

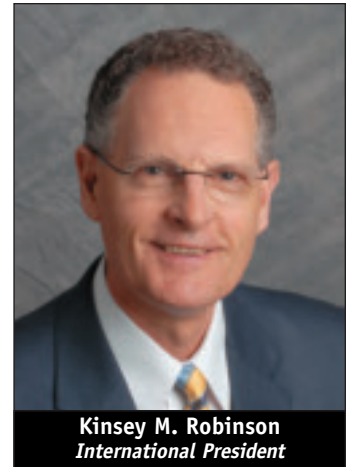
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by *International President Kinsey M. Robinson*

Responsibility Protects Our Freedom

As American citizens residing in the United States we enjoy many freedoms. We are afforded the freedom of speech, the freedom to own and bear arms, the freedom to travel unimpeded throughout the fifty states, the freedom to seek equal opportunity and a host of other similarly important guarantees. But along with our freedom to share in the American dream comes personal responsibility. Mid-term elections will be held Tuesday, November 7th. On that day I ask each of you to be responsible in the exercise of one of our greatest freedoms — the freedom to vote. In my opinion there has never been a more important time in which to cast your vote. Over the last decade working men and women have lost ground economically. Almost daily we hear of plant closings and with them good paying union jobs eliminated or shipped overseas. An unsympathetic Congress has continually tried to strip away the rights of workers and a stacked National Labor Relations Board has impeded organizing with every decision. We have an energy crisis, with skyrocketing fuel prices. We are facing an unstable world and continued violence in Iraq. We are faced with a national health crisis and our schools are strapped for resources. We have a failed immigration policy and our borders are porous. Our middle class is shrinking! Without a doubt American citizens are becoming more and more disenchanted with our current government. Many are questioning the need for better leadership in the Congress and White House. It is time for a change and I know I can count on my Brother and Sister Roofers and Waterproofers to cast their vote for change and a better way of life for working families. I urge you to study the candidates and ballot issues carefully. Make sure that those who are seeking your

vote for public office stand for what you believe in and that they have a track record to back it up. Look carefully at each individual candidate. There are too many issues at stake to simply vote along party lines. It does not matter whether the candidate is a Democrat or a Republican. What matters is what that candidate stands for. Make certain that what they propose makes sense for our



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country and for hard working American families. Pay close attention to state and local candidates. Do not underestimate the impact a Superintendent of Schools or a County

Commissioner can have on the lives of average Americans. Carefully study referendums and only vote for those that create decent employment and improve the welfare and safety of the community. If you are not registered to vote, do so. It is critically important to you and your family. Register, study the issues and candidates and on November 7th you will be ready to participate in the unique process of selecting our government. Responsibly casting our votes for those candidates that will fight for good jobs and protect the rights of working Americans will make us a stronger country and allow our kids to grow up to enjoy the same opportunities we have had. ■

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kinsey M. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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