

Von Schneider, Dalton J

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Aug 27, 1915

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Dalton J. Schneider

Address 1103 Union Trust Bldg.

Place and date of birth Bay City Mich Aug 25 - 1890

Graduate in architecture [Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture [Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts [State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name W.B. Shattuck & D.J. Schneider

Have been in practice Five years

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

Collegiate and office training nine years (office) architecture  
6 years engineering office

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

Dalton J. Schneider  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.

W.B. Shattuck Secretary.  
Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.  
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Chas. Ketting  
Alph. W. Chittenden  
Arthur H. Hockell

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

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October 19th, 1915.

My dear Sir:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt, through Mr. Barrowes, Secretary of the Michigan Chapter, of your application for membership in the Institute.

This will come before the Board of Directors at its meeting in the latter part of November, and after that we shall be pleased to advise you further.

As you have the unanimous endorsement of the Michigan Chapter no exhibits are required prior to consideration by the Board, but at your convenience you should send a remittance of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary Initiation Fee.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. Von Schneider,  
1103 Union Trust Building,  
~~Boj City, Michigan.~~

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January 6, 1916.

Dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective January 5, 1916.

You will receive later, the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year. The former contains the official documents of the Institute.

In accordance with the action of the recent Convention of the Institute with regard to applicants qualifying in 1916, your initiation fee of \$25.00 has been remitted. As you have paid the preliminary fee of \$5.00, the only charge on the Institute books is for dues for the current year. For this item we enclose a formal statement.

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

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. von Schneider,  
1103 Union Trust Bldg.  
Detroit, Mich.

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Washington, D.C.

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November 29, 1926.

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
1920 Ford Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Snyder:

In reply to your letter of November 26th I beg to state we have reserved a single room and bath such as you desire during the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects, reservation to date from December 2nd.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

Manager.

WCO/c

Copy--Mr. E. C. Kemper. ✓

DALTON J. V. SNYDER  
ARCHITECT  
DETROIT

July 24, 1930.

Mr. E.C.Kemper

1741 New York Ave.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

Several letters have aroused my curiosity as to vote on the second Vice - Presidency.

What fine Italian hand conceived the idea of departing from the printed program as to elections. My market quotations on the stock of four men which, before the Convention was away above par is now so low that it never can come back.

As far as the Institute is concerned, I am through. When drinking parties, luncheons, and dinners have to be thrown and unkind gossip about social standings and amount of business done has to be indulged in to get votes, it is disgusting.

When such breaches of ordinary decency are committed to win our elections in the Institute, you may well imagine what happens to a code of ethics where a job is concerned.

I believe the usefulness of the Institute as a help to the man who makes his living at Architecture will never amount to anything. What help, if any, can be obtained by organizations must come from State Societies.

The plan of Washington is important to the profession, also exceedingly important to the Washington Social Climbers,

but it should not be the major activity of the Institute.

The average practitioner is more vitally concerned about things that are helpful to him in his business.


My time henceforth will be devoted to increasing my income as much as possible instead of wasting it on Professional Organizations.

Bergstrom and his Californians and Thomas and the men of Philadelphia have my highest regard and appreciation.

I hope you are having a good summer.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter J. Snyder". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed address.

939 Penobscot Bldg.

Detroit, Michigan.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 31, 1930.

PERSONAL.

My dear D. J. V. S.:

Your personal letter of the 24th came to hand promptly and almost at the end of ten days of unprecedented heat in Washington.

I have been holding it on my desk for a favorable moment in which to reply.

First, let me say that I know you want a frank response, and here it is, as a confidential communication.

The vote for Second Vice-President, as per the tellers' report was as follows:

Horace W. Peaslee, Washington, D.C.	70
Arthur Wallace Rice, Boston, Mass.	55
Dalton J. V. Snyder, Detroit, Mich.	51
Ollie J. Lorehn, Houston, Texas.	45

You have many warm friends and supporters in the Institute and they were greatly disappointed. However, they did not consider the result of the election as a personal reflection on any of the candidates who failed of election, or as an indication of their elimination from the Institute picture.

