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New York

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Application for Membership

Jan 9, 1926

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 Frank J. Forster

Address 33 West 42nd St N.Y. N.Y.
(Number and Street) (City) (State)

Place and date of birth New York City December 12, 1896

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

If practicing architect, firm name Frank J. Forster

Have been in practice Fifteen years.....

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

Collegiate and 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.

Frank J. Forster
[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.....
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

.....Secretary.

.....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.

Registration or License Number.

If the applicant resides or has his principal place of business in a Registration or License law state the current number of his Registration or License should be noted here.

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NUMBER

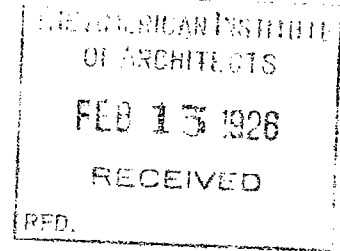
- (1) William Lawrence Bottomley
- (2) Robert Horsey Hooper
- (3) Leslie Allen Klein

[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 the 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 are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

(4) Bryanina J. Bells

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FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT
33 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK



February 13th, 1926.

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

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects together with my check for five dollars to cover initiation fee.

The application has been signed by Mr. Wm. Lawrence Bottomley, Mr. Parker Morse Hooper, and Mr. Leslie Allen Oliver of this city.

I will gladly answer any further questions relative to my application.

Sincerely yours,

FJF:EM

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

COPY

February 15, 1926.

Dear Mr. Forster:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

The application is complete in every respect except for the customary routine exhibits.

These should consist of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings which need not be specially prepared, may be taken from the office files, and will be carefully returned later.

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

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Frank J. Forster,
33 West 42nd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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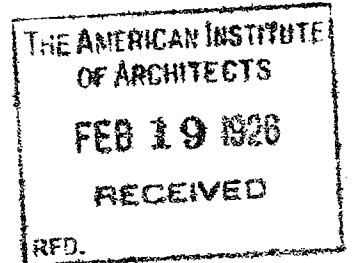
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FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT
33 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK

February 17th, 1926.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
American Institute Of Architects,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Kemper,

Receipt of your letter of February 15th, relative to my application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, is herewith acknowledged.

Working drawings together with photographs of two executed buildings are being mailed under separate cover.

Trusting these exhibits will fulfill the necessary requirements, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank J. Forster".

FJF:EM

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

COPY

April 21, 1926.

Dear Mr. Forster:-

With further reference to your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, we find that the third person who signed it is not a Member of the Institute. As it is necessary that the application contain the signatures of three Institute Members, we are obliged to return it for the signature of a third Institute Member.

Trusting you will understand our position in this matter and that you will find it possible to return the application at an early date, I am,

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

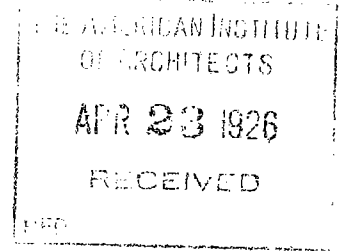
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New York City, N. Y.

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FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT
33 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK



April 22nd, 1926.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper,

I thank you for your letter of April 21st,
relative to my application for membership in the American
Institute of Architects.

It is noted that you question the signature
of Mr. Leslie Allen Oliver, the third person who signed, as
not being a member of the institute. In a telephone con-
versation with Mr. Oliver this morning, he informed me that
he was a member of the New York Chapter. In view of the
above, your reconsideration of my application would be
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

FJF:EM

D. EVERETT WAID, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK
ABRAM GARFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, CLEVELAND
WILLIAM L. STEELE, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, SIOUX CITY, IOWA

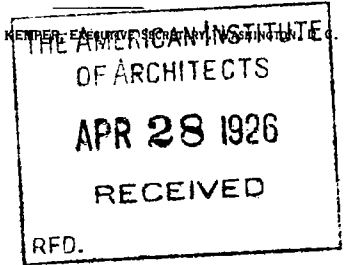


C. C. ZANTZINGER, ACTING SECRETARY, PHILADELPHIA

WILLIAM B. ITTNER, TREASURER, ST. LOUIS, MO.

EDWARD C. MENDEL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.




April 23, 1926.

Dear Mr. Forster:-

In response to yours of the 22nd, as stated in our letter of the 21st, an application for Institute Membership must bear the signatures of three "Institute" members and is considered incomplete by the Board of Examiners unless it contains such endorsement. As Mr. Oliver is a "Chapter" Member and not an "Institute" member, we are obliged to return your application with the request that you procure the signature of a third "Institute" member.

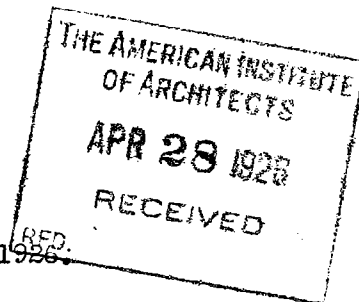
Very truly yours,


Executive Secretary.

Mr. Frank J. Forster,
33 West 42nd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

K:VB

FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT
33 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK



April 27th, 1926.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper,

I am returning herewith my
application for membership in the Institute
with the signature of Mr. Benjamin F. Betts.

Trusting this will fill
your request of April 23rd, I am

Sincerely yours,

FJF:EM

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

COPY

December 7, 1926.

Dear Mr. Forster:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to Membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective December 3, 1926.

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

A statement covering dues for 1927 will be sent forward in due course.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Office of the Secretary 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. Frank J. Forster,
33 West 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

NO NF 44

Received Feb. 11, 1939.

Voted On Aug. 15 1939

Voted On Feb. 28, 1940

Voted On 19 .

Granted Feb. 28, 1940

NO M 44

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Frank J. Forster *Date of Nomination* Feb. 10, 1939
2. *Address of Nominee* 19 East 47th Street, New York, N. Y.
3. *Nominee's firm* Frank J. Forster, Architect
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* 19 East 47th Street, New York, N. Y.
5. *Nominee's Chapter* New York
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1926
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1926 to Dec. 31, 1939
9. *Nominee's age* 53 *Birthplace* New York City
10. *Nominators:* New York Chapter

11. *Achievement* in design.

MAR 16 1939

NO NF

(Nominators leave blank)

Received February 11, 1939
Exhibits received

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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 February 10 19 39

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on February 7th 1939
nominated* Frank J. Forster,
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* Frank J. Forster
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession because of his achievement in** design
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full
name.

**Type in "De-
sign," "Science
of Construction,"
"Literature,"
"Education,"
"Service to The
Institute," or
"Public Service,"
as is appro-
priate."

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

†Type in number
of years.

"Resolved, That‡ the New York Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* Frank J. Forster

‡Type in name
of Chapter.

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."

*Type in full
name.

(s) Robert B. O'Connor

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 Frank J. Forster
- 2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of the United States
- 3. Nominee's legal residence 23 Amherst Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York
- 4. Nominee's firm name Frank J. Forster, Architect.
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address 19 East 47th Street

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

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by the States of New York; Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Also Architectural Registration Board, Chicago, Ill.

6. 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 architecture—teacher in science of construction—public official—retired.

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

- 8. Born December 12, 1906. Place of birth New York City

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

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

	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
<i>High School</i>				
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>	Copper Union School of Architecture;			highest honor in graduating class.
<i>College or University</i>				
<i>Post Graduate at</i>	Two years abroad, measured drawings, sketching; photographing architectural subjects			
<i>Scholarships held</i>				

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Five years as draftsman in office of Van Vleck and Goldsmith
Two years in office of Tracy and Swartwout.

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

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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 (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City) (State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
(c)	Residence, Mr. Ralph Clifford, Greenwich, Conn.		1930	Under Column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be. Type in last Col- umn to right the number submitted in each case.
(c)	Residence, Mr. Charles Dunn, South Norwalk, Conn.		1928	
(c)	Residence, Mrs. Gilbert Browning, Greenwich, Conn.		1930	
(c)	Residence, Mr. Donald Blackwell, Stamford, Conn.			
(c)	Residence, Mr. Haywood Nelms, Houston, Texas			
(c)	Residence, Mr. Harold O. Hunt, Minneapolis, Minn.			

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.

Awarded Silver Medal in 1927 by the Architectural League of New York, and the Silver Medal of the League again in 1929. Also awarded first mention in 1928.

Awarded honorable mention and Bronze Medal in the 1933 Better Homes in America Competition.

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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column to right
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mitted in each
case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

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

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>
The Work of Frank J. Forster,		published by Wm. Helburn,	New York, 1931
Original drawings of Frank J. Forster,		pub. in "Architecture",	June, 1931.
English and French types,		published in "Architectural Forum",	1928.
Minor Domestic Architecture of Medieval France,		House Beautiful,	October, 1927.
"Composition and Mass",		published in House Beautiful,	September, 1927.

TAYLOR AND LEVI, ARCHITECTS
105 WEST 40TH STREET NEW YORK CITY
ALFREDO S. G. TAYLOR, A. I. A. JULIAN CLARENCE LEVI, F. A. I. A.

January 4, 1939

Mr. William Adams Delano, Chairman
New York Chapter, Committee on Fellowship
126 East 38th Street, N.Y.

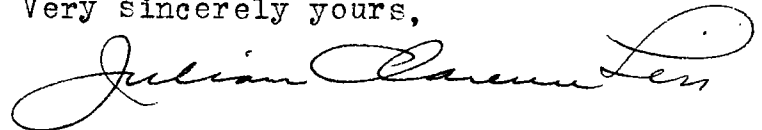
Dear Mr. Delano:

I understand that your Committee
is considering Mr. Frank Forster for advancement
to Fellowship.

I am, therefore, taking the
liberty of writing you to express the hope that
your Committee will report favorably on Mr. Forster.

I have known him for a great
many years, at least 20 years I should say, and
have always found him to be fine, high principled,
straightforward, and modest. His work bears the
stamp of his personality and, in my opinion, is
of a very high caliber.

Very sincerely yours,



JCL:W



WILLIAM LAWRENCE BOTTOMLEY
ARCHITECT
112 EAST 55TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

December 29th, 1938.

