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December 24th, 1956

To the Honorable Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

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Re: Nomination of Mr. Frederic von Grossmann
to Fellowship in the Am. Inst. of Archts.

Gentlemen:

This is to endorse the nomination of Mr. von Grossman,
whom I have known for thirty years; i. e. since he
received his degree from the University of Minnesota.

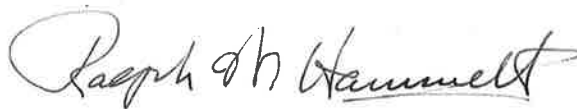
"Fritz", as I came to know him worked under me in Chicago,
when I was designer in the office of Eric E. Hall, Inc.,
Architects, in that city. He showed great promise at
that time, and it was somewhat due to my influence that
he received a scholarship for further study at Harvard,
where he received his Master's degree.

I have followed his progress since that time, and though
I have only seen him for personal visits on rare occasions,
it is with satisfaction that I have heard of and watched
his success.

He has always been a hard working person, thorough in
everything that he undertakes. On top of that he has
a charming personality; he is big and outgoing. He is
one of those people that you like to know for his person-
ality, as well as for his work.

I am glad of the opportunity to endorse his nomination.

Very truly yours,



Ralph W. Hammett, AIA.
ARCHITECT
Professor of Architecture,
University of Michigan,

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1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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H/S

Gentlemen:

The Wisconsin Chapter of The American Institute of Architects has nominated Frederic Richard von Grossmann for Fellowship in the Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his achievement in design and public service.

It has been my pleasure to have known Mr. von Grossmann for a great many years and he at one time was a draftsman in our office. He has rendered great service to the Institute and to the architectural profession. This record and the record of his achievements in design are enumerated in the recommendation submitted by the Wisconsin Chapter.

It is men such as this that the members of the profession look up to and who should be rewarded for their services.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. Tusler, F.A.I.A.

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November 29, 1956

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
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Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure I endorse the nomination of Fredric Von Grossman as fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Having first known of Mr. Von Grossman through his numerous works and competition on various projects, it was most pleasant to meet him.

In the short time I have personally known him, I have found him to be an excellent architect and well qualified to be recognized as a fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,


Charles M. Bradley

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November 5, 1956

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

*ack 11/20
H/S*

Sirs:

I have been asked to support the candidacy of F. R. von Grossman of Milwaukee for elevation to Fellow in the Institute. This I am very pleased to do.

I have known him well almost thirty years. We worked in the same cities and the same offices over several periods in that time. After World War II I associated with him for a period of three years, expecting it to develop into a permanent arrangement for the practice of Architecture. Personal considerations dictated that I resume a previous connection, which by now represents the larger part of my mature professional experience.

I have followed his work with great interest over the years. Like all of us educated a generation ago, he has seen the need to adapt himself to the changing times. This he has done with much grace and ability, greatly beyond the capabilities of most of his contemporaries.

My field lies along the lines of construction and business routines of our profession, and I regard further comment in respect to the esoteric aspects of design as outside my present interests and competence. Others, no doubt, who are also

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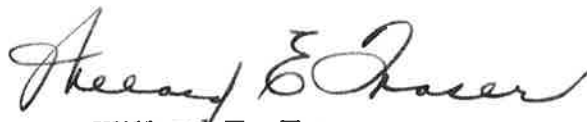
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geographically closer to his work, have adequately
supplied this information.

I count him among my closest personal friends. His
ability and interest in advancing himself and his pro-
fession have always called forth my admiration. He
merits your fullest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Willard E. Fraser

LEON E. ARNAL
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To the Honorable Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735. New York Ave. N.W.
Washington 6. D.C.

November 2, 1956

ack 11/6
h/j

Sirs:

I heartily endorse the nomination of Mr. Frederic R. GROSSMANN, Milwaukee Architect, for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for the following reasons:

I have known the candidate since the days he was a student in the School of Architecture, University of Minnesota, ending his studies with a scholarship at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

During these formative years, a close contact showed that F. R. GROSSMANN was going to dedicate all his energy, ability and personality to the profession of Architecture, without restriction. As can be seen elsewhere he did not fail in his endeavors.

A perusal of his achievements in Architectural Design, in the Service to the Institute, Public Service, shows that he thoroughly succeeded to become what I believe to be: An Asset to the Profession.

I also believe that this last qualification deserves recognition.

Respectfully yours,


F. A. I. A.

Professor Emeritus
School of Architecture
University of Minnesota



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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PHILIP WILL, JR., SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
309 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
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1 November 1956

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

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Re: Frederic R. von Grossman - Candidate for Fellowship

Gentlemen:

This is to advise the Jury that I have visited two recent buildings designed by the candidate. These are:

1. A small masonic headquarters building in downtown Milwaukee, and
2. The Nicolet High School in a suburb north of Milwaukee.

The masonic building is exquisitely executed with careful attention to setting and choice of materials. I consider it a work of high order indeed.

Although the Nicolet High School was not entirely complete when I saw it, I can say that it appears to be a design which I could wish my own firm had executed.

I trust the above will be helpful to the Jury in considering Mr. von Grossman's candidacy.

Very truly yours,

Philip Will, Jr.
Philip Will, Jr.

KENNETH C. WELCH . . . ARCHITECT

FELLOW: AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS . . . MEMBER: THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS (AFFILIATE) . . . AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION . . . ILLUMINATING ENGINEERING SOCIETY

November 1, 1956

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

*ack 11/6
HJG*

Gentlemen:

I should like to endorse the nomination of Mr. Frederic R. vonGrossmann, Milwaukee architect for fellowship in The Institute.

I have known Fritz for approximately four years and have worked on one project with him, have been in his office a number of times, and have attended Institute Meetings with him.

He has unusual design ability and takes a most conscientious approach to all of his work.

