

SEYMOUR VAN OS,
ARCHITECT.

1212 MERCHANTS BLDG.,
SHREVEPORT, LA.

June 23, 1923.


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

Dear Sir:

I am herewith inclosing application for membership to the Institute, photostat of diploma from Tulane University of Louisiana, and a check for \$5.00, which is first payment of initiation fee.

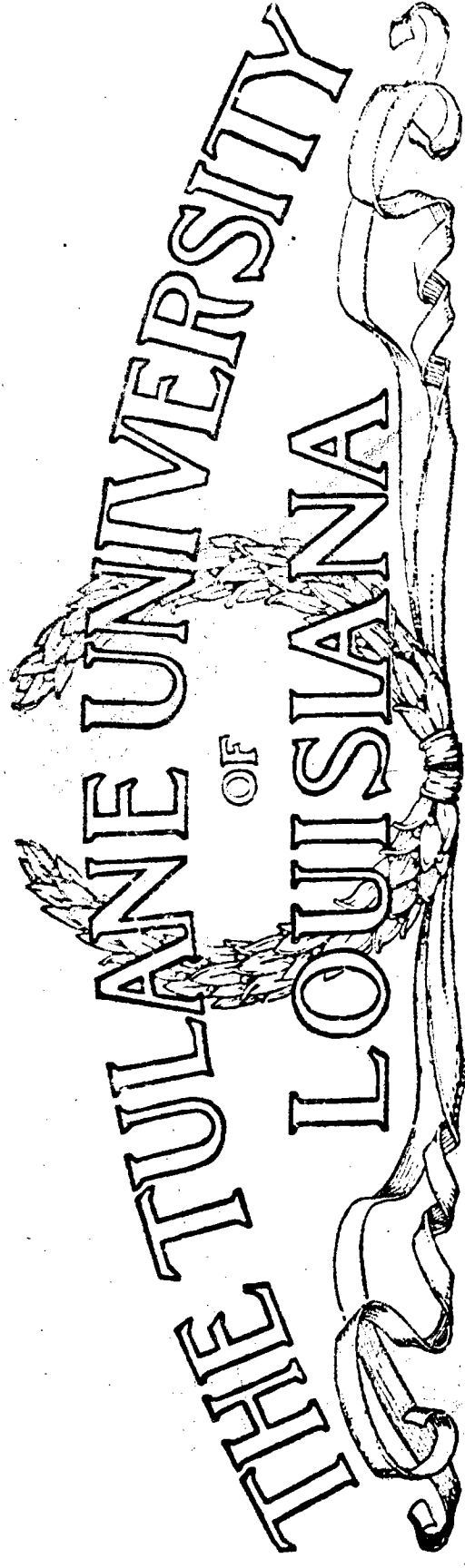
The members of the Institute who have signed this application are Edward F. Neild, J. Y. Snyder, and Clarence W. King, all of whom know me personally.

Respectfully submitted,



SVO:W

THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA



WHEREAS Seymour Van Os **HAS**

FULFILLED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

**THEREFORE THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE
TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA HAVE
THIS DAY CONFERRED UPON HIM THE DEGREE OF**

**BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE
IN THE ARCHITECTURE COURSE**

**WITH ALL THE RIGHTS HONORS AND
PRIVILEGES APPERTAINING THERETO
NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA JUNE THE FOURTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN**

The University
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

W. C. C. C.
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

W. C. C. C.
DEAN

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

COPY

June 26, 1923.

My dear Mr. Van Os:-

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

In order that prompt action may be taken on your application it is hoped that you will send at your early convenience 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 your office files, and will be carefully returned later.

Acknowledgment is also made of your check of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary fee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
1212 Merchants Building,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

K:VB

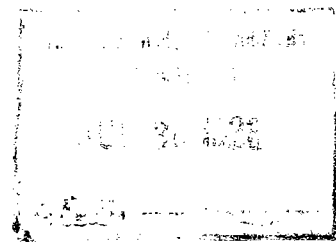
SEYMOUR VAN OS,
ARCHITECT.

1212 MERCHANTS BLDG.,
SHREVEPORT, LA.

*Allen with
with plans
private letter
copy*

July 25th, 1923.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Sec.,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

I received your last communication of June 26th, and was so busy with my work that I was unable to go into the matter of sending you the customary routine exhibits.

