

Dated December 10 19 41
Received December 17 1941.
Granted January 10 19 42

MEMBERSHIP NO 1027



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order
December 18, 1941
H. J. Jensen*

- A Name of applicant..... H. Augustus O'Dell..... Chapter..... DETROIT
- B Address of applicant..... 700 Marquette Building - Detroit, Michigan.....
- C Applicant proposed by... Talmage C. Hughes..... and..... Emil Lorch.....
exhibits and
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00..... on..... December 17 19 41.
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F Application in due order on..... December 17 19 41.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Mich. Dec. 27 1941. Received. January 2 1942.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... 19...., on..... 19 .
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... 19...., on..... 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... 19 .
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~received on~~ received on..... December 17 1941.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... January 6 1942.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... January 6 1942.
- M Applicant was admitted on..... January 10 1942.
- N Notice ~~and certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
to proposers on..... January 10 1942.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$.....
returned to applicant on..... 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected
-Henry Augustus O'Dell -
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the DETROIT Chapter.

Date January 10 19 42

Charles J. Jensen
Secretary



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Board of Examiners

REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

Name of Applicant H. Augustus O'Dell
Date of Application Dec. 10 1941. Received by Board of Examiners Jan. 6 1942.

FINDINGS:

1. The application was in due order. The applicant was vouched for and proposed for membership by Talmage C. Hughes and Emil Lorch, FAIA.
2. A resolution from the DETROIT Chapter recommending admission was* - - attached to the application.
3. Based on the evidence submitted, the standing and personal qualifications of the applicant are* - - satisfactory.
4. The applicant has* not been examined as to his professional qualifications by such examination as is deemed sufficient and satisfactory.
5. The applicant is* - - currently registered as an architect or licensed to practice architecture in the states of Michigan by exemption.
6. The applicant was* not requested to furnish additional evidence of his professional qualifications ~~in any form~~ which was received.
7. The applicant was* not requested to appear for examination ~~in any form~~ which he did.
- 8.

REPORT:

As a result of its findings on the evidence submitted The Board of Examiners unanimously reports that in its opinion the applicant is* - - qualified for membership in The American Institute of Architects.**

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Date Jan. 6 19 42

F. V. Murphy

W. J. Dorn

 Chairman

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1. Type in names of proposers.

2. Type in name of chapter.

4. Write in "N.C.A.R.E." or name of State Board as appropriate.

When the condition requires, write in the word "not."

8. Type in any unusual findings.

THE AMERICAN
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WASHINGTON, D. C.



APPLICATION NO AP

ORIGINAL

File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is *Henry Augustus O'Neil*

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a *natural* citizen of *U.S.*

3. My legal residence is in the City of *Bloomfield Hills*
County of *Oakland* State of *Michigan*

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be
Street *700 Margaretta Bldg*
City *Detroit* State *Michigan*

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as *Principal*

6. I desire to be a member of the *Detroit* Chapter.

7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and the by-laws and rules and regulations of the chapter of which I desire to become a member, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby expressly agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws, rules and regulations, and will abide by and uphold said Standards of Practice and conduct my practice of the profession accordingly. I am financially able to undertake all pecuniary obligations of a member to The Institute and to the chapter.

8. Receipt required.

8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$ *10⁰⁰*, for admission fee and the current annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason you do not admit me to membership, all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which you will retain as an examination fee.

Date *Dec. 10* 1941.

Henry Augustus O'Neil
Applicant sign full name in ink

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth *17 April 1875* Place of birth *Detroit*

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) By Examination

Michigan

(State or States) By Exemption

Michigan

(a) I hold a Certificate No. *74* of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

*attended grade and private schools in Valparaiso, Ind
and Pt. Huron, Mich.
Have traveled in England, France, Switzerland
and Italy*

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

<i>Draftsman</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>with Gen L. Harvey, Archt.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>4 "</i>	<i>" Rogers & Macfarlane, Archts P. Huron D. Huron</i>
<i>Chief Draftsman</i>	<i>3 "</i>	<i>" " " "</i>
<i>Draftsman</i>	<i>1 "</i>	<i>" Col. Wood, Theatre Archt. D. Huron</i>

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

Baxter & O'Neil	1903	to	1916
Baxter, O'Neil & Helgeson	1916	"	1923
O'Neil & Smith	1928	"	1932
O'Neil & Rowland	1932	"	1938
H. Augustin O'Neil	1938	to	now,

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
17. Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
19. Member of State Association in Mich from 1915 to _____

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 20 years.

I have known the applicant for 20 years.

Signed

Salvage O'Hughes
Proposer

Signed

Chard
Proposer



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

H. Augustus O'Dell - Detroit, Michigan
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Michigan
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Detroit, Michigan
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date Dec. 27 19 41

Chas. J. Ingraham
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?..... Yes.....
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption?..... Yes.....
3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
.....
4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?
No..... If so, give Certificate No.....
6. Date of last registration Sept. 3.....19 15 Registration No. Feb. 74..... Is it current?..... Yes.....

Watts Shelly
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date Dec. 31 19 41

Michigan State Board of Registration
for Architects, etc. (Name of Board)

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 29, 1957
Voted On Mar. 27, 1958
Voted On Mar. 26, 1959
Voted On Feb. 11, 1960
Granted Feb. 11, 1960

NO M

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* H. Augustus O'Dell *Date of Nomination* October 16, 1957.
2. *Address of Nominee* 950 North Hunter Boulevard, Birmingham, Michigan
3. *Nominee's firm* O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* Michigan
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Detroit
6. *Nominee's State Organization* Michigan Society of Architects, A.I.A.
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1942
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1942 *to* Dec. 31, 1957.
9. *Nominee's age* 82 yrs. *Birthplace* Port Huron, Michigan
10. *Nominators:* Executive Sommittee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

President: ✓ Gerald B. Diehl-	Directors: ✓ Earl G. Meyer-
Vice-Pres: ✓ Lyall Askew -	✓ Lynn W. Fry-
Treasurer: ✓ Werner Guenther -	✓ Frederick G. Stickel -
Secretary: ✓ Peter Tarapata -	✓ Suren Pilafian-

11. *Achievement* in Service to The Institute and Public Service

(Nominators leave blank)



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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date Sep. 18, 1957

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on **October 16, 1957** *Type in full name.
nominated* **H. Augustus O'Dell**
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes***H. Augustus O'Dell**,
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** **Service to The Institute & Public Service**,
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† **fifteen**
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That‡ **Detroit** Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* **H. Augustus O'Dell**

‡Type in name of Chapter.

*Type in full name.

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Earl G. Meyer
Earl G. Meyer, Director

Genes B. Deibel
President

Lynn W. Fry
Lynn W. Fry, Director

Byrd Ashew
Vice President

Frederick G. Stichel
Frederick G. Stichel, Director

Terrence C. Hughes
Executive Secretary

Surent Pilon
Surent Pilon, Director

James G. ...
Treasurer

...
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name H. Augustus O'Dell

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of United States of America

3. Nominee's legal residence 1119 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham, Michigan

4. Nominee's firm name O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 950 N. Hunter Boulevard
Birmingham, Michigan

6. Type in "N.C. A. R. P." or name of State Board, as case may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in science of construction—public official—retired~~

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

8. Born April 17, 1875. Place of birth Port Huron, Michigan

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Attended school through 7th Grade, Ft. Gratiot, Michigan			
Private School	He studied structural design 1900-1902 by means of a correspondence course, as he was employed.			
College or University	Studied charcoal and pencil rendering at Detroit Museum of Art under Professor Emil Lorch.			
Post Graduate at	From 1898 to 1902 the Draftsmen's Club did rendering on Saturdays during the summers. This Club had a regular attendance of about 15 young men and held meetings at various locations outside of Detroit and Windsor. He did all his renderings in water color.			
Scholarships held				

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

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H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL

H. Augustus O'Dell was born April 17, 1875, in Ft. Gratiot, a small town now annexed to Port Huron, Michigan. He received his early education there and at 16 went to work as a stevedore in the Port Huron Freight Sheds. He augmented his income by playing cornet in a band and piano in the theater orchestra.

