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Business Manager's Report

Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season, and that you got some extra time to spend with family, friends and loved ones.

Here at your Local Union, the work picture is looking positive starting next month and leading into summer. Our Local and some out-of-state contractors have been aggressively pursuing work. Also, since signing three new signatory contractors in 2017, we are in a better position to go after more work.

With some of these new jobs requiring OSHA 10, we will be having classes on Saturday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 24. Please call the JATC or the Hall for more information. You can also take a class online. Visit IBEW584.com, log in, and click on the "Member Home" tab to see options for taking the class over the Web.

With about 200 attendees, our Christmas party was a great success. A very big "thank you" to Kasie and Cindy for doing so much to prepare and set up for the big event. Our Local donated dozens of toys for the kids' visit with Santa, and NECA generously donated \$1,000 in gift cards. A big thanks also goes out to John Harris for smoking the meat and making sure we all had a terrific Christmas feast. You can see our video of the party at IBEW584.com under the "Member News" tab.

Contract negotiations are coming up, and I would like to hear any suggestions you might have ahead of going into talks. The time for us to raise our voice is now, not after the contract has been signed. I'm sure many of you have some great suggestions for negotiations, and I encourage you to send your thoughts my way.

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to reflect and take stock of what makes us so valuable as a Union, an organization, and a movement. Please remember that this is our Local and our jurisdiction. It's on us to make sure that we and our tool buddies are doing what's right. I hope some of our Brothers and Sisters with some experience under their belts will continue to step up and be a model for the younger generation, as we work to strengthen our Local both on and off the job site. Thank you in advance for all that you do.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Local Union meeting.

In solidarity,

Jeff Sims

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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Accidents, Sickness & Deaths

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James W. Van Velzer, Sr., passed away peacefully in his sleep at Baptist Village Rehabilitation Center on November 21, 2017, at the age of 91. A veteran of World War II, James served with bravery and courage through 130 days of frontline combat for which he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star. James was born March 20, 1926 on the family farm in Sullivan County, Missouri outside of a hamlet called Green Castle to Oleva Guffey and Paul G. Van Velzer. Upon High School graduation in 1944, James enlisted in the United States Army. After the war, he married Virginia McFarland in 1946, whom he had met during his military training two years prior. The young couple moved to Virginia's hometown of Claremore, Oklahoma in 1947 and had two children. James went on to become a highly skilled electrician, as an independent contractor then as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, ending his career in 1988. James is survived by his two sisters, Livina Perkins and Pauline Borin; his son, James, Jr.; his daughter, Mary; three grandchildren, Andrew Van Velzer, Matthew Van Velzer and Rebecca Dunn; and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul G. and Oleva Van Velzer; his brothers, Gene and Everett Van Velzer; his first wife, Virginia; and his second wife, J. Kehaulani.

Retiree's Luncheon

The Retirees of 584 meet the FIRST Tuesday of every month at the *Cherokee Casino Buffet* at 12:30 p.m.
Cherokee Casino Buffet, 777 West Cherokee St., Catoosa, OK

Odds N Ends

There will be an OSHA 10 class on February 17th & 24th, you can call the hall or the JATC to reserve your spot, we must have a minimum of 10 to hold the class. If we do not get a minimum of 10 we will have to reschedule the class.

Links to online OSHA-10 classes.

<https://www.oshaeducationcenter.com/osha-10-hour-training-construction.aspx>

<http://www.careersafeonline.com/index.php/contact-us>

<https://www.clicksafety.com>

<https://www.360training.com/environmental-health-safety/osha-training/osha-10-30-hour-training>

We are also taking reservations for a Code Update Class, we must have 20 to schedule it, and we currently have 7 on the waiting list. You may call the hall or the JATC to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Events

February 2	Union Meeting @ Union Hall	7:00 pm
February 17	OSHA 10 Class @ JATC	8:00 am
February 21	E-Board @ Union Hall	2:00 pm
February 24	OSHA 10 Class @ JATC	8:00 am
March 2	Union Meeting @ Union Hall	7:00 pm
March 21	E-Board @ Union Hall	2:00 pm