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# IBEW 584 NEWSLETTER

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## Service Pin List

The following service pins will be presented at our Annual Christmas Party at the JATC. If you are unable to make it to the party, please contact the Hall and we will make arrangements to get your pin to you.

### 5 Year Pins

Robert Aduddell, Floyd Allen, Jeremiah Blair, Brian Brown, Zacharias Budnick, Johnathan Burgess, Ebrima Ceasay, Robert Clodfelter, Christopher Conley, Bradley Daniel, David Denney, Sean Givens, Damien Greene, Wesley Gregory, Roger Hanes, Randy Jones, Shane Jones, Anthony Lee, Marshall Lord, Larry Martinez, Terry McCracken, Stan McElmurry, Roy Pate, James Patten, Kenny Payton, Tony Schroeder, Melissa Scott, Michael Thulin, Lance Timm, John Welch.

### 10 Year Pins

Tamara Arthurs, Dennis Beauchamp, Armando Belmonte, James Bording, Mick Boyce, Joseph Chandler, Jesse Cox, Josh Goff, Bradley Harris, Jacob Hille, Andy Hutcheson, Tate Mayes, Mason McFarland, Daniel McGahey, Adam Milliser, Chase Moser, Shaheen Nabatian, James

Patterson, Derrick Phelan, Jeannette Sanchez, Alan Shipman, Trevor Simpson, Erin Stafford, Ivan Stolanov, Michael Vanatta, Darwin Woodall.

### 15 Year Pins

Geoffrey Duffield, Micheal Fox, Justin Huskey, Larry McGehee, Jeremy Rider, Justin Sechrest, Wesley Tibbets.

### 20 Year Pins

Kurtis Bauer, Eric Brashear, Kevin Cackler, David Hewitt, Spencer Miller, Timothy Satterfield, Travis Scott, Chris Strachan, Charles Thompson, Jeremy Voss.

### 25 Year Pins

Ricky Applegate, Rex Dorse, Virgil Holloway, Paul Montgomery, Gary Wilson.

### 30 Year Pins

Jim Koons, Susan Mahoney, Dale Porter, Dave Sullivan, Steve Woody.

### 40 Year Pins

Jimmy Quarles, Bobby Risenhoover.

### 45 Year Pins

Neal Berry, Sidney Craig, Otto Goins, Edward Kramer, Martin Mendenhall, Mike Meyer, James Nelson, Noah Rowe.

### 50 Year Pins

Jess Dinsmore, Robert Ezzell, Merrill Hodson, Kenneth Johnson, Russell Macmillian, Charles Martin, Martin Roach, Roger Stroede, Bobby Williamson.

### 55 Year Pins

Neel Cook, Dannie Jones, Tommy Lewis, Ronald McCurdy.

### 65 Year Pins

Bob Anderson, Reece Crabtree, James Fowler, George Morgan, Jack Swafford

### 70 Year Pins

John Van Curen, Elmer Wynn

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## Business Manager's Report

Happy October, Sisters and Brothers,

Work has picked up, and elections are around the corner. There's no time like the present to do our best to make more of a lasting impact in our jobs, our legislature, and our community. I appreciate all those who are doing their part to advance our cause and our shared values. Let's keep it up.

Most importantly, we have a lot of work right now, and it is important that we are able to man it – not at just one particular job site, but for all of our contractors. All of us know that the industry can move in "feast or famine" cycles. And right now, we have a lot on our plate. If you know someone who would make a good, reliable, skillful IBEW 584 hand, please ask him or her to talk with us. We are doing what we can to spread the message of great pay and solid benefits to help attract more potential Brothers and Sisters. And often, the best method of organizing comes directly from you and your fellow IBEW members. I appreciate your efforts.

One of the most critical statewide elections in recent memory takes place Tuesday, November 6. IBEW 584 has endorsed gubernatorial candidate Drew Edmondson to replace outgoing Gov. Mary Fallin. If you haven't yet seen our exclusive video of the rousing speech Edmondson gave at this year's Labor Day celebration in Henryetta, please do yourself a favor and watch it before you vote. You can find it by clicking the "Member News" tab at [IBEW584.com](http://IBEW584.com). Please do your research on all the candidates and issues, and "Remember in November" to make your voice heard for our state's children and working families.

Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Thank you to all of our Veteran IBEW 584 Sisters and Brothers who have offered their service to protect the freedoms that we hold so dear. Words will never be enough to honor you for what you have done, and we are forever grateful.

Finally, I'd like to invite everyone to our Union-wide Family Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 15. Please see the "Odds and Ends" section of this newsletter for more details. I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather, and I wish you a very Happy Holiday Season with your families, friends, and loved ones.

Fraternally,

*Jeff Sims*

IBEW 584 Business Manager/Financial Secretary



## A Message from the Apprenticeship Director

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

We have had a lot of exciting changes at the JATC for the upcoming school year, and I would like to explain the changes and the apprentice benefits that we have received.

With the changes in our industry towards shorter construction schedules with more overtime being required, this has put a strain on our contractors and on the apprentices to have to miss time from work twice a week to attend school. The IBEW International, as well as the NECA International, have been pushing for the JATCs to turn out journeymen at a faster rate to replace the retiring Journeyman workforce across the United States. There are approximately 285 apprenticeships across the nation, with them being roughly split in half between those who are instituting day school, and those with night school. I have been gathering information from day programs – such as our sister Local 1141 – for the past several years and trying to see if we could make the change to a day school. Several factors have kept us from making this change. One issue of a day school is the cost to the program, as it requires the apprenticeship to retain 2 full-time instructors, instead of part-time instructors. Another issue is that a day school requires the apprentices to miss two days of work a month, which they are not paid for. The main benefit to a day school is that the apprentices go year around and complete the program in 50 months, versus a night school taking 60 months to complete. After a long, thought-out process, the JATC has implemented a new plan which we think gives us the best of both a day school as well as a night school (while minimizing the negatives from each option), which hopefully meets both the issues of turning out apprentices quicker and assisting the contractors, as well as the apprentices.

As everyone who has been trained at our JATC knows, since the beginning of the program in 1945, we have been a night school twice a week (72 classes a year) requiring 60 months to complete the program. The new schedule is for the apprentices to go to one class a week for 4 hours, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (40 classes a year) with a 10-month school year to run consecutively, instead of the previous 2 three-hour classes each week. This new schedule will allow the apprentices to graduate in 50 months. The 4-hour classes will also give our instructors more time to work in the shop portion of their training.

To go along with this new schedule, in coordination with our instructors, we have changed the curriculum to place a higher emphasis on our 1st and 2nd year apprentices receiving more hands-on training and following up with our 3rd, 4th, and 5th year apprentices receiving theory, code and advanced course training closer to the time when they are preparing to take the State Journeyman test. This change should help our new apprentices to be more hands-on prepared earlier in their apprenticeship training.

We have added several new training labs, including a new transformer and motor control center, and we are currently coordinating with input from both the committee and the instructors on designing and building more hands-on labs to give the apprentices a more varied education.

Over the past two years, our 1st year apprentice classes have received a grant from the WIOA to pay for their first set of tools and their first set of books – roughly giving each apprentice a \$1000 head start on their journey. This year, we have been in the process of getting the WIOA to give grants to the first-year class to pay their first set of tools and to pay all 5 years of their books, totaling \$4000 for each student.

Currently we have 56 apprentices: (15) 1st year, (7) 3rd year, (12) 4th year, and (17) 5th year and (5) sixth year who are working to get their Journeyman licenses.

The current committee consists of Jerry Brown, Kris Gomez, Audie Strickland, Shawn Findley, Eric Wilkins, and Dustin Phelan. Instructors are Rex Dorse, 1st year; Larry Stansill, 3rd year; Joe Burnside, 4th year; Bill Meyer, 5th year.

Cindy Bouakadakis is working in the office.

As I have noted before, these young men and women are the future of our local. Although we are making changes to the program to help them become more qualified Journeymen, their progress still requires them to receive your guidance and knowledge of the trade on-the-job to help achieve this goal. To all those in management positions: With the number of classes being limited, it will be very important that the apprentices make their scheduled classes, and your support in this will be extremely important in making this program a success.

Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions on the apprenticeship.

*Ted Jenkins*

Training Director  
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## Accidents, Sickness & Deaths

### 214 – Archie Sechrest

Brother Archie Leo Sechrest, card number X53902, came into this world on August 12, 1925 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He passed away on January 16, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, Archie Sechrest, and his mother, Maude Sechrest. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marjorie Sechrest; his son, Lonnie Sechrest and wife Kathy of Sapulpa, Okla.; and daughter, Corinne Wildman of Yukon, Okla. Brother Sechrest has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Archie joined the Navy at age 17 and served on the USS Massachusetts as a gunner. After the end of the war, he worked for Sapulpa to begin his career as an electrician. He worked for Roges Electric before opening his own business, A&M Electric, in 1960.

### 215 – William Sartor

We are saddened to report that Brother William Sartor, card number 675885, passed away in Tulsa. William was born on May 6, 1924. On January 16, 2018, he left us for a better place. Family and friends are welcome to send flowers or leave their condolences on Serenity Funeral Home's memorial page at [serenitytuls.com](http://serenitytuls.com). Please feel free to write a tribute to Brother Sartor to share with the family.

### 216 – Earl Goodwin

We regret to report the passing of Brother Earl Goodwin, card number D211854, who passed away on January 22, 2018. Brother Goodwin was born on June 29, 1934 and was a resident of Oklahoma at the time of passing. After graduating from high school, he continued his education by attending college and later joining the IBEW. Earl faithfully served his country in the United States Air Force. He was laid to rest on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Shiner's Hospital, 2808 S. Sherden Rd., Tulsa, Okla., 74129.

### 217 – Frank Green

Brother Frank Green, card number C18891, was born on January 6, 1925 and passed away in March 2018. Frank was a resident of Oklahoma at the time of passing. Frank graduated from Marquette High School in 1953 and went on to attend Oklahoma A&M for one year and the University of Tulsa for one semester, after which he joined the apprentice program of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 584. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Brother Green's family and friends during this time of bereavement.

### 218 – Shale Gann

Brother Shale Gann, card number D906478, passed away

on March 19, 2018. Brother Gann was initiated on October 1, 1994. He went through the apprenticeship program and was named IBEW 584 Apprentice of the Year in 1998. He then went on and competed in the 7th District Apprentice of the Year competition and was named the 7th District Apprentice of the Year. He is survived by his father Gary Gann and a brother Jeremy Gann. He was laid to rest at Salt Creek cemetery in Wilson, Okla.

### 219 – Mike McJuliffe

Brother Michael William McJuliffe, card number: D258084, Air Force vet and Dewey resident, was aged 75 and in Dewey when he earned his forever wings on March 21, 2018. Son of James and Bernice (Staudt) McJuliffe, he was born on June 23, 1942, in Jarensville, Wis. Mike is survived by two sons, Chris McJuliffe and Gayle and their children, Molly, Matt, Daniel, Adriana and Cole and Casey McJuliffe and Brittany and their children Dalton, Wyatt and Jazzylyn; brother Thomas McJuliffe; two sisters, Annette Casto and Charles, and Mary Gresh and Gerald. He is preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Linda McJuliffe, parents, son Patrick McJuliffe, grandson Aaron McJuliffe, and sister Judith Mason.

### 220 – Ralph Pitts

Brother Ralph Wayne Pitts Sr., card number D914208, was born June 15, 1938 in Tahlequah, Okla. to Ralph Meher and Necosha Pitts. He passed away on June 3, 2018 with his family by his side. Ralph was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife of 47 years, Shirley, in 2005. He started Telstar Instrument Corporation in 1971, and later formed YES, Your Electric Service. After God's calling to enter the ministry, he continued to manage family businesses, and his congregations. He will be missed by his loving family, which includes his daughter, Cheryl Stark; son, Ralph Pitts Jr.; grandchildren, Ryan Stark, and wife Erin; Crystal Stark, and Caleb Pitts; great grandchildren, Caryn and Stella Stark; nieces and nephews, Rick Pitts, Brandon Pitts, Kimberly Koehne, Laura Bales, and Tony Petros.