At 18, he started his architectural career working in the small office of a Port Huron architect. In 1895 at 20 years of age, and with this experience, a bicycle and \$43.00 he left for Detroit where he found work as a draftsman with 2 very prominent architectural firms, Malcomson-Higgenbottom and Rogers and Macfarlane. In 1902, encouraged by Detroit's fantastic growth and endowed with a persevering and dynamic personality and an analytical mind with a real sense of value, he began the practice of architecture as a partnership - Baxter and O'Dell.

From that time forward, he has had a long, noteworthy and successful career as an architect, interspersed with distinguished service to his Profession, his Community and his State and National Governments.

The architectural firms which have always borne his name, and in which he has continuously maintained a real and active part for more than 55 years, have been responsible for a host of meritorious structures and facilities in Michigan. Michigan's newest, finest, and nationally recognized Northville State Hospital for the Mentally Ill (\$30,000,000.) at Northville; the distinctive Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium in Detroit's famous Civic Center, with its Plaza and underground parking (\$15,000,000.); the Addition to Women's Hospital, Detroit; (\$5,000,000.); Addition to Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn (\$3,000,000.); Oakland County Courthouse, Pontiac (\$5,000,000.); the St. Clair Beach Development for the Huron-Clinton Parkway, Mt. Clemens (\$2,500,000.) are among their more recent works.

During World War I Gus O'Dell was with our first overseas armed forces and with the last to return. He came back as a major in the Corps of Engineers and resumed the practice of architecture.

In 1923, he was given the rank of Colonel and appointed Chief of the Detroit Ordnance District and served in that capacity as "A \$1 a Year Man" for more than 4 years.

In 1919, upon invitation he attended, along with 6 other well-known Michigan soldiers, the original American Legion Caucus in St. Louis, Mo. This Caucus established the American Legion. Gus O'Dell then became active in this national organization and helped to establish 20 posts in his District. He was made the first Commander of the Birmingham Michigan Post.

He was one of the early advocates of State Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors, and in 1915 became one of the first registrants in the State. He has never ceased to interest himself in legislation and other matters for the benefit of the Profession and has long stimulated good professional-industry relationship and understanding. For 6 years he was Chairman of the first Building Industry Section for the "Community Fund of Metropolitan Detroit".

In 1932 Governor Wilbur M. Brucker (now Secretary of the Army) appointed Gus O'Dell to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. He served on that Board for 7 years until 1939.

During the great depression, when many architects were forced to close their offices Gus O'Dell's resourcefulness and ingenuity caused him to become interested in the reappraisal of structures upon which many of his former clients were then paying unrealistic insurance premiums. The worth of this service to his former clients and others enabled him and other architects who followed suit, to weather that most disastrous period. For this, he was given national recognition.

He was influential in his local community too. He helped to establish a zoning ordinance for Bloomfield Hills and also helped to create a zoning board there on which he served as secretary for 7 years. He served as the City's appraiser too. In addition, every Saturday forenoon for 7 more years, he held Court as Municipal Judge in Bloomfield Hills.

He was active as officer and member of the Board of Directors in the Michigan Society of Architects and later was a member of the American Institute of Architects. He Chairmanned Society Conventions in both Grand Rapids and Detroit. He was a frequent contributor to the Monthly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects and never ceased to encourage and commend it as an important and worthy medium for professional public relations. He is the only architect to serve as President of the Michigan Society of Architects for 3 terms.

He has been active in many professional business and social organizations, among them, Detroit Engineering Society, Orchard Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills Open Hunt Club, The Detroit Club and others.

Now, at 82, the philosophical and privileged age, his interest in hunting, fishing, golf, his friends, and - business - is as keen and real as ever. As always, too, a gentlemen and architect who looks as straight as he is, and is as straight as he looks.

At present he is the senior member as well as President of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, Architects. The firm has an organization of 38 employees in their own building, located on Hunter Boulevard in Birmingham.

On October 16, 1957, the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects conferred upon H. Augustus O'Dell, for his many contributions to the public and to the Profession in Michigan, the Gold Medal - the highest award within its authority to convey.

H. Augustus O'Dell, Architect

First of all I was born. English and Irish, 50 - 50.

Before reaching nineteen, I was railroad call boy, stevedore for two years, played cornet in a band, and gave music lessons.

Then followed quickly, as Sunday School Superintendent, and a \$3.00 per week draftsman with the only architect who ever used a large leather rocking chair at a drafting board.

I reached Detroit with a bicycle, \$43.00 and a boy's stout heart. Wise or otherwise, I was practicing architecture when twenty eight years of age. My fastest job was a theater in Ottawa, my boss not knowing that I had left a fiancée behind. After marriage, I was just as anxious to get away for fourteen months in France in 1917-18.

I would like to challenge any member of the M.S.A. for titles, past and present. Here they are:

1. "Captain" Aviation Construction, U.S.A.
2. "Major" of Engineers, A.E.F.
3. "Colonel" of Ordnance Department, O.R.C.
4. "Commissioner", State Board of Registration.
5. "Secretary", Bloomfield Open Hunt.
6. "President", Michigan Society of Architects.
7. "Judge" - Municipal, of Bloomfield Hills.

For seven years, I lived on and operated a farm, had great fun and broke even. I like golf, horses, dogs, hunting, French wine, fishing, after dinner coffee, chopping wood, a good book, swimming, kidding my daughter, poker, people, the north woods, and Sunday naps.

I dislike Michigan in February and March, garters, dinner at noon, cats, and to be interrupted. (My wife put in that last one).

Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City) (State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(d)	O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach	Office Bldg. Birmingham, Michigan	1952	1
(a)	Gleaner Life Ins.	Office Bldg. Birmingham, Michigan	1957	1
(b)	Henry and Edsel Ford	Auditorium Detroit(Civic Center) Mich.	1957	1
(d)	North Congregational Church	Southfield, Michigan	1956	1
(d)	The Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority	St. Clair Beach Mt. Clemens, Michigan	1955-57	1
(d)	Woman's Hospital	Maternity Center Detroit, Michigan	1953	1
(d)	Webster Hall - 770	Rm. Hotel Detroit, Michigan	1916	1
(a)	T. B. Rayl Co.	Store Detroit, Michigan	1915	1
(a)	Detroit Stock Exchange	Office Bldg. Detroit, Michigan	1928	1
(c)	Forest Apts.	40 Apts. Detroit, Michigan	1908	1
(c)	Phillips Manor	40 Apts. Detroit, Michigan	1912	1
(d)	Locker Rm. Bloomfld. Hills Ctry. Club	Bloomfield Hills Mich.	1925	1
(c)	Residence C. E. Otter	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	1925	1

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

In the Forest and Phillips Manor Apartments, which he believes were better than the average at that time, he feels it is difficult for him to "point with pride" to this work after 40 years. The most creative feature was the plan which was copied to some extent.

He was responsible from inception to completion for the following buildings listed above: Forest Apartments, T. B. Rayl Building, Phillips Manor and Webster Hall. He was responsible for construction, estimates, schedules and supervision of the Clarence Otter Residence, Detroit Stock Exchange and Locker Room Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

The T. B. Rayl Building was originally 7 stories, the 8th story was added five years later and is of dark red terra cotta. It recently changed hands and the windows of the first three stories have been filled in.

The Locker Room - Bloomfield Hills Country Club is of colored terra cotta. The plan and features have been extensively copied.

Webster Hall, a hotel for men was the first 12 story building in Detroit with a concrete frame.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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During 1933, due to lack of architectural work he began appraising for his clients and friends. It was profitable and he was asked to make an address at the Monthly Architects Meeting. This was published in our local Bulletin by Mr. Tal Hughes. Immediately, he was asked to write an article for the AMERICAN ARCHITECT March 1933 issue. It was a three page article and he was surprised by a \$50.00 check. This was his only literary work.

