

Guth, Alexander Carl
Wisconsin

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Application for Membership

Feb. 5/2 1921
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To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Alexander Carl GUEB.

Address 521 - Jackson Milwaukee, Wisc.
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Milwaukee March 2, 1884.

Graduate in architecture _____
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts _____
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter Wisconsin.

If practicing architect, firm name Buemming & Gueb.

Have been in practice independent 2 yrs; partnership 2 yrs.

If draughtsman, employed by _____
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training One year at Columbia University New York.
10 years office training.

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

Alexander Carl Gueb.
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the Wisconsin
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date April 8, 1919
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

William H. Judd Secretary.
Wisconsin Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

- (1) Alexander C. Fickwood
- (2) O. O. Kuegel
- (3) Hugh W. Schrie

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 7, 1921.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective May 7, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Wisconsin Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for the first quarter of the current year.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Alexander C. Guth,
521 Jackson,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

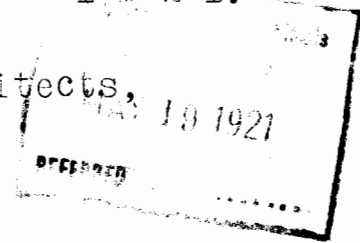
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Enclosure.

BUEMMING AND GUTH
ARCHITECTS
521 JACKSON ST
MILWAUKEE

23

May
Eighteenth
1921.



The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of recent date I am enclosing herewith my personal check for \$15.00. May I suggest that, when you make out my certificate, you place my full name thereon, namely, Alexander Carl Guth.

*Noted
AGM*

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Guth

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Enclosure.

5/22/21 AGM

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January 20, 1925.

Mr. A. C. Guth,
521 Jackson St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Kemper, who has just gone to New York, gave me today your letter of January 15th, asking me to measure the Lincoln Memorial and to wire you the results. On my own initiative I am taking the liberty of prolonging the suspense until a letter can reach you.

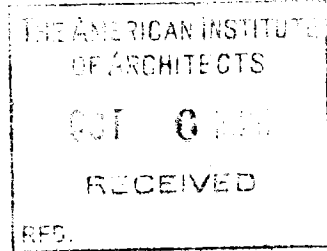
To give you a first hand report, I sent one of my men to the office where the drawings of the Memorial are kept. His memorandum is as follows:

"A straight edge applied to the $\frac{1}{2}$ " detail shows the Doric columns have a distinct entasis departing from a straight line slightly more than 1" at the widest part of the curve. The lower diameter of the columns is 7'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", the upper diameter 5'-9". These dimensions are scaled from the drawing and are only approximations since the proportions of this structure are attained thru subtleties impossible to accurately discover at this scale. A reproduction of the drawing referred to here will be found in Pencil Points of October, 1923."

As this question is now settled and you are open for other problems, may I charge you for service rendered by calling your attention to the enclosed folders? Will you assist your Chapter representative, Mr. Wm. H. Schmehardt, in our efforts to obtain a planning commission for Washington?

Very truly yours,

Horace W. Plasee
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WISCONSIN CHAPTER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
521 Jackson Street
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

October 4, 1926.

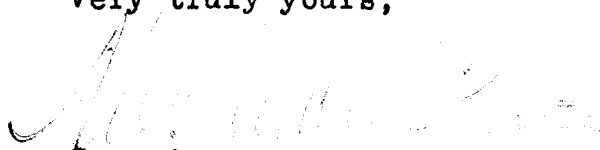
My dear Mr. Kemper:

I am wondering why a copy of the
A.I. A. convention proceedings and of the new Annuary
were not sent to me. I note that various architects have
them

Will you check into this matter and if I am correct
kindly send me a copy of each.

Thanking you for same, I am

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

To
Mr. E. C. Kemper,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

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

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COPY

October 6, 1926

Dear Mr. Guth:

Yours of the 4th is at hand this morning, and I am indeed sorry you did not receive the Annuary and Proceedings. The books were mailed in a single envelope to every Institute member in July. Your copies must have miscarried and we are sending you duplicates, under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, Secretary,
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
521 Jackson Street,
Milwaukee, Wisc.

