bringing us closer to a stunning final product.

With each passing day, we come closer to the completion of this project—a Union Hall that not only serves as a functional space but also stands as a testament to our commitment to excellence. We eagerly anticipate the day when we can unveil the finished product to our members.

The result of our collective effort is taking shape, and it's a sight to behold. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to the grand reveal!



Wage Allocation Meeting

We invite and remind you to mark your calendars for the upcoming General Body Union Meeting on October 11th.

This gathering isn't just any meeting; it's a chance for each member to have a say in shaping our future. The highlight of the evening will be a crucial vote on where to allocate the \$4.25 raise, set to take effect in December. This decision will directly impact you and your fellow members, determining how this financial boost will be put to use.

We want to stress the importance of your presence at this meeting. To cast your vote and ensure your voice is heard, members must be present. It's an opportunity to actively participate in the decision-making process of our Union.

Your input and perspective are invaluable, as they help guide our Union's direction and priorities. Together, we can make informed decisions that benefit us all. So, please make every effort to show up and join us on October 11th.

Will You Volunteer?

Shout out to Enrique Ramos and Bryan Ruiz Herrera for coming out to help at our new location this month! They helped us remove the old lighting fixtures and much more! Please contact Jorge at 831-731-0368 for the next big push of installing our new lighting fixtures!

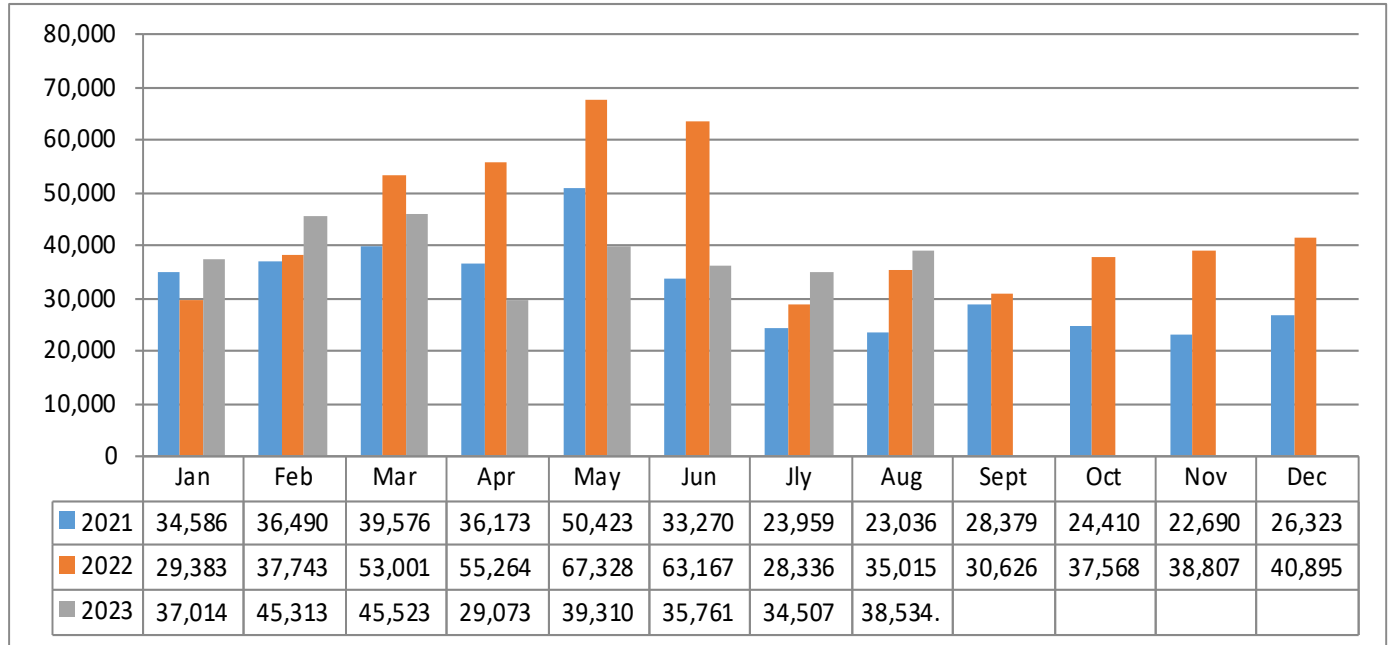


Happy October Birthdays!

