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December 28, 1953

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Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
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Gentlemen:

The nomination of Louis P. Smithey to become a "Fellow" in the Institute is most appropriate. This occasion affords me the welcomed opportunity to call attention to an important contribution which he has made to the advancement of our profession.

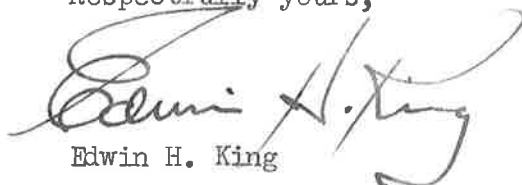
Proper guidance and development of young men is often noted as vital to the continued development of the profession. No doubt many important such contributions go unnoticed due to the very nature by which they are accomplished. This is true of Mr. Smithey.

Some years ago when taking the state examination for certification, I was particularly impressed by his manner and the type comments he made to the applicants during the four days. Since that time, I have come to know him as a man actively devoted to the highest principles of his profession. I have also found this appreciation and respect shared by each of the younger men with whom the subject is mentioned.

His conscientious service on the Board of Examiners, administration of his own office, and continued interest in the younger men of the Virginia Chapter has provided a concrete example and inspiration for these men.

For a man to conduct himself with modest conviction, such as to develop a full awareness by others in the true value of the fundamental principles of architectural practice is, I believe, a service that should rank high in appraisal of that man.

Respectfully yours,



Edwin H. King

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CHARLOTTESVILLE VIRGINIA

Dec. 15, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I take great pleasure in endorsing the nomination of Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect. of Roanoke, Virginia for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known and associated with Mr. Smithey as member of the Board for the Examination and Certification of architects for the State of Virginia and also as a member of the Institute for a period well over ten years.

As result of this contact I feel that Mr. Smithey is worthy of this distinct honor.

Very truly yours
S. J. Makielski



Randolph-Macon College

Ashland, Virginia

December 18, 1953

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Jury of Fellows

Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to receive the honored designation of "Fellow" in the Institute. I am pleased to write you about Mr. Smithey.

Mr. Louis P. Smithey was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts by Randolph-Macon College in 1909, and the degree of Master of Arts in 1910. He served as a student assistant in the college from 1909 to 1910. He was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa in 1951. He served as Instructor and Special Student in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia from 1910 to 1914. He was a special student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1914 to 1915.

Following extensive experience as a Draftsman from June 1915 to June 1919, Mr. Smithey began practice under his own name in Roanoke, Virginia in 1920. With the exception of the period 1922-1927 when he was a partner in the firm of Smithey and Tardy, Architects, Mr. Smithey practiced under his own name in Roanoke from 1920 to 1935. Since 1935 he has been a partner in the firm of Smithey and Boynton, in Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Smithey's record in World War I included service as a Sergeant in the 11th Company, Virginia Coast Artillery, and his studies in the Officers' Training School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, to which place he was assigned when the war ended. He served in World War II as a Lieutenant-Colonel, having been commissioned from civil life, in the Ordnance Department and Headquarters Service Forces, for one year and four months; and, subsequently, for one year and seven months in the Coast Artillery Corps, Troop Duty.

We at Randolph-Macon College have taken great pride in Mr. Smithey's distinguished career as an architect and as a citizen. From our roster of more than 5,000 alumni, we have chosen only ten men for membership in Phi Beta Kappa during the last fifteen years. Mr. Smithey is one of the ten men chosen, as above indicated, and he was elected to membership in 1951. In Roanoke and, indeed, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Mr. Smithey has received many merited awards for his activities and leadership in civic and governmental affairs.

I am confident that Mr. Smithey is altogether worthy of the award of "Fellow" in the American Institute of Architects, and I shall be greatly pleased if the award is made to him.

Very truly yours,

J. Earl Moreland
J. Earl Moreland, President

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

December 17, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to receive the distinct honor of being designated a "Fellow" from the American Institute of Architects.

