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# IBEW 584 NEWSLETTER

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## Business Manager's Report

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are enjoying a nice spring, both on the job site and with your families.

It gives me great pleasure to report that membership growth has been solid and strong. If you are one of the dozens of new IBEW 584 members who is reading this publication for the first time, welcome! Having a yellow ticket and being a member of this great organization has significant rewards – and it comes with some responsibilities and protocols that are likely to be a bit new to many people. Fortunately, you have the accumulated wisdom of many veteran hands who've been around the block a few times. Lean on them and ask any questions you may have. To those of you with some years in the Union, I'm counting on you to go that extra mile to help ensure that our newly-organized Brothers and Sisters feel appreciated and at home. Right now, the work picture is at the highest it's been in recent memory – and it shows no sign of stopping. Together, we can get the job done in a way that gives us pride and power in the industry for years to come.

Speaking of Brotherhood: Our 24th annual IBEW 584 Float Trip is coming up during the weekend of June 7. It will be at Kozy Kamp in Pineville, Missouri. If you'd like to enjoy a few days of relaxation and adventure, please contact Rick Pitts for more information or to RSVP: (918) 606-1967. We hope to have a good turnout.

As summer approaches, please make sure that you are careful in the heat. If you or someone you work with is experiencing a throbbing headache, dizziness, light-headedness, nausea, muscle weakness, or cramps, these are signs of heat stroke. Look out for one another and offer a hand if your Sister or Brother needs it. We all want to complete the day safely and without injury or incident.

Finally, I want to encourage you to attend our regularly-scheduled Union Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hall, 584 South Lewis Avenue in Tulsa. Between long work days, family commitments, social lives, worship, and regular day-to-day activities, it might seem like a big request to ask for another evening out of your month. But your Union membership is only as strong as your participation. Like going to the gym, you get out of it what you put into it. Fewer and fewer organizations these days are like a Local Union, where you are encouraged to come and raise your voice, cast your vote, decide how the money gets spent, help fund initiatives and meet men and women who know what it's like to walk in your shoes during the workday. If you've never been, why not make June's meeting your first one?

Enjoy the season, and I look forward to seeing you at our next regularly-scheduled Union Meeting on Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Fraternally,

*Jeff Sims*

IBEW 584 Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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## In Memoriam

### Ned Cook

June 20, 1939 – February 18, 2019

Card Number: D21 1898

Death Benefit: 230

Ned Cook, the son of Maurice Cook, Sr. and Anna LaDean (Pharris) Barani, was born June 20, 1939 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and departed this life on February 18, 2019 in Hulbert, Oklahoma at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 29 days.

Ned was a 1958 graduate of Hulbert High School. After graduation, he attended NSU for two years before joining the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and completing the Apprenticeship Program. He was then a 55 year member of IBEW Local 584 as a Journeyman. He worked for several different contractors, where he enjoyed sharing his knowledge and skills with IBEW Apprentices. In the 1980s Ned was employed as an electrician at Northeastern State University until his retirement in June 2001.

Ned married Judy Darrow Cook on November 11, 1960, and they were blessed with three children: Ron, Tracy Diane, and James. Following the death of his first wife, Ned married Lynda Chaffin Teague on June 23, 1978, embracing her two children, Rodney and Tracy Renee, as his own.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents; his first wife Judy Darrow Cook; his grandson Jeffrey Porter II; his brother-in-law David Purviance; and his sons-in-law Robert Hutchinson and Steven Swaggerty.

He is survived by a loving family, which includes his wife of over 40 years, Lynda Cook of the home; his sons Ron Cook and wife Margaret of Moody, James Cook and wife Angie of Hulbert, and Rodney Teague and wife Shannon of Hulbert; his daughters Tracy Diane Hutchinson of Hulbert, and Tracy Renee Porter and husband Jeff of Hulbert; his sister Carol Purviance of Wagoner; 16 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and his faithful dog Blue.