However, I am sending you two small photographs of completed or nearly completed work. One building, the "Nurses Home", was recently completed; the other building, for the "Shreveport Mutual Building Association", is practically completed. As you can see, the scaffolding on the inside has not yet been removed, the glazing has not been done, nor has the site been cleaned.

On the first mentioned job, as can be seen from the plans, I was associated with Mr. J. Y. Snyder, to whose practice I have succeeded. With the exception of a few details made in the office, I was personally responsible for these plans and for the supervision of the building.

On the other building, practically the entire set of plans was executed by me. A few typical details were made by the draftsman.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding you these two sets of plans for your decision.

Awaiting an early response from you, I am

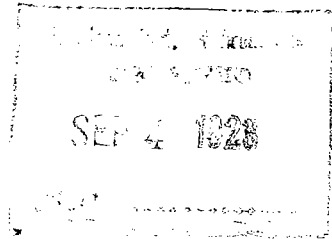
Yours very truly,

SVO:W
Incl.

SEYMOUR VAN OS,
ARCHITECT.

1212 MERCHANTS BLDG.,
SHREVEPORT, LA.

Sept. 1st, 1923.



Mr. E. C. Kemper, Sec.,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

On July 25th, I sent you a ² few photographs
of executed work, and also the plans of these two buildings.
To date, I have received no acknowledgment of either the
pictures or the plans.

I would appreciate your letting me know
if you have received any or both of these communications.

Yours very truly,

SVO.LF

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

September 6, 1923.

My dear Mr. Van Os:-

In response to yours of the 1st, we received safely and in due course the photographs and blue prints sent in connection with your application for Institute membership. They will be returned as soon as your application has been acted upon, which will be at the November meeting of the Board of Directors.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
1212 Merchants Building,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

K:VB

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

October 10, 1923.

My dear Mr. Van Os:--

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective October 10, 1923.

You have been assigned to the Louisiana Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

Enclosed herewith is statement covering dues for the last quarter of the current year.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
1212 Merchants Bldg.,
Shreveport, La.

K:MB
Encl.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY

January 17, 1928.

My dear Mr. Van Os:

Membership in the Institute and the Chapter are interdependent. The Institute must support the Chapters otherwise the whole organization of the profession would be impaired.

You are a member in good standing in the Institute and in the Shreveport Chapter, but the Louisiana Chapter (of which you were formerly a member) writes that they have been unable to get in touch with you, and that your dues to that Chapter for the year 1924-25, in the sum of \$15.00, have not been paid.

We feel sure that this is because the matter has escaped your attention, or that the notices have not reached you, and therefore take the liberty of writing to request your co-operation with the Chapter. If you will send a remittance direct to the Treasurer, Mr. F. Julius Dreyfous, at Maison Blanche Building, New Orleans, La., the account will be clear.

Will you not advise The Octagon of your action in this matter, and oblige,

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
1213 City Bank Building,
Shreveport, La.

K-G

Copy to Mr. Dreyfous.

SEYMOUR VAN OS
ARCHITECT
CITY BANK BLDG.
SHREVEPORT, LA.

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OF ARCHITECTS
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January 24, 1928.

REF.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

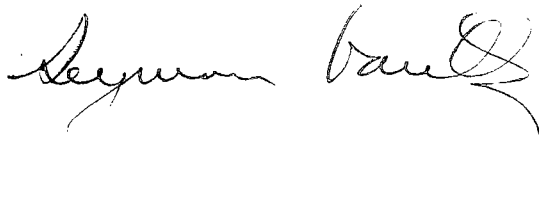
I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th, relative to non-payment of my Louisiana Chapter dues for the year 1924-25.

There is no doubt in my mind but that this amount is not due the Louisiana Chapter inasmuch as we had already formed the Shreveport Chapter at the time in question, and of course it is not possible for me to belong to two chapters at one time.

Nevertheless, I am writing to my friend Mr. Dreyfous, with whom I am personally acquainted, and inclosing my check for \$15.00 in order to close my account with him. If the Louisiana Chapter needs funds as badly as the Shreveport Chapter does, I am sure that my remittance will be very welcome.

Our local chapter recently had its annual election of officers, and under the new regime we hope to do more for the Institute than we have during the past few years.

Sincerely yours,



SVO EJM.