In my opinion, he is the kind of architect who does the profession and does the American Institute of Architects a great deal of credit.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth C. Welch

KCW/kk

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ROY CHILDS JONES · · · F. A. I. A.
ARCHITECT · · MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

510 Groveland Ave., Zone 3
31st October, 1956

To the Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen; ~~ε~~

It gives me great pleasure to heartily second
the nomination for a Fellowship of Mr. Frederick
R. von Grossman, of Milwaukee.

Mr. von Grossman is an old student of mine, having
done his undergraduate work in our School of
Architecture at the University of Minnesota.
I have followed his career since with great interest
and admiration.

In his practise in Milwaukee and elsewhere he has
designed some very interesting and notable build-
ings. He has also been very active and effective
in professional affairs. Personally, he is of the
type of younger practitioner that I think the Institute
does honor both to itself and him in advancing
to Fellowship.

Very Sincerely,

Roy Childs Jones

Roy Childs Jones, F.A.I.A.
Professor and Head Emeritus
School of Architecture, Univ. of Minn.

*ack 11/6
M/S*

Frederick J. Schweitzer AIA Architect

316 East Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin, Telephone Edgewood 2-1330

30 October 1956

*ack 11/1/56
H/J*

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is being written on behalf of Mr. Frederic R. von Grossmann A.I.A. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a recommendation for his elevation to Fellow of the Institute.

My professional friendship with Mr. von Grossmann extends to the early 1940's from which time I have witnessed his continuous and impressive rise from a small practice in difficult times to one of the largest leading offices in our community which he now heads.

In retrospect, and after close association with him in professional relationships, I would credit two factors responsible for his singular success: (1) Consistent excellence in design in the commercial, school and ecclesiastical fields, and (2) the outstanding youthful vigor he has shown in merchandizing good design with a knack and know-how that is a credit to his profession and the Institute. His promotion of good design with good design has been a benefit to his community.

My observations of Mr. von Grossmann's design qualifications single out his quick ability to grasp the problem and its requirements, his fluid ability to mold the design into being with exceptional understanding in fusion of materials and form, and his tireless pursuit of the successful solution through study stages in perspective, color, and model.

Mr. von Grossmann's background, education and service to the Institute are a matter of record, but I wish personally

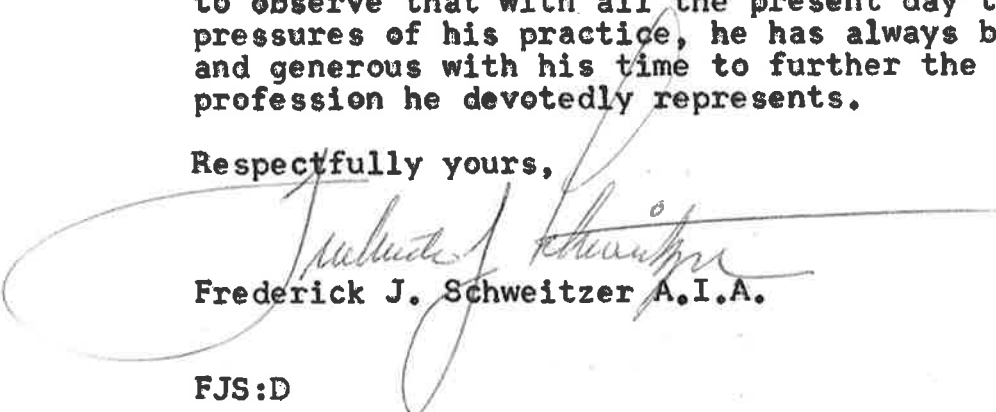
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to observe that with all the present day time-consuming pressures of his practice, he has always been unselfish and generous with his time to further the cause of the profession he devotedly represents.

Respectfully yours,



Frederick J. Schweitzer A.I.A.

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WALTER A. DOMANN
ARCHITECT

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ack 11/1/56
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Sirs:

This is to endorse the nomination of Frederic R. von Grossmann, Milwaukee Architect, for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. von Grossmann since the early days of his practice and he has shown unusual development as an architect by expanding his work to include many large commissions in the general field.

As a competitor I have always found him to be highly ethical, and my association with him in interviews on several large projects has been excellent.

I believe Mr. von Grossmann has unusual ability as a designer and consider him to be one of the most outstanding in this area. All of his projects have distinct character which shows ability, time and study. He has a thorough understanding of color, materials, and mass which enables him to create buildings of pleasing and impeccable taste.

He also has been generous with time and activity on civic committees and community affairs.

It is a pleasure for me to endorse Mr. von Grossmann's nomination.

Respectfully yours,



Walter A. Domann, A.I.A.

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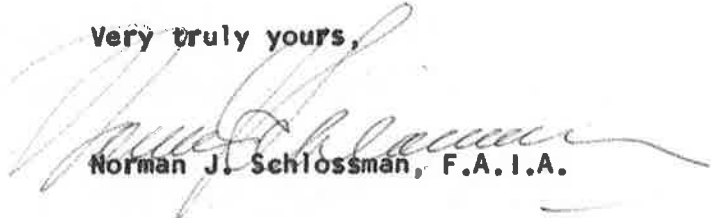
Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for me to endorse the nomination of Frederic von Grossmann for Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Fritz for the past six years and during that time have greatly respected him for his character as a person, his bearing, and for his achievements in his profession and in public life.

His architecture has won him acclaim and awards, particularly in commercial and educational fields. His service to the Institute has been greater than usual and his public service has been of an extent that most architects could emulate.

I believe he richly deserves the recognition of Fellowship.

Very truly yours,



Norman J. Schlossman, F.A.I.A.

NJS/vm

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Architects

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October 29, 1956

To the Honorable Jury of Fellow
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Gentlemen:

I hereby indorse the nomination of Mr. Frederic
R. von Grossmann, Milwaukee Architect for Fellow-
ship in the American Institute of Architects, for
the following reasons:

His devotion to the cause of Architecture and his
effort to promote the advancement of our profession
thru his untiring efforts on behalf of the Institute.