### Charles E. Martin

February 17, 1930 – April 4, 2019

Card Number: D357618

Death Benefit: 231

Charles Edwin Martin, 89, electrician and resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2019. He was born February 17, 1930 to Frank Aldmire Martin and Chloe Elizabeth (Headrick) Martin in Olney, Oklahoma. Mr. Martin was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 57 years and a 50-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Charles' hobbies included boating, water skiing, fishing, hunting, motorcycles, fast cars, and airplanes. He loved his dog and his cat. In his twenties, he raced boats and won numerous trophies. He built and flew model airplanes and sold them to buy daughter Melinda a train set.

He grew up without water and electricity on his family's farm, where he learned to work hard. At 13 years old, he had to learn how to drive when his dad had a horse riding accident while his two older brothers were fighting in World War II.

His passion was flying. His friends would take Charlie and his daughter flying in their bi-plane, airplanes, and a seaplane. In his late 70s, he purchased an airplane and began flying lessons. His health declined before he was able to get his pilot's license. On April 4th, God answered Charlie's prayer to fly. He gave him wings when he called him home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James, Frankie, and Gus; and two sisters, Virginia and DeNaita. Survivors include daughter Melinda Lea Bennett and husband, Bradley Keith Bennett; two sisters, Mary "Jean" Smith and Florence A. Mousner; and one grandchild, Kenda Marie Bennett McCaslin and husband, Nicholas McCaslin.

### James Stewart

December 5, 1914 – April 6, 2019

Card Number: D261299

Death Benefit: 232

We are saddened to report the loss of IBEW 584 Brother James Stewart, who passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

James was born on December 5, 1914. He initiated into the IBEW in August of 1965. Brother Stewart enjoyed a long and fulfilling career as a union electrician, eventually relocating to Oregon.

Brother Stewart retired in February of 2001, and according his wife, Judith, carried a great love for the union into his golden years.

James proudly served his nation in the U.S. armed forces as a member of the Army. He was stationed in Korea from 1959-1962.

A memorial service was held in James' honor in Hillsboro, Oregon, at Hillsboro Church of Christ. A military funeral will be held in August in the Tulsa area.

We thank brother Stewart for his dedication to the trade and his service to his nation. We offer our prayers to his wife, family, and friends during this time of bereavement.

### Paul E. Hudson

August 26, 1944 – April 24, 2019

Card Number: D295419

Death Benefit: 233

Paul Eddie Hudson passed away on April 24, 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 74. He was born on the family farm north of Goodman, Missouri, on August 26, 1944 to the late Levy G. Hudson and Parelee Hudson. He is survived by his only sister, Ruth Marie Nicoletti of Goodman.

Paul went to school in Goodman and graduated from Goodman High School in 1962. He moved to Tulsa in 1964 with his wife, Montez, who preceded him in death. He became a member of IBEW Local 584 as an Apprentice. He studied for four years to become a Journeyman Wireman. Not long ago, he received the diamond membership pin for 50 years of service. He felt blessed to have made some lifelong friends among the IBEW Brotherhood. His work as JW took him to many places, and he delighted in telling stories about his travels, his adventures, and – sometimes – his misadventures. On one such adventure, he found himself in a little town in Utah on his 33rd birthday. It was during that time of celebration that he met his future wife, Jeannie. They eventually moved back to Paul's family farm and married on December 31, 1980. Together they worked on the farm and raised a fine herd of beef cattle.

His church family was of great importance to him. He was a proud member of the ROMEOs and loved meeting the guys for breakfast each week.

Paul Eddie is survived by Jeannie, his wife of 38 years; two daughters, Mary Jullann Hudson Lockhart (Steve) and Paula Gravatt (Phillip); three grandchildren, Tyler Mooney, Rachel Dawn Mooney (Derrick), and Stephen Garoutte; four great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; four brothers in law; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## 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

Be sure you are keeping up to date on your OSHA Training. If you need to update your OSHA training you may do so at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://www.careersafeonline.com) for \$25.00. You will need the Construction OSHA Class that is highlighted in orange. The hall does not currently have any OSHA classes scheduled!

The JATC is now holding CW/CE Classes. Call 918-592-2929 for more information.

## Upcoming Events

June 7	Union Meeting	7pm @ Hall
June 8-9	Float Trip	@ Kozy Kamp
June 19	E-Board Meeting	2pm @ Hall
June 21	JATC Class of 2019 Graduation	7:00 @ Hard Rock
July 4	Independence Day	Hall will be closed