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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

March 28, 1914

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects. I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute, and agree if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I apply under Class C [A, B or C.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name W. C. Kington

Address State House, Salem, Oregon

Place and date of birth Indianapolis, Ind. Dec. 25 - 1867

Graduate in architecture no
[Give name of institution and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture no
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts no
[State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name Architect for Oregon State Board of Control

Have been in practice About 9 years in Portland and 3 years for State years 12

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

Collegiate and office training with Ches. Whelock & Son, Birmingham Ala. also private instruction and practical training by my father extending over 6 years.

I hereby agree to abide by the provisions of the "Circular of Advice Relative to the Conduct of Architectural Competitions and a Code Governing the Conduct of Members of the American Institute of Architects taking part therein" and of the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics."

W. C. Kington
[Signature of applicant]

I hereby certify that the foregoing applicant is a member of _____
Chapter, A. I. A.

Edwin F. Lawrence Secretary.

Oregon Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be submitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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.

Ernest H. Whitehouse
Edwin F. Lawrence
Edwin F. Lawrence
[The signatures of three Institute members are here required.]

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June 15, 1914.

Mr. W. C. Knighton,
State House,
Salem, Oregon.

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.

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Portland, Oregon,
February 10, 1919

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is my desire that this communication serve as my resignation from the Institute, and will be pleased if you will place same in the proper channel to receive such action. In connection with this request, I submit the following statement covering my desire to be relieved from membership.

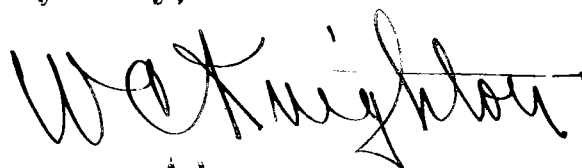
Many months ago E. M. Lazarus, Architect of this city, filed charges against me--the nature of these charges are unknown to me--and the Institute Committee having this matter in charge, have for weeks past been in communication with members of the Oregon Chapter concerning same, but at this date have failed to extend to me the courtesy of a copy of said charges.

Five days ago, I received a communication from Mr. E. C. Jensen, Chairman of Committee on Practice, asking for a statement covering enclosed charges made by E. M. Lazarus. The enclosure referred to was not enclosed and at this date the error has not been discovered by his office. The filing of charges against me by E. M. Lazarus has no bearing in any way on my wish to resign. However, I will say it is unfortunate that the officials of the Institute could not find it convenient to give earlier consideration to a known condition that has developed into a disorganizing factor for the Oregon Chapter.

The enclosed check for \$20.00 covers my delinquent dues to the first of the year. I believe a recent ruling of the Institute relieves war service members so would not be obligated up to the present time. My service has been Inspector of Hulls for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, but resigned a few days ago to resume my practice. If I am in error, will remit whatever is required.

My resignation from the Chapter was presented last month.

Yours very truly,



Office:
410 Tilford Bldg.

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February 17th-1919.

My dear Mr. Knighton:-

Acting for the Secretary permit me to acknowledge with regret your letter of February 10th offering your resignation as a member of the Institute.

I feel so sure that if you knew all the facts, from the Institute's point of view, in the matters you mention, you would make every effort to continue in the Institute, and thereby best serve the interests of the profession.

Under the circumstances I take the liberty of sending your letter to Mr. Elmer C. Jensen, Chairman of the Committee on Practice, for a further reply, and have not scheduled it for the time being, as a resignation. In any event a resignation should come through the Chapter and not direct.

A receipt to cover remittance is enclosed herewith and I wish to express the sincere hope that you will await the final determination of matters now pending before discontinuing membership in your professional organization.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. E. C. Knighton,
410 Tilford Building,
Portland, Oregon.

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Copy to Mr. Jensen

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~~W. C. KNIGHTON, Secretary~~

OREGON CHAPTER
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Mr. William Stanley Parker
Sec. A. I. A.

Dear Sir Enclosed please find annual Report
we have on file a resignation from Mr.
W. C. Knighton who states he is sending
resignation to the Institute also - we
will await your instructions before we
accept the resignation

Yours Truly
Alfred H. Smith

See Oregon Chap.

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March 25-1919

Dear Mr. Lawrence:-

I enclose copy of a letter from Mr. Alfred H. Smith, Secretary of the Oregon Chapter, concerning the resignation of Mr. Knighton. We received a letter from Mr. Knighton several weeks ago tendering his resignation from the Institute on account of conditions in the Oregon Chapter and because of delay in the disciplinary procedure of the Institute. I advised him of the situation and also called the matter to the attention of Mr. Elmer C. Jensen, Chairman of the Committee on Practice. Mr. Jensen wrote to Mr. Knighton and I send a copy of his letter for your information. Please return it for our files.

I also advised Mr. Knighton that if he still thought his resignation should stand that it must come through the Oregon Chapter and not direct to the Institute.

There seems to be no way of reaching Mr. Knighton from this end of the line, so I am troubling you with the case. Can you not investigate and perhaps persuade him to reconsider his resignation. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Ellis F. Lawrence,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg,
Portland, Oregon

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Portland, Oregon
April 9th, 1919

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I

I have just returned from California and find your letter in regard to Mr. Knighton. I have persuaded Mr. Knighton not to resign, at least until after the Institute takes action on the Lazarus cases. He assures me that the censure coming to the Chapter for its countenancing Lazarus' membership is the cause of his attempted resignation.

