

Klein® Tools Announces 2017 Electrician of the Year Winner

California electrician wins trip to iconic American destination and \$1,500 in Klein Tools products

Sept. 28, 2017 (Lincolnshire, Ill.) – Klein Tools (www.kleintools.com), for professionals since 1857, last night announced Jimmy Ferris as the winner of its annual Electrician of the Year award. As the 2017 grand prize winner, Ferris is able to choose his choice of a trip to one of four iconic American destinations: Charlotte, North Carolina; New York, New York; Las Vegas, Nevada; or Sturgis, South Dakota. He and a guest will experience the best the chosen destination has to offer. He will also receive a one-time order of \$1,500 in premium-quality, professional-grade Klein Tools products.

Ferris currently resides in Folsom, California, where he is a high-voltage substation electrician with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, as well as a journeyman electrician and foreman. As a leader in the workplace, Ferris prioritizes safety with his crews and ensures everyone remains safe while on the job.

"I'm completely honored and absolutely blown away," says Jimmy Ferris, Klein Tools' 2017 Electrician of the Year. "Our craft is full of amazing tradesman that love what we do for a living. One of the things I love about my craft is the brothers I work with. We are family."

Members of the Klein family, with help from a screening panel and thousands of fan votes, ultimately selected Ferris from hundreds of applicants for his outstanding professional achievement, dedication to safety and contributions to his



Pictured left to right: Greg Palese, vice president of marketing at Klein Tools, Jimmy Ferris, Klein Tools' Electrician of the Year, Barnaby, host of Klein Tools' Tradesman TV

local community. Part of what made him an outstanding candidate was that he already has been recognized by supervisors and peers for his leadership, commitment to safety and generosity on and off the job.

"Congratulations to Jimmy for earning the title of Electrician of the Year," says Greg Palese, vice president of marketing at Klein Tools. "We're amazed each year by our nominees' stories and achievements, and Jimmy is no exception. We consider it an honor to be able to share his story and recognize his good work and good deeds as a positive influence for the entire industry."

Klein Tools also congratulates the 2017 Electrician of the Year runners-up: Brent Heesacker, Kevin Wick, Nathan Guerrero, Luis Gonzalez and Harold Melia. All finalists received the Ultimate Garage Package, which includes a 41-piece Journeyman Tool Set and other Klein Tools products, as well as a trip to tour Klein Tools' manufacturing headquarters in Mansfield, Texas.

More information on the Electrician of the Year award and all winners is available at www.kleintools.com/eov.

About Klein Tools

Since 1857, Klein Tools, a family-owned and operated company, has been designing, developing and manufacturing premium-quality, professional-grade hand tools. The majority of Klein tools are manufactured in plants throughout the United States and are the number one choice among professional electricians and other tradespeople. For more information, visit www.kleintools.com.

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