I am delighted to hear of this endorsement because I consider that Mr. Smithey has made a great contribution to his profession and to Virginia. For some twenty years I was connected with the State Department of Education in Virginia in an administrative capacity and I know firsthand of some of the contributions that Mr. Smithey has made to the school building program in this state.

Since coming to V. P. I. I have had an opportunity to use Mr. Smithey and his firm and we have been delighted with the excellence of his work and the ethics of his office.

It has also been my pleasure to have known Mr. Smithey personally for some thirty years and I feel that I know him well enough to say that he, as a person and in his profession, exemplifies those attributes and characteristics that should be found more frequently in many more people.

I am certain that to be elected a "Fellow" in your Institute is a great honor. Louis Smithey, in my estimation, is the type of individual who will live up to any honor that is conferred upon him.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,



Walter S. Newman
President

WSN:ed

Pulaski County School Board

FRANK J. CRITZER, DIVISION SUPT.

Pulaski, Virginia

December 17, 1953

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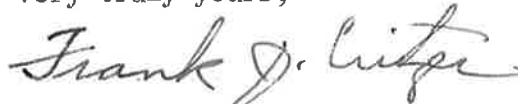
Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Louis P. Smithey of Roanoke, Virginia has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects as a "Fellow" in the American Institute of Architects. I have known Louis Smithey and had the pleasure of working with him during the past fourteen years. I should like to add my word of recommendation.

Mr. Smithey has planned all of our school construction in Pulaski County through the past dozen years, and in working closely with him I have learned to know him intimately and to admire him greatly. Not only is he an outstanding architect and well qualified in his field, but he renders services far beyond the line of duty. In planning for a School Building and Improvement Program in Pulaski County he studied with us most carefully our needs and in his fine understanding way he has helped us meet these needs. We are now nearing the completion of a \$4,000,000.00 School Building and Improvement Program and without his understanding, his way of working things out and getting things done, it would have been impossible to have accomplished what has been done here. For us he has been not only an architect but a counsellor and friend who has been interested in helping us meet the needs of boys and girls in the schools in Pulaski County.

I know of no one more deserving or more qualified for this outstanding honor and I sincerely hope he will receive not only every consideration but will be given the award.

Very truly yours,



Frank J. Critzer
Superintendent

FJC/hjd

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
211 FIFTH STREET, N. E.
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

December 15, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of The American Institute of Architects as a "Fellow" in the Institute.

I want to warmly endorse this nomination of Mr. Smithey. I, as a superintendent of schools, have worked with Mr. Smithey as an architect in the planning of school buildings since 1946. I have been impressed with his ability as an architect and especially with the study and devotion he gives to his work. He is a man who takes pride in his work and who would not under any circumstances turn out a mediocre plan.

In visiting the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, I noticed this inscription of the words of the founder of the firm: "We will build good ships - at a profit if we can, at a loss if we must, but we will build good ships."

I am sure Mr. Smithey thinks about his work in the same way. He has built many buildings, and I am confident that each one has been well designed to serve its intended purpose.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Fendall R. Ellis,
Superintendent.

FRE/ds

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

December 16, 1953

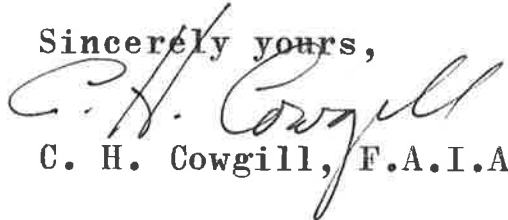
Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis P. Smithey has been known to me for twenty-five years, as a competent architect of unusual integrity. Having served with Louis for many years, on the Virginia State Board for the Examination and Certification of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, on the Governor's Research Committee on School Buildings, and on the Executive Committee of the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, I have had ample opportunity to judge his qualifications.

