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KOTRLA ELECTRICAL SERVICES, LLC

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Five years ago, master electrician Bob Kotrla made the decision to begin his own business.

In December 2018, he launched Kotrla Electrical Services LLC and has worked hard to make a name for himself in the community as a quality electrical company. In doing so, Kotrla has been awarded The Facts' Readers' Choice Award for best electrical company for the last four years, with the goal of going for five this coming year.

"I know it will be harder this year for us because the business continues to grow fast, and I have been needing to add more licensed journeymen," Kotrla said. "It's hard to just hire anybody because I want to make sure they are a good fit for the company and who we represent. We are a company that really strives for quality."

His parents, Al and Betty Kotrla, ingrained his work in him while he grew up in Angleton, especially through his father, also an electrician by trade. Kotrla learned a lot from his father and looked to him at times of struggle, but in August 2022, he passed away.

"I could always pick up the phone and call him or swing by and talk about the business or ask questions about electrical. Today I don't have that lifeline and I really miss it," Kotrla said. "Sometimes I get down on myself and struggle because I can't just pick up the phone and call my dad. I put our last name into my business because it means a lot to me and my family."

With his wife Toni, Kotrla has two sons Cody and Caden as well as a daughter-in-law, Morgyn, and in late 2023, the Kotrla family grew

with the birth of his oldest son's first child, Easton, making Bob and his wife first-time grandparents.

"We were excited to have a grandchild, but Cody was the first to say that he was glad to have a son so that he may carry on the Kotrla name," Kotrla said. "Yes, I lost my dad, but I gained a grandson and that is one of my proudest moments, as one day I will be called Grumpy, Grandpa, Papa or whoever he decides to call me."

Kotrla is not sure where the family business will land in the future, although his oldest son, Cody, works with him at the electrical company. His youngest, Caden, doesn't have an interest in electrical work and instead is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

"I'm OK with that and excited that he wants to

look out and help others in a different way," Kotrla said. "After all, that's what drove me to doing this business because I felt the need to do something that was rewarding and gratifying each day, where I was able to help others by providing them with a service and trade that I was given and worked for."

Kotrla Electrical offers services in electrical system design for new construction and remodels, residential and commercial wiring, electrical permits and inspections, electrical service meter installation, data wiring and generator installation. The company also works as a subcontractor for a solar energy company in and out of state.

"All our services will be done with customer satisfaction at the forefront," Kotrla

said. "We would never do anything in customers' homes that we wouldn't do in our own mom's homes or the homes where our kids live. We want people to know they were treated like family, if not better. We want our customers to know they aren't just people; we all get to know them and things about their families."

Bob and Toni Kotrla met and married in 1996 in Sweeny, and she and their daughter-in-law work for Kotrla Electrical, helping with filing and appointments. Kotrla also plans to run for Sweeny City Council.

"We enjoy living in this small town and being able to give back to the community," Kotrla said. "There is a lot of work that needs to be done in this small town and it won't be easy but now

more than ever it's time for change."

To get a first-hand experience of Kotrla Electrical Services' quality and attention to customer satisfaction, call 979-314-9676, visit their website www.kes.llc, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KotrlaElectricalServices, or stop by at 804 Brockman St. in Sweeny.



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