



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

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

March 2026

Business Manager's Report

Brothers and Sisters of Local 234,

As spring approaches, this time of year has traditionally been one of the slower periods for our industry. Fortunately, this year is shaping up differently. We are seeing strong momentum, and job sites throughout our jurisdiction are preparing

to mobilize and begin work.

On the north side of our jurisdiction, the student housing project at **University of California, Santa Cruz's Kresge College** is in full swing. The project, led by Sprig Electric, currently has more than 60 of our members on site working hard to keep it moving forward.

At **Cabrillo College**, the UCSC student housing project is getting underway. Already, eight of our members are on site and getting the project out of the ground.

At **California State University, Monterey Bay**, Collins Electric has been awarded the Science and Engineering Building, which will be getting underway very soon.

In **Seaside**, the Monterey County Courts will be building their new courthouse facility. This work has been awarded to Cupertino Electric.

In **San Benito County**, Mig Electric is ramping up its field forces to commence a multi-phase project at San Juan Elementary. The project will unfold in several stages, including site preparation, electrical system installation, building rough-in, and final finishes—all while maintaining strict safety standards to ensure a smooth and efficient process from start to finish.

To the south, at **Fort Hunter Liggett**, we are celebrating the award of a new project: the 21,500-square-foot Network Enterprise Center. This facility

will house a command and operations center. Electricraft Inc. has been awarded this project. Each of these projects, led by trusted contractors like Electricraft Inc., Sprig Electric, Collins Electric, Cupertino Electric, and Mig Electric, will create meaningful opportunities for our members.

We're excited to see these projects take shape and the positive impact they will bring to our membership and our communities.

I want to remind our members to get in position to take calls for any of the projects mentioned above. Most contractors will require State Certification and Skilled & Trained qualifications. If you are missing any of these credentials, let us know—we're here to help you get qualified and ready for these opportunities.

After last month's inclement weather, March is the perfect time to refresh safety practices on the construction site: stay alert, wear your protective gear, follow all safety protocols, communicate hazards clearly with your team, and take extra care as the season changes to ensure every team member goes home safely.

In closing, always remember **IBEW Local 234** isn't just our union—it's our family. Proud, true, and loyal, we stand together through every challenge and every triumph.

In solidarity,
José Muñoz
Business Manager, IBEW Local 234
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Please reach out to me if you have any health-related questions or concerns:

Anita Alvarez, RN, PHN

Nurse/Member Health Advocate

Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Trust Fund

IBEW Local 234

Work #: 831-741-8677

Breaking Down BMI

BMI (body mass index) is a simple calculation that takes your weight and height into account to estimate your body fat percentage. Healthcare professionals use this screening tool to categorize individuals into different weight ranges from underweight to obese.

Why is it important?

Knowing your BMI can play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and preventing chronic diseases such as heart disease, arthritis, Type 2 diabetes, hypertension & certain cancers.

The higher your BMI, the more likely you are to develop these diseases.

BMI ranges:

For most adults, an ideal BMI is between 18.5 – 24.9.

If you're BMI is:

- ⇒ below 18.5 – you're in the underweight range.
- ⇒ between 18.5 and 24.9 – you're in the healthy weight range.
- ⇒ between 25 and 29.9 – you're in the overweight range.
- ⇒ above 30 - you're in the obese range.

- * To find out your BMI, you can click this link: [calculate your BMI here](#).
- * Another measurement to determine a healthy weight (good for body builders and seniors) is to measure your waist circumference.
 - For men, an unhealthy waist circumference is greater than 40 inches.
 - For women, an unhealthy waist circumference is greater than 35 inches.

By understanding your BMI you can make informed decisions about your health. Just making minor changes in diet, exercise, and lifestyle, can make a significant difference in your overall health, longevity, and wellbeing.

Please reach out to me if you have any health questions or if you need to find a health care provider. I can also provide health coaching re: diet/nutrition, exercise, and healthy lifestyle tips. I am here to support you!

John Barber at AFL-CIO Training

John joined more than fifty organizers at the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute (OI) 3-Day Training to sharpen his skills necessary to lead working people to win respect and dignity through forming a union. This training took place at the UFCW Local 324 Union Hall in Buena Park, CA, February 18 - 20, 2026 and was in partnership with the Orange County Labor Federation (OCLF).