It is my considered opinion that Louis P. Smithey is deserving of the high honor of being advanced to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, for his service to the profession and to society.

Sincerely yours,


C. H. Cowgill, F.A.I.A.

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PAUL C. BUFORD
PRESIDENT

December 14, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

This letter relates to Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect of Roanoke, nominee of the Virginia Chapter of the Institute as a "Fellow".

I have known Mr. Smithey some thirty years quite well and am familiar with his work and his standing in this city and area.

Mr. Smithey designed and planned a residence for Mrs. Buford and me in 1926 and a new residence in 1952. Both have received much favorable comment for design, appearance, and convenience.

The firm of Smithey and Boynton was selected by this company as architects and engineers for its new home office building which was completed in 1949. This building has received national recognition for its design, appearance, and utility.

In addition, I know of the high regard of many individuals, public boards, and business enterprises for the fine architectural service rendered by Mr. Smithey in this area over the past thirty years. In all this area of Virginia, he has been and is widely regarded as an outstanding individual in the architectural profession.

Mr. Smithey has been active in community work in Roanoke and is one of the city's leading citizens.

I think Mr. Smithey is worthy of recognition as a "Fellow" of the Institute.

Yours respectfully,


Paul C. Buford

PCB:rlp

Roanoke, Virginia,
December 14, 1953.

Jury of Fellows,
Administration Building,
American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Louis B. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Va., has been nominated to receive the honor of "Fellow" in the American Institute of Architecture.

I have known Mr. Smithey for many years and am very familiar with his work as an Architect and his standing as a good citizen of this City. He has made plans for many school buildings, Churches, and other large buildings. As Chief Engineer of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, I employed him to make plans for a large "General Storehouse" for the Railway system at Roanoke, Va., but retired before he completed the work. It cost approximately \$1,250,000. He also designed several stations and other buildings for us.

I consider Mr. Smithey one of the outstanding Architects in this City, the State, and the United States. You will make no mistake in conferring this honor on him, as I feel sure he is qualified and deserving of it in every way.

Yours sincerely,



2818 Avenham Ave., S. W.

Edward Saunders

The Grove, Rocky Mount, Virginia

Dec. 14, 1953

Jury of Fellows,
Administration Bldg.,
Am. Inst. of Architects,
1735 New York Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sirs:-

It is my understanding that the Va. Chapter of the Am. Inst. of Architects has nominated Mr. Louis P. Smithy of Roanoke, Va., for "Fellow" in the Institute.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Smithy when we both served on the Va. Board for the Examination and Certification of Professional Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors, he in architecture and I in engineering. This was some eighteen years ago and I have known him increasingly well both personally and professionally since that time.

You will doubtless have a more detailed and accurate appraisal of his professional ability and accomplishments from other sources including his professional associates in Virginia. It is

sufficient for me to say that I consider Mr. Smithy at the top of his profession in Virginia. I have the highest regard for his intellectual capacity, based upon a long personal association with him and an equally long quasi-professional association with him on the Virginia Board. In addition to his first class ability in the field of art and architecture he has an excellent knowledge of engineering principles and design associated with architectural plans and constructions; a combination which, unfortunately, is not sufficiently well developed even in some of our better architects. I consider that Mr. Smithy's excellent ability in the fields of both architectural form and basic engineering design arises from a first class educational preparation plus a long, painstaking, and studious practice of his profession.

With respect to Mr. Smithy's personal characteristics I can say with no fear of contradiction that he is a man of the highest character both personal and professional. He is a

Edward Saunders

The Grove, Rocky Mount, Virginia

person of warm and genial disposition with whom it is a pleasure to be associated with, whether it be in business or the more relating social contacts of every day life. He has a keen appreciation of his responsibility as a citizen to his community and state as attested to by his extended and able service on many boards and commissions related to the public welfare.