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

The applicant, being a self-made man, studied in the early Detroit ateliers, during which time he contributed materially to the aid of other students of architectural design. He was ever ready and willing to assist the younger men, both as a student in the atelier and in his own practice, where many younger men became proficient in drafting and design.

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

Mr. O'Dell has contributed articles to the architectural press, a notable example being an article during the depression years of the 1930s telling how architects could become engaged in re-appraisals of real property for the purpose of lowering insurance premiums and tax assessments. This was a valuable contribution to his fellow architects and enabled many to gain a livelihood during trying years.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

He has been a member of the Society since 1925, joined the Institute about 1942. He was chairman of two of the Society's annual conventions. Served as President of the Society three terms. Served on minor committees prior to being president.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

He was in Army 1st World War two years; with engineers overseas 14 months, returned Major of Engineers. After the war, was appointed Chief of Ordinance District in 1923, rank of Colonel, \$1.00 a year. Resigned at end of four years as he could not give it time.

Active in American Legion. Attended first Caucuses in St. Louis 1919, later promoted it in his district and was 1st Commander of Birmingham, Michigan Post.

Upon moving to Bloomfield Hills, a Detroit suburb, he became active in a group which was responsible for changing Bloomfield Hills from village to a city, 4th class. He was directly responsible for creating the Zoning Board, acted as Secretary for 11 years. Served as City Appraiser and Municipal Judge during the years he lived in Bloomfield Hills.

For six years he was Chairman of Building Industry Committee for fund raising for the Metropolitan Detroit Community Fund.

H. Augustus O'Dell, A. I. A., head of the Birmingham firm of O'Dell, Hewlett

and Luckenbach, Architects and Engineers, was honored by the Detroit Chapter,

American Institute of Architects at its annual meeting in the Whittier hotel on

October 16, 1957

His citation reads:

H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL has served faithfully The American Institute of Architects, its Detroit Chapter and the Michigan Society of Architects, in gratitude for which we are indebted to him for his valuable contributions, not only to these organizations but also to the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, and to our community life.

An unfailing and generous friend, he has occupied a place in our affections and esteem that few have attained.

His long and successful career was the natural reward of one who built on a firm foundation. He has seen the profession grow from small numbers and meagre beginnings to a position of high professional status.

In recognition of these and other valuable attributes, the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects is proud to present to H. Augustus O'Dell its 1957 Honor Award Gold Medal.

Signed and sealed, this 16th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.


Gerald A. Stone
President

O'Dell, who has had a long and distinguished career in the practice of architecture in Detroit, has served as president of the Michigan Society of Architects and of the State Registration Board for Architects, Engineers and Surveyors.

His firms, past and present, have been responsible for many of Detroit's most important buildings. His partners are Thomas H. Hewlett, A. I. A. and Owen A. Luckenbach, A. I. A.

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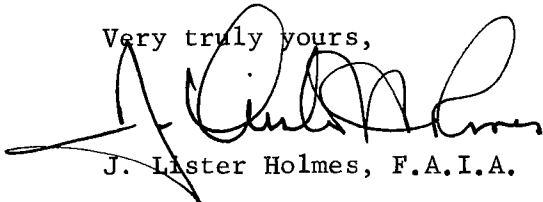
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Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the name of H. Augustus O'Dell is before you for review in the selection of those worthy of election to the College of Fellows.

May I suggest that his long and salty career deserves recognition; that his life as an architect occurred during a period when the achievement of our present stature needed the forces of courage, integrity and high ideals supplied by those carrying the stewardship of that time. There was no greater service to the profession. His efforts are reflected in the present standing of his firm and the character of their work.

Very truly yours,



J. Lister Holmes, F.A.I.A.

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September 23, 1957

Mr. Gerald G. Diehl, President
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
120 Madison Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Diehl:


It is my understanding that Mr. Augustus O'Dell, a member of the Detroit Chapter of the A.I.A. is being considered for nomination to Fellow by your Chapter.

Please convey my interest to the Fellowship Committee with regard to Mr. O'Dell. I shall be most happy to add my recommendations should the Committee include Mr. O'Dell in its selection of candidates for Fellowship.

Yours very truly,

FUGARD BURT WILKINSON & ORTH

By


John R. Fugard, Jr.

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REPLY TO THIS OFFICE

October 9, 1957

Chairman of Fellowship Committee
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Yours very truly,

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October 11, 1957

Mr. Talmadge C. Hughes
Executive Secretary
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
120 Madison Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Enclosed is a supporting letter directed to the National Fellowship Committee in support of Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell, a nominee to Fellowship from the Detroit Chapter.

It is a pleasure to add my support in behalf of Mr. O'Dell.

Yours very truly,

FUGARD BURT WILKINSON & ORTH

By


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Committee on Fellowships
American Institute of Architects
Octagon House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell, Architect of Birmingham, Michigan.

I have known Mr. O'Dell for a number of years and am well acquainted with his accomplishments. I do not know of any man in the Architectural profession whom I would rather praise than Mr. O'Dell. His diverse activities are rich in experiences not only as a very capable and prominent architect, but also in the field of Engineering, and in civic work for public good. By his election to head so many worthwhile activities attests to his great popularity among his fellow men.

The excellence of the architectural work of his firm is well known and deserves the highest commendation.

I look upon Mr. O'Dell as one of the great pioneers of the profession in Michigan. He seems to have taken every opportunity that came his way to do something that brought honor to the architectural profession. From a very early beginning he came up through life the hard way, continually enriching his experience and with it all, loving his fellow men and "leaving his foot prints in the sands of time well above high water."

I recommend with great pleasure that this man be seriously considered for a fellowship in the Institute.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



H. C. Whitehouse

HCW:bh

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October 4, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell has had a long and distinguished career as a practicing architect, having begun in 1902.

I first met him in 1916 and even at that time he was one of the leading architects of Detroit. About that time he went into the service of his country and served overseas, returning in 1918 as a major in the engineering corps, subsequently serving as a dollar-a-year man in the Detroit Ordnance Division.

Gus O'Dell and I joined the Michigan Society of Architects at the same time - in 1925, and I have served as executive secretary of the Society since 1926. Thus, I have had the opportunity of observing first-hand his activities as a practitioner, in his affiliations with the architectural organizations, his contributions to them and to the public.

In 1931 he was elected President of the Michigan Society of Architects, again in 1932 and for a third term beginning in 1933 - only one other in the Society's 44 years being so honored.

In 1931 Mr. O'Dell formed a partnership with the late Wirt C. Rowland, A. I. A., who had been chief of design for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit's oldest and most distinguished architectural firm, and who had been responsible for the design of many of our largest and finest buildings, including the Penobscot, Buhl, Union-Guardian and others.

It was during the depression years that Mr. O'Dell was President of the Society, and he put into effect measures to help the architects over the difficult times. For instance, he became interested in appraisals for tax adjustments on real property, and he assisted other architects in doing the same, thus saving the day for them and for the architectural organizations.

In 1932 the then Governor of Michigan, the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, appointed him a member of our State Registration Board for Architects and Engineers, and he served for seven years, part of the time as its Chairman. My activities at that time, as well as my current tenure as a member of the Board enabled me to know what valuable service he rendered in that connection. He was always ready and willing to help the younger men coming up in the profession, and to administer fairly and to prosecute to the limit those who sought to violate the Act.

Many of the rules of the Board in effect at the present time are results of his constructive endeavors.

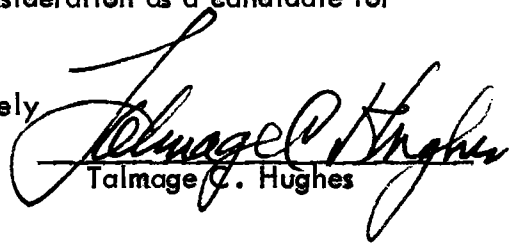
His work in his community of Bloomfield Hills has been a labor of love, both as Judge of the Municipla Court and in organizing and serving on the Zoning Board.