56 Years of IBEW Local 234

Happy Anniversary to Local 234, the Local turns 56 on March 1st! Local 234 was chartered on March 1st, 1970 and is still going strong. We hope to see many more successful years for our Local. It wouldn't be as great or full of achievements without this solid group of members. Let's celebrate this milestone and keep working towards making this Local successful!

March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to U.S. history. From [Abigail Adams](#) to [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#) to [Rosa Parks](#), the [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States. Let's remember to celebrate and honor the women involved in Local 234 as well as the women in your life, who also help make Local 234 as great as it is.



Job Opportunities at Lhoist and Granite Rock

Both Lhoist and Granite Rock have an opening for an in-house Electrician. Lhoist has their Plant in Salinas and Granite Rock has their plant in Aromas. Industrial Electrical background with controls preferred. This is a stable Union position but does not pay Journeyman rates. If you or someone you know is looking for a long term, full-time job near home, this is the opportunity. To inquire please contact John Barber at (831)321-2640 or jbarber@ibew234.org.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

UPCOMING CLASSES:

NFPA 70E with instructor, David Martinez
Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 8am-2pm

CPR / First Aid with instructor, Merralinda Goddard
Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 8am-1pm



PLEASE NOTE: Currently, there is no receptionist at the JATC office. To sign up for classes, please email Stacy at info@tricountyjatc.org or call (831) 741-9069.

CLASS COMPLETIONS:

CPR / First Aid held on 02/07/26

Joaquin Argueta, Anthony Brenkwitz, Jimmy Collins, Israel Corona, Felix A. Cortez, Mohammed Garaan, Phillip Garcia, Adali Gonzalez, Cristian Gonzalez, Jasper Gonzalez, Christian Lopez, David H. Martinez, Omar Melgoza, Miguel Mexicano, Jose Munoz, Matt Munoz, Jake Myhre, Roberto Paz-Murillo, Miguel Prado, Ivan Ramirez, Michael Rodda, Allister Sorrells, Andrew Vasconcellos, and Derek Webster

MILWAUKEE APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH

- February: Hugo Lopez, 1st Year Apprentice
- March: Isaak Castro, 1st Year Apprentice

Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic



The Annual BBQ Picnic has been booked for October 10th, 2026. Same place, same time, and same great fun. More details will be released when we are closer to the event. Make sure to be there to enjoy some good food and much more!



Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, is offering **three (3) \$1,500.00** 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 the 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 submit an essay of approximately **500 words** on one of the following topics:

1. What is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and what has it done to enhance organized labor?
2. Why is the organized labor movement important in the United States today?
3. 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:

Chris Burditt Scholarship
C/O IBEW Local 234
747 El Camino Real N
Salinas, CA 93907



Entries must be **received by May 22, 2026**. 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 **2026**. No essays will be returned. IBEW Local 234 is not responsible for any entries that are not received or are damaged before being received.

Please share this with any interested students!

The announcement and application form are available to download on our website:

[IBEW 234 Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest](#)