The high quality of his work irrespective of size
of project, merits the admiration of his associates
and fellow architects.

Personally, the writer has such a high regard for
his design and business integrity, that we have re-
commended his organization to our clients, when our
office was too busy to accept commissions.

Very truly yours,

Albert F. Keymar

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H/S*

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to write to you in support
of the nomination of Frederic R. von Grossmann
for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

I have known Mr. von Grossmann since the time
he moved to Milwaukee and have been cognizant
of the development of his practice from a
start in residential work to an ever increasing
scope of buildings. I have had the opportunity
of visiting a number of his projects during the
past years and have a high opinion of his de-
sign ability and professional competence.

During this period he has given much of his
time to be of service in numerous offices
and committees of the Wisconsin Chapter AIA
and the State Association, as well as in
public or community affairs.

Very truly yours,


Henry F. Plunkett

HPP/al

FRANCIS S. GURDA, A.I.A. • ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER
1015 WEST MITCHELL STREET MILWAUKEE 4, WISCONSIN

October 29, 1956

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H/S*

Sirs:

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of
Mr. Frederic Richard von Grossmann, Milwaukee
Architect, for elevation to Fellowship in the
American Institute of Architects for the reasons
which follow:

I have known Mr. von Grossmann for the past fifteen
years within which time his office has grown to be
one of the leading offices in this city.

In the design of projects done by his office, he
has shown an understanding of color and texture
and of the effective combination of different
materials to secure results which are excellent
by any standards. Since the juxtaposition of
color, materials and textures is one of the
leading characteristics of modern architecture,
his handling of this element of design should
qualify him for high recognition.

Respectfully submitted



FRANCIS S. GURDA, A.I.A.

FSG:ms

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Dear Sirs;

I endorse the nomination of Mr. Frederick R. von Grossmann,
Milwaukee Architect, for Fellowship in the American
Institute of Architects for the following reasons;

I have known Mr. von Grossmann for a number of years and have
found him very aggressive. Mr. von Grossmann has contributed
greatly to some of our commercial buildings. His fresh
appeal to Architecture in our locality, has been inspiring.

Very truly yours,



GFS/TJ

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Gentlemen:

I have known Fritz Von Grossmann since we were fellow students at Harvard (about 1930), have followed his successful career in Milwaukee and was made newly aware the last time I saw him at a meeting that the boy makes the man. His attitude towards young and old in the profession, towards his work and towards his community is still fresh, open and sincere.

In my opinion he possesses all the qualifications for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

LOEBL, SCHLOSSMAN & BENNETT



Richard M. Bennett, F.A.I.A.

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FELLOW, THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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Sirs:

I heartily endorse the nomination of Mr. Frederic R. von Grossmann, Milwaukee Architect, for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for the following reasons:

I first met Mr. von Grossmann in the mid-nineteen-twenties following his second year of college when employed by a Milwaukee Architect during his summer vacation. Through the ensuing years I became more and more interested in him because of his remarkable growth.

Upon concluding his formal education and teaching career, he opened his own office in Milwaukee to begin the serious practice of architecture. He started in a small way doing residential work of excellent character. I had a fine opportunity to observe his transition to modern architecture as he steadily took on larger commissions -- schools, churches and commercial buildings.

In the development of all projects, his excellence of scale, selection of textures, materials and colors are outstanding. Despite his large office, his guiding hand, from the design inception of each job to its final materialization, has produced enviable results. His conception of the plot plans for the larger projects indicates an educated and inherent knowledge of landscape architecture and topography. His plot plans produce the floor plans and from these he develops the working drawings. His knowledge of horticulture is most apparent in his completed buildings, interior as well as exterior, not only as to size and color, but amount.

The old cliché of form following function seems to be a key to his planning, together with his understanding of the size and shape of rooms and their relation, one to the other. These important steps are developed by him in an orderly manner so that when his final plans are completed, a splendid job results.

His training has prepared him to think to a conclusion and that conclusion, furthered by his native ability, has produced buildings of outstanding design. That he is an adherent of color and most successful in this medium, is evidenced in his completed buildings where his skillful handling of color gives emphasis to the architectural features of his work. This has earned him wide recognition as a colorist.

Respectfully yours,

Leigh Hunt F.A.A. via copy

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John J. Flad & Associates

Architects & Engineers

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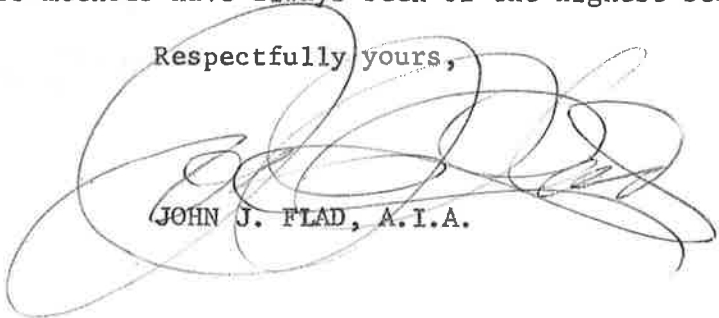
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Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Mr. Fritz Von Grossmann has been nominated for a fellowship in the Institute. I can endorse this nomination very highly because I have known Mr. Von Grossmann for fifteen years.

His work in Milwaukee has been outstanding and he enjoys a very fine reputation for honesty and integrity. He is well thought of by his fellow architects and his business methods have always been of the highest standard.

Respectfully yours,



JOHN J. FLAD, A. I. A.

JJF:db

Member of the American Institute of Architects



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

April 12, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. Albert F. Keymar, A.I.A.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

An architect is advanced to Fellowship in recognition of exceptional ability or of exceptional service. The Jury of Fellows always tries to choose wisely and with discrimination, but it is limited in precise knowledge about the nominees.

