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The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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Re: Nomination to Fellowship  
American Institute of Architects  
Arthur Gould Odell, Jr.

Attention: Miss Florence Gervais

Gentlemen:

FACTUAL

This letter is in wholehearted support of the nomination to Fellowship of Arthur Gould Odell, Jr. from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Odell has made an outstanding contribution to progressive design as recognized by National and international publicity in connection with his work. His recently completed Coliseum and Auditorium Civic Center for Charlotte is a unique project widely recognized as a great achievement. The Charlotte Public Library now being completed will also attract favorable attention. The new Wachovia Bank Building in collaboration with Harrison & Abramovitz, the price winning Double Oaks School and other schools, many completed commercial and other type structures all have established his office as one of the most progressive and highly qualified in the whole area. We feel that his contributions in this field alone merit our proposal that he be advanced to Fellowship.

In addition to his professional practice, Mr. Odell has devoted uncounted hours as immediate past president and as a member of the Board of Directors for many years to the advancement of the profession in the State. In my position as current president of the Chapter, I have had the opportunity of observing at first hand the culmination of some of his ideas and energetically produced plans. He initiated a number of progressive steps including the establishing of our monthly publication. Attached is an article indicating the typical accomplishment of his administration as Chapter President.

I believe that I can say in perfect propriety that he has produced more of the better designed buildings in this State than any single office as evidenced by numerous awards in our Honor Awards Program as well as in national competitions, and in addition he has spent more time and energy working for the American Institute of Architects in the North Carolina Chapter than any other individual in the State.

In my opinion Mr. Odell is the most deserving of any in our State to be advanced to Fellowship, and we recommend him without reservation for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



F. Carter Williams, A.I.A.

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## ❖ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ❖

In reviewing the activities of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects during the past two years, we might consider that the efforts of the membership are contained in three general categories: relations with the public at large, professional development, and administrative functioning of the Chapter itself.

In relations with the public, it may be stated that the revision and issuance of *Standards for Architectural Service* have met with widespread acceptance by governmental and school officials as well as by the general public, and the publication and distribution of the booklet *Better Planning Makes Better Schools* has received favorable attention by school administrators and school boards throughout the State. The founding of an official monthly publication by the Chapter has resulted in the issuance since last May of *Southern Architect* which is currently being received by chairmen of county commissioners, legislators and bankers throughout the State, as well as by all architects, consulting engineers, school superintendents, general contractors, and members of the Producers Council in North and South Carolina. A policy of publicly setting forth the professional aims of the membership has been inaugurated through the use of the first Chapter newspaper advertisement, and it is hoped that the *NCAIA Honor Awards Program* will provide statewide recognition and appreciation of our recent architecture.



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Progress in professional development has been typified by the recent *Conference on Simplified Drafting Procedures*, which was presented by the Chapter in collaboration with the School of Design of North Carolina State College and has received favorable recognition on a nationwide basis. In addition to the long established Raleigh Council of Architects, there has been recently formed similar councils in Charlotte, Guilford, Western North Carolina, and Eastern North Carolina with the purpose that these smaller segments of the membership might further serve their regions as a professional advisory group, promote public recognition of the profession, and encourage further fellowship within our profession. The publication of the booklet *A Roster of Collaborating Artists* should do much toward encouraging architectural collaboration with competent professional artists in the enrichment of our buildings. Plans have also been recently instigated which will result in the establishment of a regional *Bureau of Architects' Building Products* to serve the profession, the building industry, and the public throughout North and South Carolina.

From an administrative standpoint, an expanding architectural profession has witnessed an increase in NCAIA membership of over fifty per cent during the last two years; the incorporation of the Chapter is being effected as recommended by the Institute, and by-laws are in process of revision. Increasing interest and participation in Regional affairs are providing the membership

with a greater understanding and appreciation of the national aspects of the profession and the Institute.

Such progress as the Chapter has made over the past two years is directly traceable to the interest and hard work of the Committee Chairmen and their members. As in all professional institutions, programs and their accomplishment will always be the responsibility of the individual member. It is hoped that the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will continue to develop in its efforts to make the profession of ever increasing service to society.

## architectural work will reach new record in 1955

Work on architects' drawing boards is setting records in many areas and points to sustained high construction activity, according to a survey completed recently by the American Institute of Architects.

Reports from each of the Institute's 11 regions show activity as high as, or better than a year ago. Building activity may well hit new highs in the foreseeable future, the Institute said.

Gains of up to 18 per cent in architectural activity were reported from the South Atlantic states, which include North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Eleven per cent gains were reported in the Gulf States region, embracing Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The Texas region reported an 11 per cent increase, while 10 per cent gains were reported in the Pacific Northwest and Sierra Nevada regions.

Activity in New England was reported spotty but averaging out at a steady rate.

New school buildings, the most important type of project in all regions for several years, has been surpassed by commercial construction—particularly shopping centers and supermarkets.

School building still leads in most areas, and churches have assumed importance in construction activity in several areas. Increased activity was also noted in hospital design.

## ARCHITECTURAL CALENDAR

JAN. 20: Raleigh Council of Architects. S & W Cafeteria, Raleigh.

JAN. 21: Guilford Council of Architects. Bliss Restaurant, Raleigh.

JAN. 24: Charlotte Producers Council. Hotel Barringer, Charlotte.

JAN. 27-28-29: North Carolina Chapter, American Institute of Architects. 41st Annual Winter Meeting. Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill.  
rante, Greensboro.

FEB. 2: Charlotte Council of Architects. Thackers Restaurant, Charlotte.

FEB. 3: Raleigh Council of Architects. S & W Cafeteria, Raleigh.

FEB. 4: Guilford Council of Architects. Bliss Restaurant, Greensboro.

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OCTOBER 12, 1956

JURY OF FELLOWS  
 AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
 1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.  
 WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

FACTUAL

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A REAL PRIVILEGE TO ENDORSE THE NOMINATION OF A. G. ODELL, JR., A.I.A. FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

MR. ODELL HAS ENJOYED OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN HIS ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE, AND IS RESPECTED BY COLLEAGUE AND GENERAL PUBLIC ALIKE AS ONE OF THE PROMINENT ARCHITECTS OF NORTH CAROLINA. HIS PUBLIC SCHOOL DESIGNS HAVE WON NATIONAL AWARDS, AND ARE CONSIDERED AS EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF MODERN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BY ARCHITECTS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND LAYMEN. THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM AND COLISEUM AND THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY, ALL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, ARE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF HIS ABILITY.

IN ADDITION TO HIS PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, MR. ODELL HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY IN THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. UNDER HIS TWO TERMS AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER, HIS INTEREST, ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORK INSPIRED THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP TO MORE ACTIVE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF ARCHITECTURE. HE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OF THE CHAPTER AND WORKS DILIGENTLY ON MANY COMMITTEES IN THE INTEREST OF PERTINENT CHAPTER AFFAIRS.

HE IS PERHAPS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHAPTER PUBLICATION, "SOUTHERN ARCHITECT". THE MAGAZINE WAS STARTED UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS, OF WHICH HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN. HE HAS, IN FACT, SERVED AS EDITOR SINCE THE START OF THE MAGAZINE. HIS INTENSE INTEREST HAS MADE IT A REAL PUBLIC RELATIONS INSTRUMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ENTIRE SOUTHEAST.

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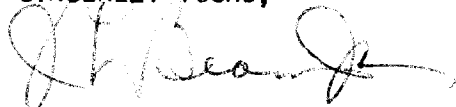
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IN MY OPINION, MR. ODELL IS A MOST WORTHY NOMINEE FOR FELLOWSHIP RECOMMENDATION AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE HIS NOMINATION FOR SAME. I AM SURE THAT THIS HONOR AWARD TO HIM WILL BE RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION BY THE ENTIRE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER.

