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BUFFALO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 27th, 1913.

Glenn Brown, Esq.,
Sec'y., American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

Rec'd 10/29/13

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Will you kindly bring before the Board of Directors the following application of Paul F. Mann of this city?

Mr. Mann is personally known to me since his childhood, and although he has not completed the exact classification of the General Requirements, I believe he has equivalents more than equal to Class A.

You will note that he is an A.B. of Yale University. I have seen his diploma, and his examination card or entrance card to the Ecole des Beaux Arts. If the Directors desire this evidence further than my declaration, I should be glad to have them sent for their examination.

After graduating at Yale University, you will note that he was at the Tech. for three years, and after that two years at the Beaux Arts. In addition, Mr. Mann has been in the offices of Holabird & Roche; Carrere & Hastings; and Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson.

Mr. Mann has been practising in Buffalo for the past two years, and I can speak in the highest terms of his work.

I am,

Very truly yours,



A/R

(Enc.)

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GREEN AND WICKS, ARCHITECTS
110 FRANKLIN STREET
BUFFALO, N. Y.

ENGINEERS IN CHARGE
OF
STRUCTURAL STEEL
REINFORCED CONCRETE
HEATING, PLUMBING AND
ELECTRICAL WORK

EDWARD B. GREEN, F. A. I. A.
WILLIAM S. WICKS, F. A. I. A.
FRANKLYN J. KIDD, A. I. A.

*Rid. & A. I. A.
11/3/13*

November 1st, 1913.

Glen Brown, Esq.,
Sec'y A. I. A.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Brown:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., and thank you for your attention to the application for membership of Mr. Paul F. Mann. I have requested Mr. Mann to send you working drawings and photographs of three (3) buildings and his check for \$5.00. I hope you will receive same at an early date.

I regret very much I will not be able, on account of a wedding in the family, to attend the Convention to be held at New Orleans. I counted on being present this year.

With kindest remembrances, I am,

Very truly yours,

Edward B. Green

A/Q.

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November 28th, 1913.

Glenn Brown, Esq.,
Secy. American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 26th inst.,

I have just called Mr. Mann up, and he says he has been delayed on account of not receiving photographs; that two will be sent today, and one will follow later.

Yours very truly,

Edward B. Green

A/S.

A. I. A.

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PAUL F. MANN
ARCHITECT
16 DUN BUILDING
BUFFALO, N.Y.

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Nov. 29th. 1913

Glenn Brown Esq.
Washington D. C

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you by express blue prints of the working drawings of three jobs , with a photograph of one of them as my exhibition for admission to the American Institute of Architects. The delay has been caused by my inability to get photos. I shall send photos of the other two jobs as soon as possible. They are both completed.

I enclose check for five dollars made payable to you.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, I am

yours very truly

Paul F. Mann

** 5.00
Mann
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December 31, 1918.

Mr. Paul F. Mann,
37 Allen Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We are returning to you by express your exhibit of work, submitted in connection with your application for membership in the Institute, same having been passed upon by the Board of Examiners. Your application will be finally passed upon by the Board of Directors at their next meeting January 23rd next.

Yours very truly,



Secretary.

LCJ

Mann, Paul F.

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June 15, 1914.

Mr. Paul F. Mann,
16 Dun Bldg.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Directors I beg to extend to you a most cordial welcome as a new member of the American Institute of Architects.

I feel sure that you will already have received a notice of your election through the Secretary's office.

I desire, however, to take this occasion to express my sincere conviction that you will join with us in actively supporting the principles for which the Institute stands. I feel sure that I may also count upon your loyal co-operation in furthering the various activities which devolve upon us as members of a profession which should everywhere be known as one qualified to assume the task of leadership in all that pertains to a sound and wise development of the physical conditions of our country.

With a sincere assurance of my appreciation of the step you have taken, please believe me,

Cordially yours,

President.

Date.....

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

Retain bill and mail this stub with your check. Your check duly endorsed will become your receipt. Special receipt will be mailed upon request.

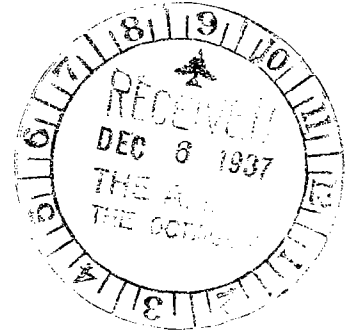
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Institute of Architects

\$20	00
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*Note Change of Address &
Paul F. Mann
222 Ellicott Sq. Bldg.
Buffalo, N.Y. ✓*

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PAUL F. MANN
ARCHITECT
494 FRANKLIN STREET
BUFFALO, N.Y.