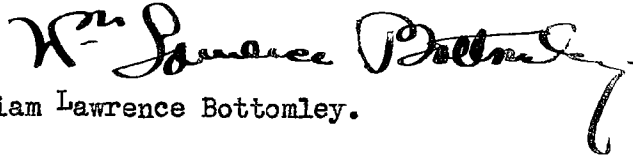
Mr. William A. Delano,
Chairman of the Committee on Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Delano:-

Mr. Frank Forster's name is on the list which the Chapter will present to the Institute for advancement to Fellowship.

I am very glad that his name is coming up in this way. I have the greatest admiration for him and his work and know that he will be a great acquisition to the list of Fellows in the Institute. It gives me great pleasure to recommend him although we all know him too well to feel that it is necessary to add anything to have him raised to a Fellowship.

Yours sincerely,



William Lawrence Bottomley.

W.L.B./GB.

DWIGHT JAMES BAUM
F. A. I. A.
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R I V E R D A L E · O N · H U D S O N
N E W Y O R K C I T Y

GEORGE P. GUNTHER
JOHN H. THIESEN

December 28th
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Mr. William A. Delano
126 East 38th Street
New York, New York

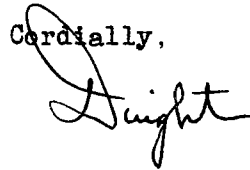
Dear Mr. Delano:

I have just received information from Dan Waid that the name of Frank Forster is being considered by the Institute for advancement to Fellowship.

It would not be possible for me to say enough for Mr. Forster. I have known him for many years, and not only do I feel that his work is the finest of its type but also he has a high professional standing. He has always been ethical in his dealings both with his fellow practitioners and his clients, is a very fine person and well deserves this honor.

With best wishes to you for the new year and regretting that we do not see more of each other, I am

Cordially,



DJB:JM

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. FORSTER
ARCHITECT

1939 NOV 15 AM 9:18

TELEPHONE
ELDORADO 5-0818

WASHINGTON, D. C.

19 EAST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK

November 14, 1939

The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

About a year ago I received word from D. Everett Waide that I was being considered for Fellowship in the Institute. He requested me to deliver to Mr. Delano's office a record of my practice, together with photographs of executed work.

This I did and when I enquired of Mr. Delano's office several months ago, I was informed that my photographs were forwarded to Washington. If these photographs, 53 in number, are of no further use, I would appreciate your returning them to me.

Sincerely yours,



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

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Copy to Mr. Frederick H. Meyer, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

November 17, 1939

Dear Mr. Forster:

Responding to your letter of November 14th:

The proposal filed with The Jury of Fellows to advance you to Fellowship in The Institute, together with photographs of your work in support thereof, is being held for submission to The Jury at its meeting to be held in advance of the 1940 convention.

The Jury would like to retain the photographs of your work for review at that meeting, and unless you have urgent need of them we will hold them at The Octagon for this purpose.

In the event that you must have them, let us know and they will be returned promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Frank J. Forster, A.I.A.,
19 East 47th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT

TELEPHONE
ELDORADO 5-0818

19 EAST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK

November 30, 1939

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1939 NOV 31 AM 9:14
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Secretary to the Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The photographs of my work which you are retaining for submission to the Jury of Fellows are a selection from my library and are used frequently. If you will forward them to me, I will return them on advise from you before the Jury convenes in 1940.

Your kindness in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Forster

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ELDORADO 5-0818

FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT

19 EAST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK

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February 15, 1940

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

1940 FEB 16 AM 9:25
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Dear Mr. Kemper:

As requested in your letter of February 12th,

I am returning by express two portfolios containing 53
photographs of my work for submission to the Jury of
Fellows.

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Your interest in this matter is greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Forster

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

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February 21, 1940

Dear Mr. Forster:

Your letter of February 15 has been received, together with the two portfolios containing photographs of your work, as mentioned therein.

In due course after the meeting of The Jury of Fellows this material will again be returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Frank J. Forster, A. I. A.
19 East 49th Street
New York City

K/fs

cc to Mr. Frederick H. Meyer, Chairman
The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.

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

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THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 MAR 21 PM 1:09
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 20, 1940

Dear Mr. Forster:

It is my pleasant privilege to advise that you have been elected a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, by action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The certificate of your election to Fellowship will be presented to you on the morning of May 21, 1940, at the opening session of the Seventy-second Convention of The Institute, at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

The presentation of Fellowship certificates is an important ceremony of the Convention. It is highly desirable that the newly elected Fellows appear in person. The Officers of The Institute and the Jury of Fellows join in the request that you be present to receive this honor.

Please send your response to The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. J.

Secretary.

Mr. Frank J. Forster, F.A.I.A.,
19 East Forty-seventh Street,
New York, New York.

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FRANK J. FORSTER
ARCHITECT

TELEPHONE
ELDORADO 5-0818

19 EAST 47TH STREET
NEW YORK

April 24, 1940

Mr. Charles T. Ingham,
Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1940 APR 25 AM 9:20
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ingham:

It is most gratifying to learn of my
election to Fellowship in the American Institute of
Architects.

I am making plans to be present at the
opening of the convention on the morning of May 21st.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Forster

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