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COPY

January 30, 1928.

Dear Mr. Van Os:

We were glad to get your letter of January 24th and to note that the matter of finances has been disposed of.

What is most gratifying is that you promised to give the Shreveport Chapter your active support. Our contacts with this Chapter have not been any too close and we have been wondering if there was any way in which the national headquarters might be of assistance. So far we have not been advised of the new Officers and would appreciate it if you would send the information.

Please count on the fullest measure of support from the Institute in connection with Institute and Chapter affairs in your territory.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
City Bank Building,
Shreveport, La.

K-G

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

February 20, 1936.

Dear Mr. Van Os:

We write with regret to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and the Chapter to which you are assigned, effective December 31, 1935.

As stated in the Notice of December 6th, the Board of Directors extended the time limit for payment of dues in default to January 31. It directed that 1936 dues be not charged against the accounts of those memberships so terminated.

The Officers and Board sincerely hope that as soon as improved conditions enable you to renew your support of the Institute and the Chapter you will apply for reinstatement in the manner indicated on the enclosed excerpt.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:G
Enclosure

Mr. Seymour Van Os
814 City Bank Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

UNDER authority to elect members, as vested in me by The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects, by resolution of The Executive Committee adopted at its meeting on December 10-13, 1934; and in accord with the attached report of The Board of Examiners, I hereby declare

APPLICATION NO AP 334

Dated May 1936.
Received May 19 .
Granted January 1, 1939.

.....
elected a corporate member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to membership in the.....Chapter,
effective.....19.....

MEMBERSHIP NO 334

..... Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RE-ELECTION TO

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A. Name of applicant... Seymour Van Os..... Chapter ... North Louisiana.
- B. Address of applicant ... 844 City Bank Building, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- C. Applicant proposed by and
- D. Application received with check for \$45.00..... on..... January 6, 1939.
(\$20.00 back dues; year's dues in advance; admission fee)
- E. Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F. Application in due order on January 6, 1939.
- G. Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... 19, on 19 .
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19, on 19 .
- H. Acknowledgments to applicant, proposer, and chapter on January 12, 1939.
Advice of
- I. Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~to that application be denied~~ received on July 13, 1936.
- J. No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K. Application sent to The Board of ~~Examiners~~ ^{Directors} on May 3, 1936.
- L. The Board of ~~Examiners~~ ^{Directors} reported on application on May 3, 1936.
(Resolution #61-B-5-36)
- M. Applicant ~~was~~ admitted on January 1, 1939.
- N. Notice ~~and certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to ~~chapter and letter to proposer~~ on January 12, 1939.
- O. Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$... returned to applicant on 19 .

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Seymour Van Os

June 15, 1936

Dear Mr. Van Os:

At the May, 1936, meeting of The Board of Directors of The Institute, director Ralph H. Cameron requested your reinstatement to membership in The Institute and the North Louisiana Chapter, with checks in the amount of \$10.00 on account of your Institute dues in default.

According to our records, when your membership was discontinued on December 31, 1935, you were indebted to The Institute for dues for 1934 and 1935 in the amount of \$20.00.

The action of The Board was as follows:

Resolved, That Seymour Van Os be reinstated to membership in The Institute effective December 31, 1935, subject to the approval of the North Louisiana Chapter, and the receipt of his note covering the balance of \$20.00.

We have written to the Secretary of the Chapter regarding the necessary approval.

Upon receipt of your note for \$20.00 and the approval of the Chapter, we shall be in a position to make formal reinstatement to membership.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

K/g

Executive Secretary

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
844 City Bank Building,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

EDWARD F. NEILD — D. A. SOMDAL — EDWARD NEILD, JR.
ARCHITECTS
CITY BANK BUILDING
SHREVEPORT, LA.

July 10, 1936

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

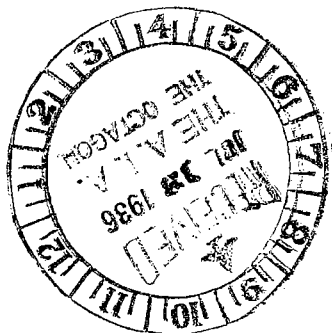
Replying to your letter of June 15, the North Louisiana Chapter wishes to recommend that Mr. Seymour Van Os be reinstated to membership in The Institute.