In 1949 his present firm of O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach received an Award of Merit in The American Institute of Architects' first Honor Award program, for its Wing Lake School in Bloomfiled Hills, Michigan. This firm is now producing some of the best architecture of which we can boast, including the new Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium in Detroit's Civic Center, the multi-million-dollar Northville Hospital, the International Institute building in our Art Center, etc.

On October 16 the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. presented Mr. O'Dell with its 1957 Gold Medal Honor Award.

I Earnestly commend Mr. O'Dell for your consideration as a candidate for the high honor of Fellowship in The Institute.

Sincerely,


Talmage C. Hughes

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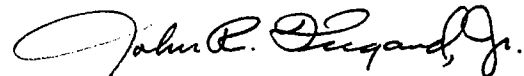
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Yours very truly,


John R. Fugard, Jr.

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Jury of Fellows
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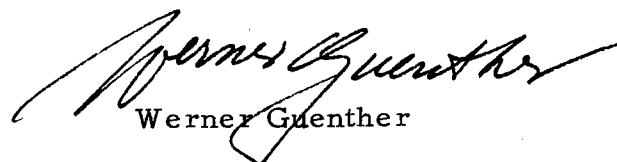
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the name of Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell for your consideration in the nomination of "Fellowship" for the following reasons:

1. Mr. O'Dell has been a practicing Architect, and with a good reputation, for a great number of years, approximately sixty.
2. He is a highly respected member of our profession and has always been interested in furthering our profession, particularly by being a friend and helper to the younger men.
3. He is now a senior partner in a successful firm of Architects, which produces a high quality type of work.
4. Mr. O'Dell has been very active in both the Michigan Society of Architects and the local chapter of the AIA and has held various offices and headed numerous committees.
5. He has served as a member of the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
6. Further, Mr. O'Dell has been very active in civic and municipal affairs and has held the office of Municipal Judge in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan besides being a member of the local Zoning Board.

With all of these activities and achievements, Mr. O'Dell has certainly been an outstanding and distinguished member of our profession, and I trust that our profession will acknowledge this by awarding him the honour of "Fellowship."

Very truly yours,



Werner Guenther

WG:pk

WILLIAM PALMER
Architect, F.A.I.A.

409 GRISWOLD STREET
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN
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October 17, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to inform you that I have known H. Augustus O'Dell since 1915, and intimately since 1931.

His long and meritorious career in the profession, and his active participation in the offices of the Michigan Society of Architects is noteworthy. During the depression years he was a sincere worker in keeping the Michigan Society of Architects active, and assisting the individual architect during this difficult period.

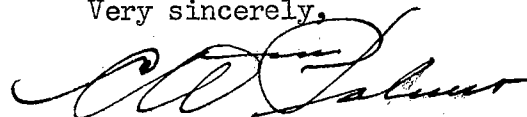
His activities in the service of his country during World War I showed exceptional ability in an executive manner which won him promotion while over seas.

His interest in civic affairs resulted in his appointment on Registration Boards for the State of Michigan, and his local interest in his home town of Birmingham, Michigan, resulted in his activity on the Zoning Board and Judge of the Municipal Court of this town.

I consider this architect of exceptional caliber, keeping active in the profession at an age when others would have retired. His establishment of an architectural firm which now is engaged in doing outstanding buildings for the City and State, determines his ability and continued keen interest in the profession.

In summing up his activities past and present, it is my sincere belief he is worthy of being elevated to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very sincerely,



C. William Palmer

CWP:eb



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October 23, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1731 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Our Chapter has long recognized the valuable services rendered the architectural organizations by our member, Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell.

Consequently, on September 18, 1957, our Executive Committee, by official action, nominated Mr. O'Dell for the high honor of Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

On October 16, 1957, also by official action of our Executive Committee, Mr. O'Dell was awarded the Detroit Chapter's 1957 Gold Medal, the highest honor we can bestow on a member.

For some years my father was a partner of Mr. O'Dell in the architectural firm of O'Dell & Diehl, and through this connection as well as through my term of office as Chapter President, I have known first-hand of Mr. O'Dells high standards of practice and his valuable service to the Institute, the Detroit Chapter, the Michigan Society of Architects of which he was President for three terms; his service to the younger men coming up in the profession, and public service.

During my term of office as Chapter President, I am constantly reminded of those who served before us, including Mr. O'Dell, and contributed so much toward the very good standing of our present organizations.

I consider Mr. O'Dell eminently qualified for the honor of Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely

Gerald G. Diehl, President
Detroit Chapter, The American
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October 24, 1957

The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

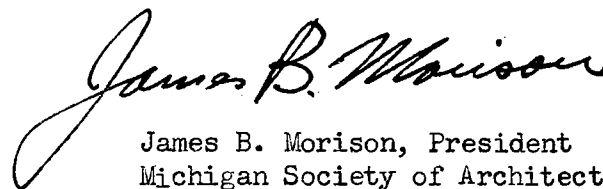
Our Detroit Chapter's nomination of H. Augustus O'Dell for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects is of particular interest and gratification to me as President of the Michigan Society of Architects.

My father, the late Andrew R. Morison, A. I. A., was President of the Society in 1936 and was re-elected in 1937. I am now serving in that office, having been elected in December 1956.

Both through my father's administration and my own, I have come to know the value of Mr. O'Dell's services as President of the Society during his three terms of office, in 1931, 1932, and 1933. These were trying times for any architectural organization, and the fact that Mr. O'Dell brought the Society through was no small factor in the good state that our State Society enjoys today.

I am confident that your honorable body will give Mr. O'Dell's nomination the consideration I am sure it deserves.

Sincerely


James B. Morison, President
Michigan Society of Architects

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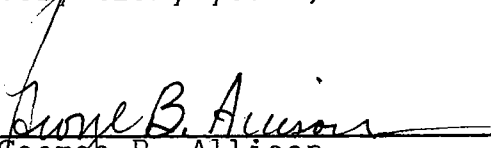
Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell, A.I.A., senior partner of the well-known firm of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach Associates of Birmingham, Michigan, is being nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Detroit Chapter in recognition of his long and distinguished career in public service.

No doubt the nomination by the Detroit Chapter will be supported by a lengthy statement with detailed information on Mr. O'Dell's career. In practice since 1902, he has witnessed the growth and expansion of that portion of the country and has participated as a good citizen and as a responsible member of our profession in this development.

Without knowledge of the criteria employed by the Jury of Fellows in bestowing their recognitions, may I respectfully suggest that most careful consideration be given the data to be submitted by the Detroit Chapter and that notice be taken of the numerous evidences of commendation and endorsement which the Jury will doubtless receive. To these I add my own recommendation for favorable action by the Jury.

Very truly yours,


George B. Allison

GBA/cfh



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October 25, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of my signature on the petition by our Chapter for the nomination of Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell for Fellowship in the Institute.


I have known Mr. O'Dell for many years and am familiar with the distinguished work produced by his firm in this period.

His service to the profession and the public is exemplified by his term of seven years as a member of the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors and his term as President of the Michigan Society of Architects for three years.

His exemplary practice of the profession for over fifty years has made him an example that we, in the Detroit Chapter, are proud to call our own.

I believe that Mr. O'Dell is very deserving of the high honor proposed by our Chapter.

Yours very truly,


Lyall Askew
Vice President

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OCTOBER 25, 1957

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1731 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

AS A SIGNER OF THE PETITION NOMINATING MR. H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, I SHOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE PETITION WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

OUR OFFICE IS LOCATED IN BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, AS IS THAT OF O'DELL, HEWLETT & LUCKENBACH, AND I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF OBSERVING FIRST-HAND THE FINE CHARACTER OF THAT FIRM'S WORK, AS WELL AS ITS HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS.