In order to get an unprejudiced view of the situation, we have succeeded in getting Willcox to promise to stop here on his way to the Convention, ostensibly to discuss Post-War activities. I sincerely hope we can hold in hand the situation here.

We plan to reach Nashville on the 27th, according to the last schedule Willcox has sent. I want to thank you for attending to our reservations.

With cordial regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,
Ellis F. Lawrence
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January 13, 1921.

My dear Mr. Knighton:

It appears from Mr. Neuran's letter to you of January 10, that the resolution and summary regarding charges of unprofessional conduct made against you by Mr. L. I. Thompson should be transmitted through this office. Therefore, please be advised as follows:

The Committee on Practice reported to the Board of Directors, at its November meeting, the following conclusions:

"We concur in the opinion that these charges are not sustained either by the evidence presented by the accuser or by the testimony adduced during the investigation.

"Therefore, your Committee, while in no way impugning the honesty of the motives actuating Mr. Thompson, feels justified in urging upon him and upon the Chapter that the entire matter be dropped and that a closer cooperation and contact be adopted which should eliminate that atmosphere of distrust which appears to us to be the foundation on which the entire fabric of this case was reared."

The Board unanimously resolved that the report be received and adopted.

In conclusion it may be said that the Officers and Directors of the Institute sincerely hope that with the termination of this matter there will be a resumption of good will and co-operation between all the members of the Oregon Chapter, without which the Chapter cannot do itself justice as the representative of the architectural profession and the American Institute in the State of Oregon.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. W. C. Knighton,
U. S. National Bank Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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SMITH, SECRETARY



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OREGON CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
PORTLAND, OREGON
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
401 GERLINGER BUILDING
Oct. 18th. 1924.

*Mr. Knight
What does he want?
Owed no dues
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Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary A. I. A.
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. W. C. Knighton of Knighton and Howell, Architects,
U. S. Bank Building, Portland, Oregon, tendered his resignation
to the Executive Committee of the Oregon Chapter to take effect
on Sept. 16th. 1924.

The Executive Committee has accepted his resignation
only after calling upon Mr. Knighton in an unsuccessful endeavor
to have him reconsider his action.

Mr. Knighton's dues are fully paid up and he is under
no financial obligations to the Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Smith

Secretary.

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Mr. Bal

October 30, 1924.

My dear Mr. Knighton:-

We beg to advise that a letter of October 18 has been received from the Secretary of the Oregon Chapter, recording that your resignation from the Chapter has been accepted.

Under the By-laws of the Institute such a resignation must be passed upon by the Board of Directors of the society in order to become effective.

There will be a meeting of the Board on November 18th at which time the matter will come up.

Unless you write otherwise the letter from the Secretary of the Oregon Chapter will be accepted as ~~the~~ evidence of your desire to resign as a member in good standing from both the Chapter and the Institute.

I am sure that the national officers of the society will regret to see you terminate your professional society affiliations, and to lose you from the ranks of the A. I. A.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. U. C. Knighton,
404 U. S. National Bank Bldg.,
Portland, Ore.

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Copy to: Mr. Wm. L. Smith

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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November 29, 1924.

Dear Mr. Knighton:-

This will formally advise you that at the November meeting of the Institute Board of Directors your resignation, as an Institute member in good standing, was accepted with regret, effective November 18, 1924.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. W. C. Knighton,
U. S. Natl Bk Building,
Portland, Oregon.

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Copy to Wm. L. Smith, Secretary of the Oregon Chapter.

W. C. KNIGHTON
L. D. HOWELL

KNIGHTON & HOWELL
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS
U. S. NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
PORTLAND OREGON

Jan 27-31



My dear Mr. Temper:

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Am enclosing check for 2
Annual dues.

Will be pleased if you will have sent
to me the program and proceedings of
the 63 annual convention and oblige

Yours very truly

W. C. Knighton

Ann. & Proc.

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By	JLH

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OREGON CHAPTER

March 16, 1938

(Excerpt from letter addressed to Mr. Kemper)

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I regret to inform you of the passing on Monday, March 14th, of our oldest Institute Member, Mr. William C. Knighton. Mr. Knighton joined the Oregon Chapter shortly after its founding in 1911, and resigned in good standing some years later. He rejoined in 1930 and has been with us ever since. He was secretary of this Chapter during the year 1916 and president during 1920. I am enclosing a newspaper obituary.

(sgd.) Roi L. Morin,

Sec., Oregon Chapter.

(Newspaper clipping attached)

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SECRETARY

LOCAL ARCHITECT TAKEN BY DEATH

W. C. Knighton, 73, Passes
at Home Here

William C. Knighton, 73, prominent figure among architects in the state since the '90s, when Pennoyer was governor of Oregon, died at his home in Arlington Heights Monday night following a heart attack.

Mr. Knighton, born in Indianapolis, Ind., received his early education in the east. He came to Oregon as a young architect. His first commission was the Old Soldiers' home at Roseburg.

In 1895 he returned to the east, where he located in Alabama, there marrying in 1898 Eleanor Waters of Salem, who survives him. There are no children.

Many Buildings Planned

They returned to Oregon in 1902, and have made their home in Portland ever since.

In 1912, Governor West appointed Mr. Knighton state architect, a position he held until 1917. Some of the outstanding buildings he has erected are the supreme court building in Salem, the state hospital in Pendleton, the Masonic home in Forest Grove, the Knights of Pythias building in Vancouver, Wash., the U. S. Grant high school in Portland and the recently completed high school in Salem.

Mr. Knighton was past president of the American Institute of Architects, past president of the state architectural board and held the rank of 33d-degree Mason.

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