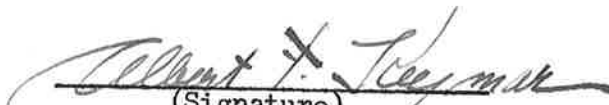
To complete Nomination this form must be filled and returned before February 1st. Otherwise, no action will be taken at the forthcoming Jury meeting.

It is the opinion of the Jury of Fellows that a designer, however talented, should not be advanced to Fellowship if he possesses deficiencies of character which reflect discredit upon the profession; and that no architect, regardless of outstanding service, should be advanced if the buildings which he has designed are so notably inferior in architectural design as to reflect discredit upon the profession.

To help the Jury learn such aspects, which are not normally completely supplied through regular nomination procedure, fill in the lines below which in your opinion apply to Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A. and return this sheet in the addressed envelope provided.

1. He has many friends who speak well of him but cannot vouch for his accomplishments. He has many friends who speak well of him
2. His character is beyond reproach. His character is beyond reproach
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Very acceptable
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. His character is beyond reproach

Sincerely yours,


(Signature)



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

April 12, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. Francis S. Gurda, A.I.A.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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2. His character is beyond reproach. Yes _____
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes _____
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. _____

Sincerely yours,

Francis S. Gurda
(Signature)



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April 12, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: John J. Flad
Mr. Joseph H. Flad, A.I.A.
Winona, Wisconsin
Madison
Winona Minn.

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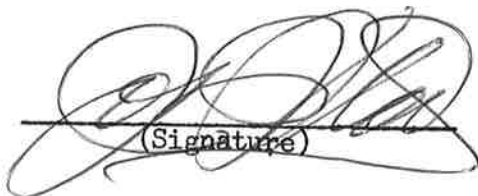
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4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. Will write letter

Sincerely yours,


(Signature)

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January 29, 1957

The College of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

UN FAVORABLE

REF: Nomination for Fellowship
F. Von Grossman

Gentlemen:

I believe you have been offered the nomination of Frederic Von Grossman, Milwaukee, for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. This nomination I strongly oppose on the fundamental principle that honor should seek the man, not conversely.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects I am familiar with the background for the nomination which originated with the applicant. It was then brought before the Board in a clever stroke of maneuvering the Board into giving its blessing. However, it didn't work and Mr. Von Grossman's nomination failed, unanimously, to receive approval.

There are other members of the Wisconsin Chapter who have contributed greatly to the profession through service and design and who, I believe, have priority for Fellowship. Since, with unselfish modesty they do not seek out the honor, it is slow in reaching them.

Mr. Von Grossman, at one time, worked under my direction and I have followed his career since. His office has produced creditable work - but so have others in this chapter. But none has matched his ability for press relations. In that respect he has done a splendid job - for himself.

I can't help but speculate, knowing the man, that he seeks Fellowship for one purpose only - to use it as further promotional material for impressing potential clients. For no other reason.

My concept of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects is that it is the highest honor the profession can bestow. As such it should be accorded the greatest respect and not be only an implement

The College of Fellows
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for material success. I sincerely believe that this nomination had its birth in the latter idea.

Seldom has a person of great talent and ability been denied recognition, if only he'll wait with dignified patience.

Cordially yours,

Karel Yasko
Karel Yasko A.I.A.

KY/nb

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654 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK 21, N. Y. TEL. TEMPLETON 8-2424

January 28, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I endorse with enthusiasm the nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects of Fritz von Grossmann.

I had the pleasure of working with von Grossmann as a draftsman from 1929 to 1930 and have followed his expanding architectural practise since then. He has outstanding qualities of leadership and always has given unstintingly of his time to promote the principles of the American Institute of Architects and many worthy civic causes. His outstanding design ability and thoroughness in working drawings and supervision have produced many fine structures in the Milwaukee area.

I believe that Mr. Fritz von Grossmann qualifies in every respect to receive the honor of being selected to join the distinguished circle of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

Max O. Urbahn
Mr

MAX O. URBAHN

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January 28, 1957

Jury of Fellows
1735 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that an application for Fellowship of Frederic Richard von Grossmann has been submitted to the Jury.

We must recognize the fact that Milwaukee is almost 300 miles from Eau Claire. However, having served on various committees and held offices as director and first vice president in the State Association of Wisconsin Architects and also the Wisconsin Architects Association A.I.A. during the past 20 years, I have become personally acquainted with Mr. von Grossmann. During the years I have served on the various committees and as a member of the Board on which Mr. von Grossmann also served, I have always admired him and have found him to be a hard and conscientious worker for the organization and for the task to which he was assigned. I have personally seen some of the projects on which he has been retained and they are a credit to the clientele, the community and to Mr. von Grossmann himself.

Very truly yours,



E. F. Klingler, A.I.A.

EFK:ap

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25 January 1957

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Re: Frederick Richard von Grossmann

Gentlemen:

I am writing in behalf of Frederick Richard von Grossmann of Milwaukee, Wisconsin whose name has been submitted to you for consideration.

I have known Mr. von Grossmann since I started my practice in Sheboygan six years ago. On the basis of executed work from his office I would consider the applicant an excellent architect, deserving of your fullest consideration.

Professionally, Mr. von Grossmann is held in high esteem by his architectural colleagues and has been an active force in any movement looking to the betterment of his profession. I would not hesitate to give my fullest recommendation to the applicant without reservation as a nominee for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,


Eugene Wasserman, Architect

EW:sk

January 22, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I would like to support the nomination of Mr. Frederic von Grossmann as a candidate for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Grossmann since 1928 in the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota and then later during graduate work at Harvard. Mr. Grossmann has had varied experience, and in recent years has established his office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he has developed a very successful practice of architecture. He has shown leadership within his chapter and community by designing many buildings of merit, some of which have received awards.