SINCERELY YOURS,



JAMES L. BEAM, JR., A.I.A.  
TREASURER, NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
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October 31, 1956

Jury of Fellows,  
 American Institute of Architects,  
 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
 Washington, D. C.

FACTUAL

Attn: Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary

Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to add my endorsement to the nomination for the election to Fellowship of our past president, A. G. Odell, Jr.

His work as an outstanding architect, and the service he has given to the North Carolina Chapter, have already been outlined in the letter of Carter Williams, President. I would like to emphasize his leadership ability, which has been so apparent, since I have known him, and so outstanding.

I served as Treasurer of the Chapter for two years, while he was President, and I want to say that it has not been my privilege to serve under a more inspiring and sincere leader than Mr. Odell.

He has been endowed with that ability which inspires confidence in his followers. He can reprimand a subordinate in a way which not only causes no resentment, but acts instead as an inspiration to greater efforts. He is the type of leader which seems to have become more and more scarce, but whose aggressive leadership is so much needed by our country at this time, because it is given with complete unselfishness. In all of the time he was President of this Chapter he never gave any thought to himself or to his own interests.

I would like to recommend Mr. Odell to the Jury of Fellows, as a worthy candidate for Fellowship, and sincerely hope you will give him favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Cyrill H. Pfohl*  
 Cyrill H. Pfohl, AIA  
 Secretary, NCAIA

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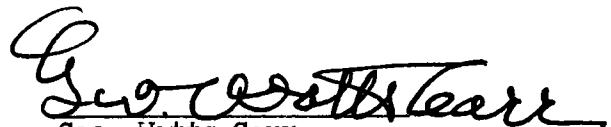
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The Jury of Fellows  
Attention: Miss Florence H. Gervais, Sect.  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

We, the undersigned, wish to add our endorsement to  
the Nomination of A. G. Odell, Jr., as a Fellow of the American  
Institute of Architects.

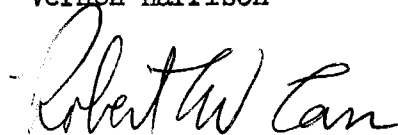
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GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO ENDORSE THE NOMINATION OF MR. A.G. ODELL, JR. A.I.A. OF CHARLOTTE, N.C. FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE. IN MY OPINION MR. ODELL IS NORTH CAROLINA'S MOST OUTSTANDING ARCHITECT AND SHOULD BE ELEVATED TO FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

FROM THE STAND-POINT OF DESIGN, THE WORK FROM HIS OFFICE IS EXCELLENT AND HAS ATTRACTED NATION WIDE INTEREST.

MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER FEEL THAT HE WAS THE BEST PRESIDENT WE HAVE EVER HAD AND HE CONTINUES TO DEVOTE MUCH OF HIS TIME TO CHAPTER AFFAIRS. HE IS ALSO ON A NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE.

HIS PERSONALITY IS EXCELLENT AND HIS RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC AND HIS FELLOW ARCHITECTS ARE CONDUCTED ON THE HIGHEST ETHICAL PLANE.

WE, IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER, FEEL THAT MR. ODELL'S ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP IS INEVITABLE AND ASK YOUR EARNEST CONSIDERATION OF HIS NOMINATION AT THIS TIME.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*W. R. James, Jr.*

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DEAR SIRs:

PLEASE ADD MY ENDORSEMENT TO THE NOMINATION OF A.G. ODELL, JR., FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE. AS A TALENTED DESIGNER, SUCCESSFUL PRACTITIONER AND TIRELESS PROTAGONIST IN CHAPTER AND INSTITUTE AFFAIRS, HE MERITS THE HONOR OF FELLOWSHIP AND WOULD CARRY IT WITH DISTINCTION.

*in my opinion*

SINCERELY,  
*Luther Lashmit*  
LUTHER LASHMIT

LL/g

CC: ERLE G. STILLWELL  
INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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November 6, 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary

Gentlemen:

As a member of the North Carolina Chapter, I wish to sincerely recommend Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr. for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Odell since he graduated from College.

I have watched with interest his real ability in design, and appreciated the seemingly limitless energy and devoted service he has given so abundantly to the advancement of the Chapter and public interest in architecture.

Sincerely yours,

  
Erle G. Stillwell, FAIA

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Attention: Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary

Gentlemen:

Re: A. G. Odell, Jr.

I am delighted to know that the Chapter Committee on Fellowship in the Institute has recommended Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr., of Charlotte, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

From our point of view in the School of Design, Mr. Odell is North Carolina's leading architect. He conducts his practice with vigor, enthusiasm, imagination and intelligence. His Civic Center in Charlotte has already gained Chapter awards for distinguished architecture and has been cited in the major architectural press. His new library in the same city will bring his office, the City of Charlotte and the profession of architecture in North Carolina equal distinction. His schools are widely known in publishing, professional and pedagogical circles to be of the highest quality produced in America.

We have been particularly impressed by Mr. Odell in the School for the consistent high quality of his office personnel. Not once, but many times, he has asked me to help him secure the very finest of our graduates; and over a period of years, he has been able to retain the most gifted and competent of the young people from our School. He encourages and supports imagination and competence in the younger men associated with him, and he has inspired their confidence.

The quality of design coming from the office of A. G. Odell, Jr., will remain constant because he not only retains gifted young men as his associates, but he himself is a most competent and talented man. The work from his office will retain the personal qualities of the man because he is strong enough and talented enough to keep uniform control of the final product. He has brought the practice of architecture to the highest possible plane through his energy, talent, integrity and character.

The Jury of Fellows  
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It is a pleasure to recommend A. G. Odell, Jr. for Fellowship in the Institute because no other man in the North Carolina Chapter deserves such recognition more.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. L. Kamphoefner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Henry L. Kamphoefner  
Dean

November 8, 1956

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1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary

Gentlemen:

I would like to add a strong word of endorsement to the nomination of Arthur Gould Odell, Jr., to Fellowship status.


I have never known a man who was more devoted to his profession than "Gouldie," as he is affectionately known to his fellow practitioners. Without reservation, I believe him to be the best qualified man on design in the State of North Carolina. His outstanding buildings, both published and unpublished, attest to his ability in the field of design.

He is a master at public relations and has been honored time and again by having been appointed to positions of responsibility in civic affairs. He is a most capable ambassador for the cause of Architecture with the general public wherever he goes.

In the past five or six years that I have been able to observe him at close range, I honestly believe he has packed more energetic personal activity and sacrifice into the work of the North Carolina Chapter than any other man has in twice the number of years. His compelling leadership has been responsible for the Chapter's lifting itself by its very bootstraps out of the doldrums into a live and energetic organization that is now doing things and commanding ever-widening interest and respect.

I know of no man in the North Carolina Chapter who is more deserving of elevation to Fellowship and if elected I am quite confident he will be a valued and respected member of that distinguished group of Architects.

Yours very truly,



Robt. L. Clemmer

RLC/em

JOHN ERWIN RAMSAY & ASSOCIATES  
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

POST OFFICE BOX 163  
SALISBURY, N. C.  
TELEPHONE 2931

16 November 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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A/S

Dear Sirs:

It is my privilege to recommend Arthur Gould Odell, Jr., A.I.A. of Charlotte, North Carolina for consideration as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. I have known Gould Odell, as he is known to his friends, personally since childhood and I have known him professionally for 15 years. I have been associated with him on numerous occasions and in numerous North Carolina A.I.A. Chapter activities, and I know him to be a man of integrity, initiative, and leadership. No Architect in North Carolina has given more of his time to the Chapter and to the profession, and no Architect has accomplished more for the Chapter and the profession.