### 221 – David Hartshorne, Sr.

Brother David Loren Hartshorne, card number D621267 was born January 9, 1940, in Watts, Okla. to Allen and Eva (Wilkey) Hartshorne. He passed from this life Friday, July 27, 2018, at the age of 78. He attended high school in Tulsa, Okla. Brother Hartshorne served in the Navy on the USS Magoffin and was honorably discharged in January 1964. He was a member of the IBEW Local 584 for more than 54 years. He also served as the union's Assistant Business Manager, Assistant Dispatcher and on the Apprenticeship Committee.

David was preceded in death by his first wife, Toni Colleen (Browning) Hartshorne; brother, Larry Hartshorne and sister, Reba (Hartshorne) Haley. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Vonda (Alison) Hartshorne; sons, David Hartshorne Jr., Dean Hartshorne (Cristina), Dale Hartshorne (Sheri); stepchildren, Cheryl Hiler, Julie Byford (Joe), Kevin Hensior sisters, Teresa Yarnell and Laura Hamilton; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

### 222 – Raymond Chatham

We regret to report that Brother Raymond R. Chatham Sr., of Smithville, Ok, card number 377877, passed away August 12, 2018, at the Tallhina Veterans Care Center. He was 91. Raymond was born February 2, 1927, to Clara Phillips Chatham and Coy Chatham of Smithville, Ok, where Raymond spent his childhood and high school years. He was a star basketball player at Smithville High School and led the team to many championships over the years. He graduated with the Class of 1945 and in 1950 graduated from LaTourneau Technical Institute of Texas, in Longview, with a Bachelor of Industrial Science and an Associate in Arts Degree. Raymond served in the Army Air Forces during World War II and has been a proud veteran of his military service. Raymond worked at military construction facilities throughout the United States and a number of commercial construction facilities around the state of Oklahoma and retired in 1965. He was a 65 year member of the IBEW. Raymond is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Chatham Powell (Dion), of Wewoka, Ok, and three grandchildren, Leah, of Dallas, TX; Dennis, of Washington DC, and Mandy of Odessa, TX; sister, Betty Sue Hancock of Overt, MS. Raymond was preceded in death by his sons, Raymond R. Chatham, Jr. and Michael B. Chatham; his parents, Clara and Coy; two brothers; and one sister.

### 223 – Jack Swafford

Brother Jack Thomas Swafford, card number C18868, the son of Emmett Swafford and Lorne (Pace) Swafford was born on March 17, 1927 in Dallas, Texas and passed from this life on September 22, 2018 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 91. Jack lived a long life and will be remembered as a good man. He was in the Navy and was proud to be a World War II veteran. He is preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Lorne Swafford; 2 brothers Bob and Bill Swafford. He is survived by a loving family which includes his children Richard Swafford and Dorothy Swafford Townsend; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

## 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

The Annual IBEW 584 Christmas Party will be December 15th at the JATC at 6:00 p.m. All members, retirees, and their families are invited. We just ask that you call the Hall and RSVP so we can be sure there is enough food and presents for everyone. As always, we will be doing the service pin awards and Santa will stopping by to see the kids. We ask that you bring a dessert to share.

## Upcoming Events

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|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| October 31      | Halloween                  |             |
| November 2      | Union Meeting @ Hall       | 7:00 pm     |
| November 11     | Veterans Day               |             |
| November 12     | Observance of Veterans Day | Hall Closed |
| November 21     | E-Board @ Hall             | 2:00 pm     |
| November 22     | Thanksgiving Day           | Hall Closed |
| November 23     | Black Friday               | Hall Closed |
| December 7      | Union Meeting @ Hall       | 7:00 pm     |
| December 15     | Christmas Party @ JATC     | 6:00 pm     |
| December 19     | E-Board @ Hall             | 2:00 pm     |
| December 25     | Christmas Day              | Hall Closed |
| January 1, 2019 | New Year's Day             | Hall Closed |