MR. O'DELL WAS THE LEADER IN ESTABLISHING A ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS, AND HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION ON THE ZONING BOARD FOR MANY YEARS, FOR A PART OF THE TIME AS ITS CHAIRMAN. THIS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN THE CHIEF FACTOR IN THAT COMMUNITY'S ENVIUS POSITION TODAY AS ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE PLACES TO LIVE IN THE DETROIT AREA.

TO THIS ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS HIS SERVICE AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE, HE GAVE UNSTINTINGLY OF HIS TIME AND TALENTS, WITHOUT THE THOUGHT OF PERSONAL REWARD.

I RECOMMEND MR. O'DELL TO YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,



PETER TARAPATA
PT:NC

LINN SMITH A.I.A. . PETER TARAPATA A.I.A. . CHARLES MAC MAHON A.I.A.
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October 25, 1957

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ADRIAN N. LANGIUS
DIRECTOR

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

Gentlemen:

It is with great pride that I recommend the elevation of H. Augustus O'Dell to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I sincerely believe it is appropriate to confer such an honor upon this gentleman of the Profession who has had such a long, noteworthy and successful career as an architect, a career interspersed with distinguished service to his Profession, his Community, his State and National Governments.

I knew him first by reputation only and then for almost twenty years by association. I always respected his achievements and the methods by which these were accomplished. Mr. O'Dell has been concerned with architecture for more than sixty-four years; for fifty-five of those years as a dominant force in architectural firms which have borne his name. These firms have been responsible for some of Michigan's most meritorious structures and facilities. In my position as Director of the State Building Division, I was close to their outstanding State projects. As a President of both the Michigan Society of Architects and of the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and also as a member for many years of the Board of Directors of both bodies, I knew of his interest in and contributions to the Profession.

He never ceased to stimulate, by example, the importance of good public, as well as good Profession-Industry relations. On any occasion he would champion this cause. I am sure the Profession in Michigan at large endorses along with me, the fine tribute the Detroit Chapter recently paid this distinguished member of the Society and Institute in conferring upon him their highest honor award - the Gold Medal.

I encourage your Honorable Body to give favorable consideration to his nomination for Fellowship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Langius", written over a horizontal line.

Adrian N. Langius, F.A.I.A.

ROGER ALLEN & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS



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October 25, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of real pleasure that I learn that H. Augustus O'Dell of Detroit has been nominated by the Detroit Chapter for promotion to Fellowship in the Institute.

For many years I have admired Gus O'Dell, both for his architectural achievements and for his very real contribution to the advancement of the profession in Michigan. As you will see by the enclosed biography written by my friend Adrian Langius, a Fellow in the Institute, he has, in addition to serving his own profession, served his country, his state, and his city throughout a long and useful life. I do not think that any honor that Gus O'Dell can receive can possibly be in excess of his deserts.

May I add a personal note. Now that I have reached the age of sixty-five (and two insurance companies bet me quite a lot of money I couldn't do it), I am beginning to see more clearly the value to our profession and to our country of men like Gus O'Dell, who refuse to be browbeaten by the calendar and who, at 82, is as brilliantly keen and alert of mind and as full of curiosity about the future as he was more than a quarter century ago when I first knew him.

Sincerely,


Roger Allen, F.A.I.A.

RA:P
enc.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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

December 5, 1957

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: H. Augustus O'Dell, A.I.A.

To Members of
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1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? Yes
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? They would most certainly
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? They are excellent
4. What is your opinion of his character? I don't know, respect for his character personally as several years ago he was associated with my father as an architecting firm.

H. Augustus O'Dell
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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highest

Ryall H. Asker
(Signature)

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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? Excellent

Bernard Gaerther, Treasurer
(Signature)

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2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? YES
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? YES
4. What is your opinion of his character? IN MY OPINION, HE HAS A FINE RECORD OF PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY.

Peter J. J. J. J.
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.



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1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? YES
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? YES
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? YES
4. What is your opinion of his character? He is a very fine gentleman.

Evel G. Meyer
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.



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1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Lynn W. Tracy
(Signature)
Member of the Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.



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3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? Yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? Very High

Mred G. Stichel
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.



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1. Has he many friends who speak well of him? don't know
2. Do they also vouch for his accomplishments? " "
3. Would his ethics be acceptable in business? yes
4. What is your opinion of his character? good

Shen Raphael
(Signature)

Member of the Executive Committee, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.



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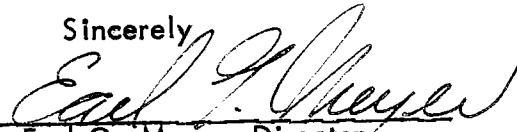
The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Gentlemen:


We, the undersigned Directors of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, heartily endorse the petition nominating Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Mr. O'Dell has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture in Michigan, The Institute, its Detroit Chapter, the Michigan Society of Architects and the public.

He has constantly assisted younger men in the profession to advance in their career, has assisted architects over difficult periods, contributed to the profession and candidates for registration while a member and chairman of the State Registration Board for Architects; he has helped organize the Zoning Ordinance for Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and served on the Board as member and President; he served as Municipal Judge of Bloomfield Hills, and his services in other fields, such as the Community Fund drive and other activities, have meant much to our State and community.

Sincerely


Earl G. Meyer, Director


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DONALD BEACH KIRBY ■ ARCHITECT

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

8 January 1958

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

Re: H. A. O'Dell, A.I.A.

Gentlemen:

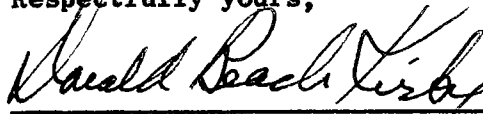
Mr. H. A. O'Dell, A.I.A., has been proposed for Fellowship by the Detroit Chapter. I wish to support this nomination and to say that over a long period of years Mr. O'Dell has been known, not only in Michigan, but throughout the country as one of the leaders in our profession.

Mr. O'Dell's career covers many years and includes the early days of registration when he was most active in developing registration procedures which really meant something. Throughout his practice and his other activities he has stood for the best in professional work and has been a leader in civic and Michigan Society work as well as in the Chapter.

Mr. O'Dell organized the Building Industry Committee for the Community Fund and this became an important factor in Community Fund raising. He has done extensive service in the field of zoning and city planning and has worked both officially and unofficially in Bloomfield Hills.

This distinguished architect, who has contributed so much to the development of his profession in his state and in his Chapter, and who has found time for community service as well, has made concrete contributions which have been noted many times over the years. I trust that his nomination may receive favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours,


Donald Beach Kirby, F.A.I.A.

DBK/s

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 4, 1958

Mr. Gerald G. Diehl, President
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
120 Madison Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Diehl: Report of Action of The Jury of Fellows
Re: Nomination of Members of Your Chapter

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following action it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nominations Referred to 1959 Meeting of Jury:

Amedeo Leone - Detroit 2, Michigan
H. Augustus O'Dell - Birmingham, Michigan
Eberle Minard Smith - Detroit 1, Michigan

Sincerely yours,

Edmund E. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

JANUARY 20, 1959

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

GENTLEMEN:

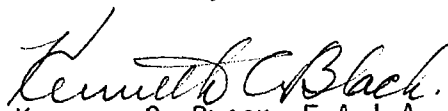
I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE
INSTITUTE.

I AM SURE THAT THE MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY THE DETROIT
CHAPTER WILL CONTAIN A DETAILED BIOGRAPHY OUTLINING
MR. O'DELL'S MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION AND
TO THE PUBLIC.

AS A FELLOW PRACTITIONER IN MICHIGAN I CAN CERTIFY TO
THE VALUE TO THE PROFESSION OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES IN
WHICH MR. O'DELL HAS PARTICIPATED. THERE IS NO OTHER
ARCHITECT LIVING IN MICHIGAN TODAY WHOSE RECORD OF PRO-
FSSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE CAN EVEN APPROACH THAT OF
MR. O'DELL.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE JURY WILL APPROVE HIS ADVANCE-
MENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

RESPECTFULLY,


KENNETH C. BLACK, F.A.I.A.