Justin J Adkins
Timothy J Albers
Abel Alvarez
Roderick D Anda
Douglas (Evan) E Anderson
Michael Anderson
William B Bewley
Jason Brown
Kenneth A Brown
Matthew C Buck
Jason R Campbell
Jacob J Carroll
Francisco Chavez
Samuel Chavez
David Cobos
Edward Colbert
John Constanza
Edward T Cook, Jr.
Steve L Crosley
Ron Cuilla
John W Darrow
Andreas DiSalvi
Robert C Eastland
Jose M Evangelista
Victor M Flores
Randall H Fong
Trevor Freeman
Jay Freemyers
Jason Friedrich
Carlos Galvan
Derek Gardere
Michael Glass
Luis Gonzales
Joe A Gonzalez
Kenny Graeme
Seth M Grybow
Margarrito Gutierrez
Steven F Hadley
Kenneth J Hall
Charles Hambelton
Joey M Hanawalt
Steven Hannan
Michael Hecox
Ronald A Heimbuecher
Matt S Helton
Robert Hernandez
Thomas Hoss
Brandon S Howard
Gabriel Ibarra
Cesar Jacobo
James Jacobs
Steven E Jelich
Jeffrey E Johns
Dennis Johnson
Michael W Johnson
John R Kauer
Travis W Keegan
Paul U Khun

Reid B Knotts
Brent Kobernick
Hung V La
Bruce W Lage
Joseph T Leonard
Victor C Lester, Jr
Paolo G Macapinlac
Joraq S Magbanua
Ernest D Mathias
James L Mattheis
Chad McGinnis
Ismael Medina
Leopoldo Medina
Rafael Medina
Dale Miguel, Jr.
Parrish Murillo
Stephan R Naeger
Miguel A Navarro
Douglas L Nelson
Pedro M Ortega
Elias A Ortiz
Mario E Ortiz
Rocco C Pallante
Erich H Pann
Travis Parker
David J Percival
Robert G Perez
Michael G Pettit
Jorge Quinto
Jose G Rabaya
Chris M Ramirez
Jorge Ramirez
Luis A Reynoso
Jose L Rincon
Adrian Rodriguez de la Torre
Charles Rogers
Michael Sandoval
James Scavo
Andres Serrato Villanueva
James R Sheldon
Darren Shima
Shawn Shirley
Anthony W Silva
Mark C Simpson
John C Smith
Richard G Sotka
Jacob D Southern
James R Souza
James Stark
Roosevelt Thompson
Paul Torres
Luis Uranga
Jason Vandiver
Omar A Villeda Pacheco
Anthony Voroshuck
Brandon M Wachter
Mark Walker
Michael R Walker, Jr.
William M White
George W Wilson

Monthly Hours Report



Monthly Calendar: October 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| LMCC Quarterly Gift Cards | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | | Foreman Development Series |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) General Body Meeting | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | JATC Meeting Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| End of Pay Period | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) Executive Board Meeting | Apprenticeship Classes (2nd, 3rd, 5th Years) | | Foreman Development Series |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| | Apprenticeship Classes (1st, 4th Years) | Halloween | | | | |

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

UPCOMING CLASSES

Foreman Development

Series

instructor Ryan Porter

- Saturday, October 7th from 8am – 3pm ... covering Modules 13 & 14
- Saturday, October 28th from 8am – 3pm ... covering Modules 15 & 16 (completion of the series)

Contact Damaris in the JATC office at (831) 633-3063 to sign up.

****Please note that class size is limited and sign-up is required. This is NOT a drop-in class.**

CPR / First Aid with Blood-Borne Pathogens

This class is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4th from 8am – 1pm**. Instructor, Merralinda Goddard, will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR. Contact Damaris in the JATC office at (831) 633-3063 to sign up.

****Please note that class size is limited and sign-up is required. This is NOT a drop-in class. Also note that if you reserve a space and do not show up for the class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.**

Celebrating Unity and Community!

This year, we continued the tradition of Unity and Community at our Membership Appreciation Picnic held on September 16th at Toro Park. It was a day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the joy of coming together with our fellow Union members and their families.

The picnic was a resounding success, thanks to the support and participation of our dedicated members. The delicious food, lively entertainment for kids, including caricature drawings, face painting, and jump houses, created an atmosphere of fun and relaxation for everyone. It was heartwarming to witness the bonds forming between our Union family members, new and seasoned alike.

Events like the Membership Appreciation Picnic remind us of the strength and solidarity that define our Union. We also take this opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions of those who have paved the way for our Union's success. Their dedication and hard work continue to inspire us as we look toward the future.

As we move forward, let's carry the spirit of Unity and Appreciation with us. Our shared values and commitment to one another will continue to be the driving force behind our success as a Union.



Class completions:

CPR / First Aid

09/09/23

Anthony Brenkwitz, Will Clough, Israel Corona, Mateo Flota, Christian Lopez, Jake Myhre, Robert Ortiz Ayala, Ivan Ramirez, Matt Rivas, Luis Rodriguez, and Ricky Rodriguez

Foreman Dev Series

09/09/23

Alberto Aguilera, Richard Edwards, Mohammed Garaan, Angel Lopez-Magana, Armando Munoz, Oscar Rivero, David Salinas, and Juan Torres

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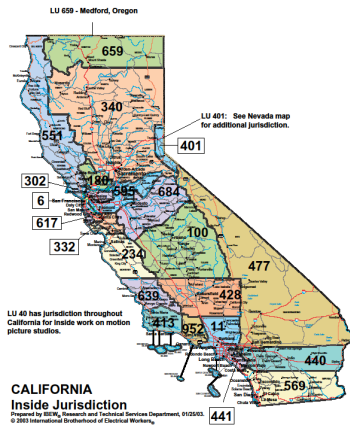
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IBEW OBJECTIVES

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 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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