Sincerely yours,

North Louisiana Chapter, A.I.A.

By Edward F. Neild
Secretary

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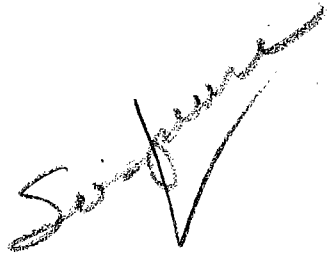


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July 22, 1936

Dear Mr. Van Os:

Under date of June 15th we wrote to you advising of the action of The Board of Directors with regard to your application for reinstatement to membership in The Institute and the North Louisiana Chapter.

We have received the recommendation of the chapter, approving of your reinstatement.

Upon receipt from you of your note or check for \$20.00 for Institute dues, as explained in our letter of June 15th, the reinstatement procedure will be complete and we can send you formal notification of your reinstatement.

A revised list of Institute members is being prepared now for publication shortly, and we should like to include your name. Can you not let us hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
844 City Bank Building,
Shreveport, La.

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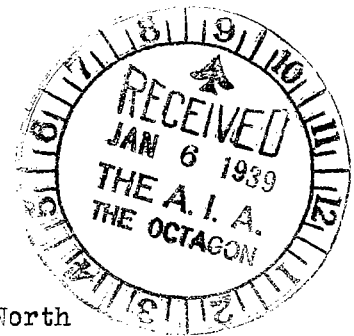


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WASHINGTON, D. C.

MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN, DIRECTOR, GULF STATES DISTRICT
AMERICAN BANK BUILDING, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Jan. 4, 1939.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary A.I.A.,
1741 New York Ave.,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

I enclose a letter from Ed. Neild, President of the North Louisiana Chapter A.I.A. enclosing a check from Seymour Van Os, \$45.00, to cover his dues in default and initiation fee and one year's dues in advance for membership reinstatement.

My letter to Van Os, enclosed, says that if there is a short cut to reinstatement of membership I will so advise him. Is there such a short cut?

Regards

MHG/B.

Encl.

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
450-1/2/39 *MG*

Handwritten notes and scribbles at the bottom of the page, including '100.00' and '1/2/39'.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM
EDWARD F. NEILD.
~~MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN~~

ARCHITECT

Dec. 31, 1938.

Mr. Moise H. Goldstein,
American Bank Building,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

I am sincerely glad to enclose the check of Mr. Seymour Van Os in the amount of \$45.00, for his A.I.A. dues, which are in arrears, and for initiation fee and one year's dues in advance, anticipating his reinstatement of membership.

I wish to recommend and urge that his application for reinstatement be expedited in every way possible, and would appreciate your advising him direct of the necessary procedure.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) Edward F. Neild,

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MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN

ARCHITECT

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Jan 03, 1939

Jan. 4, 1939.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,

Dear Seymour:

We have I was mighty glad to receive your check, \$45.00, which I am forwarding to the A.I.A. requesting information that would expedite the reinstatement of your membership.

When receipt from you of your note or check for \$20.00 for reinstatement. The By Laws require your making application on forms in duplicate, filing one with the Chapter and one with the Secretary of the Institute. When the Chapter has acted on the application it is sent with certification to the Secretary of the Institute. I advised each of Institute members to be prepared now for application shortly, and we would like to increase your dues. Can you not let I doubt whether there is a short cut, and to be on the safe side and not lose any time would advise your proceeding in the manner above described, and should I hear from the Octagon of any way to shorten the process I will let you know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MHG/B.

CC Mr. Neild.

Mr. Seymour Van Os,
544 City West Building,
Cleveland, OH.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 12, 1939

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

We have been so pressed with work at The Octagon that this is the first opportunity to acknowledge your letter of January 4th, sending Mr. Seymour Van Os' check for \$45.00 and the request for his reinstatement.

Under a resolution of The Board adopted in 1936 it was possible to reinstate Mr. Van Os immediately and as of January 1, 1939 - as you will note from the enclosed copy of our letter to him.

We have sent to Mr. Neild an official notice of the reinstatement, together with a copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Van Os, in order that he may be fully informed.