Dec. 4 1937

Am. Inst. of Archts
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen,-

Enclosed is my check in full settlement
of my dues.

I hereby resign my membership in the
Institute to take effect on the first of the
year.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of writing
a nice angry letter, which got my feelings off
my chest, and which I tore up this morning.
Suffice it is to say that with us the depression
is not over and I do not feel inclined to carry
the dues of the Institute any longer.

very truly

Paul F. Mann



1937 - \$20.00
1936 - 5.00

Restoration notice mailed Dec. 6, 1937.

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

COPY

December 8, 1937.

Dear Mr. Mann:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 4, received yesterday, with accompanying check for \$25.00 paying in full your Institute dues for 1937 and the balance of \$5.00 on 1936 dues.

A formal notice of your restoration to good standing was mailed to you on December 6.

Your letter constitutes a resignation, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Chapter, to which we are writing.

However, we have two suggestions to respectfully submit, as follows:

(1) If an organization needs reform, revamping, or rejuvenating, the surest way to bring about a change is from within - therefore do not resign, but stay in and raise hell about any and all defects as you see them.

(2) Even if you do resign, give the organization the benefit of your opinions about it, no matter how severe they may be.

I feel so sure that R. H. Shreve, the Regional Director of the New York District, will be sympathetic with the above suggestions that I am sending him copies of your letter and of this reply.

Sincerely yours,

ECK*B

Executive Secretary.

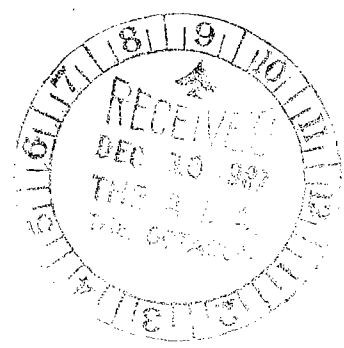
Mr. Paul F. Mann, A. I. A.,
494 Franklin Street,
Buffalo, New York.

RHS:JB Copy to Mr. E. C. Kemper
Mr. Shreve

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December 9, 1937.

My dear Paul Mann:-

This morning I received from Kemper a copy of his letter to you under date of December 8th enclosing also a copy of your letter to the Institute under date of December 4th.

The encouraging thing about the correspondence is that you evidently still retain an admirable sense of humor and with that it is possible to get over a good many obstacles. I trust that you will not insist on your resignation being accepted, but that you will adopt the first of Kemper's admirably stated suggestions and stick along with the organization.

The Buffalo Chapter, as I sense it, has slipped from a thoroughly effective organization with strong standing in the community to a group whose differences on matters largely of a personal character have made it difficult for them to work together. The leadership which once gave the Chapter a commanding position has been impaired by manifestations of temperament, the results of which (I hope you don't mind my saying it) will not be helped by repetition. It would mean a great deal to the Institute, and more particularly to the Buffalo Chapter, if you and your friends would find a way of getting in and keeping in the work up there and so put the Chapter back into an active part in the affairs of the organization. I know from my talk with Paul Harbach that he has been puzzled and somewhat helpless in the face of the attitude of others, particularly the older men, and I trust therefore that you will do all that you can.

If you think that I can be of any use to the thing that has to be done, let me know and I will come up to see you all again. The meeting which I last attended was a splendid one, they told me the largest in some time, and I would think that an effort to get together would result in many meetings of this sort.

Here's once more to your sense of humor and also to your loyalty to an organization which I am sure you will feel deserves your support.

Sincerely yours,

Director, New York District
The American Institute of Architects

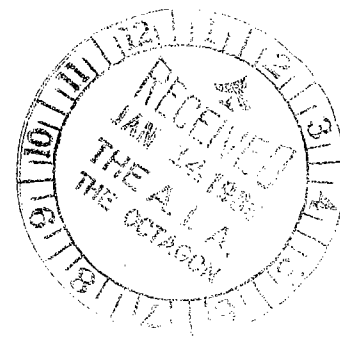
Paul F. Mann, Esquire,
494 Franklin Street,
Buffalo,
New York.

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PAUL F. MANN

ARCHITECT
494 FRANKLIN STREET
BUFFALO, N. Y.



Jan. 13 1938

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

My dear Mr. Kemper,-

I have waited a full month to answer your letter of Dec 8, which was a reply to mine resigning from the Institute. And I have put in quite a deal of thought on the subject during that month.

In the first place I am going to stick to my resolution to resign. I cant afford to keep up the membership. There is no use reciting the old story. Let us say that the institute membership and the chapter membership will pay half the dues to my little golf club and I would prefer to play golf. My particular peeve about the dues was that they were put back to the old level too quickly. I carried them through five years of the depression and then had them raised with the peremptory order to pay up or get out. Out here we still have a depression, so I got out.

There are a lot of things wrong with the Institute: In the first place they are snobs. I am speaking from the inside, not the out. But I can look at it from the other man's point of view. And the Institute is far from being a national organization, and I believe is slipping farther and farther away from that position. And it is spoken of as an honor society. Honor among t...!! (lets take that up under the heading of ethics). No, if the Institute is ever going to be a power in the land it must be open to every architect, and the dues must be down to where every little draughtsman will be glad to pay them. Who was it who said that you can do better work from the inside than the out. Perhaps it was your own letter. I personally am pinning my faith on the New York Society and other State organizations. They can combine and be a truly national organization, and if the Institute wants a finger in that pie they must be very humble about it.

The Institute ethical code has fallen before the depression like snow before a summer wind. In this town the bigger you are the more you can get away with. Let Getzville publish that it is going to build a school, and the committee ^{are} buried under sketches, if they are not buried from the results of free drinks. Let charges be preferred for sharp practice and its something to laugh

about. I know of at least one case recently where the charges should have been sustained without a shadow of doubt.

And as for the schedule of minimum charges that is another laugh. The only fairly expensive houses that have been built here in the last five years have been built by a contractor who has hired my best friend in the profession, a past president of the chapter, to do the plans. He is said to get approximately three hundred apiece for them. He keeps up his membership in the golf club and I dont.

So why pretend to be bound by a code of ethics that you pay no attention to. I shall feel much freer to do what I please and stick a knife in the next man if that pleases me.

Please dont think that I am feeling bitter about this. I really dont. But I do feel that a good insurgent battle will do the whole profession good. Right now the Institute is entirely impotent to control the manners and morals of its members or the outsiders or to have any effect on the legislative bodied of the country - impotent as the poor old men and women out at the poor farm.

At the next convention let someone get on the floor and acknowledge the Institute is licked, make the dues two dollars a year, chapter dues one, welcome every architect in the country to membership (dont just let down the bars, go out and get them) and the Institute will take the place it should have, and incidentally you Mr. Kemper will have your salary raised and the Octagon will get its addition. And lastly I will get down on my kneés and beg to come back in.

Please convey my thanks and appreciation to Dick Shreeve for his nice friendly letter which followed closely after yours.

faithfully yours

(S) Paul F. Mann

P.S. If you feel any urge to use this letter in whole or in part, please consider yourself at liberty to do so.

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As the strews go as the wind. Addressing the envelope for this it occurs to me what it a bit snobbish not to use the street and number instead of just "The Octagon"? Bill Bull the architect from Gettysville may want to visit you some time. Can he find you?

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

COPY

January 17, 1938

My dear Mr. Mann:

This will acknowledge with regret your letter of January 13 to the effect - among other things - that you wish your resignation to stand.

That resignation, dated December 4, 1937, is in proper form and can be accepted by The Institute as of December 31, 1937 - subject to the receipt of a routine letter from the Buffalo Chapter to the effect that you are in good standing therein.

We have written to the Buffalo Chapter with respect to this item, as per enclosed copy of letter.

Concerning the shortcomings of The Institute as you see them, we feel that your views should have the personal consideration of the Officers of this society. We have, therefore, sent copies of your letter to President Charles D. Maginnis, of Boston, Secretary Charles T. Ingham, of Pittsburgh, Treasurer Edwin Bergstrom, of Los Angeles, and to the Regional Director of the New York District, Mr. Richmond H. Shreve, of New York.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK:MS

Mr. Paul F. Mann, A.I.A.,
494 Franklin Street,
Buffalo, New York.

(Copy)

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*Approved By
Report resignation*



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

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To Mr. Paul F. Mann
494 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York

Your resignation from The Institute, dated December 4, 1937, is effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of December 6, 1937, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that you will return to it soon.

Date March 2, 1938.

Chas. J. Hughes
Secretary

*The Case - E. C. Hughes
3/2/38 - MMS*

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