

De Joe, Victor J.  
Kansas City

# Application for Membership

Feb 2, 1927.  
See letter from Chapter 100

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

Prelim. Fee. \$1.50 4/2/27  
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SIR: I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name..... Victor J. De Joe

Address..... 1704 Baltimore Kansas City Mo.  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth..... La. Bara, Old Mexico - Aug. 6 - 1892.

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 Ecolè des Beaux Arts.....  
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.....

If practicing architect, firm name..... Beseker and De Joe

Have been in practice..... Seven years - 5 by self - 2 with W. A. Beseker

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

Collegiate and office training..... Practically 2 yrs college - 10 yrs office and practical.

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.

(1) Victor J. De Joe  
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date..... (2).....  
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3).....  
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

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

Registration or License Number.

(Essential if Registered)

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

(7).....  
NUMBER

(4) Courtlandt Van Buren  
(5) Arthur H. Buckley  
(6) Henry Smith

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if 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, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER,  
Office of the President,  
823 Gloyd Building, Kansas City, Mo.

February 14, 1927.

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Baldwin,

This is to enclose three applications for Institute Membership from practicing architects in Kansas City - Mr. Walter A. Besecke, Mr. Victor J. DeFoe and Miss Alice Walton.

You will note that all of these applications carry the necessary endorsement and we sincerely hope the Board will report favorably upon them.

Mr. Besecke does not qualify under Group 1, but does not submit any exhibits inasmuch as he was formerly a member of the Institute and resigned together with several other members of the Kansas City Chapter at the time of the controversy over the Liberty Memorial Competition here, several years ago.

In consideration of the fact that Mr. Besecke is anxious to renew his affiliation, we have not thought it pertinent to ask for his reasons for reinstatement and trust that the Board will accept him in good faith. It is unnecessary to say that we welcome this application as a possible indication that others may follow and that it may be the beginning of the end of the breach between the Chapter and its former members. The importance of favorable action by the Board is obvious.

Mr. DeFoe is Mr. Besecke's partner and on advice from the Chapter, he is forwarding the customary exhibits under separate cover.

Miss Walton, in view of the character of her work and the fact that she appears to be a graduate in a special course in architecture in one of the approved universities, is recommended by her endorsers without further indication of her ability.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of these applications.

(SSd.) COURTLANDT VAN BRUNT,

President.

BESECKE & DEFOE  
ARCHITECTS  
DELAWARE 3238  
1704 BALTIMORE AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 4, 1927  
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Mr. Frank C. Baldwin,  
Secretary, A. I. A.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Have mailed you three sets of plans which were to be submitted with my application for membership in the A. I. A. as sent you by local chapter.

The following information on these plans is for your benefit and also explains my part in the making of same:

On the Church of the Assumption: We won this on a competition basis for design. My partner, Mr. Carroll (without any reflection on him) at that time had had no business experience except with myself and one year as a tracer in C. A. Smith's office here at Kansas City, but he was partly responsible for our securing the privilege of competing in this. The construction drawings, parts of the design and the entire supervision was handled by myself, personally.

On the Quick Fire Service Building:- I of course handled all of this work.

On the Armour Plaza:- I personally handled all of this as Mr. Besecke at that time was not active in our partnership being in other work of his own that had to be closed up before he could take the active part he now does.

Any other information that you may desire will be gladly furnished.

Yours very truly,

*Victor J. DeFoe.*

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March 4, 1927

Dear Mr. De Foe:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, received by reference from Mr. Van Brunt, President of the Kansas City Chapter.

With regard to the customary exhibits, should the Board of Examiners require these in your case we shall get in touch with you at a later date, say March 10.

Acknowledgment is also made of your remittance of \$5.00 to cover the Preliminary Fee.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Victor J. De Foe,  
1704 Baltimore,  
Kansas City, Mo.

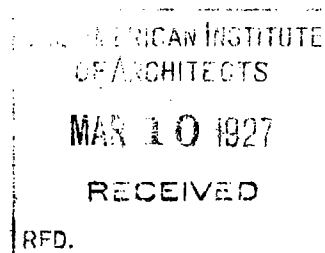
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BESECKE & DEFOE  
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DELAWARE 3238  
1704 BALTIMORE AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, MO.



March 4, 1927.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

The exhibits had already been mailed when your letter was received. Hope they do me no harm, but a great deal of good. Thanking you for your kindness in writing me, I am,

Yours very truly,

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
The A. I. A.  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

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April 30, 1927

Dear Mr. De Foe:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to Membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective April 30, 1927.

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

The enclosed statement covering dues for the last half of the current year should receive prompt attention.

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.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Victor J. De Foe,  
1704 Baltimore,  
Kansas City, Mo.

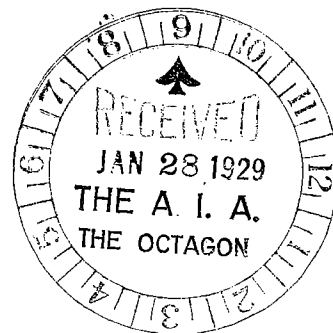
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VICTOR J. DEFOE

ARCHITECT

HARRISON 8238

114 WEST 10TH STREET  
KANSAS CITY, MO.



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Jan. 26, 1928

American Institute of Architects  
Washington, D.C.  
% Secretary

Dear Sir:

Around the first of January I sent you my check for dues which paid me in full to the first of this year. Not having heard from you, I have been wondering whether you received this and if so why I had not heard from you or received a receipt for same.

I am not quite familiar with the new by-laws regarding suspension of members, and trust that my dues were paid in time to keep me from being suspended.

I have not as yet received a statement for this years dues, which I presume has been overlooked, or if it has been omitted on account of a suspension, I would appreciate your informing me as to the conditions.

*Memorandum -  
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paid until  
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noted  
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I would also like to mention the fact that when I entered the Institute, I do not recall ever having received a notice or certificate of the fact that I was a member, which I understood is given to the Institute members for framing and placing in his office, so that clients and others interested might be made aware of the fact that the member was an Institute member. If this practice has been discontinued I would like to be informed, and if not why I did not receive my certificate.

Kindly note that my address is 114 W. 10th St., instead of 1704 Baltimore, which probably may be the cause of my not getting some of the notices sent me, as I have been away from the old office for some time.

Thanking you for the kind and generous manner with which you handled this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

VDF/MS

*Victor J. DeFoe*

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February 6, 1929.

My dear Mr. DeFoe:

Responding seriatim to yours of January 26th:

Please accept this as acknowledgment in full for your remittance on account of Institute dues. It brought your account up to December 31, 1928, and puts you in good standing. There is no indebtedness against your name except dues for the current year, for which we sent you a statement on January 1st.

Your certificate of Institute membership in engrossed form was sent to you on January 19, 1929, at the old address. If it has not reached you by now in good condition please advise and we will send you another.

Your present letter is the first notice of the change in address, which we have made on the various records at The Octagon.

Let us know about the certificate.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Victor J. DeFoe,  
114 West 10th Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

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October 20, 1931.

Dear Mr. DeFee:

As you know, the Institute is most hopeful that you will maintain your professional society affiliations, both with the national organization and with the Kansas City Chapter.

Your indebtedness for Institute dues at the present time is \$75.00, including the current year.

At the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, on November 19th, some action must be taken with respect to those delinquents who are indebted for a long period.

This letter is an informal one, to remind you of the situation, and to express the very earnest hope that you can send a check for at least \$25 by November 15th, thus permitting the Board to hold your membership in both the Institute and the Chapter for at least another year.

Please do the best you can to make the suggested payment on account.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Victor J. DeFee, A.I.A.,  
Kansas City Chapter,  
114 West Tenth Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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cc- President Kansas City Chapter  
Secretary " " "  
Regional Director,  
Central States Division.

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March 1, 1932.

Dear Mr. DeFoe:

It is with genuine regret that I write, as Secretary of the Institute, to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and your Chapter, effective December 31, 1931, for non-payment of Institute dues.

The Treasurer, and the Secretary's Office, sent to you various statements of account and letters in the hope that you would find it possible to make a remittance, in whole or in part, and thereby continue your affiliation with The American Institute of Architects and your Chapter.

It is realized that conditions in the building industry have remained on a most unfavorable basis during the past year, and for that reason the Institute made a special effort to retain your membership as long as possible.

It is believed that you will approve of the action taken. The alternative was to allow the dues to so increase as to make future reinstatement a heavy expense.

May I venture to express the personal hope that conditions in your locality will soon improve, and that you will then make application for reinstatement in the Institute and the Chapter?

The reinstatement procedure is easy and can be accomplished by addressing a letter to the Secretary of the Institute, through the Secretary of the local Chapter.

With best wishes, and with the hope that we may soon regain you as a member of The American Institute of Architects, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Victor J. DeFoe,  
114 West Tenth Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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