With appreciation of your cooperation and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Meise H. Goldstein, Director,
Gulf States District, A.I.A.,
American Bank Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

K/S
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Copy to Mr. Neild

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Copy to Director, Gulf States District;
President, North Louisiana Chapter

January 12, 1939

Dear Mr. Van Os:

We have received your check for \$45.00 from Mr. Moise H. Goldstein, Director of the Gulf States District, with the request that you be reinstated to corporate membership in The Institute and the North Louisiana Chapter.

The Board of Directors has long desired that you be reinstated, and in 1936 adopted a resolution reinstating you as soon as the record was cleared by the payment of your dues in arrears in the amount of \$20.00.

The letter from Mr. Goldstein enclosing your check for the dues in arrears and for one year's dues in advance and admission fee fulfills the requirements. Accordingly, your reinstatement is effective at once and as of January 1, 1939.

A membership card for 1939 is enclosed.

The Board welcomes you again to membership and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. J. Inglish
Secretary

Mr. Seymour Van Os, A.I.A.,
844 City Bank Building,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

CTI/g
Enclosure



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

May 21, 1969

Mr. Howard C. Sherman, AIA
1612 Fairfield Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

Dear Mr. Sherman: Re: Nominations of Messrs.
Seymour Van Os and
William Spearing Evans

We regret to inform you that the above nominees have not been advanced to Fellowship by the Jury of Fellows at its recent session.

The Jury has asked me to inform you that these proposals have been carefully considered as to qualifications by the 1967, 1968 and 1969 Juries.

The Bylaws permit the submittal of a new nomination after the lapse of one year following unfavorable action. If the nominators decide to take this course, the Jury suggests that the new presentations clearly set forth full information supporting the nominators' belief in the nominees' notable achievements.

The photograph exhibits which were submitted in connection with these nominations will be returned to you at the above address in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, FAIA
Executive Director

cc: President, Shreveport Chapter, AIA



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

April 23, 1968

Mr. Howard Sherman, AIA
1612 Fairfield Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you that the nominations for Fellowship of

William Sparring Evans
Seymour Van Os ✓

were considered by the Jury at its recent session and that the Jury voted to refer the nominations to the 1969 Jury of Fellows for consideration again.

The entire presentations will automatically receive the attention of the 1969 Jury of Fellows. There will be no need to submit new nominations. However, the Jury of Fellows encourages the nominators to strengthen the presentations on file by supplementing them with additional detailed information about the nominee's achievements.

Should you wish to have the photographic exhibits on file returned for restudy, revision and resubmittal, especially if the nominations are for Design, please let Mrs. Marx, Manager, Membership Procedures, know and she will return the exhibits.

Any additional information and new photographic exhibits the nominators wish to submit should be received by the Jury of Fellows at the Institute no later than November 1, 1968.

If you were not responsible for preparing the presentations, we request that you send this letter to the proper people.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, FAIA
Executive Director



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Nomination for Fellowship by Individual Members and/or Fellows

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Date 26 Sept. 19 66

We hereby nominate SEYMOUR VAN OS corporate member of the SHREVEPORT Chapter, AIA for fellowship in

The Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his achievements in Service to the Profession

(NAME OF CATEGORY(S) FOR WHICH NOMINATION IS MADE—I.E., DESIGN, SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION, LITERATURE, EDUCATION, SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, PUBLIC SERVICE)

Evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship is appended.

* Members' Signatures

Chapter of Members Shreveport Chapter

- Howard C. Sherman
Dewey A. Somdal FAIA
G. Scott Smitherman FAIA
William E. Wilson
Robert E. Middleton
Marshall H. Walker
John A. Walker
Lyle L. Barre
T. A. Flaxman
Samuel G. Wiener FAIA

* must be personally signed and typed

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT DATA IS SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION. ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHERS.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 2 to 7, inclusive.

Typewriting only

1. Nominee's full name: Seymour Van Os
2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of United States
(NAME OF COUNTRY)
3. Nominee's legal residence (address): 3805A Parkway Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana
4. Nominee's firm name: Van Os & Flaxman
5. Nominee's principal place of business (address): 715 Johnson Building, Shreveport, La. 71101
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by: _____
Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
(NAME OF STATE BOARD, NCARB, AS CASE MAY BE)
7. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states of: Louisiana

8. Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: Principal
(CURRENT STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND POSITION)

9. Nominee's date of birth: 28 Oct. 1893 Place of birth: New Orleans, Louisiana

10. Nominee's education:
(a) Name of High School, College, University, Private Schools, Post Graduate, etc. (chronological order)

LOCATION	NO. OF YEARS	YEAR OF GRADUATION	DEGREE
Boys' High School New Orleans, La.	3	1909	
Tulane University New Orleans, La.	4	1913	B. Arch.