KCB/HR

MSA

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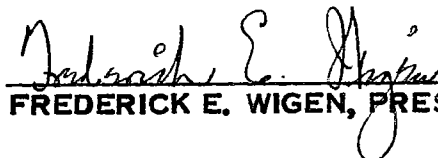
GENTLEMEN:

IT IS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO ADDRESS THIS LETTER TO YOUR JURY OF FELLOWS IN BEHALF OF MY GOOD FRIEND AND FELLOW ARCHITECT, MR. H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL.

MR. O'DELL HAS SERVED HIS PROFESSION AND OUR MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS VERY CAPABLY AND VERY HONORABLY FOR MANY MANY YEARS. CERTAINLY IN THE EYES OF OUR SOCIETY WE ALL FEEL THAT MR. O'DELL HAS SURELY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ADVANCING HIM TO A FELLOWSHIP OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS WOULD BE THE HIGHEST HONOR THAT COULD BE BESTOWED UPON HIM.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND SOME 700 MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS, WE WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE MR. O'DELL YOUR FULL CONSIDERATION TOWARDS HIS ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP.

SINCERELY,


FREDERICK E. WIGEN, PRESIDENT

JANUARY 21, 1959
FEW/jss

HARRY L. MEAD and CHARLES M. NORTON
ARCHITECTS

HARRY L. MEAD
FELLOW OF
The American Institute of Architects
MEMBER OF
Michigan Society of Architects
Michigan Engineering Society
Grand Rapids Engineers Club
National Fire Protection Association

341 Michigan Trust Building
GRAND RAPIDS 2. MICHIGAN
January 21, 1959

CHARLES M. NORTON
MEMBER OF
The American Institute of Architects
Michigan Society of Architects

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

The writer desires to concur in the nomination of
H. Augustus O'Dell, a member of the Detroit Chapter, for
advancement to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

The writer has known Mr. O'Dell since the founding of
the Michigan Society of Architects in 1914 in which we both
took part.

Mr. O'Dell is a man of the highest character and an able
practitioner as is attested by the many important monuments to
his talents and sense of design and would bring honor to the ranks
of those constituting the Fellowship. He has over these many
years taken part in every movement toward the betterment of his
profession and has given unstintingly of his time toward raising
the standards of the registration of Architects in his state.

He has also given much attention to matters of legislation
for the protection of the public against malpractice as well as
having served on the Michigan Board of Registration for Architects
and has taken leading parts towards the better interests of the
community in which he has lived and in 1957 received the Gold
Medal of the Detroit Chapter of the A. I. A.

Yours sincerely,

Harry L. Mead
F. A. I. A.

HLM*E

S O L K I N G A . I . A .
A R C H I T E C T

January 21, 1959

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

Gentlemen:

It is with sincere pleasure that I support the nomination of H. Augustus O'Dell for advancement to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

His endeavors in behalf of the architectural profession and his record of public service are most outstanding.

I have respected Mr. O'Dell since the early 30's when, as a cub draftsman for a consulting mechanical engineer, I became exposed to Mr. O'Dell's office. Over the years, my respect for Mr. O'Dell has grown, particularly as a result of the very fine and progressive architectural designs emanating from his office.

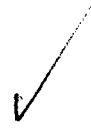
Sincerely,


Sol King - A.I.A.

SK.FG.

LOUIS ROSSETTI F.A.I.A.

23 January, 1959



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

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I nominate Mr. Augustus O'Dell for Fellowship in the Institute.

His 57 years of active practice in the architectural profession have endeared him in the hearts and esteem of his colleagues. His past devotion to public service has given him utmost recognition throughout Michigan. The Detroit Chapter proudly bestowed upon him their Gold Medal.

He certainly is an outstanding candidate for advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Rossetti', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

L. Rossetti

LR:ab

WELLS BENNETT, ARCHITECT
2045 GEDDES AVENUE
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

January 27, 1959

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

FACTUAL

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell is being recommended for a fellowship with the American Institute of Architects. Since I have known Mr. O'Dell for more than thirty years, I am glad to write a note on his behalf.


As his record will show, Mr. O'Dell has had a long and successful career in the practice of architecture. His work has been of high calibre and it would be my feeling that he has made a distinct contribution to the status of the institutional architecture through his commissions regarding the several hospitals listed in his record. I believe that at the age of 84 he is still active, and successfully so.

Mr. O'Dell has been active in the professional organizations, that is, in the American Institute of Architects, Detroit Chapter, and in the Michigan Society of Architects. The Detroit Chapter has given him a Gold Medal, a rare event.

Mr. O'Dell is also outstanding in our Detroit group because of his leadership in obtaining state registration for architects, engineers, and land surveyors which in this State is set up for administration as one Board. I recall that at the time the matter of state registration of architects came up it was not easy going. The pioneers in that movement therefore, in my opinion, deserve particular credit. Mr. O'Dell served on the State Board for a term of seven years, until 1939.

It is a pleasure to recommend Mr. O'Dell for your favorable consideration; it is my personal feeling that it is very much due him.

Sincerely yours,


Wells Bennett, F.A.I.A.

wb/md

FRANTZ and SPENCE ARCHITECTS

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PETER B. FRANTZ
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CARL E. MACOMBER

JANUARY 28, 1959

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

FACTUAL

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS AN HONOR TO RECOMMEND THAT MR. H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL OF THE DETROIT CHAPTER BE MADE A FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE. HE IS THE SENIOR PARTNER OF O'DELL, HEWLETT & LUCKENBACH, ARCHITECTS, OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN.

WHEN A MAN HAS SERVED BOTH HIS PROFESSION AND HIS COMMUNITY WITH SUCH ZEAL AND GENEROSITY, FAR BEYOND THE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS, AND AS SO DEFINITELY ATTESTED BY THE RECORD, IT SEEMS MOST FITTING THAT THIS RECOGNITION NOW BE ACCORDED MR. O'DELL. UNLESS I FEEL THAT HE IS QUITE DESERVING, I AM NEVER PREVAILED UPON TO COMMEND AN ARCHITECT TO THE JURY OF THE COLLEGE.

NEVER HAVE I FELT ON MORE CERTAIN GROUND THAN NOW. HERE WE HAVE AN UNPUBLICISED, ALWAYS QUIET AND MODEST, MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE WHO HAS PRACTICED ARCHITECTURE FOR 57 YEARS, AND IS 84 YEARS OF AGE, A TRULY REMARKABLE PERSON. SOME OF THE BEST, AS WELL AS LARGE AND COSTLY, STRUCTURES IN THE STATE WERE PRODUCED BY HIS FIRM. HE SERVED OVERSEAS IN WORLD WAR I, HE SERVED THREE TERMS AS PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY, ALSO A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS ON THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD, ETC., ETC. THE ENUMERATION OF HIS SERVICES I SHALL HAVE TO LEAVE TO OTHERS; THE LIST IS LENGTHY AND AMPLE.

I HOPE SINCERELY THAT THE JURY WILL SEE FIT TO INCLUDE MR. O'DELL IN THE NEW LIST OF FELLOWS.

YOURS VERY TRULY,



ROBERT BENJAMIN FRANTZ, FAIA

HARLEY, ELLINGTON AND DAY, INC.
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

ARTHUR K. HYDE, F.A.I.A.
DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

153 E. ELIZABETH STREET
DETROIT 1, MICHIGAN
WOODWARD 2-7080

January 29, 1959

Gentlemen:

This will add my support to the nomination of H. Augustus O'Dell by the Detroit Chapter which I understand has been submitted for your consideration.

Mr. O'Dell's professional practice for many years in Detroit, his energetic leadership of the Michigan Society of Architects, his constructive work as a member of the State Registration Board and many other professional and civic activities have given him a place of high regard among the architects of Michigan.