You were up against a most unusual situation and the outcome was almost inevitable.

Therefore, I join with others in hoping that you are not going to pass up the Institute or become one of the small group whose criticism is destructive, rather than constructive.

I have noted that the younger men in the Institute affairs have to wait a long time for recognition. Of course, there have been some exceptions, but in the main this is true.

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DALTON J. V. SNYDER

July 23, 1954

Dear Mr. Garber:

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The Board has a tentative plan to meet in Detroit in November and Garber has this under consideration with the officers of the Chapter.

I will have an opportunity to see you then and hope that we can have lunch together - where I can speak much more freely than I can write.

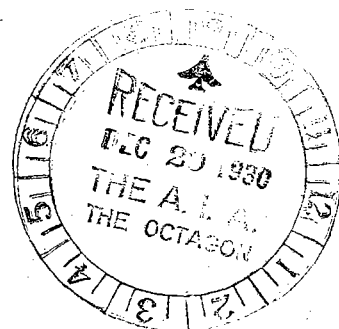
With best personal regards to you and Mrs. Snyder, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
939 Fenwick Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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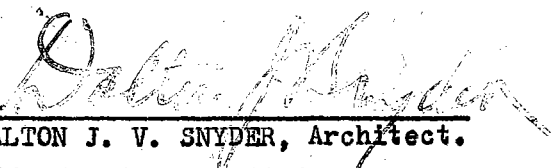
December 26, 1930.

To the Board of Directors,  
American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby tender my resignation from  
membership in the American Institute of Architects,  
effective December 31, 1930.

Very truly yours,

  
DALTON J. V. SNYDER, Architect.  
1023 Penobscot Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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12, January, 1931.

Dalton J. V. Snyder, Esqr.,  
1023 Penobscot Building,  
Detroit, Mich/

My dear Snyder:-

When I returned to Washington a few days ago, after a brief absence over the Holidays, I was much distressed to find your letter of December 26th, addressed to the Board of Directors, in which you tender your resignation from the Institute.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that you have come to the decision that it is necessary for you to pursue this course. I feel this very strongly, not only because of the great loyalty to the Institute which you have always shown in the past, but also because of the high personal regard for you which I know is entertained by so many members of the organization. I am sure that your resignation will be received by them with a sincere feeling of personal loss and genuine regret.

Of course I can only surmise the reasons which have led you to make this decision, and greatly regret that on the few occasions of late when we might have talked over in an intimate manner your personal views regarding the Institute and your relations to it, I have had so much pressure upon my time that it has seemed impossible to find an opportunity for one of our old-time "heart -to-heart" talks. This was particularly true of the recent visit to Detroit, where the work of the Board was so exacting that I was actually prevented from seeing any of my old friends and relatives there.

Nevertheless, I feel that I cannot present your resignation formally to the Board, without first urging you to reconsider your action. Despite the practical and professional discouragements which you have encountered in recent years, I want you to know that your interests and welfare are always a matter of concern to me, and I know you have many staunch friends in the profession who feel the same way. I hope you will reconsider the matter, and shall be delighted if you will write me withdrawing your letter of resignation.

With kind personal remembrances to both Mrs. Snyder and yourself, I am

faithfully yours,

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

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January 14, 1931.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Mr. Baldwin has shown me your letter of December 26th to the Board and a copy of his reply of January 12th to you, about your resignation.

If I may I wish to add my regrets to his, and to say that the submission of your resignation at this time would be a real discouragement in Institute work.