K/PHG

Send
10/6/26
JH

WILLIAM G. HERBST, A. I. A.

HERBST & KUENZLI ARCHITECTS

1001-1004 BARTLETT BLDG.
MILWAUKEE

EDWIN O. KUENZLI, A. I. A.

February 18, 1927.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS
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My dear Mr. Kemper:-

A day or two ago I sent you an order for some stationery. I neglected to give you directions as to just what was to be placed on the outside of the envelope, therefore I am taking the liberty of giving same to you now.

Wisconsin Chapter A.I.A.
130 Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I wish you would please notice also, that the old firm Buemming & Guth has been dissolved and that I am now associated with the firm whose name appears at the top of this sheet.

Yours very truly,

Mr. M -
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SECRETARY
TREASURER
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WISCONSIN CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MILWAUKEE, WIS.



December 17, 1931

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Exec. Secy.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

I am preparing an article for the newspapers. It will pertain to our new court house which is now nearing completion. There has been much discussion concerning the style of this building which by the way is classic. I would like to back up my article with a number of illustrations of the buildings of Washington. I am wondering if you can help me out with such. I have a vivid recollection of seeing some fine photographs depicting the buildings of Washington. This was a few years ago when the Institute was giving much time and thought to the beautification of our federal city. I want these for newspaper reproductions and will take good care of them so that you will have them back in first class shape.

I will appreciate your courtesy in this matter. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Alexander C. Guth:FR

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 22, 1931.

Dear Mr. Guth:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 17th, in regard to illustrations of buildings of Washington.

We regret that we do not have in the Octagon files photographs of these buildings to forward to you. We believe, however, that you will be able to obtain the information you desire from one or more of the following persons or organizations:

Mr. Horace W. Peaslee, 1228 Connecticut Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C. - Chairman of the Institute's
Committee on the National
Capital;

National Park & Planning Commission, 18th & Constitution
Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Commission of Fine Arts, ^{Interior Dept.} F Street, between 18th
& 19th, N. W., Washington, D. C.

National Geographic Society, 16th & M Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Office of the Supervising Architect, Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

There may be helpful photographs and descriptions of public buildings in the numerous guide books and souvenir books of Washington. If we can be of service in obtaining such books for you, or any other service, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, Secy.,
Wisconsin Chapter, A. I. A.,
1249 N. Franklin Place,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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K.H.B
PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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February 8, 1936.

Dear Mr. Guth:

This is the first opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your remittance of \$10.00, on account of Institute dues.

On December 31st and in order to preserve your membership in good standing at the end of 1935, we acted with the authority of the Board and applied to your account for 1935 all credits which you had for 1936 as the result of the adjusted dues plan in effect in 1931-1933.

The amount of that credit, so applied, was \$5.00, leaving a balance of \$5.00 for 1935.

Subsequently, we received the remittance acknowledged above and have, therefore, applied \$5.00 to your 1935 dues and \$5.00 to your 1936 dues, which leaves a balance due of \$15.00 for the year 1936.

We trust this procedure will meet with your approval.

By direction of the Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

ACK*B

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, A. I. A.,
1249 North Franklin Place,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ALEXANDER C. ESCHWEILER, JR., PRESIDENT
720 EAST MASON STREET

HARRY BOGNER, VICE-PRESIDENT
759 NORTH MILWAUKEE STREET

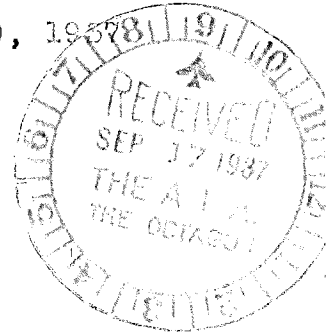


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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Sept. 10, 1937



Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Will you please send me post paid a
supply of Associate Membership Application
blanks?