In conclusion, may I say, that it is a pleasure to the writer to recommend to your careful and thoughtful consideration the appointment of Mr. Smithley as a Fellow of the Institute. It is not often that I am disposed to write enthusiastic and laudatory letters of recommendation. In this case, however, I am so disposed and do so with great satisfaction and sincerity.

Very truly yours,

Edward W. Saunders

John E. Easter
Box 1449
Roanoke, Virginia

December 9, 1953

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1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

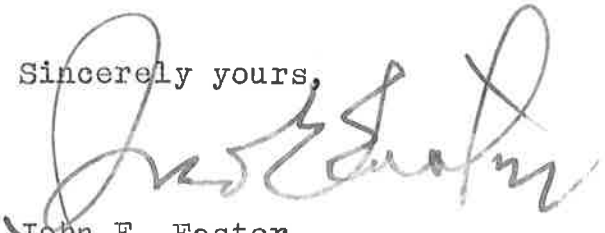
Gentlemen:

The Chairman of the Chapter Committee on Fellowships and Awards informs me that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of The American Institute of Architects to receive the honor of "Fellow" in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Louis P. Smithey over a period of many years; have been associated with him on committees in various fields and have found him to be - first of all - outstanding in the field of architecture, so recognized by the contractors and with our people generally. He is a man of deep christian character, deeply interested in the religious work and in a well rounded program of civic affairs.

I do not hesitate to say that I feel that he is absolutely worthy of any honor for which he has been nominated.

Sincerely yours,



John E. Easter

JEE:g

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815 Wildwood Road, S. W.
Roanoke 14, Virginia
December 11, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter of December 7 regarding Mr. Louis P. Smithey.

I have known Mr. Smithey more than thirty-eight years, and I unhesitatingly state that he is a man of the highest integrity in every respect, capable, and successful in his business.

I am a retired vice president of the First National Exchange Bank of this city, and during my business years, I had many contacts with Mr. Smithey, both professionally and otherwise, all of which were highly satisfactory. In my opinion, he would certainly make you a fine "Fellow."

Sincerely yours


H. G. Nicholson



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OF ROANOKE

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$ 2,000,000.00

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

December 11, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of The American Institute of Architects to receive the award from The American Institute of Architects; that of "Fellow" in the Institute.

I feel privileged to endorse his nomination. Mr. Smithey has been a leader in his field and has done outstanding work throughout the State of Virginia. He is held in high esteem by the local members of his profession and enjoys the confidence and high regard from a professional and personal standpoint of all the people in this community.

In my opinion the proposed award will be looked upon with favor by the people of this community.

Sincerely yours,



H. G. Robertson
President

HGR:eds

DR. FRED E. HAMLIN
SUITE 503 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

December 11, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
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Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is a distinct pleasure to recommend Louis Smithey for the honor of "Fellow" of the AIA. Having known him personally for many years, I feel there is none with greater personal integrity.

It was my good fortune to serve on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce the year Louis was President. In this office he was an ideal official to his Board of Directors and to all with whom he was associated. As President of the Kiwanis Club he conducted the affairs of the Club in a businesslike manner and was one of the most popular officials to serve in such a capacity. I know him to be exceptionally fitted for all types of civic work.

Last, but not least, his great interest in his profession, which was so evidenced in the building of my own home, has added to my great confidence in him, both as an architect and as a business man. It is a great privilege to say something in his behalf.

Yours very truly,



Fred E. Hamlin, M.D.

FEH:jcb

MATTHEW W. PAXTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

December 10, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architecture
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am advised that Louis P. Smithey, Roanoke, Virginia architect has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to become a fellow in the institute. I hope it will not seem presumptuous for me to write a letter to you concerning Mr. Smithey.

I have been intimately acquainted with him for more than 35 years and both as an individual and in his professional capacity have the highest regard for him. From the standpoint of character and of ability I feel he would adorn the honor proposed for him.

I am sure you have complete information on his record to which I shall not attempt to add. I would like to say, however, that he has built a home and a business building for me, both of which have proved most satisfactory through the years and I recall our professional dealings with much pleasure.