Arthur Gould Odell, Jr. was President of the N.C.A.I.A. for two extremely important formative and development years. Largely through his efforts the Chapter has elevated itself from a small social club, meeting twice each year, to a large meaningful energetic organization serving as a truly representative professional Chapter of the Institute. His positive and energetic personality is rightly envied by many Architects in our State who aspire to his abilities.

His Auditorium and Coliseum (the largest dome in the world) at Charlotte, North Carolina are indicative of his design ability, as well as his ability to lead people. National and international periodicals have acclaimed his design ability. His leadership in putting a project of this magnitude across in a traditionally minded City and section of the U.S. is in itself no small accomplishment. You will be serving the profession well if you elevate Arthur Gould Odell, Jr. to Fellowship.

Sincerely,

  
John Erwin Ramsay, A.I.A.  
JER:lh

cc: Mr. F. Carter Williams, A.I.A.  
Pres., N.C.A.I.A.



A. G. ODELL, JR. AND ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS

109 WEST THIRD STREET CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

December 3, 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary

Gentlemen:

I have been associated with Mr. Odell professionally for approximately five years and do not know of anyone in the State of North Carolina who has devoted as much time to the betterment of the profession. He has been a forceful leader among the architects of the State and has done much to bind them into an effective Chapter of the Institute.

Mr. Odell resolutely adheres to the recommended standards of the professional ethics in his dealings with clients and has done much to encourage younger architects in the area to do the same.

He has established a precedent in the South of good, forward-looking design in his buildings. Every job done in his office is given meticulous attention in the design stage.

Many young architects have benefited through his policy of employing young men who have just graduated from college and have been allowed to work in all phases of the profession from design through supervision to get a full-rounded background of experience.

I am confident that Mr. Odell is one of the most deserving men of our time.

Yours truly,

*James C. Hemphill Jr.*  
James C. Hemphill, Jr., A.I.A.

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# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

December 14, 1956

## C O N F I D E N T I A L

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1. He has many friends who speak well of him but cannot vouch for his accomplishments.
2. His character is beyond reproch. True
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. True
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely yours,

Leslie R. Boney, Jr. AIA

Member of the Executive Committee, North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.



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2. His character is beyond reproch. Yes
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely yours,

Member of the Executive Committee, North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.

(ROBERT L. CLEMMER)



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4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely yours,

This is the best man and the most qualified that we have nominated for Fellowship since I have been a member of this Chapter.

Cyrill H. Pfohl, Secretary

Member of the Executive Committee, Cyrill H. Pfohl Secretary, North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.

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2. His character is beyond reproch. Yes, no known doubtful aspects
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes, definitely so
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely yours,

Member of the Executive Committee, North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.



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Sincerely yours,

W.R. James, Jr.

Member of the Executive Committee, North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.



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Sincerely yours,

Member of the Executive Committee, North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A.

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NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
 THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

INCORPORATED

23 December 1956



To the Jury of Fellows  
 The American Institute of Architects

Gentlemen:

The name of ARTHUR GOULD ODELL, JR., appears over and over again in Chapter records of the past decade, usually in connection with some responsibility for organizing to get things done.

That he has succeeded in getting things done--by others as well as by himself--is evident from the national recognition which has followed naturally on the trail of his grass-roots activities.

It is to be wondered how he has found time to serve The A.I.A. and his community of Charlotte in such full measure while maintaining a consistently high standard in design of large and small projects.

While his eye lights on matters of broad concern, he is mindful of human relations. I myself am grateful for his having gone out of his way on many occasions to make me feel welcome as a newcomer in the Chapter despite my nebulous status as an educator and a woman educator at that.

I heartily recommend to the Jury this candidate for advancement to Fellowship.

Respectfully yours,

Louise Hall, A.I.A.  
 Archivist, N.C. Chapter

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LESLIE N. BONEY, ARCHITECT

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POST OFFICE BOX 986

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TELEPHONE 3-2424

26 DECEMBER 1956

RE: FELLOWSHIP - ARTHUR GOULD ODELL, JR.

MISS FLORENCE H. GERVAIS, SECRETARY TO  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS JURY OF FELLOW  
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

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DEAR MISS GERVAIS:

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO WRITE AND ENDORSEMENT TO YOU OF MR. ODELL  
FOR ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

HE HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ARCHITECTURE IN THE ENTIRE AREA.

HE IS A PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT FIRST, LAST, AND ALWAYS. HIS WORK ON  
BEHALF OF ARCHITECTURE IN OUR AIA CHAPTER HAS BEEN TRULY HERCULEAN.

HE IS A YOUNG MAN OF GREAT ABILITY; HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED IN AND OUT  
OF THE PROFESSION.

I HAVE HAD PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH MR. ODELL IN COMPETITION AND HAVE  
FOUND HIM TO CONDUCT HIMSELF ON THE HIGHEST ETHICAL PLANE.

I CAN NOT RECOMMEND HIM TO YOU TOO HIGHLY FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTI-  
TUTE.

WHILE THIS WILL DO HIM GREAT HONOR, I FEEL SUCH RECOGNITION WILL ALSO  
REFLECT CREDIT TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS THAT HE HAS SO NOBLY  
SERVED.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

LESLIE N. BONEY, ARCHITECT

*Leslie N. Boney, Jr. AIA*  
BY: LESLIE N. BONEY, JR.

LNBJ:s

CC: MR. CYRIL H. PFOHL  
MR. WALTER W. HOOK

MARSH & HAWKINS

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

404 CHATHAM BUILDING  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

December 26, 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

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H/D

Gentlemen:

It is without hesitation that I endorse the nomination of A. G. Odell, Jr., Charlotte, N. C. for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I have known him well for approximately ten years and have observed his active and conscientious work on behalf of the Institute, and for the profession as a whole.

I heartily recommend Mr. Odell for this honor and feel that he is very deserving of this recognition by his fellow Architects.

Sincerely yours,



Tebee P. Hawkins

TPH/bma

BASIL G. F. LASLETT

A. I. A.

ARCHITECT

HUSKE BUILDING  
FAYETTEVILLE  
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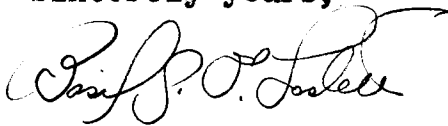
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Gentlemen:

I am writing regarding the advancement of A.G. Odell, Jr., to Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Gouldie for some years, he is a man of fine character and the highest integrity. His fine work as President of the North Carolina Chapter and his interest in A.I.A. is appreciated by all of us here in the profession.

Gouldie's work in architecture has been outstanding; his design of the Charlotte Coliseum alone should bring him the honor which he so richly deserves.

Sincerely yours,



Basil G.F. Laslett

BGFL/eg

# HOLROYD, FOLK & GRAY A.I.A. ARCHITECTS

831 EAST MOREHEAD STREET CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA TELEPHONE FR. 5-3954

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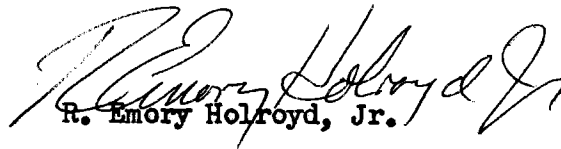
Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for me to offer my endorsement of A. G. Odell, Jr. for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

During the time that I have known Mr. Odell he has always given untiringly of himself in his many efforts for the Institute. He is always ready to do more than his share, exhibiting outstanding leadership in his profession.