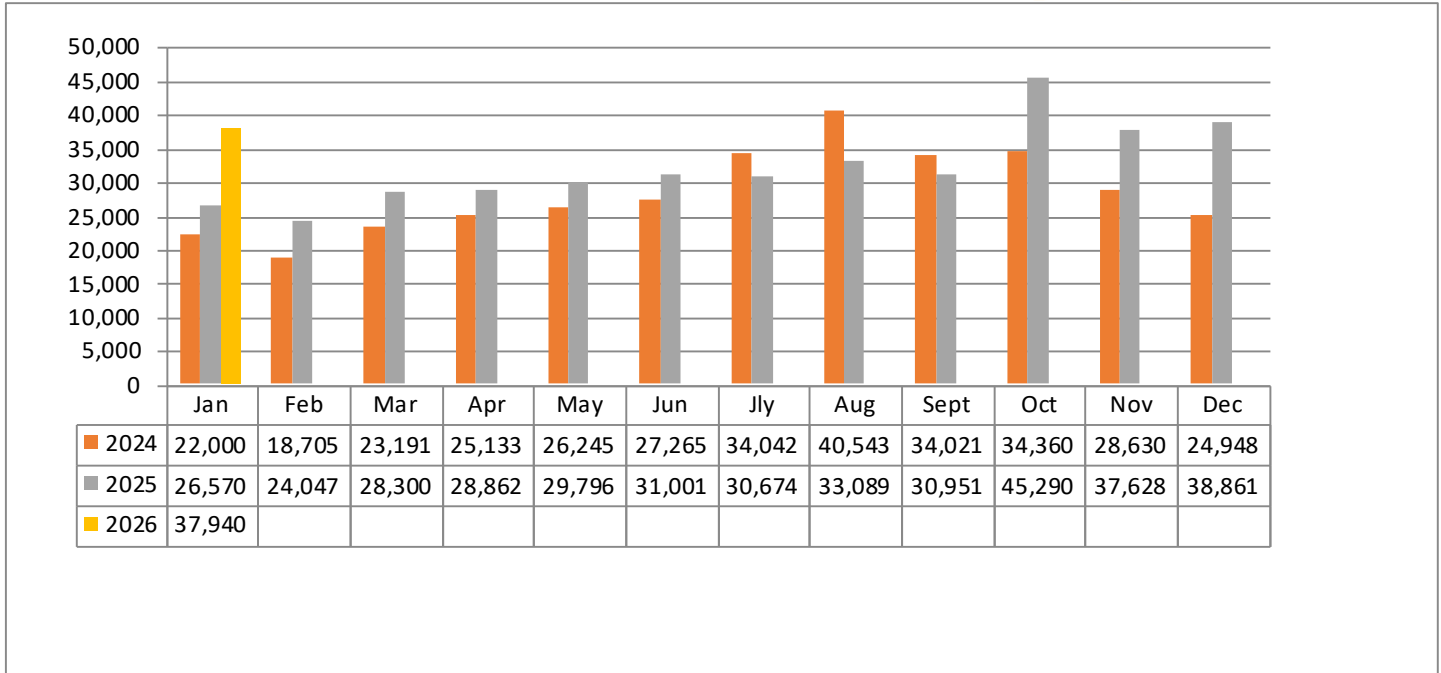
Pins & Challenge Coins are Available



Challenge coins and lapel pins featuring the Bixby Bridge are available at the Hall. These new additions to Local 234 swag proudly show the beauty of Monterey County. The challenge coin is limited to 250 pieces. Stop by the Hall to get yours!



Monthly Hours Report



Happy March Birthdays!

- Lyle Abraham
- Juan Arguelles
- Stanley Arnbrister
- Ian Barbieri
- William Beauchamp
- Mark Breeding
- Israel Corona
- James Crabtree
- Anthony Davis
- Willie Dietz
- Erik Dybdahl
- John Ecklund

- Gilberto Espindola
- Peggy Evans
- Manuel Frausto
- Heath Guaracha
- Robert Heitz
- Kyle Hirayama
- Michael Holcroft
- Clayton Holly
- Florentino Lozano
- Cody Mahler
- Michael Martinez
- Alejandro Murguia

- Alfredo Nicolosi
- Reginaldo Ramirez
- Humberto Rodriguez
- Juan Rodriguez
- Ricardo Rubio
- Hermilo Ruiz
- Ken Scherpinski
- Aaron Selbicky
- Allister Sorrells
- Patrick Torres
- Manuel Valdez
- Humberto Vazquez

This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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Give-Away Winners:

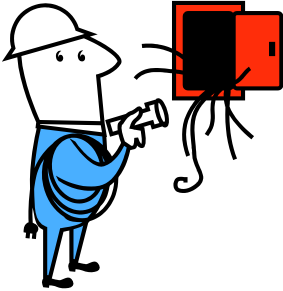
Luis Rodriguez won the \$15 COPE and donated back \$5

Jose Cruz won an IBEW shirt

Adrian Vargas won an IBEW shirt

Luis Rodriguez won an IBEW shirt

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 PM



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 NFPA 70E @ 8:00AM
8	9	10	11 General Body Meeting @ 6:00PM	12	13	14
15	16	17 JATC Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 E- Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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