Mr. Grossmann is the leader type, as his record will indicate. He has throughout his career worked on committees, planning boards and clubs, and has been elected chairman of many of these groups. In this position he has continuously brought the role of architecture and the architect to the attention of the community.

Mr. Grossmann is a person of excellent character, is very popular personally among his associates and his community. As an architect he conducts himself in an exemplary way, and has achieved a leadership in his community which, in my opinion, is worthy of recognition. I therefore respectfully request favorable consideration of Mr. Grossmann by your committee.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert G. Cerny

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ARCHITECTURE
WALTER FRANCIS BOGNER
Professor of Architecture

January 22, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from the New York Chapter requesting me to support the candidacy of B. Sumner Gruzen and a letter from the Wisconsin Chapter asking me to support candidacy of Frederic R. von Grossmann.

(In Gruzen
File)

I have known Mr. B. Sumner Gruzen as a Rotch Travelling Scholar and as the designer of a new type of school in New York which was identified as "banjo" type. I believe Mr. Gruzen to be very competent and successful in his practice.

Mr. Frederic R. von Grossmann was a student of mine in the School of Design of Harvard University, and I have liked him for his personal qualifications. I do not know enough about his work in Wisconsin. I have heard that he is quite aggressive in his practice and active in the Wisconsin Chapter.

I really do not consider myself competent to set a fair and equal basis of evaluation on architects practicing in various states of the Union and being in part recommended for service to the Institute, in part for distinguished work in design, and in part for other causes. Of the people in the New England region, I believe that Mr. Peter Geddes of Providence, Rhode Island is a well qualified person for service to the Institute, and I have therefore written a separate letter giving him a clear-cut recommendation.

(In Geddes
File)

Sincerely yours,


Walter F. Bogner, F.A.I.A.

WFB:lmp



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January 22, 1957

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

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Frederick Richard von Grossmann is being considered for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I would like to support his nomination to Fellowship because of my knowledge of his ability to produce a high quality of architectural design and his personal integrity.

I have known Mr. von Grossmann since 1927 and have followed his career and development as an architect. At the present time, in my position as Manager of Buildings and Properties for Allis-Chalmers, Mr. von Grossmann and I are working together on an Office Building Project for the Company.

Mr. von Grossmann continues as he has in the past, to strive for outstanding architectural design in an economical manner. He has instilled in his office associates a desire to produce the highest quality of design and he continues to work in a close personal manner with work being done in his office.

It is my opinion that Mr. von Grossmann is highly deserving of the honor of being made a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd B. Knutsen, AIA
Wisconsin Chapter

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January 18, 1957

- DAVID R. ANDERSON, A.I.A.
- ROBERT L. DURHAM, A.I.A.
- AARON FREED, A.I.A.

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

Re: Frederic J. Richard von Grossmann

Gentlemen:

It is understood that Mr. von Grossmann has been nominated for Fellowship by fellow members of the Wisconsin Chapter.

It has been my pleasure to know Mr. von Grossmann in connection with activities of the Church Architectural Guild of America. In that connection, I have also visited him in his home town of Milwaukee. I have been impressed by his personality and leadership. While I have not been in a position to follow the details of his active career, I believe he merits the support of his nomination by his fellow chapter members in Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,



Robert L. Durham
rld:vh

cc. Mr. Leigh Hunt, F.A.I.A.
3800 Humbolt Avenue N.
Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin

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January 14, 1957

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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P/S

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure and pride that I wish to support the nomination of Frederic Richard von Grossmann for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

As a former employee in the office of Mr. von Grossmann, I feel deeply indebted for his profound guidance and his favorable influence. More important than technical skills, which I feel I could have acquired in most any office, I have learned from Mr. von Grossmann the principals and ethics of the architectural profession. The impact of his integrity and ideals are bound to be an everlasting influence. I personally feel greatly indebted.

Perhaps more important than his influence on me as well as other budding architects is his noteworthy contribution to the advancement of architectural design in the Milwaukee area. For many years Mr. von Grossmann has been a pioneer in the advancement of contemporary architecture in this area. His progressive attitude and firm design convictions have had a very definite influence on the community.

Although actively engrossed in conducting a prolific practice, Mr. von Grossmann has always managed to find time to make great contributions to the A.I.A. as well as to the community in which he is a highly respected citizen.

The honor of advancement to Fellowship would be highly rewarding to Mr. von Grossmann who has brought great respect and prestige to the architectural profession.

Very truly yours,

A. A. Jansen

AAT/njt



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

January 11, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. Leigh Hunt, F.A.I.A.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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2. His character is beyond reproach. YES IT IS
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. YES
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. HE IS OF FINE CHARACTER

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)



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January 11, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. Frederick J. Schweitzer, A.I.A.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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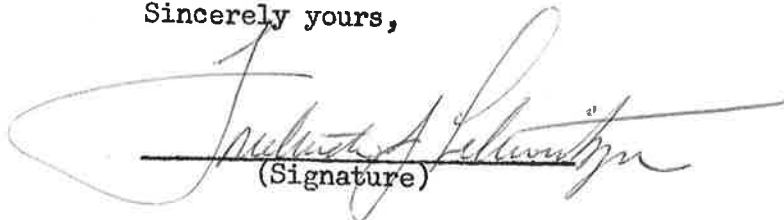
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2. His character is beyond reproach. IN MY EXPERIENCE, YES.
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. YES.
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. CHARACTER COMMENTED.

Sincerely yours,


(Signature)



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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic Richard von Grossmann, A.I.A.

Mr. Walter A. Domann, A.I.A.
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

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2. His character is beyond reproach. Yes. Above reproach.
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes, definitely
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. _____

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. Domann
(Signature)



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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January 11, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic R. von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. Norman J. Schlossman, F.A.I.A.
Chicago, Illinois

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Sincerely yours,

(Rec'd from Norman J. Schlossman (See letter attached))
(Signature)

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January 14, 1957

Confidential

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
c/o Miss Florence H. Gervais, Secretary
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With respect to the nomination of Frederic R. Von Grossman for advancement to Fellowship, I do not believe I could answer the four questions contained in your confidential communication dated January 11th or refrain from answering them without the possibility of unwarranted implications in either case. The statements contained in my letter to The Jury of Fellows dated October 29th are correct. My personal acquaintanceship with Mr. Von Grossman and his work has been gained through occasional personal contacts in Milwaukee and in Chicago, principally in my pursuit of Institute affairs. What I have learned of him through these contacts and through conversations with others, has lead me to think well of him and to feel justified in endorsing his nomination.

I trust the above information will be of help to you in your considerations.

Sincerely,


Norman J. Schlossman, F.A.I.A.

NJS/bf



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

January 11, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic E. von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. Richard M. Bennett, F.A.I.A.
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4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. _____

Sincerely yours,

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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To: Mr. Henry P. Plunkett, A.I.A.
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2. His character is beyond reproach. To my best knowledge, it is
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. Yes
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic B. von Grossmann

To: Mr. Maynard W. Meyer, A.I.A.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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 2. His character is beyond reproach. _____
 3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. _____
 4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. _____
 5. *I believe he should be made a fellow.*
- Sincerely yours,

Maynard W. Meyer
(Signature)



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January 11, 1957

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Frederic R. von Grossmann, A.I.A.

To: Mr. George F. Spinti, A.I.A.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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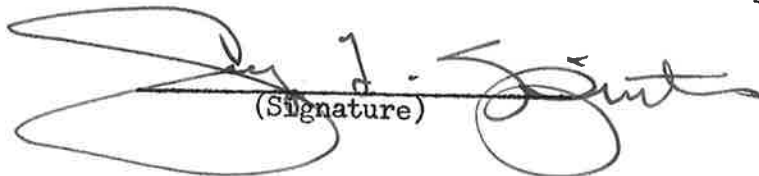
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2. His character is beyond reproach. good
3. His ethics would be considered acceptable in business. yes
4. I prefer not to comment upon his character. character is as far as I know good.

Sincerely yours,


(Signature)



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Gentlemen:

I trust that the informality of this letter will not lessen its effectiveness as I am by a fortunate combination of circumstances writing it while on vacation.

The letter is written in behalf of Fritz von GROSSMANN who has been proposed for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Grossmann for nearly twenty years and am familiar with not only the quality of his work but of his character as well. He is a talented designer, a competent architect, a thoughtful and conscientious practitioner and a considerate gentleman. I am at a loss for words as to how to further endorse this man but I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending him to the Jury of Fellows for consideration of his qualifications for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I trust that you will overlook the fact that the typing is somewhat less than acceptable as it is my own making the Public Stenographer being absent from her desk to-day.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD SPITZNAGEL A.I.A.

JANUARY 10, 1957

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January 10, 1957.

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

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Gentlemen:

My attention has been called to the fact that the name of Frederic von Grossmann has been placed in nomination for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I have known him through undergraduate days in the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota, as well as at the Graduate School at Harvard. Although I have seen him intermittently since those many years ago, I have not worked with him nor have I seen any of his projects. I do, however, know him to be intelligent, able, enthusiastic and of fine personal character. He has been successful and I am sure that his professional standards and ethics are commendable. I regard him personally as well as his abilities very highly, and enthusiastically recommend him for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

Milton V. Bergstedt

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MVB:ml
cc: Mr. Leigh Hunt

MILTON V. BERGSTEDT, A. I. A.
JAMES V. HIRSCH, A. I. A.
CHARLES D. WAHLBERG, ASSOCIATE

MARIO J. CIAMPI • ARCHITECT, AIA
ALLYN C. MARTIN • ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT, AIA

January 9, 1957

Re: FREDERIC RICHARD VON GROSSMANN

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I received a communication from Mr. Leigh Hunt, F.A.I.A. dated December 31, 1956 in which he asked that I write a supporting letter to you in connection with the nomination of Frederic Richard von Grossmann as a candidate for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity to recommend that Frederic von Grossmann be admitted to fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. von Grossmann and I attended the Graduate School at Harvard University together in the years 1930 and 1931 and it was during that time that we became very well acquainted. I found him to be an individual with unusual design ability. He was highly regarded for his scholastic accomplishments by the University at the time. I am confident, both after this experience with Frederic von Grossmann and by his subsequent accomplishments that he is eminently qualified to be admitted to fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,


MARIO J. CIAMPI, Architect

MJC:av

cc: Mr. Leigh Hunt

January 4, 1957

*Recd -
1-18-57*

Chairman, Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been advised that Mr. Fritz von Grossmann, A.I.A. of Milwaukee is being considered for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known him, personally, for eight years, having served with him on an architectural jury at the University of Minnesota, and have visited a number of his works around Milwaukee. He has demonstrated the highest standards of professional integrity and design ability. I have been particularly impressed with the great care and skill in detailing evidenced in his architectural practice.

I, therefore, submit my unqualified endorsement of Fritz von Grossmann for favorable consideration by the Jury of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,

Brooks Cavin

BC/fi

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KAREL YASKO, A. I. A., A. S. C. E.

January 6, 1958

GEORGE C. SHAVIE, ASSOCIATE

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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington 6, D.C.

REF: Nomination of Frederic VonGrossman

Gentlemen:

At the time the above name was placed before the 1957 Jury of Fellows for advancement to Fellowship I placed my protests on record with a letter addressed to the Jury of Fellows. Since my objections were not mild, I expected some acknowledgement or challenge. But no reaction was forthcoming. And since the nomination has been referred to the 1958 Jury of Fellows I am attaching a copy of the original letter for your consideration.

In recent months the above nomination has been re-circulated for signatures. Accompanying the petition was a list of some of the nominee's qualifications, and among them was a claim to sole responsibility for a Chapter Committee activity of which Mr. VonGrossman was Chairman. I believe that in his petition he had the audacity to say, "a one man job!"

In a report of this Fee Committee to the Chapter, over his signature, he stated that, "these recommendations be accepted as prepared for the reason that they are the studied opinions of a selected committee..", (underline is mine). This exhibit can be made available to you.

I maintain that the candidate has misrepresented himself, however small the item. But on that tiny nail I hang my objections for it gives the color of the nominee's quest for Fellowship. It is being sought selfishly, to be used promotionally, a characteristic of the nominee whose every move has been directed towards his own end, never as a contribution "to the advancement of the profession".

"Bestowal is a grave responsibility" according to A.I.A. Document No. 9, which also states that, "the fellowship is bestowed only when it is justly and manifestly due."

As a corporate member of the American Institute of Architects who

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January 6, 1958
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works happily in its behalf as a member of the Board of Directors, Wisconsin Chapter, and two national committees, Research and Education I believe deeply in the above. Therefore, I urge a denial for the nomination of Frederic Von Grossman.

Cordially yours,



Karel Yasko A.I.A.

KY/n

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January 28, 1958

GEORGE C. SHAVIE, ASSOCIATE

UNFAVORABLE

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave. NW
Washington 6, D.C.

REF: Nomination
Frederic VonGrossman

Dear Miss Gervais:

Thank you for your letter of January 22nd which is reassuring.

I do appreciate the fact that a nomination opens up the dam for letter writing, pro and con. My concern stemmed from the fact that I believed mine was strong enough to be challenged. It was neither since the nomination was carried over.

Would you please add the enclosed tear sheet from ELM LEAVES, the local newspaper in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. to my previous letters? Such publicity is hardly an asset to the architectural profession anywhere. The story was carried in the leading newspapers in the State and has left an impression of irresponsibility on the part of Architects.

An Architect who flagrantly defies existing codes under which his profession operates is hardly material for Fellowship. In this particular instance, the Architect's attention was called several times of the failure to obtain the necessary building permit. His unprintable reply on at least one occasion was not befitting a professional.

Cordially yours,

Karel Yasko
Karel Yasko A.I.A.

KY/n

ELM LEAVES

Official Newspaper — Village of Elm Grove

VOL. XI, NO. 41

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN, THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 1957

TEN CENTS

Varied Business Marks Speedy Board Session

In a record — two and a half hour long — speedy session Elm Grove village board Monday night considered increasing the retirement fund for village employees, denied a plea to hunt rabbits within the village limits, and passed several amendments regarding the building code, fire department and zoning ordinances.

Only absentee was Harold Sanville, attorney, who was representing the village in court.

Possibility of increasing contributions to the Wisconsin retirement fund to 4 per cent (presently 2 per cent paid by the village and matched by the employees) was turned over to the finance committee for consideration. It will cost the village about \$500 a year additional.

Passed earlier by the state was a ruling raising retirement fund levies for policemen and firemen to go into effect Jan. 1. Since Elm Grove has only volunteer firemen, only the police were effected by this. Now to be considered, are the remaining village employees who have said they would like to have the increase which would raise the amount the employees must pay into the fund, as well as that amount paid by the village.

Permission was granted Len Bishop, village manager, and Robert Leonard, highway foreman, to attend the League of Wisconsin Municipalities conference in Milwaukee from Nov. 13 to 15.

Ask Hunting Privilege

Appearing before the board was Bruno Geschrei of Milwaukee who sought permission to shoot rabbits at the Christensen dump as he had done in past years.

Geschrei suggested a method of controlled hunting which would eliminate the rabbits. However, Trustee Hal Schumacher pointed out it would impose extra work on the police and Trustee George Happe felt giving permission would start something difficult to control and hard to stop.

Taking into consideration the village ordinance which prohibits use of firearms in the village, the board denied the request.

Linn H. Westcott, secretary of the planning board, spoke of the need for up-to-date aerial maps of the village which would include the new subdivisions. After discussion, it was decided this project must be delayed until next year, at least.

Trustee E. R. Werych suggested that the board take the information offered by Westcott so that it can be considered and decided against having the photos taken now for eventual mapping since the two operations should be carried out together. The entire project is too large an expense to consider at this

Hear Architects', Construction Crew Cases; Set Fines

Representatives of Von Grossmann Architects and the Robert Pfeifer Construction company, appearing in Justice of the Peace Louis Parents' court Monday night in Elm Grove, put themselves at the mercy of the court.

Both had been served warrants charging "flagrant disregard of the building inspector's orders." The charge grew from the situation at Pilgrim Park Junior High school where no building permit was secured before actual construction was started.

Architects received a stipulated bail of \$30 and costs and the construction company a fine of \$25 and costs. If the case is to be appealed, this action must be taken within 20 days and if not, then the fines must be paid within that period.

Fritz Von Grossmann, in a letter received by the Elm Grove village board which met at the same time the court was in session, said he regretted the situation but felt it had occurred through misunderstanding.

He continued: "We obviously would be the first to admit no project should be started without all details of building permit issuance being entirely conformed. It is an unfortunate coincidence which let the proverbial 'easy fly ball' fall between 'four eager' infielders and outfielders' without one of them making a successful play—because each thought the other was the responsible one. Finally, it is our hope that you will accept our apologies for our actual or implied inadvertance in this matter."

LEGION AUXILIARY DRIVE

Mrs Marvin Race, membership chairman of the women's auxiliary of the Stenz-Griessell-Smith American Legion post, has announced that the group's annual membership drive now is under way. Anyone interested in joining may contact Mrs. Race at GL 3-4578.