Yours very truly,

HOLROYD, FOLK & GRAY  
ARCHITECTS

  
R. Emory Holroyd, Jr.

REH:mb

CC: Mr. Walter Hook

GRAVES & TOY  
ARCHITECTS  
118 1/2 E. FOURTH STREET  
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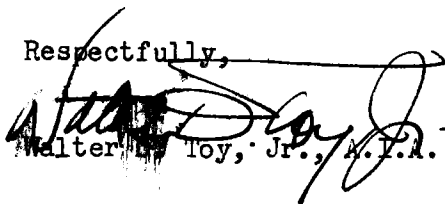
I am writing in behalf of Mr. Arthur Gould Odell, Jr. who has been nominated by the North Carolina Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

Mr. Odell's marked ability in design has been shown by consistent success in contemporary buildings of every type, including large public buildings, schools, churches, commercial buildings and residences. He received national recognition for several of these. Cornell University honored him through appointment as visiting critic in design.

As president of the North Carolina Chapter for two consecutive terms, he set up the most effective organization in the chapter's history and led an uncompromising and successful fight for a statewide minimum fee schedule for public work. He organized and began publication of the "Southern Architect", official magazine of the North Carolina Chapter.

I recommend Mr. Odell for advancement to fellowship and shall appreciate your fullest consideration of his outstanding record in both design and the advancement of the profession.

Respectfully,

  
Walter D. Toy, Jr., A. I. A.

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*1-17-57*

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LOEWENSTEIN-ATKINSON  
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1001 EAST BESSEMER AVENUE

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GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

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ASSOCIATE

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

26 December 1956

R. A. Atkinson, Jr. AIA

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1735 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

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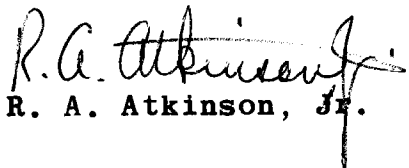
Gentlemen

Mr. Odell has contributed greatly to the prestige of The American Institute of Architects, having held several offices, including the presidency of The North Carolina Chapter. Under his leadership, the code of ethics of member architects in this state has been brought up to the highest status it has ever reached. His service to the Institute has been most commendable, from the standpoints of achievements and the time he has given.

Mr. Odell has designed and executed some of the most outstanding buildings in this state. His designs have won nationwide acclaim from layment, manufacturers and his fellow architects.

I heartily recommend that Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr. be elected to the College of Fellows of The American Institute of Architects

Very truly yours

  
R. A. Atkinson, Jr.

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1-17-57

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WM HENLEY DEITRICK AND ASSOCIATES  
A R C H I T E C T S

P. O. DRAWER 9623 115 WEST MORGAN STREET RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
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GUY E. CRAMPTON, JR., A. I. A.  
J. STANLEY FISHEL, A. I. A.

December 26, 1956

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The American Institute of Architects  
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Washington 6, D. C.

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A/D*

Gentlemen:

I am advised that Arthur Gould Odell, Jr., A.I.A., of the North Carolina Chapter has been proposed for elevation to Fellowship. I am very happy to add my personal endorsement to this nomination.

Gouldie Odell is conducting his practice of architecture in an exceedingly noteworthy manner. He has on numerous occasions received national recognition for his work in design and construction. He has been most diligent in his services to The Institute and has served in practically every capacity, including the Presidency for two terms. I am sure the Fellowship Committee of our Chapter has informed you in detail along this line. His reputation for integrity is unchallenged.

Your most serious consideration of his nomination is respectfully requested.

Sincerely yours,

*Wm Henley Deitrick*

WM. HENLEY DEITRICK

WHD:k

PURSER BUILDING  
GOLDSBORO, N. C.

OFFICE OF  
ALLEN J. MAXWELL, JR., A. I. A.  
ARCHITECT  
FRANK F. CLARKE, A. I. A.  
ASSOCIATE

December 27, 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C.

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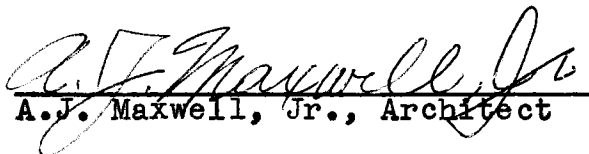
May I take this opportunity to recommend Mr. Authur Gould O'dell, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina for your consideration for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. O'dell, during his two year presidency of the North Carolina Chapter of A.I.A., has done much to further the cause of the Institute and put the North Carolina Chapter on a sound basis.

Mr. O'dell has further advanced the cause of Architecture through the excellence of his work and his outstanding ability as an architect and as a man.

It is a pleasure, and a privilege, to recommend this further honor for one so deserving.

Yours very truly,

  
A.J. Maxwell, Jr., Architect

  
Frank F. Clarke, Associate

FFC/zb



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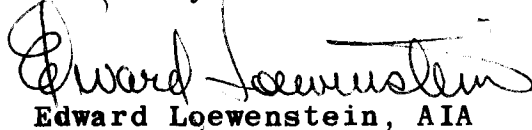
RE: RECOMMENDATION OF A. G. ODELL, JR. FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Gentlemen,

A. G. Odell, Jr., AIA, has brought the State of North Carolina  
and The North Carolina Chapter of The American Institute of  
Architects great honor and prestige in his work as a practicing  
architect, and as an internationally-known winner of many archi-  
tectural and design awards. He has completed the most outstanding  
group of buildings in the state and has rendered untiring service  
to the Chapter as an officer over the past ten years. He has  
held every Chapter office and remains as a most active Director.  
He has reached a favorable solution to many previously unsolvable  
architectural problems for all of the architects in this state.

In the most sincere manner we would like to state that we believe  
A. G. Odell, Jr. would be a worthy and creditable addition to the  
College of Fellows of the AIA, not only from the field or design,  
but also for Service to the Institute.

Sincerely

  
Edward Loewenstein, AIA

*Eds*  
1-17-57

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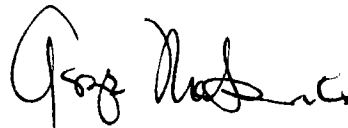
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The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to support  
A. G. O'dell of Charlotte, North Carolina,  
for advancement to Fellowship in the  
American Institute of Architects. He  
has done much to help advance the under-  
standing and appreciation of architecture  
in the state of North Carolina by main-  
taining the very highest design principles  
in his practice and has very actively  
and unselfishly worked in the State A. I. A.  
organization. Even while serving as president  
of the state chapter, he found sufficient time  
and energy to organize the Southern Architect,  
a monthly publication of the state architect's.

Yours truly,



George Matsumoto  
December 28, 1956

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G. THOS. HARMON, A.I.A., ARCHITECT

WM. J. KEENAN, A.I.A., ASSOCIATE

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December 27, 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

*ack. 1/17/57*  
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Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A. has informed me of their action in nominating Gouldie Odell for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

As Mr. Odell has been one of the most active architects in North Carolina in promoting our profession I was constantly in touch with him during my three year term as Regional Director representing this area. Mr. Odell was most helpful to me in working with the North Carolina Chapter in the organization of their Regional conferences.

I have personally observed Mr. Odell's outstanding work which shows his tremendous ability as a designer.

It is with great pleasure that I endorse this candidate and respectfully request that the Jury give this loyal servant every consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*G. Thos Harmon*  
G. Thos. Harmon, P.A.I.A.

GTH:ajs

J. A. MALCOLM, A. I. A.  
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December 31, 1956

The Jury of Fellows  
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Gentlemen;

The North Carolina Chapter has nominated Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr. for Institute Fellowship.

