



# ROOFER TO ROOFER

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## Our Training Is What Makes Us Excellent

In this issue of *The Journeyman Roofer & Waterproofer* magazine, you will see the skills of Local 23, South Bend, Indiana, members on display, on the cover and beginning on page 4. On the cover you'll see Brother Kent Henderson apply-

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ing a fully adhered FiberTite system on the Joyce Center, which is one of only a few non-slate buildings on the Notre Dame University campus.

In this quarter's cover story, you will read about the working relationship that Local 23 has forged

with the University, creating a partnership where all new construction and maintenance roofing work on the campus is performed by our members, employed by signatory contractors. You'll see and read about the hardworking members of Local 23 working on and finishing the Joyce Center, and you will see the many projects completed by Local 23 members using their special skills honed by years of training.

These members and their local union exemplify what the Roofers Union is all about being: *Proud. Professional. Committed to Excellence.* South Bend Local 23 has always had a strong commitment to apprenticeship training, and they were one of the first local unions to build their own training center, expanding the training available to not only apprentices, but to journeymen and foremen.

As I've said on many occasions in the pages of the magazine, our keys to the future are constant training and then marketing our hard-earned skills to contractors, owners and the entire community. And that is exactly what the officers and members of Local 23 are doing!

### New NRIPF Administrator in Place

As mentioned in the last issue of the magazine, after an exhaustive search the Trustees of the National Roofing Industry Pension Fund selected Wilson-McShane Corporation (WMC) to take over as Fund Administrator, effective September 1, 2013. They are now handling all administrative functions of the National Roofing Industry Pension Plan (NRIPP) and the National Roofing Industry Supplemental Pension Plan (NRISPP).

Wilson-McShane Corporation has a longtime record of providing stable and high-quality third-party administrative services to Taft-Hartley funds just like ours. WMC's staff of quality professionals are committed to good customer relationships and service. The Trustees and WMC share the goals of providing accurate and timely benefits to the men and women in the unionized roofing industry who have worked hard to retire in dignity. The Trustees are excited about the opportunity to work with Wilson-McShane Corporation and offer first-class service to the participants of the NRIPP and NRISPP. ■