However, I know something of the problem with which you are confronted, and if your resignation must stand it ought to come forward through the Secretary of the chapter and in time for the Executive meeting, about March 1st, but I certainly hope that it will not be received at The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
1023 Penobscot Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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W. PEASLEE, 2nd Vice-President, Washington



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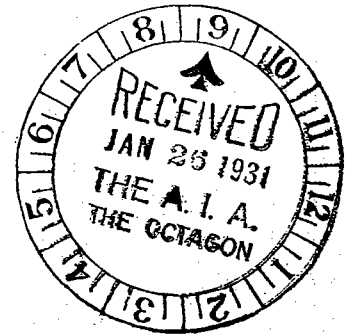
EDWARD C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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GREAT LAKES DIVISION

FREDERICK W. GARBER, DIRECTOR, 4 WEST SEVENTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

January 22, 1931



Mr. Frank C. Baldwin  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

I was in Detroit yesterday attending a Chapter meeting. President Gamber and Secretary Hyde are very much disturbed and nonplussed by Mr. Snyder sending his resignation to you.

I spent some time with Mr. Snyder and no one but his successor in this division can appreciate what he has done for the Institute. He has accomplished wonders, and I fear, at a sacrifice to himself. Gamber and Hyde are emphatic in stating that they do not want him to resign. I have now in my possession the copy of his resignation sent to you. Will you not send me your letter, for me to hold? Yourself, Kemper, Gamber, Hyde and myself, I imagine, are the only ones that know of his resignation.

Snyder has assured me that he would reconsider. If he can be persuaded to remain in the Institute, and I think he can, I should like to destroy his resignation, and consider the matter closed. I assume all responsibility and feel that it can be handled to the satisfaction of all parties herein mentioned and to the good of the Institute.

Yours very cordially,

Frederick W. Garber  
Fifth Regional Director

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January 26, 1931

Dear Mr. Garber:

I have your letter of January 22nd, with respect to resignation from the Institute of Mr. Snyder of Detroit, in which you ask me to send you his letter for you to hold.

Inasmuch as Mr. Snyder's letter of resignation does not carry with it the endorsement or approval of the Detroit Chapter, as required by the By-laws, it is not in form for presentation to or consideration by the Board of Directors, and nothing will be done about it until and unless such approval is received from the Chapter.

In the meantime I have personally written to Mr. Snyder, expressing my sincere and great regret that he contemplates such action, and urging him to reconsider it. I have received a reply in which he leads me to believe that he will not press his resignation.

Personally, I think that it is a case of great discouragement over a situation which falls far short of his ideals, and I entertain the hope that when he comes to realize the high esteem in which his services for the Institute have been held, and the high regard in which he is personally held by many members of the Institute, he will feel differently about it.

With kind regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Frederick W. Garber, Director,  
Great Lakes Division, A. I. A.,  
616 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

FCB:FHG

*Copy of my letter to Snyder is enclosed.*

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My dear Snyder:

Your personal letter to me, in which you expressed yourself freely on the unpleasant situation in the Detroit Chapter, is at hand and I am replying without direct reference to any specific points therein.

In the first place, I must say that you have my very sincere sympathy and a thorough appreciation of your reasons for feeling discouraged. It is a sad contrast with the fine spirit which used to prevail in the old Michigan Chapter, when ideals appeared to mean something and most of the members lived up to them. I can not help but feel that the whole situation with regard to the way the architects are behaving in Detroit (and the situation is almost as bad in many other parts of the country) is but a part and parcel of the general failure of ideals in all walks of life. Detroit is suffering from the same disease of corruption, bootleggers, immorality, graft, etc., that has attacked other large cities and its reflex on general business morality is undoubtedly at the bottom of the conditions which distress you so greatly.

While the Institute has probably failed to meet its opportunities for help to the full extent that might be desired, I do not think it would be fair to charge the Institute with entire responsibility in the matter. After all, it seems to me that the only hope of bringing about better conditions lies in the members who still retain their ideals and are willing to fight the battle and uphold the Institute's standards, irrespective of discouragements and personal sacrifices.

I feel that those who say they can not remain members of the Institute because of the unfair competition by others (whether Institute members or not), are not only weakening the Institute's influence, but are lowering their own standards and must do so at a certain loss of self-respect.