Very truly yours,



M. W. Paxton

MWP:kb

Montgomery County School Board

CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

December 10, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

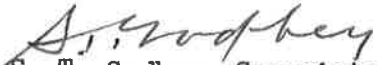
It has come to my attention that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to receive a distinct honor from the American Institute of Architects, which is "Fellow" in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Smithey for approximately a quarter of a century, both personally and professionally, and from the quality of his work as an architect and the service which he has rendered not only to me as a superintendent of schools in my building program, but also to other superintendents in a like capacity, I have nothing but praise for him and his firm which he has established in Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Smithey takes a personal interest in the plans for his structures and does everything humanly possible to meet the requirements of individual clients seeking his services. His firm is architect for our School Board here in Montgomery County, of which I am Superintendent, and I am amazed at the individual details he carries out for each of his clients, knowing the tremendous volume of work which he is doing.

I feel personally that Mr. Smithey is worthy of the distinct honor mentioned above, and it gives me great pleasure as one of his clients to give him my wholehearted endorsement for same.

Thanking you for this opportunity of passing on a good word in his favor, I am,

Sincerely yours,


S. T. Godbey, Superintendent

STG:pak

2301 Broadway, S. W.
Roanoke 14, Virginia

December 10, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am very much pleased to learn that Mr. Louis P. Smithey of Roanoke has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of The American Institute of Architects to receive a distinct honor from The American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Smithey for many years and very intimately for the last ten or twelve years just before and following his term as President of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce in 1947. As Manager of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce for a period of twenty-nine years and seven months up to February 1, 1953, when I retired, I not only had opportunity of knowing Mr. Smithey and his outstanding civic work through this Chamber of Commerce, but I had opportunity of knowing him intimately in all of his activities and interests in Roanoke, and particularly in his field of architecture since the Roanoke Chamber has served the building industry of this area as a builders exchange for some years.

I know of no one who is held in higher regard by the members of his profession or by the business and professional men of Roanoke in general than Mr. Smithey.

In addition to his interest and leadership in civic matters and his profession, he is active in his church and in various civic organizations outside the field of Chamber of Commerce work and his own profession. Mr. Smithey is looked upon here, and I think beyond Roanoke, as a leader in his chosen profession.

I feel that Mr. Smithey, if elected a "Fellow" in the Institute, will be a credit to the organization and will be active in the affairs of the Institute.

I am quite sure that Mr. Smithey's great host of friends in Roanoke and throughout Virginia would be most pleased if he were so chosen by your Committee of Judges.

Yours sincerely,

B. F. Moomaw



NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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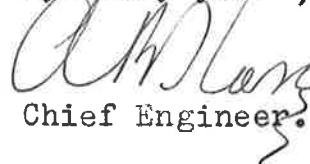
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I have been acquainted with Mr. Smithey for many years. I consider him a man of integrity and is highly rated in his chosen profession. As Chief Engineer of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company I have worked with Mr. Smithey on a number of construction projects, which were given Smithey and Boynton for preparation of plans and specifications. All work the Railway Company turned over to Mr. Smithey was handled in a most satisfactory manner.

I am glad to have the opportunity, which I consider a privilege, to endorse Mr. Smithey for your most earnest consideration in conferring on him the honor of "Fellow" in the Institute.

Very truly yours,


Chief Engineer.

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA

HAROLD W. RAMSEY
SUPERINTENDENT

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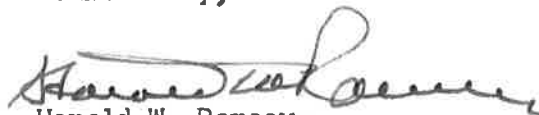
I am glad to add my endorsement to Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, who has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to be designated as a "Fellow" in the Institute.

It has been my pleasure to be associated somewhat closely with Mr. Smithey in the past several years, personally and also in a professional capacity. I have come to know him as a person of the highest standards of ethics in his profession. He holds the respect of the people of this community as a person of the highest integrity.

As an Architect he is recognized as one of the best in this area. We have engaged his services in the planning and construction of school buildings and we believe that he is unexcelled in school architecture.

Because of his fine personal qualities, his appealing personality, and his unusual ability in the field of his profession, I am happy to recommend him to your careful consideration. I appreciate the opportunity of writing you word in Mr. Smithey's behalf.

Yours truly,


Harold W. Ramsey,
Division Superintendent

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RICHMOND, 16

December 9, 1953

Jury of Fellows

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

My attention has been directed to the fact that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of The American Institute of Architects to receive the very distinct honor of "Fellow" in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Smithey for approximately eight years. I have known him in the capacity of one of our most outstanding architects in Virginia.

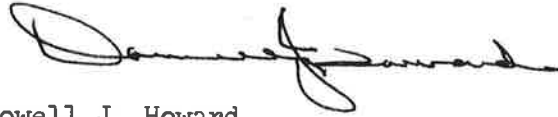
For the past four years Virginia has been engaged in a rather extensive school building program. Mr. Smithey has played a great part in this total program because he has been employed by many local school divisions to serve as their architect. The buildings he designs are in my opinion, among the best we have. He has a thorough knowledge of his field and a keen interest in planning a building not as a monument to a particular architect but one designed to serve the best possible educational need.

Mr. Smithey is also a member of a committee appointed by Governor John S. Battle to advise with the State Board of Education in certain phases of research and to advise in the development of rules and regulations governing school building construction. He has made an outstanding contribution in this respect.

Jury of Fellows
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December 9, 1953

I take great pleasure in adding my word of endorsement and expressing my sincere wishes that the American Institute of Architects will confer this well deserved honor on Mr. Smithey.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dowell J. Howard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dowell J. Howard
Superintendent of Public Instruction

DJH/p

John E. Easter
Box 1449
Roanoke, Virginia

December 9, 1953

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Chairman of the Chapter Committee on Fellowships and Awards informs me that Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been nominated by the Virginia Chapter of The American Institute of Architects to receive the honor of "Fellow" in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Louis P. Smithey over a period of many years; have been associated with him on committees in various fields and have found him to be - first of all - outstanding in the field of architecture, so recognized by the contractors and with our people generally. He is a man of deep christian character, deeply interested in the religious work and in a well rounded program of civic affairs.

I do not hesitate to say that I feel that he is absolutely worthy of any honor for which he has been nominated.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Easter

JEE:g

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Box 580-A, Route 3,
Salem, Virginia
November 20, 1953

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Since my graduation from college in 1946, I have been in the employ of Smithey & Boynton, Architects and Engineers.

Mr. Smithey, from the outset of my employment, assumed the role of teacher rather than employer. In a large and busy office he has always managed, somehow, to find the time to point out and instruct me in those matters which he felt would further both my professional and personal development.

After the minimum time, allowed by our State law, had elapsed I passed the State Board examinations for the certification of architects. My success in passing the examinations was, to a major extent, the result of the teaching and guidance of Mr. Smithey during the three years preceding the examinations.

My experience, as outlined above, has not been unique. The young architects and potential architects of this city bear testimony to the fact that Mr. Smithey's door has been always open to those seeking professional advice and guidance.

Mr. Smithey, by virtue of his personal integrity and community leadership, has maintained and elevated the dignity of our profession and has served as an outstanding example and inspiration to the young architects of this city.

It is indeed gratifying to learn that Mr. Smithey has been proposed for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. This is truly an honor and a reward he has long deserved.

Very truly yours,


Roy M. Kinsey

RMK/md

J. M. YEATTS

ARCHITECT

1912 MEMORIAL AVENUE
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 19, 1953

Jury of Fellows

JURY OF FELLOWS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I KNOW OF NO OTHER MAN IN OUR PROFESSION THAT MORE RICHLY
DESERVES TO BE A FELLOW IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THAN DOES MR. LOUIS P. SMITHEY.

AFTER RECEIVING A MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE
IN 1948, I BEGAN TO PREPARE FOR STATE REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS.
MR. SMITHEY TOOK A GREAT PERSONAL INTEREST IN THESE STUDIES AND
DEVOTED MUCH TIME TO DISCUSSION AND INSTRUCTION IN USE OF MATERIALS,
STRUCTURES, ETHICS, OFFICE PROCEDURE, AND ADMINISTRATION. THE
EXAMINATIONS WERE PASSED, AND HIS INTEREST AND ENCOURAGEMENT LED
ME TO OPEN AN OFFICE FOR THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN JANUARY
1953. MR. SMITHEY'S HIGH STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE AND
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS WERE A CONTINUING INSPIRATION AND GUIDE. THUS,
ONE OF MR. SMITHEY'S OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAS BEEN TO PASS
ON TO A YOUNGER GENERATION OF ARCHITECTS THE KNOWLEDGE GAINED IN
YEARS OF STUDY AND EXPERIENCE.

YOURS VERY TRULY,



JMY/EB

PENDLETON S. CLARK, ARCHITECT

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

KRISE BUILDING

ASSOCIATES:

W. ADDISON STAPLES
H. TRUEHEART POSTON, A.I.A.
WALTER R. NEXSEN, A.I.A.

March 1, 1954

PENDLETON S. CLARK, F.A.I.A.

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

You have before you the name of Louis P. Smithey, A. I. A., of Raonoke, Virginia, nominated for Fellowship by the Virginia Chapter.

I have known Mr. Smithey for the past 25 years and know him to be the caliber of Architect particularly suited for Fellowship.

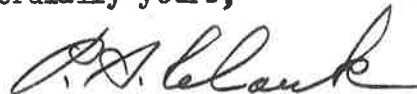
He has given a great deal of his time to the advancement of the high principals of the American Institute of Architects in Virginia and his contribution in design, as evidenced by buildings now erected, is highly deserving of the honor of being advanced to Fellowship.

It would give me a great deal of pleasure to write at great length concerning my friend; however, his application will give you the details necessary for your consideration.

Mr. Smithey's firm is one of the outstanding ones in Virginia and he has practiced architecture as nearly according to the high standards of the Institute as any one I know.

I certainly hope the Jury will see fit to elevate him to Fellowship.

Cordially yours,



Pendleton S. Clark, F.A.I.A.

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MERRILL C. LEE, F.A.I.A.
ARCHITECT

601 EAST FRANKLIN STREET
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

MERRILL C. LEE, F.A.I.A.
FRED P. PARRIS, A.I.A.

February 24, 1954

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The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

ATTENTION: JURY OF FELLOWS

Reference: Nomination for Fellowship
Louis Philippe Smithey

Gentlemen:

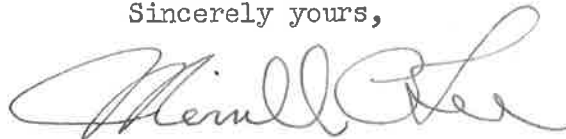
On October 28, 1953, I forwarded to you A.I.A. Form S-38, nomination for Fellowship by corporate membership, for Louis Philippe Smithey, a member of the Virginia Chapter A.I.A. The nomination was approved by the Executive Board of the Virginia Chapter, American Institute of Architects, October 2, 1953, and has been unanimously approved by the Chapter as of October 3, 1953.

As Chairman of the Committee on Fellowships and Awards, I will be pleased to have you refer to my letter of October 28, 1953, presenting his nomination.

and There is enclosed, herewith, photographic exhibits and twenty three letters of endorsement from clients and friends of Mr. Smithey.

Mr. Smithey's professional work, his achievement in service to the Institute, achievement in Public Service and his notable contribution to the advancement of his profession has been outstanding and inspiring. The bestowal of Fellowship in his behalf is justly and manifestly due and I commend him highly for your consideration for this distinct honor.

Sincerely yours,



Merrill C. Lee, Chairman
Committee on Fellowships and Awards
Virginia Chapter A.I.A.

MClee/vb

Enc.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

MARCELLUS WRIGHT, JR., DIRECTOR, MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
100 EAST MAIN, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

February 15, 1954

Jury of Fellows
Administration Building
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: Mr. Louis P. Smithey

Gentlemen:

It is understood that the name of one of our outstanding past presidents, Mr. Louis P. Smithey, has been offered for your consideration in advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Smithey for 15 or more years and have had occasion to benefit from his advices for many years while I was going through the various offices of the Virginia Chapter. At the moment, we share the legislative responsibility in what has been a six-year continuous engagement to prevent further encroachment of bureaucratic activity on the profession in Virginia.

In all this time, the prestige enjoyed by the candidate due to his high ideals and his outstanding position in the community has made his work for the profession of unusual success. In addition, he has enjoyed the privilege given to few architects in serving as the President of the Chamber of Commerce in his home community of Roanoke, a large and thriving city.

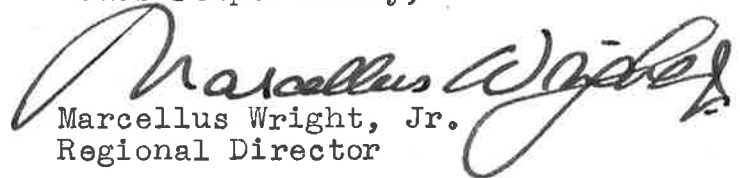
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This candidate is looked upon throughout southwest Virginia as a professional leader whom the younger practitioners properly seek to emulate. It would seem only just due to advance Mr. Smithey to Fellowship, and I sincerely hope that it will be your pleasure to do so.

Yours respectfully,



Marcellus Wright, Jr.
Regional Director

MW jr/apj

First Methodist Church

LANGHORNE PLACE

Salem, Virginia

December 31, 1953.

Jury of Fellows,
Administration Building,
American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am most grateful for the privilege of writing you concerning Mr. Louis P. Smithey, Architect, Roanoke, Virginia.

I have known Mr. Smithey for a number of years, and for the past fifteen years I have been in a position to observe not only his professional achievements, but his fine service to his community as well. Mr. Smithey possesses the highest integrity of character; is an outstanding architect, and a most useful and creative citizen in community and church life.

While closely associated with Mr. Smithey in the erection of one of the most beautiful church edifices I have seen, the Huntington Court Methodist Church, Roanoke, I discovered in him personal characteristics and professional ethics which, in my opinion, set him aside as a great man. Some of the characteristics I have in mind are, in my own language, as follows:

1. He was never willing to compromise a principle just to please a client, or to evade tedious and difficult work.
2. He is an artist at heart; he recognizes, appreciates, and creates beauty.
3. At the same time, he is sympathetic to his client's needs and sets about to meet them, but not at the expense of proper design and balance.
4. His loyalty to beauty and proper design does not make him blind to function.
5. He obtains your respect and admiration without seeking or demanding it.
6. He is approachable, open-minded, and understanding.
7. His work seems to be motivated not by monetary considerations, but by a creative spirit and appreciation of beauty.

First Methodist Church

LANGHORNE PLACE

Salem, Virginia

8. Mr. Smithey is the kind of Christian gentleman whom a clergyman is proud to have as a walking show-window of Christian faith and practice.

I consider it an honor for myself to have the privilege of writing this letter of endorsement of Mr. Louis P. Smithey for any honor you may contemplate bestowing upon him.

Sincerely,


Wilmer A. Blankenbaker, Pastor
First Methodist Church.

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