- (b) Scholarships held by nominee:
None

11. Nominee has traveled in the following countries: Brazil, England, France, Italy, Egypt, Liberia, Gold Coast, Arabia, Palestine, India, Ceylon, Burma, China.

12. Other data concerning nominee's record: *(important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record)*

Nominee's chief interest other than pursuit of his profession has been national defense. He served as an officer in Corps of Engineers in both World Wars, and was retired from the Reserve Corps with rank of Colonel.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

(Part I of this page must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.)

1.* Works

TYPE (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK		COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK (Year)	PHOTOGRAHPS SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS
		(City)	(State)		
(a)	Minden Bldg. & Loan	Minden	La.	1953	1
(b)	Minden Bank & Trust Co.	Minden	La.	1963	1
(c)	H. L. Greengus Res.	Shreveport	La.	1958	1
(d)	Booker T. Washington High School	Shreveport	La.	1948	2
(d)	Eden Gardens Elem-Jr. High School	Shreveport	La.	1964	2
(d)	Union Ave. Branch Library	Shreveport	La.	1962	1

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.

* Part 1 above must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. Construction Work

TYPE OF WORK CONSTRUCTED	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK	COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK (Year)	PHOTOGRAPHS DRAWINGS, OR SKETCHES SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS
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2. Books, Treatises, or Articles Written

SUBJECT TITLE	WHERE PUBLISHED	DATE PUBLISHED
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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.)

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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

1. In practice since 1919.

2. Took lead in forming the North Louisiana Chapter chartered in 1922, the first AIA Chapter in this area.

a) Nominee served in all offices of the Chapter. During tenure as a Chapter Officer, nominee worked for and brought about agreement among Area architects on minimum fee schedules to eliminate competition on the basis of fees which existed up to that time. This was the first major step towards establishing the profession on the high plane it now enjoys in this area.

3. Served as Chairman of a number of Committees and as Board Member for the State Organization (now Louisiana Architects Association).

a) Took lead, along with G. Scott Smitherman FAIA, overcoming strong opposition, to achieve agreement among member firms to a system of dues enabling LAA to employ an Exec. Secty. and ultimately reach its present fine stage of effectiveness as a respected representative of the profession.

4. Took lead in 1952 in successful effort to have Governor make appointments to State Board of Architectural Examiners so the membership would represent all areas of State. This lessened the political character of the group and made it a more truly professional body.

5. Appointed by Governor to State Board of Architectural Examiners in 1952 and was reappointed by two succeeding Governors, serving 12 years on the Board. The last four years he served as Secretary.

a) During his tenure on the Board the nominee lead the successful move to have NCARB examinations substituted for those in use up to that time. This aided in developing educational programs in the State Architectural Schools to fit the students for the new type examinations and added to the competence of graduates and subsequently registered architects.

b) Nominee, by continuing effort, converted Board Members from the idea, then prevalent, that the Board was created to fail candidates (thereby reducing competition), to the more professional attitude that it was their function to license qualified candidates. This change in attitude improved the stature of the Board.

c) Nominee spent countless hours aiding and coaching young candidates for registration, advising them in subjects to be studied to enlarge their field of general knowledge and improve their preparedness for the examination.

d) Nominee was awarded a plaque by his home Chapter in 1965 for his long and distinguished service on the State Board and other Professional groups.



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DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

THE following certification must accompany the photographic exhibit. It may be signed by anyone in possession of full knowledge concerning the development of the design. This might be the Chapter President, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, a partner of the nominee, or even the nominee himself. If the various examples were developed under different conditions respecting authorship, the various statements below should be keyed to the proper exhibits.

The accompanying photographs show examples of work with which the nominee's connection was as follows:

- The nominee was solely responsible for the design.
- The nominee was largely responsible for the design.
- The design was under the direction of the nominee.
- The nominee's firm executed the design.

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Signed H. C. Sherman Title President Shreveport Chapter AIA
H. C. SHERMAN

Name of Nominee Seymour Van Os

SEYMOUR VAN OS, A.I.A.
THEODORE A. FLAXMAN, A.I.A.