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up your letter of resignation and stating his belief that you could be induced to reconsider your action. In this connection I wish to call your attention to the fact that under the By-Laws a resignation can not be considered by the Board or the Executive Committee until it has been endorsed or approved by the Executive Committee of the chapter. As we have received no notice of such Chapter action, your letter is of course not in shape for presentation to the Executive Committee, which will meet early in March, and I shall do nothing further about the matter. In the meantime I sincerely hope that we may have a letter from you stating that you do not wish to resign and requesting a withdrawal of the letter you have already written.

I would give anything for an opportunity to talk this matter over with you personally and at length, but as this is impossible I beg that you will feel assured that my personal interest in you remains as it always has been—most genuine.

With warm regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
1732 Burlingame Street,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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P.S. - I enclose copy of letter which I have written to Mr. Garber, and I am sending him a copy of this letter.

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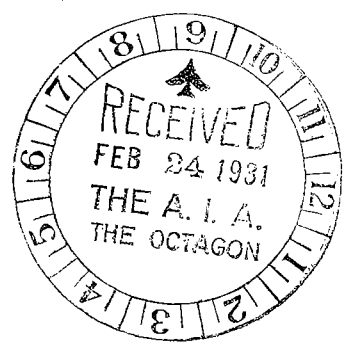
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DALTON J. V. SNYDER  
ARCHITECT  
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February 20, 1931.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
1756 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed,

I have neglected to answer your kind letter of January 14, 1931 because I felt that I might have a change, "of state of mind", as yet I have not.

I am somewhat surprised and of course pleased that so many have shown their interest in me.

Of course if I could retain Institute membership and resign only from the Chapter there would be no question.

Mrs. Snyder has been more hurt than I about some things, but she insists that I stay in the Organization. These women generally have their own way you know.

Hope Mrs. Kemper and yourself are well and happy.

With Best Regards from both of us.

Sincerely yours,

*Dalton J. Snyder*

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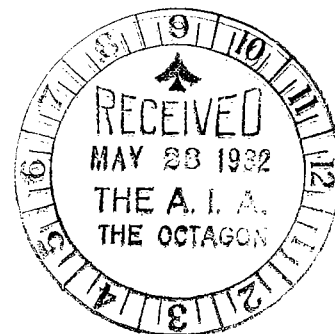
ARTHUR K. HYDE, A. I. A., Secretary

~~901 WOODWARD BUILDING~~

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318 Woodward Boulevard Building

May 21, 1932



Mr. Edward C. Kemper  
c/o The Octagon  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The enclosed copies of letters to Messrs. Kotting and Snyder explain recent action of the Board of Directors of the Chapter.

Our action with respect to Mr. Kotting now corresponds with the action of the Institute.

Mr. Snyder was called upon personally by the Chairman of our Membership Committee with the idea of persuading him to re-consider his resignation. His relations with the Chapter are apparently friendly and his reason for resigning is purely financial.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur K. Hyde*

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Two enclosures.

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318 Woodward Boulevard Building

May 20, 1932

Mr. Dalton F. V. Snyder  
3143 Union Guardian Building  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Snyder:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects May 19th, your resignation of March 30th was accepted with regrets.

With the return of business, we hope you will find it possible to apply for re-instatement in the Institute and renew your Chapter affiliations.

Yours very truly,

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Copy to Edward C. Kemper  
" " Branson V. Gamber  
" " Aloys F. Herman

*over for  
1931 and 1932 dues  
F.H.G.*

*Mr. Bd*

May 24, 1932

Dear Mr. Hyde:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 21st, and the enclosed copies of letters to Messrs. Kotting and Snyder.

We have noted for our records that your Chapter has taken action in accepting the resignation of Mr. Charles Kotting, to agree with the action taken by the Board of Directors of the Institute.