I commend this nomination for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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

AKH/ml



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT

326 East Hoover Avenue

January 30, 1959

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


Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell for a Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. O'Dell is well known to most of the architects in Michigan and they are acquainted with the many years of service he has given to the Institute. This covers many years of practice as he has been in active practice for 57 years.

I am most happy to add my endorsement of Mr. O'Dell and to support the Chapter's recommendations for his advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,


L. W. Fry
University Architect

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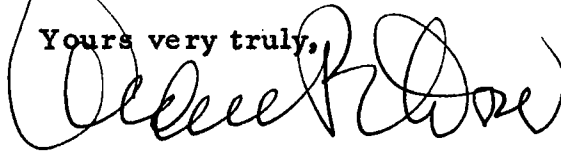
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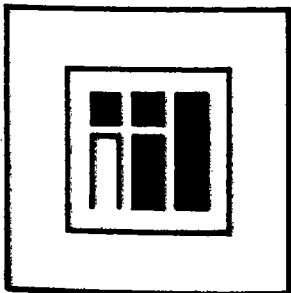
I understand that Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I heartily support this nomination.

Mr. O'Dell has devoted his life to architecture and the welfare of the profession. The Gold Medal given to him last year by the Detroit Chapter is a fine recognition on the part of Michigan architects for the respect that we have for this fine man.

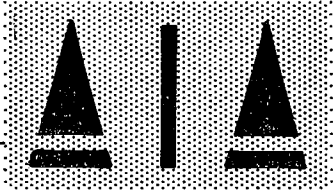
Yours very truly,



Alden B. Dow
January 31, 1959



western michigan chapter, inc.,



February 4, 1959

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

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Board of Directors of the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and in recognition of his service to the Architectural Profession and to the public, I wish to endorse and support the advancement of H. Augustus O'Dell to the position of Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. In addition to recognizing his example of long and honorable practice as a respected architect, Michigan Architects are greatly indebted to H. Augustus O'Dell for his active participation in the establishment of sound registration laws in Michigan and for his enthusiastic support and service as three times President to the Michigan Society of Architects.

Very truly yours,

George W. Sprau, President
Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

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February 6, 1959.

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

Gentlemen:

It is with sincere enthusiasm that I endorse the advancement of H. Augustus O'Dell to the rank of Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. O'Dell's distinguished career as an Architect, as well as his unselfish devotion to duty in behalf of his community and his Country, is an inspiration to those of us who are younger in the profession.

His numerous achievements in the field of public service, and his continued efforts toward the advancement of his chosen profession certainly qualify him for recognition at this time.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Auldin H. Nelson".

Auldin H. Nelson, President
Saginaw Valley Chapter - AIA

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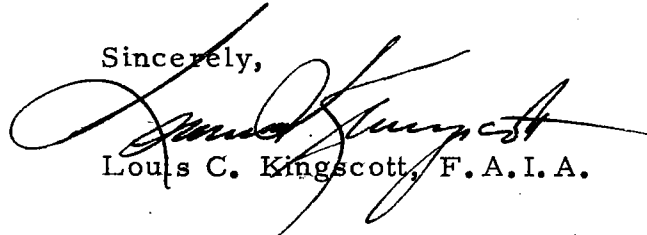
It is with great personal pleasure that I take this opportunity to recommend H. Augustus O'Dell for advancement to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. O'Dell's long and renowned years of service to the public and his even greater contributions to the architectural profession are well known to us all. He has been, and is still an active, practicing architect whose personal ethics are of the highest possible caliber. His association and direction of architectural firms bearing his name have turned out projects of great merit. His contribution to our federal government as a "\$1.00 a Year Man" when he was called upon is also to be highly considered.

We must also acknowledge that Mr. O'Dell was one of the earliest advocates of State Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors in this State and has always interested himself with legislation and other matters for the benefit of the Profession.

I have known Mr. O'Dell personally for many years and have had the privilege of working on several committees with him. He is a man of vision and enthusiasm and it is my opinion that the Institute would have much to gain in listing him among its Fellows.

Sincerely,



Louis C. Kingscott, F. A. I. A.

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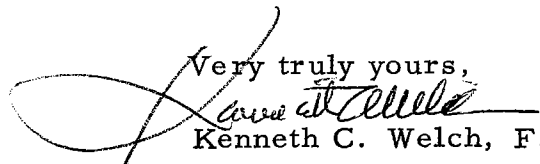
February 6, 1959

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

Gentlemen:

I should like to very heartily concur in the nomination of H.
Augustus O'Dell for advancement to fellowship.

I know that you have been fully appraised of his many accom-
plishments and the great good that he has done the architectural
profession.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth C. Welch, F. A. I. A.

KCW/jt

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February 9, 1959

Jury of Fellows
 American Institute of Architects
 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Gentlemen:

Here are letters which will supplement the support given to the recent nomination of the Detroit Chapter of the Institute for the advancement of H. Augustus O'Dell to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

The letters are from each of the Presidents of three Michigan Chapters of the American Institute of Architects, the President of the Michigan Society of Architects, a State organization of the Institute, and other honorable members of the Profession in Michigan, many of whom are members of the College of Fellows. These letters and the ones already in your hand are from every rank of our Profession in Michigan. They indicate the great respect all of us have for this venerable gentlemen of the Profession.

I believe it would be appropriate and fine if your esteemed Body would bestow upon him for his public service the honor that is recommended by his Chapter and supported by so many many of his associates.

Sincerely,

Adrian N. Langius, F.A.I.A.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS • DETROIT CHAPTER
 ROBERT F. HASTINGS, PRESIDENT, 3107 WEST GRAND BLVD., DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

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February 9, 1959

Jury of Fellows
 American Institute of Architects
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 1735 New York Avenue, NW
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Gentlemen:

I would like to support the advancement of Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He is senior member and president of the architectural firm of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach.

Mr. O'Dell has been in the profession for 66 of his 84 years, 57 of them in active practice. From his earliest days in the profession he has served it honorably and well and brought to it credit and distinction, not only through his architectural ability, but through his integrity, his active role in civic affairs and his sense of responsibility to his profession, his community and his country.

Three times he has served as President of the Michigan Society of Architects--the only architect in Michigan to be so honored. He was one of the first to advocate State Registration for architects, engineers and land surveyors, and was also one of the first registrants. In 1932 Governor Wilbur M. Brucker appointed him to the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors on which he served for some seven years. He also instigated and stimulated legislation and harmonious professional-industry relationships for the benefit of the profession.

Mr. O'Dell helped to create a zoning board and to establish zoning ordinances for his local community, serving as secretary on the board for seven years. He has served as appraiser for Bloomfield Hills and also held court as Municipal Judge for that community for seven years. For six years he worked closely with the Community

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Fund of Metropolitan Detroit as Chairman of the first Building Industry Section.

Mr. O'Dell was one of the first overseas during World War I and one of the last to return. In 1923 he was given the rank of Colonel and appointed Chief of the Detroit Ordnance District where he served as a \$1-a-Year-Man for over four years. He also helped establish twenty American Legion posts in his district.

Among recent projects of the firm of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach have been the Edsel Ford Auditorium in Detroit's Civic Center and the Northville State Hospital for the Mentally Ill.

In 1957 the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects conferred upon Mr. O'Dell the highest award within its authority to present--the Gold Medal--in recognition of his untiring and generous service to his profession and his fellowmen.

I feel that Mr. O'Dell is a highly qualified candidate for Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



R. F. Hastings
President, Detroit Chapter AIA

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April 8, 1959

Mr. Robert F. Hastings, President
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
3107 West Grand Boulevard
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hastings:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on the nominations before it of corporate members of your Chapter who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Referred to Meeting of the Jury in 1960:

Ralph Warner Hammett
H. Augustus O'Dell

Nominations Before the Jury at Three Meetings Without Favorable Action:

Anselmo Leone
Eberle Minard Smith

We regret to inform you that these members have not been so honored by The Jury of Fellows.