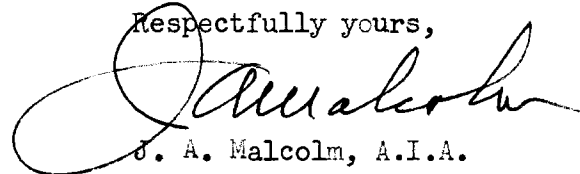
A complete summary of his accomplishments and background would require several pages; Therefore, may I present only a few of his achievements:

- (a) His Charlotte Auditorium - Coliseum has attracted world wide attention.
- (b) His Double Oaks Elementary School and Wilson Junior High School have both received national awards of merit.
- (c) He has received five Honor Awards in The N. C. A.I.A. Honor Award Program.
- (d) He has served two terms of office as President of the N. C. Chapter of the A.I.A., and with great distinction.

It is a distinct pleasure to recommend him for your most careful consideration. Mr. Odell has always subscribed to the highest professional ethics; his practice embraces the finest of design and structure.

He is a most valuable asset to the high standing of the profession in North Carolina, and will be a fine addition to the distinguished group of Fellows.

Respectfully yours,

  
J. A. Malcolm, A.I.A.

c.c. Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr., A.I.A.  
Mr. W. W. Hook, F.A.I.A.

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January 3, 1957

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, District of Columbia

Gentlemen:

When the time comes to select Fellows to the Institute, I hope you will give due consideration to Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr., of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Odell, in my opinion, has done more for the architectural profession in North Carolina during the past ten years than anyone I know. He served as President of the North Carolina Chapter for two years, and I am sure that we made great strides forward during his tenure in office. He has always served his profession well, and has given freely of time and money for the architectural profession as a whole. He is a man with forward ideas, the ability to put his ideas across successfully, and the determination and energy to fight for his convictions. I admire him for the stands he has taken and for his accomplishments in architectural, business and civic affairs in general.

I assume you are familiar with Mr. Odell's architectural work, since a great many of his projects have received awards and have been published in national magazines.

Yours very truly,

SLOAN & WHEATLEY, ARCHITECTS

*M. W. Sloan*

Mangum W. Sloan, AIA

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JESSE M. PAGE A. I. A. *Architect*

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January 3, 1957

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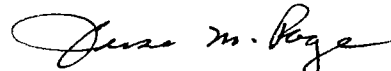
Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of the advancement of Arthur Gould Odell, Jr., Charlotte, N. C., to fellowship in the Institute. I am sure your files contain complete information regarding Mr. Odell's accomplishments.

In my judgment there is no doubt about the action you will take. From the standpoint of professional practice, his work exemplifies the highest standards of excellence. From the standpoint of service to the profession, I doubt if there has been one member of the Institute who in the last ten years has stimulated as much progress in a Chapter as has Mr. Odell.

I heartily recommend Mr. Odell's advancement to fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jesse M. Page A.I.A.

JMP:rkb

cc: Mr. Walter Hook

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*Eds - 1-23-57*

ATTENTION: MISS FLORENCE GERVAIS, SECRETARY

GENTLEMEN:

THIS LETTER IS IN BEHALF OF MR. A. G. ODELL, JR., AIA, WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER.

WE WILL NOT REPEAT THE DETAILS OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU.

WE DO WISH TO REITERATE THAT HE HAS BEEN A MOST AGRESSIVE PROPONANT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PROFESSION GENERALLY AND THE A. I. A. IN PARTICULAR, WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP AND WITH THE PUBLIC.

AS A FELLOW OFFICER AND DIRECTOR FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IT HAS BEEN OUR GOOD FORTUNE TO KNOW HIM AND HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER, HE LED US THRU SEVERAL OF OUR MOST CRITICAL PERIODS IN SECURING SATISFACTORY RECOGNITION OF OUR PROFESSION WITH CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF OUR STATE GOVERNMENT. THESE EFFORTS LED TO BETTER CONTRACTS AND FEE SCHEDULES.

THE DESIGN EFFORT OF HIS OFFICE HAS PRODUCED SOME OF THE FINEST STRUCTURES IN THIS STATE WHICH COMPARE EQUALLY WITH THE FINEST IN THE UNITED STATES.

HE IS PRESENTLY SERVING ON THE INSTITUTE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

WE COULD CONTINUE TO RECOUNT OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ODELL'S BUT WE WILL BRIEFLY STATE THAT IT IS OUR OPINION THAT HE IS EXTRA ORDINARILY WELL QUALIFIED TO BE ADVANCED TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*Eccles D. Everhart*  
ECCLES D. EVERHART, AIA

EDE/FH

CC: MR. WALTER HOOK  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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January 7, 1957

American Institute of Architects  
Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Re: A. G. Odell, Jr.  
Institute Fellowship

Gentlemen:

For many years A. G. Odell, Jr. has executed architectural work of superb quality in design and accomplishment in this area. He and his work are most highly respected and admired by fellow architects and clients alike.

Mr. Odell has been for several years and is still working diligently for the advancement of the profession through active participation in the State Chapter A. I. A. and the local Council of Architects. Through his unselfish efforts several advancements have been made by the Profession and a large share of the success is due Mr. Odell.

I can sincerely recommend that I know of no one in the Architectural Profession more deserving of Institute Fellowship than Mr. Odell. He is an inspiration to other architects in this area by his excellence in his practice and his character and ethics are of highest calibre.

Your appointment of Mr. Odell to Fellowship would be appreciated by all who know him.

Yours very truly,

*W. A. Bowles*

W. A. BOWLES, A. I. A.

WAB/a

*Ad.  
1-23-57*



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January 7, 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please let me add my voice to that of many others in the Chapter in hearty recommendation of Arthur Gould Odell for elevation to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

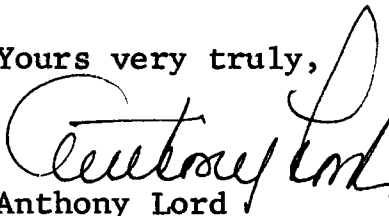
Mr. Odell is not only a gifted designer who has done much to raise the level of public understanding and appreciation of good architecture, but he has been the most energetic and industrious president the North Carolina Chapter has ever had.

Mr. Odell has made some unusual and highly successful contributions to the architecture of the State and has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically for the advancement of the entire profession.

It is my sincere hope that your Committee will act favorably on the nomination of Mr. Odell.

I regret that, due to a variety of mischances, this letter may be late in reaching the Committee but I trust not too late to add its small bit to the many other letters the Committee has received concerning Mr. Odell's contributions to architecture.

Yours very truly,

  
Anthony Lord

AL/b

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14 January 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Re: File A.G. Odell, Jr.

ack 1-24-57  
AIG

Gentlemen:

Please allow me for the record to enter a few comments with regard to the advancement to Fellowship in the Institute of A.G. Odell, Jr. of Charlotte.

The documentation of facts and data in the formal application for advancement to Fellowship are a matter of record, and are before you gentlemen for consideration, as are the many additional letters of recommendation from members of the North Carolina Chapter, and others attesting to the desirability of advancement to Fellowship for Mr. Odell.

The documentation is cold and factual, and as to the statement of fact, I would add a hearty Amen, but there is one significant fact which is not covered in the formal application, and that fact is "attitude".

The statements with reference to Mr. Odell's design ability is accomplishments for the profession in North Carolina, and thus nationally and inter-nationally are not to be overlooked by any manner of means. However, the writer is totally familiar with Mr. Odell's attitude toward the profession, and no statement can adequately convey to The Jury the feeling of aggressiveness and progressiveness for the profession, which is one of Mr. Odell's inherent qualities.