The resignation of Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder is received with much regret. It seems that your Chapter has done everything that can be done to persuade him to continue his membership, and the only thing remaining is to submit his resignation to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Would you please forward a copy of Mr. Snyder's letter of resignation to complete the files of this office?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Arthur K. Hyde, Secretary,  
Detroit Chapter, A. I. A.,  
318 Woodward Boulevard Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

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March 30 - 1932

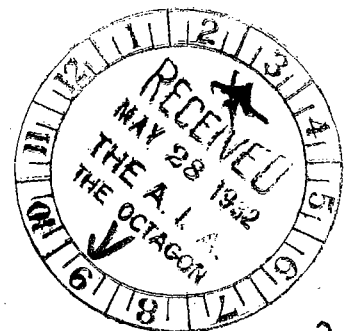
Mr. Arthur K. Hyde  
Secretary Detroit Chapter A.I.A.  
318 Woodward Boulevard Building  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I wish to present my resignation from membership  
in the Detroit Chapter A.I.A.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Dalton J. V. Snyder



*E. J. ...*

June 1, 1932

Dear Mr. Hyde:

This will acknowledge the receipt of and thank you for the copy of the resignation from membership in the Institute and the Detroit Chapter as submitted by Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder, sent to this office to complete our files in the case.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Arthur K. Hyde, Secretary,  
Detroit Chapter, A. I. A.,  
318 Woodward Boulevard Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

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January 26, 1933

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This is the first opportunity since the Executive Committee meeting to write to you with regard to your resignation.

The Executive Committee refused to accept it, and directed that if by the end of 1933 business conditions have not improved for the profession, and if you feel then that the resignation must stand, it will be accepted by the Executive Committee as of December 31, 1932 - with no charge for you for Institute dues for the year 1933.

The Institute cannot afford to lose your membership and your support in these times, and it is hoped very much that you will be willing to carry on under the conditions stated above.

A copy of this letter is enclosed and it will be appreciated if you will transmit it, or its substance, to the Secretary of the Detroit Chapter, Mr. Arthur K. Hyde; or, if you prefer, we will write to him direct.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
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Detroit, Michigan.

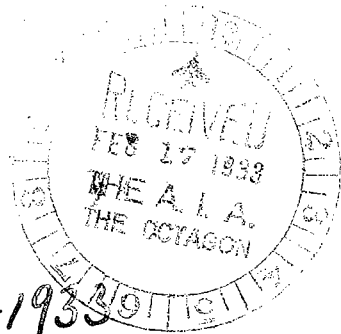
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Feb. 9-1933

Mr. E. C. Kemper  
1741 New York Ave  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter of January 16-1933 received and the information was interesting. To say the least I do not know where I am at. Two years ago I tried to resign from the Institute and that evidently fell by the wayside. Last February I resigned from the Chapter and it was accepted. Last June I wrote Begetron and he said I was still a member, now your letter.

I never wished to withdraw from the Institute, but I did not wish to have the Institute and Chapter dues pile up and get myself further in debt.

When Wilcox asked me to serve on his committee I told him that I was not in good standing. but that evidently did not bother him.

I feel that it would be best if you wrote Secretary Hyde direct

Yours truly  
D. J. Snyder

DALTON J. V. SNYDER  
ARCHITECT  
3143 UNION GUARDIAN BUILDING  
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Dear E. C.

While the past two years have been very kind to me in a business way it has taken all of it for living expenses and to pay for the dead horses of 1929. I have resigned from all organizations and cut expenses to the bone and one good commission would put me in the clear again. I have had one small job since August and everything is quiet now. I had a nice job lined up for this month, but the tax talk in Washington + our State Capital has stopped it. if no crazy legislation is enacted I have hopes that the work will proceed when Congress packs up + goes home I hope they adjourn for 50 years then possibly we could get somewhere.

With Best Regards to the Kemper Family  
from both of us.

Sincerely Yours.

Dalton J. Snyder



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February 21, 1933.

Dear Dalton:

Your two letters of February 9th came to hand, but this is the first opportunity to respond.

We are reduced here to a skeleton organization and letters must take their turn.

Have written to Mr. Hyde, as per the enclosed copy, which I hope you will find satisfactory.

Everybody is counting on an improvement next fall, so please maintain your appointment on the Special Committee on Taxation, and please look forward to better days which will assure your continued affiliation with the Institute and the Chapter. Neither organization can afford to lose you.

With best personal regards to you and Mrs. Snyder, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder, A.I.A.,  
3143 Union Guardian Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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February 21, 1933.

Dear Mr. Hyde:

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder, of Detroit, a Past Director of the Institute, submitted his resignation.

It was considered by the Executive Committee at its November meeting, and was not accepted because the Committee did not wish to lose from the Institute and the Detroit Chapter the support and affiliation of Mr. Snyder.

We so advised him, and he responded in a letter of February 9, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Under the action of the Executive Committee, Mr. Snyder's membership is to be carried on the active list during 1933, and if he feels at the end of the current year that the resignation must stand, it will be accepted as of December 31, 1932, without any charge for dues for the year 1933.

In view of this record, please advise if the Detroit Chapter concurs, and if it can take the same action as did the Institute Executive Committee.

May we not hear from you prior to the Board meeting, in Washington on March 15th?

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Arthur K. Hyde, Secretary,  
Detroit Chapter, A. I. A.,  
318 Woodward Boulevard Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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Messrs.  
Gamber  
Hewitt  
Russell  
Bergstrom

April 21, 1933.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

With reference to previous correspondence:

Herewith is copy of letter of this date to Mr. Hyde,  
Secretary of the Detroit Chapter.

We all hope very much that you will act in accordance  
with the Board's resolution for the remission of dues, as  
printed in the April OCTAGON.

Now that we have started up from the bottom, we need  
more than ever your support in the work of building up the  
profession.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder, A. I. A.,  
3143 Union Guardian Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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January 18, 1934

My dear Mr. Snyder:

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute, your resignation was reported, but was not acted upon.

The members of the Committee did not want to lose your support of the Institute and the Detroit Chapter at this critical time for the architectural profession.

In view of the recommendation of the Committee, to be made to the Convention, that the dues be reduced and that old accounts be adjusted, it is hoped that you can find it possible to continue your membership.

Please refer to President Russell's letter of January 1st and the statement of your account which accompanied it.

There will be a meeting of the Board in early May, in advance of the Convention. It is specially requested that you advise us to your wishes in this matter - that is, shall your resignation stand, or will you continue with the Institute and the Chapter under the new conditions?

We hope very much that you can respond favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
3143 Union Guardian Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

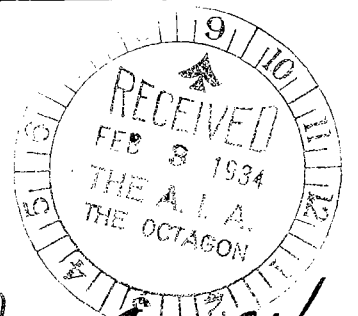
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DALTON J. V. SNYDER  
ARCHITECT  
3143 UNION GUARDIAN BUILDING  
DETROIT



CHERRY 5329

Mr. E. C. Kemper  
1741 New York Ave  
Washington D. C.

Jan 30-34.

Dear Ed—

Of course I wish to continue my membership in the Institute.

I think the action of the Board on the dues question is commendable and in the right direction, in fact I think the officers have done a great job in keeping the ship afloat during the past 3 years.

But how am I going to get the money. No work for eighteen months. Have had several fine prospects that have developed almost to the go ahead stage and then been held up for various reasons. Therefore the bank account is awful thin.

While other lines of endeavor seem to be picking up I wonder what is going to happen to building. Possibly the ideas engendered by the C. W. A may hurt the profession.

Have been unable to get on the C. W. A. line, a lot of the fellows are working on it, but I cannot connect. For some reason or other. The present Chapter pilots keep things pretty much among themselves. But \$8.00 or \$10.00 per day would come in very handy now to me.

Hope you & yours are well & happy.

With Best Personal Regards.

Sincerely D. V. Snyder

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February 8, 1934

Dear Dalton:

It was good to hear from you again, and gratifying to learn that you will continue with your membership in the Institute and the Detroit Chapter if circumstances warrant.

With the signing of the Construction Industry Code, and the possibility of the signing of the Architects' Code before long, it is our hope that construction work will pick up.

The general Code will be published in the February number of The Octagon, which will be mailed in a few days.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
3143 Union Guardian Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

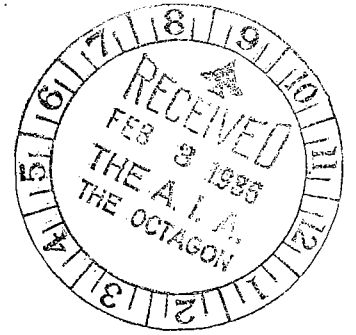
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CHERRY 5329



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

Dear Mr. Kemper -

Much to my regret I am unable to pay  
my delinquent dues to the Institute.

I had hoped that I would be able to  
get something going long before this, but  
I have not been successful. I had  
hopes from day to day to get a break, hence  
the delay in writing you

Yours Very Truly  
Dalton J. Snyder

Jan 31-1936

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Mr. Kempner.

Dear Ed.

I have had a rather discouraging time. Have made setups for a number of projects in the last two years, that have looked very good and then faded away, if 25% of the work had proceeded I could be comfortable for 5 years. They were on the face of things very good gambles, but the income did not more than balance the expenses.

Please excuse the pencil but the ink has run out.

Hope you are in good health.

With Best Personal Regards.

Sincerely Yours.

Dalton J. Snyder



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February 10, 1936.

Dear Dalton:

This is the first minute in which to respond to your formal letter of January 31, and your personal note.

We have been hoping all along that things would improve and that you would find it possible to stay in.

We can accept as little as \$5.00 on account, with a note for the balance.

In the hope that this suggestion might be of some service, we enclose a note, dated January 31, and payable December 31, without interest. The return of this note and a check for \$5.00 will keep you in good standing for the balance of the year. By that time business may be very much better than it is now.

With best regards, and hoping to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

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Enclosure - 1

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder, Architect  
3143 Union Guardian Building  
Detroit, Michigan

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February 20, 1936.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

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.

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Enclosure

✓  
Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder  
3143 Union Guardian Building  
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Detroit, Michigan

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July 6-1937.

Dear Ed. -

Had to give up trying to run an office so have a position with the above named outfit.

Things went from bad to worse and finally a year ago in April Loretta could not stand the strain and had a cerebral hemorrhage, which nearly finished her, all due to worry over our condition. She is able to walk a short distance now but after 15 months progress seems distressingly slow, and I get discouraged at the outlook, but we are still hopeful that every thing will be all right.

Miss the Convent, & associates;  
Hope you & your family are  
well and things are going good  
with you.  
Yours truly, Dallas W. King

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*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text]*

July 7, 1937.

Dear Dalton:

It was good to hear from you again, but distressing to know of the illness of Mrs. Snyder.

I am hoping that she will make a complete recovery and that by the time of the next Convention - in New Orleans, in the spring of 1938 - we can have both of you with us again.

I am writing in a separate letter - the usual routine one - about reinstatement.

With best regards

Sincerely yours,

ECK\*B

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
care Russell Engineering Corporation,  
Shelby Street Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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*How many of these...*

Dropped for non-payment dues 12-31-35.

Owed dues for 1931-33, 1934 and 1935 - \$55.00

Also see resolution <sup>(296-E-11-33 -</sup> 376-E-11-32 - which was taken before dues for period 1931-3 were reduced.

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July 6, 1937.

*P.C. attached*  
*DJ:*

Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed is copy of letter sent to Mr. Chester Sorenson, Secretary Detroit Chapter, asking for reinstatement in the Chapter.

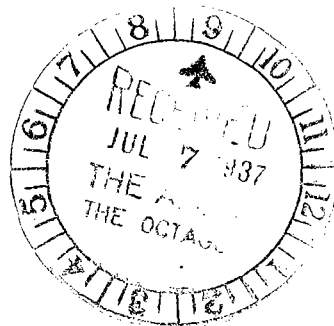
As you know, I resigned from Chapter but Institute membership was kept going so do not know how I stand.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



DJS:n



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July 6, 1937.

Mr. N. Chester Sorenson,  
Secretary Detroit Chapter A. I. A.,  
Industrial Bank Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I would like to be restored to membership in  
the Detroit Chapter and Institute.

The outlook is such that I feel that I can  
carry along but as yet would be unable to assume very much  
of a burden in back dues.

Please let me know what the requirements are.

Yours very truly,

DJS:n

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*Handwritten signature*

July 10, 1937

Mr. S. C. Kemper,  
Dear Mr. Snyder:

American Institute of Architects  
This is in further response to your letter of July 6th, concerning reinstatement.

According to the record at The Octagon your Institute membership lapsed on December 31, 1935. At that time the indebtedness for dues in arrears was as follows:

1931-1933..	\$25.00	(after deducting \$50.00 under the
1934.....	15.00	Board resolution)
1935.....	15.00	
	<u>\$55.00</u>	- Total

If you will send a check for this amount, plus \$20.00 for dues for the first year of reinstatement, plus the initiation fee of \$5.00, we can promptly restore you to good standing in The Institute and the Chapter - subject to a letter from the Detroit Chapter that any outstanding chapter dues have been adjusted to its satisfaction.

This is the required procedure under the By-law provisions, and is being observed by many members who are now coming back into The Institute.

We hope very much that you will renew your affiliation with The Institute and the Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

K/G

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. Dalton J. V. Snyder,  
C/o Russell Engineering Corporation,  
Shelby Street Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

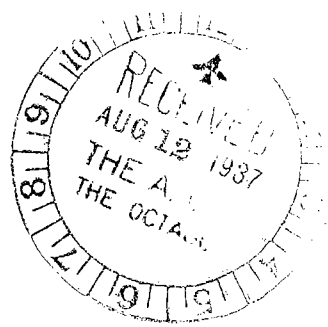
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August 11, 1937



*File*

Mr. E. C. Kemper  
Executive Secretary  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In reply to your letter of July 10, 1937 regarding restoration of my membership in the Institute, I regret to say that it will be impossible for me to pay the sum of eighty dollars at this time.

The firm has offered to assume part of this reinstatement charge, but not a sufficient amount to make it possible for me to handle the balance. There are so many dead horses to carry now, that my budget has very little margin.

As I have not heard from the Secretary of Detroit Chapter, I enclose a copy of statement I received from the Treasurer of the Chapter in 1932, which does not show any Chapter dues in arrears. To the best of my knowledge there are no back dues there. Possibly you recall that I resigned from Institute on December 26, 1930 when I was persuaded against my better judgement not to push it through, but the Chapter resignation was accepted in March 1932.

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In view of the circumstances I will have to let the matter rest until such time as finances are in better condition.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*D. J. V. Snyder*

D. J. V. Snyder

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STATEMENT

Member D. J. V. Snyder  
Dues for year 1936 Resigned - Mar 30 1937  
Credit as per resolution of Jan 18, 1934  
Net dues for year 1936  
Dues in arrears  
Total

D. H. Williams, Jr., Treasurer  
1383 Somerset, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Dues in arrears to the national body  
The American Institute of Architects  
as reported to this Chapter by  
E. O. Fowler, Executive Secretary and  
payable to same

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