The exhibits submitted in support of their nominations are being returned to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

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February 18, 1960

Mr. Robert F. Hastings, President
Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
3107 West Grand Boulevard
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hastings:

The Jury of Fellows has reported to me the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Elected to Fellowship:

H. Augustus O'Dell
Minoru Yamasaki

Herewith are copies of letters of notification to these newly-elected Fellows which are self-explanatory.

The Department of Public Information has asked me to inform you that a national announcement of all new Fellows will be issued for release Saturday PM - Sunday AM, February 27 and 28. Your Chapter is urged, however, to supplement this announcement with a release of its own. This release should describe the new Fellows' accomplishments and, if applicable, the prominent buildings they have designed in your area. Photos of their work and their portraits also should be made available to the press.

It is suggested that a member of your Chapter Public Relations Committee take the release personally to your local newspaper editors as well as to the radio and television stations. In doing so, however, it is imperative that the release date, Saturday PM - Sunday AM, February 27 and 28, be strictly observed. (This is necessary to avoid ill feeling on the part of the news media.)

Nomination Referred to 1961 Meeting of the Jury: Ralph Warner Hammett

Any further material that you wish to submit in connection with this nomination should be received by The Jury of Fellows at The Octagon by January 1, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.
Secretary

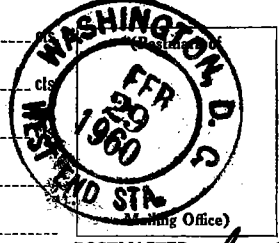
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February 18, 1960

Mr. H. Augustus O'Dell, F.A.I.A.
950 North Hunter Boulevard
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting, for your notable contribution in Service to The Institute and Public Service.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1960 Convention of The Institute, to be held in San Francisco, California, starting April 18, 1960.

At a special ceremony to be held in the evening of Tuesday, April 19, in the City Hall, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates and medals. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present.

The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person. Please send your response to The Octagon at an early date.

The Public Relations Department advises that press announcements of newly-elected Fellows will be released for Saturday PM -- Sunday AM publication, February 27 and 28. Chapters will be advised in advance of this date to follow through with your picture and biographical information for additional local publicity.

Will you please send a 5 x 7 black-and-white, glossy photograph, suitable for newspaper use, together with a short biographical sketch, to the Department of Public Information at Institute headquarters for its public information files.

Yours sincerely,

J. Roy Carroll, Jr., F.A.I.A.
Secretary.

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April 29, 1965

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

Mr. James B. Hughes
Executive Director
Detroit Chapter, AIA
28 West Adams Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Re: Death of H. Augustus O'Dell, FAIA
on February 2, 1965

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to The Institute and the third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, A.I.A.
Executive Director

Enclosures

O'Dell, Henry A.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE
of American Architects

NO. _____

Name: Henry Augustus O'Dell, FAIA of (address) 1119 Pilgrim, Birmingham, Mich.

Born: April 17, 1875 at Detroit, Mich. Died: February 2, at Birmingham, Mich.
1965

Parents: _____ and _____

Married: _____ of _____ on _____

Children:

Education: Port Huron Public Schools

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Baxter & O'Dell, Baxter, O'Dell & Halpin; O'Dell & Diehl; O'Dell & Rowland; O'Dell Hewlett & Luckenbach

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

President
Fellow, American Institute of Arch. Mech. Soc. of Arch, Detroit Engineering Society ,

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

Comm. State Bd. of Exam; Captain Aviation, Major: Engineers, Col. - Ordnance
Bloomfield Hills, JB. Res. Officer Am. Legion

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

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H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL

H. Augustus O'Dell was born April 17, 1875, in Ft. Gratiot, a small town now annexed to Port Huron, Michigan. He received his early education there and at 16 went to work as a stevedore in the Port Huron Freight Sheds. He augmented his income by playing cornet in a band and piano in the theater orchestra.

At 18, he started his architectural career working in the small office of a Port Huron architect. In 1895 at 20 years of age, and with this experience, a bicycle and \$43.00 he left for Detroit where he found work as a draftsman with 2 very prominent architectural firms, Malcomson-Higgenbottom and Rogers and Macfarlane. In 1902, encouraged by Detroit's fantastic growth and endowed with a persevering and dynamic personality and an analytical mind with a real sense of value, he began the practice of architecture as a partnership - Baxter and O'Dell.

From that time forward, he has had a long, noteworthy and successful career as an architect, interspersed with distinguished service to his Profession, his Community and his State and National Governments.

The architectural firms which have continuously borne his name, and in which he has always maintained a real and active part for more than 55 years, have been responsible for a host of meritorious structures and facilities in Michigan.

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Michigan's newest, finest, and nationally recognized Northville State Hospital for the Mentally Ill (\$30,000,000) at Northville; the distinctive Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium in Detroit's famous Civic Center, with its Plaza and underground parking (\$15,000,000); the Addition to Women's Hospital, Detroit, (\$5,000,000); Addition to Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn (\$3,000,000); Oakland County Court-house, Pontiac (\$5,000,000); the St. Clair Beach Development for the Huron-Clinton Parkway, Mt. Clemens (\$2,500,000) are among their more recent works.

During World War I Gus O'Dell was with our first overseas armed forces and with the last to return. He came back as a major in the Corps of Engineers and resumed the practice of architecture.

In 1923, he was given the rank of Colonel and appointed Chief of the Detroit Ordinance District and served in that capacity as "A \$1 a Year Man" for more than 4 years.

In 1919, upon invitation he attended, along with 6 other well-known Michigan soldiers, the original American Legion Caucus in St. Louis, Mo. This Caucus established the American Legion. Gus O'Dell then became active in this national organization and helped to establish 20 posts in his District. He was made the first Commander of the Birmingham, Michigan Post.

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He was one of the early advocates of State Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors, and in 1915 became one of the first registrants in the State. He has never ceased to interest himself in legislation and other matters for the benefit of the Profession and has long stimulated good professional-industry relationship and understanding. For 6 years he was Chairman of the first Building Industry Section for the "Community Fund of Metropolitan Detroit".

In 1932, Governor Wilbur M. Brucker (now Secretary of the Army) appointed Gus O'Dell to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. He served on that Board for 7 years until 1939.

During the great depression, when many architects were forced to close their offices Gus O'Dell's resourcefulness and ingenuity caused him to become interested in the reappraisal of structures upon which many of his former clients were then paying unrealistic insurance premiums. The worth of this service to his former clients and others enabled him and other architects who followed suit, to weather that most disastrous period. For this, he was given national recognition.

He was influential in his local community too. He helped to establish a zoning ordinance for Bloomfield Hills and also helped to create a zoning board there on which he served as secretary for 7 years. He served as the City's appraiser too. In addition, every Saturday

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H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL

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forenoon for 7 more years, he held Court as Municipal Judge in Bloomfield Hills.

He was active as officer and member of the Board of Directors in the Michigan Society of Architects and later was a member of the American Institute of Architects. He Chairmanned Society Convnetions in both Grand Rapids and Detroit. He was a frequent contributor to the Monthly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects and never ceased to encourage and commend it as an important and worthy medium for professional public relations. He is the only architect to serve as President of the Michigan Society of Architects for 3 terms.

He has been active in many professional business and social organizations, among them, Detroit Engineering Society, Orchard Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills Open Hunt Club, The Detroit Club and others.

Now, at 82, the philosophical and privileged age, his interest in hunting, fishing, gold, his friends, and - business - is as keen and real as ever. As always, too, a gentleman and architect who looks as straight as he is, and is as straight as he looks.

At present he is the senior member as well as President of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, Architects. The firm has an organization of 38 employees in their own building, located on Hunter Boulevard in Birmingham.

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H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL

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On October 16, 1957, the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects conferred upon H. Augustus O'Dell, for his many contributions to the public and to the Profession in Michigan, the Gold Medal - the highest award within its authority to convey.

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

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