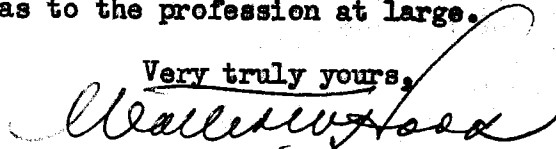
Here is no Fuddy-Duddy".

Here is no man on the downside of his professional career to whom his associates would like to pay a final departing honor, but rather here is a young man with a background of training and experience, which makes him a leader among his associates, and yet who is just arriving at the threshold of his capabilities, both for the Chapter and for the Institute, and who may be expected to give many, many more years of active and thoughtful service to the Institute and to the profession, as well as increase in reputation as a designer and in the promotion of architecture.

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14 January 1957

Mr. Odell's advancement to Fellowship will add status to the College of Fellows, as well as to the profession at large.

Very truly yours,



Walter W. Hook.

WWH/c

CARL W CLARK A I A

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*ack 1/24/57*  
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Gentlemen:

It is good to know that Arthur Gould Odell of Charlotte, North Carolina has been nominated by the North Carolina Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute in the fields of Design and Service to the Institute.

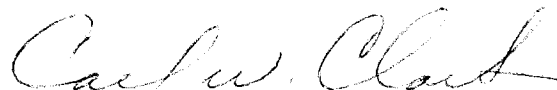
Arthur has been active and of great help in the work of the A. I. A. Committee on School Buildings. His attendance record since appointment has been perfect. His leadership in the southeastern states has led to better understanding between architects, state and local officials, and educators.

It is known that Arthur Odell has given unstintingly of his time and material resources in forwarding the prestige of our profession in Chapter work and National Committee affairs.

Mr. Odell's design work is well known nationwide. He has vision, perspective, and the personality to put in practice the highest ideals of our profession.

With no hesitation I sincerely offer my endorsement of the North Carolina Chapter nomination in the advancement of Arthur Gould Odell to the high honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,



CARL W. CLARK, A. I. A.

CWC:abp

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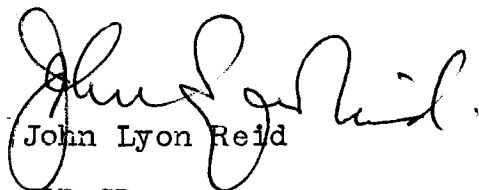
ack, 1/24/57  
JLR

Gentlemen:

I have known Mr. Arthur Gould Odell for several years, having been brought into contact with him through the membership of both of us on the School Buildings Committee of the American Institute of Architects. I have been able to observe his keen insight into professional problems, his understanding of the nature and opportunities of the architect's professional service, and his skill and competence in matters of architectural design.

I have noted with pleasure the awards and recognition that his work has received. His work is characterized by imagination and sound planning and ranks high in order of quality among the work of his colleagues. I am informed that he has been nominated for Fellowship by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In my opinion his accomplishments merit such an honor. I strongly recommend him for your favorable consideration for his advancement to Fellowship.

Respectfully yours,

  
John Lyon Reid

JLR:CD

cc: Mr. Walter W. Hook

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January 14, 1957

Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Arthur Gould Odell for the past two years as a member of the AIA Committee on School Building.

I have also followed his achievements in design with interest and certainly concur with his Chapter's desire to nominate him for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Since Mr. Odell was appointed to our committee, he has attended every meeting and has contributed much to our deliberations.

I have been particularly interested in the Charlotte Coliseum Auditorium, which he designed, and believe it is an excellent architectural solution to a very complicated problem. This auditorium, as well as other buildings he has designed, is certainly worthy of recognition by the profession.

I should like to add my support to his nomination for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,

  
Henry L. Wright, FAIA

January 15, 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Nomination for Fellowship  
of ARTHUR GOULD ODELL, AIA

*ack 1/25/57*  
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I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Arthur Gould Odell for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Odell as a member of the Committee on Schools and have actually visited some of the buildings that he has designed.

As a Committee member he is most enthusiastic. He has brought up some very interesting subjects which the Committee has acted on for the betterment of the profession.

His schools have received national and international recognition and are considered one of the best designed by the Committee on Schools, the American Association of School Administrators, The School Executive and the Architectural Record.

I have found Mr. Odell a most conscientious worker as to performing those duties required by the Committee on Schools.

I sincerely hope that the Jury of Fellows will see fit to advance Mr. Odell to Fellowship in the Institute, which I assure you he deserves.

Very truly yours,

*Alonzo J. Harriman*  
(lw)  
Alonzo J. Harriman

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*ack, 1/25/57*  
*RLA*

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to know that the Committee on Fellows of the North Carolina Chapter of The American Institute of Architects is proposing unanimously Arthur Gould Odell for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute.

I have known Mr. Odell professionally for several years, both through interesting discussions with him on the subject of our profession and also in the rewarding relationship of working with him on our National Committee on School Buildings.

Last November I made a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina to see Mr. Odell's Sports Arena and Auditorium buildings. The fine design and execution thereof on these two buildings are a most rewarding and moving experience to a fellow architect.

I know the Jury of Fellows is fully cognizant of the contribution to architecture made by Arthur Gould Odell, both in design and service to the Institute.

Sincerely,

*Richard L. Aeck*

RICHARD L. AECK.

RLA:ss

15 January 1957



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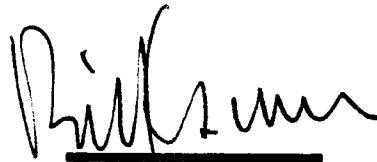
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THE JURY OF FELLOWS, 1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.,  
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GENTLEMEN, IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO WRITE IN  
BEHALF OF AN ARCHITECT WHO IS A REAL PIONEER IN  
DESIGN. I SPEAK OF ARTHUR GOULD ODELL OF CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA, WHO HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR ADVANCE-  
MENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE. THOSE OF US  
IN THE SCHOOL FIELD LOOK TOWARDS ODELL FOR HIS GREAT  
LEADERSHIP. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY HIS OTHER  
BUILDINGS, PARTICULARLY THE CHARLOTTE COLISEUM  
AUDITORIUM.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOMMEND HIM TO YOU.



WILLIAM W. CAUDILL  
ARCHITECT - PARTNER

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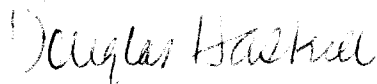
Gentlemen:

May I add a word for whatever small value it may have in seconding the nomination of the North Carolina Chapter of "Gouldie" O'Dell for Fellowship on the basis of design and service.

His performances on such jobs as the Coliseum at Charlotte, the library and schools are already well known. One thing that is striking about Gouldie is the enthusiastic way in which clients speak about him--clients we know as the best and most liberally cultivated type, for example, clients like Jim Rouse of Baltimore. Apparently he makes a wonderful impression which carries through for the profession as a whole.

I am not as directly informed on Gouldie's services to the Chapter in the field of public relations, but others keep speaking of the way he has gone beyond the routine and beyond the "call of duty."

Sincerely,



Douglas Haskell  
Editor

DH:aw

16 January 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
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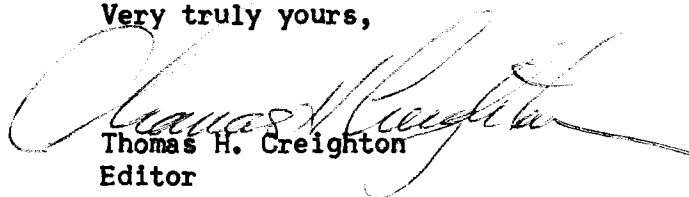
Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Arthur Gould Odell, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Odell for a good many years and have the greatest admiration and respect for his leadership, both in design and in service to the Institute in his part of the country. Mr. Odell's design abilities have not been confined to any one type of building or to isolated structures. He is, rather, that sort of individual who exerts a tremendous influence on his total community in the direction of improved physical environment. The Charlotte Coliseum and Auditorium is perhaps his outstanding design achievement at this point but it does not overshadow the number of schools, commercial buildings, houses and other socially important structures which he has designed and which have been an inspiration to other architects in the region. I know from personal observation and from conversations with other North Carolina architects what an effective job Mr. Odell has also done in serving as President of the North Carolina Chapter and in other services to the Institute, which have demonstrated his imagination and his dedication to the advancement of the profession.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Odell deserves advancement to Fellowship at this time.

Very truly yours,



Thomas H. Creighton  
Editor



January 16, 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Nomination for Fellowship of  
ARTHUR GOULD ODELL, A.I.A.

*ack 1/24/57  
9/2*

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be informed that the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Arthur Odell of Charlotte for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I feel that Arthur Odell's published work of the Charlotte Coliseum Auditorium and in the residential and educational fields is worthy of outstanding commendation.

For the past year, Arthur Odell has been serving with me on the School Building Committee of the Institute. He has certainly worked most conscientiously and diligently in fulfilling his obligation on this Committee.

I feel that his contribution in the field of design and service to the Institute has been outstanding and I consider him a worthy candidate and urge your favorable consideration in awarding him this high honor.

Very truly yours,



Eberle M. Smith, A.I.A.  
EMS:lw

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912*

Gentlemen:

I have recently heard that Arthur Gould Odell, A.I.A., of Charlotte, North Carolina, is being proposed for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known him for a good many years and have come to have a very high respect for the quality of design exhibited in many of his works. His new Public Library for the City of Charlotte is, in my estimation, one of the best in the country. The reputation of his Coliseum in the same city is, of course, familiar to you. In his work with the Board of Education at Charlotte, he has produced schools that are outstanding, not only in comparison with those in his own community, but also with the best that are being done elsewhere in the country. These of course are my own opinions, but then I am sure that you recognize that architectural preferences are always, in the last analysis, personal opinions.

I also know, though I am less familiar with it, something about his work when he was President of the North Carolina Chapter, A.I.A. I believe that the Chapter gained in stature during his term of office.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank G. Lopez*

Frank G. Lopez  
Senior Editor

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January 16, 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington 6 D. C.

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Gentlemen:

In nominating Arthur Gould Odell for advancement to Fellowship the North Carolina Chapter is endorsing one of the more able designers of my acquaintance and I feel this outstanding ability deserves my support. I endorse this nomination.

I have first-hand knowledge of his school designs through membership in the Committee on School Buildings. Several of these have received national awards.

His Coliseum Auditorium at Charlotte is a unique structure which dramatically fulfills its function and has received vast attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel E. Homsey*  
Samuel E. Homsey FAIA

SEH:HEJ

LUCIAN J. DALE

A.I.A.

ARCHITECT

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ADDRESS REPLY:

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January 16, 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of elevation of Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr. A.I.A. to be a Fellow in The American Institute of Architects.

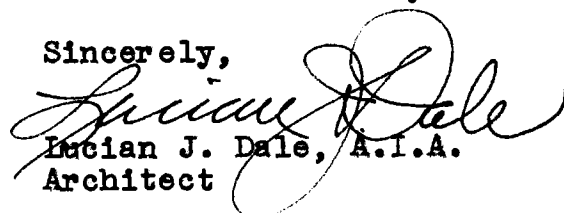
Mr. Odell has been a personal acquaintance from the early days of his professional practice here in the mid 1930's. He has progressed substantially in each step of his work and service in the community. He stands presently, having won several State and National design awards in the school building field; and having executed the new Charlotte Auditorium and Colisium project, which latter is roofed with the world's largest steel framed dome. Other outstanding works include the new Charlotte Public Library, a very handsome addition to Belk Brothers Department Store, certain City and County school buildings and other miscellaneous fine buildings; along with a collaborative association with Mr. Max Abramowitz, F.A.I.A., executing the new 17 story Wachovia Bank and Office Building currently under construction here.

During the past four years my associations with Mr. Odell have been much closer in the chapter, during his tenure as President (two terms) and member of the Executive Committee by virtue of my Committee assignments. Those contacts have led to my increased high personal regard of him and knowledge of his force of Character in our community and the State of N. C. Too, he and I are members of Charlotte Kiwanis Club; and he is an esteemed member of Myers Park Methodist Church here.

Mr. Odell has served in many capacities in our professional organizations always with honor and distinction, giving fine direction and wise council beyond normal calls and even with sacrifices of his time and fortune. In all these enterprises, his efforts have been continually bent toward increasing the statue of the Architect locally, in the State and the Nation. We feel sure that force will be continued and strengthened by the proposed elevation of Mr. Odell to Fellowship.

Accordingly, this unreserved commendation of him to you.

Sincerely,



Lucian J. Dale, A.I.A.  
Architect

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18 JANUARY 1957

JURY OF FELLOWS  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

I HEREBY ENDORSE THE NOMINATION OF MR. A. G. ODELL, JR. OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS FOR INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP.

I HAVE KNOWN MR. ODELL SINCE MOVING TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1948 AND MY RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR HIM AS A PERSON AS WELL AS HIS WORK HAS INCREASED WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

THE ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS HANDLED BY MR. ODELL'S OFFICE ARE OUTSTANDING AND DEMONSTRATE HIS PERSONAL ABILITY AND SINCERE INTEREST TAKEN IN THE PROFESSION. HIS DESIGNS ARE CLEAR AND UNCLUTTERED BUT STILL HAVE THE DEPTH AND WARMTH CREATED ONLY BY A PERSON OF GOOD TASTE.

MR. ODELL HAS WORKED LONG AND HARD IN THE INTEREST OF THE PROFESSION, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE INSTITUTE. HIS DEVOTION HAS BEEN ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP FOR MR. A. G. ODELL, JR. WOULD BE A RECOGNITION OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE PROFESSION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,



G. MILTON SMALL

GMS:MW



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January 21, 1957.

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

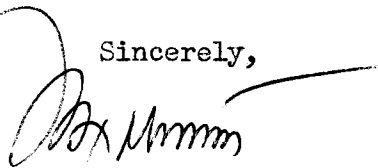
I would like to heartily endorse the name of Arthur Gould Odell for advancement to Fellowship of the Institute because I feel that his efforts, work in design, and his contribution to his profession as President of his Chapter are of a caliber which warrants this advancement.

His work on institutional buildings and schools and his Charlotte Coliseum Auditorium illustrates his fine work and are a credit to the profession. He has contributed greatly to the community awareness of good creative design.

His devotion and energy to make the public aware of the Architect's function as a professional man, his insistence of the fine standards of professional ethics in his relationships is also an asset to the profession.

Should he be advanced to Fellowship it will accrue to the benefit of the Institute and to the community at large.

Sincerely,



Max Abramovitz

MA:J



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THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

21 January 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

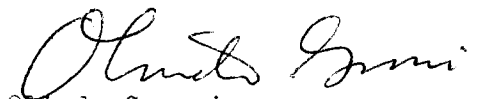
Gentlemen:

I am pleased to write in behalf of the candidacy of Arthur Gould Odell for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. Mr. Odell, whom I have known for some 22 years, has very capably progressed in the field of architecture to the position where he is now one of the leading architects of this country. Recently when I was privileged to judge the work of members of the North Carolina Chapter, his work was outstanding in an exhibit of very outstanding designs.

I also know that he has given greatly in time and effort for the welfare of his Chapter.

It is my opinion that Mr. Odell should be recognized with honor for his architectural contributions to North Carolina, and therefore feel privileged to recommend him for Fellowship in the Institute.

Yours truly,

  
Olindo Grossi  
Dean, School of Architecture

OG:lm

MORRIS WERNER, R.A.  
ELDON B. SWENSSON, R.A.  
RICHARD H. MORSE, R.A.  
LEWIS A. RIGHTMIER, R.A.  
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& ASSOCIATES

January 22, 1957

Re: Nomination of ARTHUR GOULD ODELL  
for advancement to Fellowship in  
American Institute of Architects

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

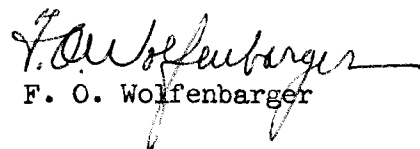
I have just learned that the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is proposing the name of Arthur Gould Odell, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute, and it gives me great pleasure to enthusiastically endorse and support their proposal of Mr. Odell.

Mr. Odell's achievements in design are, I believe, outstanding. Many of his projects have been published as outstanding contributions in the field of design, and he has received international acclaim for the Charlotte Coliseum Auditorium.

As current members of the A.I.A. Committee on School Buildings, I have become acquainted with Mr. Odell and wish to vouch for his active, generous, and highly regarded contribution to this committee's work. His accomplishments in educational work are probably as well established with educators, in their circles and publications, as they are within the profession of architecture.

It is my considered opinion that Mr. Odell has been and will continue to be of great service to the Institute. Moreover, in the field of design his contributions are deserving of the high honor of advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,

  
F. O. Wolfenbarger

FOW/lsw

cc - Walter W. Hook



EDMUNDSON & KOCHENDOERFER — ARCHITECTS

R. EVAN KENNEDY — STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

25 January 1957

Jury of Fellows  
1735 North Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Arthur Gould Odell

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to learn that Arthur Odell has been nominated by the North Carolina Chapter for Fellowship in the Institute.

My acquaintance with Mr. Odell has stemmed from our membership in the National Committee on School Building. I feel that he has made a real contribution to the work of this committee and he has evidenced a very real interest and a deep understanding of the problems of the profession as they relate to the design of schools.

He is rendering a valuable service to the Institute in the contribution he is making to the work of this committee and I am very happy to personally endorse his nomination for Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,

*Donald W. Edmundson*  
Donald W. Edmundson

DWE:dh  
cc: Walter Hook

DONALD W. EDMUNDSON, A. I. A. ARCHITECT  
NEIL R. KOCHENDOERFER, A. I. A. ARCHITECT

R. EVAN KENNEDY . . . ENGINEER

325 HENRY BUILDING . . . PORTLAND 4, OREGON . . . CA 8-9339

January 28, 1957

Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is proposing the name of Mr. A. G. Odell, Jr. for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Odell well for a number of years and have followed closely his activities in the North Carolina Chapter. Through his contributions of time, energy and money, he is responsible more than any other person, for the great amount of interest shown by architects in the North Carolina Chapter in recent years.

In addition, his contribution to contemporary architectural design has made him outstanding throughout the nation and without equal in the South.

Inasmuch as Mr. Odell should be recognized for these accomplishments, I ask that you consider him favorably for Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Baesel', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Baesel, A. I. A.

sb/p

S. PORTER GRAVES, JR., A. I. A.

GRAVES & TOY  
ARCHITECTS  
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WALTER D. TOY, JR., A. I. A.

January 29, 1957

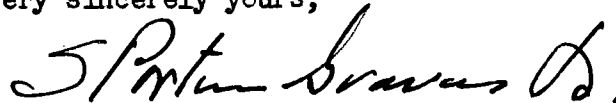
The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In adding a most sincere endorsement of A. G. Odell, Jr. for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, I feel that it is a particular pleasure to give recognition to one who has so much encouraged and championed imaginative design.

Service to the profession and outstanding works will, I'm sure, be amply substantiated in other endorsements. I would like to see him honored for both design and service.

Very sincerely yours,



S. Porter Graves, Jr., A. I. A.

SPGjr/sm

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SCHOOL OF  
ARCHITECTURE

January 30, 1957

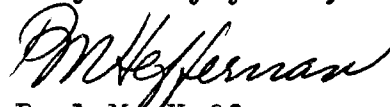
Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mr. Arthur Gould Odell and the North Carolina Chapter which has proposed his name for Fellowship, I should like very much to add my recommendation to those already forwarded to you. I have known Mr. Odell since his days in Atelier Bigot at the Ecole in Paris and I have watched his development over a period of years. The esteem in which he is held by his Chapter and the great amount of personal time and effort he has put into chapter affairs, including his recent two-year term as president, testify to a devotion beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Odell's architectural work has been much in the public eye in recent years, and I can personally testify to its high quality, quality which justifies the awards and publicity it has received. I believe you will find few persons whose qualifications have greater merit, and I hope sincerely that this will be the opinion of the Jury.

Very truly yours,



Paul M. Heffernan  
Director

PMH:jj  
cc: Mr. Walter Hook

McLEOD AND FERRARA  
ARCHITECTS A. I. A.

JOHN W. McLEOD A.I.A.  
ANTHONY FERRARA A.I.A.  
STEWART E. DUVAL A.I.A.  
CASPER S. NEER A.I.A.  
JOHN M. WOODSIDE R.A.

January 30, 1957

The Jury of Fellows  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Mr. Arthur Gould Odell  
Advancement to Fellowship

Gentlemen:

I understand that the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is proposing the name of Arthur Gould Odell of Charlotte, North Carolina, for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I am most happy to support this nomination.

I have known Mr. Odell since he became a member of the American Institute of Architects' Committee on School Buildings, of which I am Vice-Chairman. I have been very much impressed with the conscientiousness with which Mr. Odell has carried out committee work, both at the National level and within his Region. He has made a significant contribution to Institute activities in this respect.

I have also been well aware of Mr. Odell's achievements in the design field. His work has contributed significantly to the architecture of the region in which he works. His school buildings are nationally known and he has received a number of awards for their excellence of design.

I am quite sure that Mr. Odell is well qualified and a worthy candidate for advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

McLEOD AND FERRARA  
ARCHITECTS, A. I. A.

  
John W. McLeod

JWMcL/lk

cc: Mr. Walter W. Hook  
303 $\frac{1}{2}$  West Fourth Street  
Charlotte 2, North Carolina



RALFE MESROBIAN A.I.A.  
A R C H I T E C T

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LIBERTY LIFE BUILDING  
CHARLOTTE 2, NORTH CAROLINA

January 31, 1957

The Jury of Fellows,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington 6, District of Columbia.

Gentlemen:

Please accept this endorsement in behalf of Mr. A. G. Odell Jr.'s candidacy for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I believe that Mr. Odell could be considered for advancement on either of two categories; For design or service to the Institute. During the past five years Mr. Odell and his associates have designed the most outstanding architecture in North Carolina. His Coliseum-Auditorium group in Charlotte has received national acclaim and the recently completed Public Library Building for Charlotte is certain to be recognized nationally.

Under his leadership our State Chapter increased its membership by a large number and the functions of the architectural profession was brought before the public in a stronger light. He was also the driving force behind the conception and publishing of our chapter monthly magazine, "The Southern Architect".

I am delighted that Mr. Odell is being considered and hope that this endorsement will be considered favorably.

Very truly yours,

*Ralfe Mesrobian*

Ralfe Mesrobian, A.I.A.

RM/mgl

cc: Secretary's file