Village to Assist Business Men on Yule Decorations

There'll be more Christmas decorations in the village this year since the Elm Grove Business Men's association and the village will join efforts.

Village board members agreed unanimously Monday night to allot \$100 to the project as well as to furnish the services of the highway department to help put up the additional decorations.

Kneeland Godfrey, village board president, voiced the feeling of the board members, when he said: "It is a worthwhile project and I think we should help the business men all we can in this effort."

Action was started by the association when it was pointed out the village will have to do a better job of decorating to keep stride with neighboring communities.

Various types of decorations and their cost are being studied by a committee headed by Jim Daleiden of the association.

Legionnaires Take Cards to Appleton

On Sunday, Nov. 10, Fred Rogers and Emery Drake of the Stenz-Griessell-Smith Post 449, Elm Grove, and their wives represented Waukesha county by flying to the annual aerial membership roundup at Appleton.

This event was to deliver all membership cards for the new year from each post in the county to Appleton where the cards from all counties are tabulated.

About 300 persons and 57 planes from Wisconsin participated in the roundup.

At the Waukesha airport to send off the representatives of the county Sunday morning were Allen Spencer, commander of Daniel J. Martin Post 8 of Waukesha; Ralph Meyer, vice chairman, department hospital committee of that post; Ray Crull, county commander of Hartland, Wis.; Fred Strochin, Butler, and Charlie McLaughlin, Menomonee Falls.



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Floral Displays

ed arrangements sounds like Fair but the novel items which been created for it are any- but full.

ms vary from decorative birds many types including turkeys pheasants which can actually l, to realistic looking chunks of wood and finished cuts of wal- and apple wood for which can be many uses including ks on which to set hot dishes. are also nice as flower bases,

clude will be Thanksgiving arrangements and winter uets of all types. For this, bers of the Community M- chura who are sponsoring fair today and Friday at the ch have been gathering weeds, s and what not for many weeks converting them to lovely cre- as for use in the home.

ading this committee is Mrs. am Lowell, 340 Leonore la., kfield, and Mrs. Theo Otjen, 0 Elmhurst pkwy.

orkers who have spent many s in the basement of the Otjen e, where much of this activity been going on, include Mrs. ge Happe, 1655 Fairhaven la.; Dolph Veatch, 835 Kurtis dr.; Elton Staples, 825 Lone Tree Mrs. Lynn Westcott, 1255 Lake- dr.; and Mrs. Harold Loeffler, 0 Watertown Plank rd.

so Mrs. Robert Dale, 610 stal la.; Mrs. Walter Price, 1650 set dr.; Mrs. D. K. Baskerville, Lee et., and Mrs. Fred Page, Circle dr., all of Elm Grove.



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FELLOW, THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 29, 1958

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

Re: Nomination
Frederic R. von Grossmann

Gentlemen:

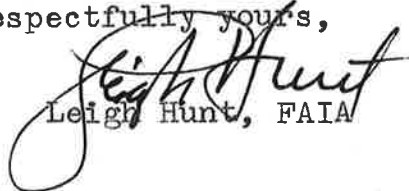
I called on Frederic R. von Grossmann, January 27th, and asked him if anything further had transpired since I had sent to the Jury of Fellows the list of names of those who had supported his nomination. He said there were one or two small items such as:

His Granville High School having been selected for exhibit at the American Association of High School Administrators 1958 Convention in St. Louis, and an award by the Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, at its 1957 Convention for his Masonic Grand Lodge Office Headquarters, Milwaukee. Also, his Nicolet High School selected for exhibit at the Octagon, March 1957, photographs of which were submitted to the Jury, and that an award had been made him by the Milwaukee School Board of the "Boys' Technical High." Further, appointed member of the Chapter Committee For Cooperation with the National Association of Home Builders.

He said he had some color pictures of Nicolet High School and Granville High School which he wanted me to see as he believes they will show off the buildings much better than the black and whites as the color contributes much of the charm to the buildings. After I have seen them, I will send them on to you if I think they have merit in excess of those you have.

The other day I received a copy of the booklet "Why ... Where ... When ... How ... YOU RETAIN AN ARCHITECT," this produced as a public service by the Wisconsin Chapter. Knowing him to be Chairman of the Chapter's Fee Committee which was to put out his brochure, I asked about it and he said he had been left practically on his own and had been obliged to write the greater part of it in addition to its editing and assembling.

Respectfully yours,


Leigh Hunt, FAIA

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January 26, 1959

GEORGE C. SHAVIE, ASSOCIATE

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington 6, D.C.

UNFAVORABLE

REF: Nomination of Frederic Von Grossman

Gentlemen:

On two previous occasions I have laid before you objections to the nomination of Frederic Von Grossman, A.I.A. for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute. Since Mr. Von Grossman's nomination is about to be considered for the third time, I believe it only fair that you be apprised of any change in my views.

Unfortunately, I do not believe that the candidate has altered his prime desire for Fellowship; to use it commercially. With the ranks of Fellows in the Wisconsin Chapter being depleted by death, Fellowship in The Institute becomes an even more rare distinction. Scarcity of any commodity increases its worth and prestige.

That Mr. Von Grossman would take fullest advantage of this situation to promote himself, I do not doubt. My experience as his superior during World War II and his performance since then offer strong supporting evidence.

Fellowship in The Institute is so distinctive all honor, (which should seek the man) that it must be held high above any commercialism or ulterior use by a Fellow. Were it bestowed in this instance it would be trampled and scuffed in the market place like any negotiable currency.

It would be tragic to have The Institute and the College of Fellows brought to such a state by a single member. The work of dedicated members of The Institute who have labored long and hard to enhance the prestige of the profession would go for naught.

Again, I urge denial of the nomination of Frederic Von Grossman to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Cordially yours,

Karel Yasko
Karel Yasko A.I.A.

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