My home address is - 3309 N. Murray Avenue. ✓

Very truly yours,

Alexander C. Guth
Secretary.

ACG/lkg

P.S. Don't push me too hard about my dues. My
eye condition has left me high and dry. A.C.G.

*12 sent
9-17-37
JMH*

ECK

WILLIAM G. HERBST, PRESIDENT
1249 N. FRANKLIN PLACE
RICHARD PHILIPP, VICE-PRESIDENT
707 N. BROADWAY



ALEXANDER C. GUTH, SECRETARY-TREASURER
1249 N. FRANKLIN PLACE
R. H. KLOPPENBURG, RECORDING SECRETARY
1400 E. LAKE BLUFF BOULEVARD

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Sept. 29, 1937

Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

My dear Kemper:

This is a personal note to you and I wish you would treat it confidentially. I am still doddering around with my eye condition. It is slowly improving but apparently I have a long way to go yet before I will be completely recovered. Meanwhile expenses keep on piling up. I have sacrificed practically everything to keep things agoing. Naturally my professional work is at a standstill, my house has been taken away from me, and I have lost my health. There isn't much else left. Now, I treasure my Institute Membership above all else and I would hate to have to part with that. I do not know what the Institute does in cases of that kind but will leave the situation in your hands. You handle it as you see fit to. You may consider this an application on my part, if you wish, for the remission of my dues until such time when I get on my feet again. I hope I have made myself clear and not too burdensome. I am very optimistic about this whole matter and am gazing at the pleasant side of life. I am still confident of the belief that "There is no good or evil in this world, but thinking makes it so."

Cordially and confidentially yours,

Alexander C. Guth
by L.K.G.

Home address: 3309 N. Murray Avenue

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 4, 1937.

My dear A. C. G.:

This will acknowledge your personal letter
of September 29:

Please leave the matter with me to discuss
confidentially with our Secretary, Mr. Charles T.
Ingham.

You will hear from him or from this office at
his direction after The Board meeting the middle
of November.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, A.I.A.,
3309 North Murray Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Richard Philipp, President
707 North Broadway

December
Ninth
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Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Alex Guth, who has been secretary for the Wisconsin Chapter for the last twelve or thirteen years, has had some rather hard luck. He has a nervous affliction of the eyelids which prevents him from raising them, which makes him practically blind, so that his earning power has been reduced to almost nothing. The Wisconsin Chapter has remitted his dues, and is now paying him a small salary.

Would it not be possible for the Institute to reduce the amount of his dues to an absolute minimum? I do not know what the rules are, but I understand it is within the power of The Board of The Institute to do this.

Will you please advise me what can be done in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

(s) Richard Philipp
President
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Guth
(1937)

*Mr. Philp
Guth*

December 14, 1937.

Dear Mr. Philipp:

In response to your letter of December 9, and in advance of the formal approval of the minutes of the recent Board meetings:

We are glad to advise that The Board remitted the amount of Institute dues owed by Mr. Alexander C. Guth for the year 1937.

This prevents his automatic suspension on December 31.

In view of the circumstances and in line with the second paragraph of your letter, we are sure The Board would give full consideration to any recommendation from the Executive Committee of your Chapter that Mr. Guth be placed on the retired list or, if he is not eligible for that, that his 1938 dues be remitted.

Retirement is covered under the By-laws of The Institute, page 7.

You may wish to take some action in this matter well in advance of the next Board meeting which will occur in New Orleans on or about April 19.

We have written to Mr. Guth, as per enclosed copy of letter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Richard Philipp, President,
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
707 North Broadway,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ECK:LF
Enc.

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December 14, 1937.

Dear Mr. Guth:

At the recent Board meeting of The Institute, the balance of your Institute dues for the year 1937 was remitted in the sum of \$15.00.

This restores you to good standing and we send, herewith, your membership card.