VAN OS & FLAXMAN
ARCHITECTS

JOHNSON BUILDING
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

September
3
1970

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

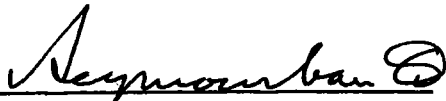
Gentlemen:

On 30 September 1970, we are closing our office for the practice of architecture and are enclosing applications for emeritus status for both principals.

At the close of this letter, we are showing our new individual addresses.

Yours very truly,

VAN OS & FLAXMAN


Seymour Van Os

SVO:ca

Seymour Van Os
3805A Parkway Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

T. A. Flaxman
1846 Fairfield Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

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Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

Check the appropriate reason

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.
- I am unable to engage in the practice of architecture.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the SHREVEPORT (NORTH LA.) chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Date September 3 1970

Seymour Van Os
(APPLICANT'S FULL SIGNATURE IN INK)
SEYMOUR VAN OS

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements as checked above.



SHREVEPORT CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101

619 Market Street, Room 312
22 October 1970

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N W
Washington, D C 20006

Attention: Maureen Marx, Director
Membership Procedures

Gentlemen:

With respect to your letter of 8 September 1970, a check of our records shows that both Mr Seymour Van Os and Mr T A Flaxman are members in good standing with no outstanding obligations to the Chapter.

These gentlemen have been strong supporters of our Chapter activities and The Institute. The Executive Committee and indeed the entire Chapter feel that these men should be granted Membership Emeritus.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George A. Jackson, Jr.".

George A Jackson, Jr
Secretary

J/c

c- Mr W S Wilson, Pres



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA
Secretary
1101 South Post Oak
Houston, Texas 77027

November 6, 1970

**Mr. Seymour Van Os, AIA
3805A Parkway Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104**

Dear Mr. Van Os:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have elected you a Member Emeritus of the AIA as of **November 6, 1970.**

In addition, I wish to express my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the AIA towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope that your interest in the AIA and your chapter will continue, even though you are now relieved of dues payments to both groups.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA

PMB:bjm

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of American ArchitectsName: *Seymour Van Os* of (address) *Parkway Dr., Shreveport, La.*Born: *October 28, 1893* at *New Orleans, La.* Died: *April 27, 1974* at *Shreveport, La.*

Parents: _____ and _____

Married: *Lucille Samuel* of *Little Rock, Ark.* on _____Children: *Herman Van Os and Seymour Van Os, Jr.*Education: *B. S. in Architecture, Tulane University, 1913*Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization)

Commenced architectural practice in Shreveport in 1915, maintaining continuous practice until his retirement in 1970, when he was a partner in the firm of Van Os and Flaxman.

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching)

Member of the American Institute of Architects from 1923 until his death, and Member Emeritus since 1970. Founding member of North Louisiana Chapter (now Shreveport Chapter) AIA, and served as secretary and president. Also served on the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Architects Assn. Was a member of the Construction Specifications Institute.

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social)

Active member of B'Nai Zion Temple, Shreveport.

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National)

Served in the U. S. A. Corps of Engineers from 1917, retiring in 1953; saw active duty during World Wars I and II.

Commander of Lowe McFarlane Post No. 14 of the American Legion, Shreveport, La.

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data)

General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

Interested in music and the theater.

*Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, 1953-65.
Original Board of Directors of Shreveport Community Concert Association.
Board of Directors of Salvation Army.*

Principal Works:

Public Buildings: *Associated Architect, Municipal Auditorium, Shreveport, La.*

Industrial: *W. K. Henderson Iron Works Shop, Shreveport, La.*

Commercial: *Radio Station, KWKH, Shreveport, La.*

Medical: *Associated Architect, Confederate Memorial Medical Center, Shreveport, La.*

Schools: *Rodessa High School, Rodessa, La.
Eden Gardens High School, Shreveport, La.
Booker T. Washington High School, Shreveport, La.
and other work in Sabine and Webster Parishes, La.*

Religious: *Associated Architect, B'Nai Zion Temple, Shreveport, La.*

Military: *Extensive work at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, La. and
at England Air Force Base, Alexandria, La.*

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

Compiled by: *Jonathan M. Evans*

Date: *September 4, 1974*

Acknowledgements: