

Richard Kiehnel
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October 24 1913

Mr. Richard Kiehnel,
901 Publication Bldg,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

This is to notify you that you were elected a
Member of the American Institute of Architects, at the
meeting of the Executive Committee October 21, 1913.

An official notification will be forwarded to you
within a few days.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

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July 19, 1913.

Mr. Richard Kiehnel,
901 Publication Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your application through Mr. Richard Hooker together with your Examination Fee for which latter I enclose receipt herewith.

By Express we have received your exhibit of work. I will be pleased to place your application before the Institute at the earliest opportunity and will of course let you know with what result.

Yours very truly,

Glenn Brown

Secretary.

Glenn Brown

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
PITTSBURGH, PA.

December 26, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

We have received the enclosed request for transfer of membership. Mr. Kiehnel is a member in good standing in the Pittsburgh Chapter and his Chapter dues have been paid for the year ending December 31, 1928.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Wolfe
Secretary.

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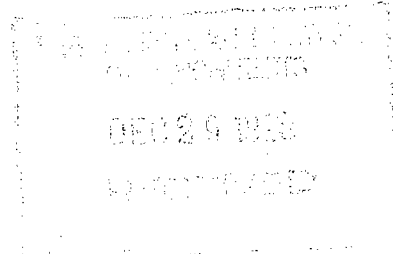
RICHARD KIEHNEL, A.I.A.

KIEHNEL & ELLIOTT
ARCHITECTS
930-42 SEYBOLD BLDG.
MIAMI, FLORIDA

PITTSBURG, PA.
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December 13, 1928.

Mr Lawrence Wolfe,
Secy Pittsburgh Chap. A.I.A.,
119 E Montgomery Ave.,
North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.



Dear Sir:-

I have been a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter for a good many years and really intended to continue my membership as I am still interested in my Pittsburgh office, but at the recent annual meeting of the Florida Chapter of the A.I.A. the President and Board of Director of the National Organization, visited the Florida Chapter and in conjunction with this meeting an architectural exhibition was held to which exhibition I contributed. The president and also some of the members of the Board, after visiting this exhibition, were so impressed with the exhibits which I had that they wanted to meet me and were very much surprised that I was not a member of the Florida Chapter and expressed the wish that I would change my membership for the purpose of strengthening the Florida organization.

It is for this reason that I request that the necessary transfer papers be issued from the Pittsburgh Chapter so that I might affiliate myself with the Florida Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Richard Kiehnel
RICHARD KIEHNEL

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 4, 1929.

December 26, 1928

Dear Mr. Kiehnel:-

In accordance with your letter of December 13, and that of December 26 from Mr. Wolfe, Secretary of the Pittsburgh Chapter, we beg to advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute member in good standing, from the Pittsburgh to the Florida Chapter, effective December 31, 1928.

The Secretaries of the two Chapters concerned have been so notified.

The Officers of the Florida Chapter are:

Jefferson M. Hamilton, President,
509 Twigg Street,
Tampa, Florida

Clare C. Hosmer, Secretary,
P. O. Box 2136,
Sarasota, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Richard Kiehnel,
930-42 Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

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August 3, 1929.

My dear Mr. Kiehnel:

This will formally advise you of the creation of the Florida South Chapter and your assignment thereto, as a Charter Member, effective April 27, 1929.

The President of the new Chapter is Mr. Anthony DeH. Zink, Seybold Building, Miami, Fla.; and the Secretary is Mr. E. L. Robertson, Calumet Building, Miami, Fla.

They have been advised as above, and we know they are counting upon your support as a Charter Member in making the new Chapter a success.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

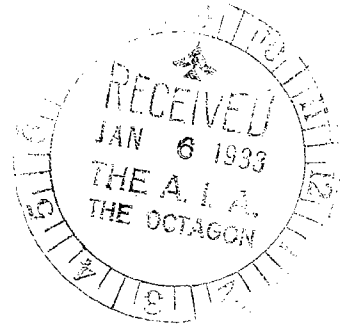
Mr. Richard Kiehnel,
930 Seybold Building,
Miami, Fla.

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Richard Riehnel, A. I. A.

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Riehnel & Elliott
Architects
930-42 Seybold Building
Miami, Florida

January 3, 1933



Mr Edwin Bergstorm, Treasurer,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D C

Dear Mr Bergstorm:-

I received today your letter which also went to all members, Referring to the conditions of the Institute and the possibility of collecting dues. As I am giving you my personal opinion, I want to mention something about me first so that you may possibly understand me better.

I have always been very active in all architectural organizations for the last forty years, in Chicago as a member of the Architectural Club until 1902, in Cleveland in the Architectural Club until 1903, In Pittsburgh I have been a member and officer for years in the Architectural Club, from 1904 until the present time. I have been a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the A. I. A. since 1905, and a member of the Institute since 1913, I have been an officer in the Pittsburgh Chapter and here in Florida I have been the president of the Florida South Chapter for two years, I am the president at the present time, and for the last four years, of the Architectural League of Greater Miami, and I am now President of the Florida Association of Architects. I just mention all this to show you that I have taken active part in organization work in the locality wherever I am and that my fellow members have had the confidence in me to make me an officer.

From this you may see that I have an inside view of what has happened in the architectural profession in a number of states for the last forty years, and I also want to mention that I was in Chicago, lived and worked there, during a similar depression through which we are going now, and that was from 1892 to 1896.

Now, coming to your letter, I have found that at least as far as Florida is concerned, that dues of any size will be impossible to collect, and it is my private opinion that the number of dues from Florida to the Institute can be counted on one hand, I for my part enclose my check for the year 1933. It is my further private opinion that it would be better, at this stage to collect a small due from a larger number than a larger

Richard Kiehnel, A. J. A.

Kiehnel & Elliott
Architects
930-42 Seybold Building
Miami, Florida

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due from a very small number. It is my further personal opinion, which of course will shortly be verified, that less than a thousand members will be able to pay their dues this year at \$25.00, but it may be possible that in case the dues should be reduced in half that double the number would be able to pay their dues - now would not it be better to have over 2,000 members in good standing than over 2,000 members in bad standing? in so far as the annual dues are concerned.

I know that a large number would sacrifice to do their best to pay their dues and while everybody knows that the Institute needs the money for the great work that they have been doing and still continue to do, at the same time, there is a limit to which everyone can go. We here in our Chapter will make no attempt to collect any dues whatsoever, hoping that this way some at least pay the Institute dues. In the Florida Association of Architects, which is a very active organization with a membership of several hundred, we have reduced our dues this year to the nominal amount of \$1.00 a year to keep our membership together hoping that we will be able in a year or two again raise our dues to some reasonable amount necessary to transact our business and look after the interest of the profession in this State.

Now, do not misunderstand me, that I am trying to induce the Institute to make any changes that may not be justified, however, I feel that as an old experienced man, who has been so active as I am, and have been, feel that I should give due warning as to what might happen.

You may say to yourself, how does it happen that this man who has been so active in the various chapters for a number years has never been a delegate to Institute Conventions, well, the reason for that is, which seems strange, that I have been requested and been elected a number of times as delegate but when the time came to go there were either personal or business reasons that made it impossible for me to go, unfortunately in the last two conventions I was not well enough to make the trip.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Kiehnel
RICHARD KIEHNEL

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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sent to:
Messrs.
Russell
Bergstrom
Adams

March Board

January 13, 1933.

Dear Mr. Kiehnel:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 3d to the Treasurer, Mr. Bergstrom.

He is giving very close attention to the serious financial problem which confronts the Institute, its Chapters and Members.

Your letter has been sent on to him for his information, in advance of the annual meeting of the Board.

That meeting will be earlier than usual - in Washington, D. C., on March 15 - in order to give a full measure of consideration to these financial problems.

Undoubtedly, some statement will be made to the membership after the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Richard Kiehnel, A. I. A.,
930-942 Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

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March 1, 1937

Dear Mr. Kiehnel:

Under the established procedure of The Institute, and with regard to the charges of unprofessional conduct preferred by you against Mr. Arnold Ralph Southwell, a member of The Institute, I write to advise that these charges were reviewed by The Board of Directors of The Institute at its meeting in Washington on December 12, 1936.

You have received the report and recommendation of The Judiciary Committee.

To complete the record, I transmit the resolution containing the action of The Board, as follows:

Resolved, That The Board concurs in the recommendation of The Judiciary Committee with regard to charges of unprofessional conduct filed against Arnold Ralph Southwell, a member of The Institute, for attempting to supplant another architect after definite steps had been taken by the client towards his employment, and knowingly entering into competition with him; and suspends his Institute membership for a period of one year beginning with the date of the official notice to him of this action.

Mr. Southwell has been advised accordingly. The term of suspension begins on March 1, 1937 and will terminate on March 1, 1938.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Mr. Richard Kiehnel, A.I.A.,
930 Seybold Building,
Miami, Florida.

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By registered mail



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

NO NF 9
Received Oct. 18, 1937
Voted On Aug. 15 1939
Voted On 19 .
Voted On 19 .
Granted Aug. 15 1939
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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Richard Kiehnel *Date of Nomination* Oct. 16, 1937.
2. *Address of Nominee* 930 Seybold Building, Miami, Florida
3. *Nominee's firm* Kiehnel & Elliott
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* as above
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Florida South
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 19 13
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1927 to 1939
9. *Nominee's age* 68 *Birthplace* West Prussia, Germany. (Naturalized Citizen, U.S.A.)
10. *Nominators:* Florida South Chapter
11. *Achievement* in design.

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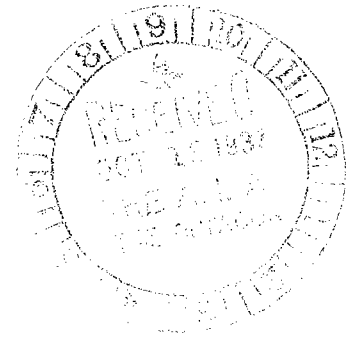
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP BY CHAPTER



JURY OF FELLOWS The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Date October 16 1937

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on August 3rd, 1937, nominated* Richard Kiehnel member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. I enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

*Type in full name.

Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Richard Kiehnel a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** Design 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† 8 consecutive years immediately prior to this date; therefore be it and of the Institute 24 years)

†Type in number of years.

Resolved, That‡‡ The Florida South Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* Richard Kiehnel

‡‡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."

George H. Spohn 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 **Richard Kiehnel**
- 2. Nominee is a ~~natural~~ naturalized citizen of **The United States 1898**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **5942 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida.**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **Kiehnel & Elliott**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **930 Seybold Building, Miami, Florida.**

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

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by
State Board of Examiners of Architects, Pennsylvania (1920)
State Board for the Registration of Architects, New York. (1929).
State Board of Architecture, Florida (1917).

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

- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in of architecture~~
~~architect in office of construction public officials~~

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appropriate
words.

- 8. Born **November 1, 1870** Place of birth **West Prussia, Germany.**

Type in date
of birth and city
and Country.

- 9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	"Gymnasium", Strassburg, Germany			
	"Gymnasium", Neumarkt, Germany			
High School	"Gymnasium", Breslau, Germany			
College or University	School of Architecture Breslau, Germany	4	1891	
College or University	Academy of Fine Arts, Berlin 1 Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts. Paris 1			
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.
**Travels and studies in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary,
Poland, Jugo-Slavia, Greece, Italy, Spain, France, England, Bel-
gium, Northern Africa, Turkey, and Egypt.**
Designer for D. H. Burnham & Company, Chicago. 1893 to 1897.
Designer for Henry Schlaks, Chicago. 1897 to 1898.
Private Practice in Chicago, (licensed in Illinois) 1898 to 1901.
Trip to Europe. 1900.
**Designer for Eagan and Prindeville, 1902 (designed Roman Catholic
Cathedral at Pittsburgh)**
Designer and associate of J. Milton Dyer, Cleveland. 1902 to 1903.
Foreign travel 1903.
**Associate and designer in charge of office for F. J. Oesterling,
Pittsburgh, 1903, to 1905.**
**In practice with J. B. Elliott as Kiehnel & Elliott in Pittsburgh,
1906 to 1928.**
Opened branch office in Miami 1917.
In private practice as Kiehnel and Elliott in Florida since 1928.

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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	Identification of Work	Location of Work	Completed Construction Work	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special		(City) (State)	(Year)	
(a)	Rolyat Hotel (Now A Military Academy)	St. Petersburg Florida	1925	2
(a)	Snell Arcade & Office Building	St. Petersburg Florida	1929	1
(c)	Res. John Bindley	Miami Florida	1918	2
(c)	Res. J. B. Semple	Miami Florida	1920	2
(c)	Res. E. L. King	Daytona Beach Florida	1930	1
(c)	Res. E. B. Douglas	Miami Florida	1924	1
(c)	Res. H. S. Kittel	Coral Gables Florida	1936	1
(d)	Rollins College Theatre	Winter Park Florida	1932	2
(d)	Dormitories		1929-31-36	3
(d)	Congregational Church	Coral Gables Florida	1924	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.

Enclosed is also a copy of "Spanish Influence On American Architecture & Decoration" showing cover design and thirty plates of the work of Richard Kiehnel.

We also enclose a reprint from "Architecture" of Oct. 1930 showing 10 plates of the Rolyat Hotel.

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.

While Mr. Kiehnel's original training was in the free styles, such as Romanesque, Gothic and Early Renaissance, this training was very valuable in the design of his early buildings in semi-tropical South Florida, particularly in Miami. Here he was largely instrumental in introducing the Spanish types with other Mediterranean tendencies in exterior and interior treatments in South Florida. Examples of this are illustrated in a volume called "Spanish Influence on American Architecture and Decoration" by Brentano's of New York, and another volume called "Mediterranean Domestic Architecture in the United States" by Rexford Newcomb and published by J. H. Jansen of Cleveland.

This work of Mr. Kiehnel's produced a notable effect on the architecture of this district, and through this on the rest of the United States, - principally noticed in interiors.

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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2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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After the Florida hurricane of 1926, Mr. Kiehnel wrote various articles which were published in Miami news papers in 1926 and 1927, recommending new hurricane-proof construction for buildings in this district. These recommendations were adopted in the building codes of South Florida cities.

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.

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.)

Mr. Kiehnel was in 1912 a member of the Smoke Investigation Committee of the University of Pittsburg which carried on investigations at the University. This Committee considered the effect of smoke on health, on the defacing of buildings and other related subjects. As a result of its studies, smokeless furnaces were introduced in Pittsburgh and smoke nuisances were abated, with a resulting improved appearance of buildings, better health conditions, etc.

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.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
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Mr. Kiehnel is editor-in-chief and president of a non-profit corporation publishing "Florida Architecture and Allied Arts". This is a magazine illustrating architecture of South Florida.

He has written a number of articles for local newspapers and other publications in the interest of the profession and the Florida South Chapter.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state association, 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.

Mr. Kiehnel was a director of the Pittsburgh Chapter about 1914. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Florida South Chapter.

He was president of the Florida South Chapter in 1930 and 1931. He has been a director of this chapter since that time.

He has been a district director and was president for two years of the Florida Association of Architects (from Dec. 1932 to Dec. 1934).

Through his example and force he has assisted in strengthening the standards of the profession in this district.

Mr. Kiehnel's work in directing large exhibits of architectural work was largely responsible for an increased interest and growth in the Pittsburgh Architectural Club. In 1910 he was chairman of an international exhibition and editor of the year book of the exhibition.

When the question of adopting a license law arose in Pennsylvania, Mr. Kiehnel took a prominent part in persuading the architects to become licensed, his attitude being the result of his early experiences in Illinois, the first state to have a license law.

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.

Mr. Kiehnel was a member of the City Planning Committee of the Pittsburgh Civic Commission, and his special work here consisted in assisting in the replanning of the city of Pittsburgh. The report of this committee was adopted by the Commission in December, 1910.

Mr. Kiehnel was chairman of the Bay Front Park Commission in Miami in 1923, for the City of Miami. Since then, the area along the waterfront has been developed into an extensive and beautiful park.

Mr. Kiehnel served as director of the Miami Builders Exchange representing the architectural profession in the Greater Miami Area from June 1930 to May 1932, and is at the present time serving another term in the same capacity.

Mr. Kiehnel is now a member of the Zoning Board of the City of Miami.

About 1930 Mr. Kiehnel was chairman of an organization of the building industry as a whole (consisting of architects, contractors, sub-contractors, material men, etc. formed for the purpose of stabilizing conditions in the industry in the Greater Miami area.

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November 22, 1939

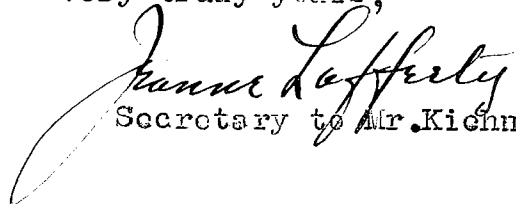
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The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

We would like to get about
six copies of the October, 1939 issue
of the OCTAGON, which refers to Mr.
Kiehnel's advancement to Fellowship.

Would it be possible for
you to send us these copies? If there
is any charge, kindly enclose bill.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to Mr. Kiehnel

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 24, 1939.

Dear Miss Lafferty:

Responding to your letter of November 22:

We are pleased to send herewith six complimentary copies of the October, 1939, number of THE OCTAGON, containing a reference to Mr. Kiehnel's advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

Miss Jeanne Lafferty,
Secretary to Mr. Kiehnel,
c/o Elliott and Kiehnel, Architects,
930 Seybold Bldg.,
Miami, Florida.

W:LF
Encs. L.P.

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Inter-Office Communication

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November 7, 1944

Memorandum:

Mr. Spohn, of the Florida South Chapter, telephoned yesterday (November 6) to advise of the death of Mr. Richard Kiehn, F.A.I.A. on November 5.

However, I saw a brief paragraph of his death in the newspaper over the weekend and believe his death was a day or two earlier - i.e., November 3 or 4.

FHG

Copy to Mrs. Miller