We also send best wishes to you for the New Year in every respect.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, Secretary,
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
3309 N. Murray Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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RICHARD PHILIPP, PRESIDENT
707 NORTH BROADWAY

ALEXANDER H. BAUER, VICE-PRESIDENT
606 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE



ALEXANDER C. GUTH, SECRETARY-TREASURER
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HENRY P. PLUNKETT, RECORDING SECRETARY
739 NORTH BROADWAY

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Dec. 16, 1937.

Mr. Kemper note
Send back this note
12/29/37
Have not received note from

Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

This is to thank you very heartily for the part you played in obtaining the remitting of my dues. By this time you will have received a note pertaining to this matter. Just ignore it will you please.

Again thanking you, I am,

Cordially

ACG/lkg

Alexander C. Guth

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 4, 1938

Dear Mr. Guth:

We were sorry to get yours of March 30, advising that you have resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Chapter.

After many years of the fine cooperation which The Secretary's office at The Octagon has received from you, we shall indeed miss your letters and reports.

Please be assured that we are just as much at your service as ever and we hope that by 1939 you will be sufficiently restored to good health to come to The Institute Convention of that year.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECX:DC

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, M.I.A.,
3309 North Murray Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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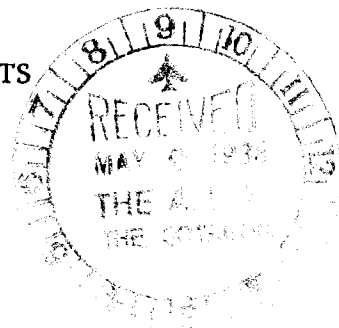


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WISCONSIN CHAPTER
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

May 6, 1938



Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

On my return to Milwaukee, I personally conveyed your message of sympathy to Alexander Guth, which he gratefully accepted.

The Executive Committee of our Chapter has asked me to write you concerning Mr. Guth. Is it possible, in some way, to honor and acknowledge, through the Board of Directors, an appreciation for the efficient service and interest Mr. Guth has rendered the A.I.A. during the last fourteen years?

Through a peculiar ailment Mr. Guth seems to have lost control of his eyelids, thereby preventing him from seeing the majority of the time. Due to this difficulty, he has been unable to work during the last two years, and naturally we know that membership dues are a burden to him. The Executive Committee of our Chapter has been able to take care of any local problems, however, his status as a member of the A.I.A. is beyond their jurisdiction.

Mr. Guth is unusually sensitive concerning his condition, and any attempt on our part to assist him financially has not met with his approval.

May I hear from you concerning this matter.

5/11/38.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Guth has been a member for 17 years and has required 15 years of good standing for retirement - under disability clause 744

Alexander H. Bauer
Alexander H. Bauer
Secretary Pro Tem.
Wisconsin Chap., A.I.A.

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

COPY

Mr. Bauer

May 12, 1938.

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This is the first opportunity to respond to yours of May 6:

Mr. Guth has been a member for seventeen years, and if he has retired from practice and is engaged in no other profession or business The Board would give most careful consideration to his application for election as a member Emeritus.

An application form is enclosed and we suggest that it be executed by him or on his behalf and sent forward for consideration at The Board meeting this coming November.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:LF

Enclosure 1

Mr. Alexander H. Bauer, Secretary pro tem,
Wisconsin Chapter, A. I. A.
606 West Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

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Now Ref

September 20, 1938.

Dear Mr. Philipp:

Last year The Institute Board remitted The Institute dues of Mr. Alexander Carl Guth of the Wisconsin Chapter - because of his illness.

He is now indebted for dues for 1938 and under the normal procedure will be suspended on December 31, 1938 for non-payment of dues, unless payment is made before then, or unless The Board takes some action in the matter.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your recommendation, on behalf of the Chapter, and in confidence so far as Mr. Guth is concerned.

We hope to hear from you by November 1, as the agenda will be made up about that time for The Board meeting on November 14.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. deGelleke, a former member of The Board, and also to Mr. Fugard, your present Regional Director.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

DKK:LF

cc: Mr. deGelleke
Mr. Fugard

Mr. Richard Philipp, President,
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
707 North Broadway,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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ALEXANDER H. BAUER, SECRETARY
606 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE
MARINER TOWER
MARQUETTE 0748

Mr. Kemp

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WISCONSIN CHAPTER
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

September
Twenty-fourth
1938

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have your letter of September 20th
in regard to Alex Guth.

The situation with Alex Guth has not
changed at all since last year, in fact I think he
is worse off today than he was then, so if it is
in any way possible, I would be strongly in favor
of again remitting his dues for 1939.

He has rendered good service to the
Chapter in former years, in fact for many years,
but is in no position, at the present time, to pay
any dues.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Philipp

President
Wisconsin Chapter, A. I. A.

RP-z

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

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COPY

October 7, 1938.

Dear Mr. Guth:

With reference to previous correspondence, we have heard from The Secretary, Mr. Ingham, and at his direction, we are authorized to offer you the wholesale discounts on the standard and other contract documents - for sale in Milwaukee. (See 6-11-38)

A Dealers' Discount List is enclosed. There are two dealers in Milwaukee who have long been agents for the documents, and you will appreciate that an exclusive agency cannot be given.

As in all cases, an agency for the sale of the documents may be terminated upon thirty days' written notice by either party.

If you desire to carry the contract forms, you can be assured of our best attention and cooperation at all times.

Sincerely yours,

ECY:DC
Enclosure.

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, A.I.A.,
1430 North 40th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

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COPY

Guth

~~Handwritten scribbles and lines, possibly a signature or initials.~~

December 9, 1938

Dear Mr. Philipp:

This will advise you that The Board of Directors of The Institute, at its meeting in November, authorized that the annual dues of Alexander C. Guth, for 1938, be remitted because of illness; provided, that the Wisconsin Chapter remit all indebtedness of Mr. Guth up to January 1, 1939.

We shall appreciate it, therefore, if you will advise The Secretary of The Institute, at this office, with regard to the action of the Chapter, before December 31, in order that Mr. Guth's membership will not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Treasurer recommended that Mr. Guth be elected a Member Emeritus on the grounds of his being incapacitated. He has had the required fifteen years of good standing. An application for retirement and election as a Member Emeritus is enclosed. Will you submit it to him for signature and return to The Octagon for further action?

By direction of The Secretary.

Mr. Richard Philipp, President,
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
707 North Broadway,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WISCONSIN CHAPTER
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

January 5, 1939



Board of Directors
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the signed applications for retirement of Alexander C. Guth.

Our recent telegram informed you that all the indebtedness of Mr. Guth has been properly waived and entered into the records of our Chapter.

We hope that the Board of Directors, under the circumstances, will grant this petition.

Very truly yours,

Alexander H. Bauer
Alexander H. Bauer
Secretary-Treasurer

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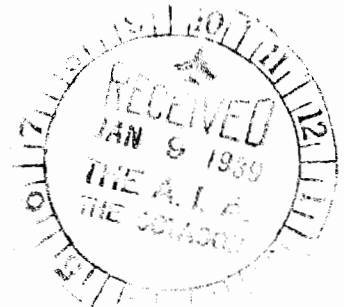
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:



Strike out the inappropriate reason, a or b, as the case may be.

I respectfully apply for retirement in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. ~~I am more than 70 years of age.~~
- b. I am incapacitated and unable to engage in any vocation.

Write in name of chapter.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the Wisconsin chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Alexander C. Guth

Signature

Date Dec. 20, 1938.

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but neither of requirements a or b.

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January 11, 1939

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 5th, received on the 9th, and the application for retirement of Mr. Alexander C. Guth.

It will be presented to The Board of Directors at its next meeting for consideration.

As you will note from the enclosed copy of letter of this date to the President of your Chapter, the action of the chapter in remitting Mr. Guth's dues for 1938 has made it possible to remit his Institute dues under the resolution of The Board of Directors adopted at its November meeting.

Accordingly, Mr. Guth's membership has been maintained in good standing and he is eligible for retirement.

We have written to Mr. Guth advising him of the remission of his dues and of the receipt of his application for Member Emeritus.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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Mr. Alexander H. Bauer, Secretary,
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
606 West Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 17, 1939

Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon House
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Kemper:

I am preparing a history on the octagon houses of the country. Quite naturally our Octagon in your city will present itself into the picture. I am writing you therefore, to find out whether you have any extra photographs on hand which show the octagonal effect to advantage. If you have any of these I would appreciate it very much if you would send me a copy. Do you know likewise, where I should look for a history of the Octagon building? I have seen one somewhere but cannot locate it at the present moment.

It may interest you to know that I am making progress gradually. From week to week there seems to be a slight improvement in my condition. I get so now that I can open my eyes slightly at times. All of this is of course, very gratifying and denotes real progress.

Somehow or other, I miss the letters which used to pass between your office and mine, but I know Bauer is carrying on well.

With cordial good wishes, and thanks for your courtesy, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Guth

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January 23, 1939.

Dear Mr. Guth:

Yours of January 17:

Herewith are several copies of the circular on The Octagon. If you need more detailed information, do not hesitate to ask for it.

It is good to know that you are making progress and I sincerely hope that by the time of the Seventy-first Convention in Washington in September, you will be feeling well enough to make the trip.

With best personal regards and the assurance of our cooperation at all times, I am

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, A.I.A.,
1430 North 40th St.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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December 22, 1939.

Dear Mr. Guth:

It was a pleasure to hear from you in acknowledgment of the notification of your election to Member Emeritus of The Institute and to know that you are recovering from your prolonged illness.

Mr. Kemper joins me in wishing you the joys of the Christmas Season and in the hope that you will soon have entirely recovered your former good health.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. J.

Secretary.

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, A.I.A.,
1430 North 40th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

cc-Mr. E. C. Kemper. ✓

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ALEXANDER H. BAUER, SECRETARY-TREASURER
759 NORTH MILWAUKEE STREET
MARQUETTE 0712

January 20, 1944

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue - N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I am not sure whether you were notified that Mr. Alexander Guth, our former Secretary-Treasurer who had been active so long in our Chapter, had passed on. Mrs. Guth called me this morning stating that she was still receiving the "Octagon" and at no time had she received a letter from the Institute expressing their sympathy to her of his passing on. I know that you will be able to diplomatically and tactfully write her concerning this.

Respectfully yours,

Alexander H. Bauer
ALEXANDER H. BAUER,
Secretary.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*Office
Please note
THE
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MSD
Bauer*

January 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Bauer:

We were indeed shocked to get your letter of January 20 advising of the passing of Mr. Alexander Guth.

This is the first notice we have received here at The Octagon and we have written to Mrs. Guth as per enclosed copy of letter.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary

Mr. Alexander H. Bauer, Secretary
Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.
759 North Milwaukee Street
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

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January 24, 1944

My dear Mrs. Guth:

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Bauer*

We have just received word from Mr. Bauer, Secretary of the Wisconsin Chapter, of the passing of your husband, Alexander Guth.

This news is indeed a shock and raises memories of a distinguished architect who gave liberally of his time and talents to his chosen profession.

Here at The Octagon we wish to join with the Officers of The Institute in an expression of sympathy to you in this great loss.

We would like very much to have for the historical file of The Institute any newspaper clippings or other material relative to his life and work.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mrs. Alexander C. Guth
1931 North 73rd Street
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

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My dear Mr. Kemper:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and the expressions of sympathy for the death of my husband. Alex always considered you as one of his good friends and spoke of you so often.

As you know he was sick quite a number of years but was always looking forward to the time when he would be well again and could continue with the work he loved so much, which was his vocation as well as avocation - Architecture.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Milwaukee Journal which seems to cover his activities quite well. The paragraph about the scholarship is not correct; he went to Columbia College on his own and he was already an able draftsman, but Mr. Buemning was very much interested in Alex and he did receive great encouragement from him. But that is a little matter.

I thought the clipping from yesterday's paper might be of interest so am enclosing it. It makes me very proud to realize that he was appreciated so much and honored to this extent.

Thank you again for writing me.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Mrs. Alexander C. Guth

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...you sirs, in
hoping you will help me. Tell who-
ever found the booklet on the Cen-
ter street bus Friday afternoon ei-

Death Takes A. C. Guth, 59

Thursday Sept. 21st

Milwaukeean Recognized Nationally for Research on Historic Buildings

Alexander C. Guth, 59, Milwaukee architect, recognized nationally for his research on historic Wisconsin buildings, died Tuesday at his home, 1931 N. 73rd st. A life-long Milwaukeean, Mr. Guth became interested in architecture while working as office boy for Herman W. Buehning, a local architect. His employer was so impressed by the youth's eagerness to learn that he obtained a scholarship for him to Columbia university, New York City. After Mr. Guth's return from college, he entered the Buehning firm as an active partner. In 1926 he joined the firm of Herbst & Kuenzli as head draftsman. He left the firm in 1933 when his health began to fail.



Alexander C. Guth

Was His Hobby, Too

Architecture was both a profession and a hobby for Mr. Guth. Because of his extensive study of the development of Wisconsin architecture, Secretary Ickes selected him to direct the Historic American Buildings survey begun in Wisconsin in 1933. Under his direction a corps of architects measured scores of old buildings in Milwaukee and other Wisconsin cities and made detailed drawings of the structures. These drawings are on file in the national archives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Guth's most recent activity was the preservation of the Benia-

min Church homestead, the second oldest surviving structure in Milwaukee, which now stands in Estabrook park. A series of articles on historic old houses in the Milwaukee area were prepared by Mr. Guth in 1940 and printed in The Journal.

Officer of Society

Mr. Guth established a record unequalled in the American Institute of Architects—14 consecutive terms as secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin chapter. The AIA and the Wisconsin chapter elected him to life membership as a result of his achievement. For many years he was also an active worker in the Milwaukee Businessmen's Sketch club. He also held an honorary membership in the Seven Arts society and the Archaeological society of Wisconsin.

Mr. Guth was one of the founders of the Milwaukee County Historical society of which he was later voted a life membership. For many years he was active in the City club's city planning committee.

Member of Masons

An active member of Masonic organizations, his affiliations included the McKinley lodge, F. and A. M.; the Palmer chapter, R. and A. M.; and the Ivanhoe commandery. He was also a member of the Garfield lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Survivors are his wife, Laura; two sons, Maj. Sylvester of the army engineers, Fort Belvoir, Va., and Stanley of Milwaukee; his father, Louis Guth; and three sisters, Mrs. E. L. Reus of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Olive Williams and Miss Adela Guth of Milwaukee.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Ritter chapel, 5310 W. North av. Burial will be in Wanderers' Rest cemetery. The body will be at the chapel after 1 p. m. Wednesday.

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During these "public be jammed" days why not give others a chance and step to the rear of the car?

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Seven Arts Group to Hear Talk by Colnik, Daughter

MISS GRETCHEN COLNIK and her father, Cyril Colnik, will tell of "The Project of Rebuilding Our Cinderella House," their studio and workshop, when they address members of the painters' group of the Seven Arts society tonight. Members will gather at 6 o'clock at the Colnik home, N. 8th st., for a buffet supper to be followed by a short business meeting. Miss Rosalia Hesse will be co-hostess.

The Colniks call their studio "Cinderella" for the remodeling of the old structure was done within a budget of \$1,000 and is today considered one of the most artistic studios in the middle west. A portrait of Miss Colnik done by Miss Joan

Beringer, Milwaukee painter, will be exhibited there Sunday night.

To commemorate the work and memory of late artists of the society, a memorial fund is being set up. Mrs. H. V. Ballam, Miss Hilda Prahl, and Messrs. Louis Brunt, Alfred G. Pelikan and Royal Scheibe will choose selections from the portfolios of Prof. Ferdinand Koenig, Mrs. Willie Lang, Paul Sommer, Alexander Guth and H. A. King.