

*Fee not required*  
Application for Membership

*Mar 11*, 19 *20*

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name *Edwin Joseph Symmes*  
Address *1700 Pearl Street Alameda California*  
Place and date of birth *California Feb. 14, 1883*  
Graduate in architecture *University of California 1909 B.S.*  
Holder of Scholarship in architecture *no*

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Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts *no*

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter *San Francisco*

If practicing architect, firm name *Edwin Symmes Architect*

Have been in practice *five* years

If draughtsman, employed by *no*

Collegiate and office training *4 years University of Cal. 5 years as draughtsman with Bliss & Faville and Wm C. Hays. 1 year supervising architect*

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.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

*Edwin Symmes*  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the *San Francisco*

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date *Dec. 21, 1916*

*Mount M Bruce* Secretary.  
*San Francisco* Chapter, A. I. A.

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.

- (1) *Wm C. Cottary*
- (2) *Arthur Brown*
- (3) *[Signature]*

Prelim. Fee *24.50 4/29/20*  
Initiation *none*  
Unan. End *no*  
Exhibits *no*  
On Priv. Com. of *August 5, 1920*

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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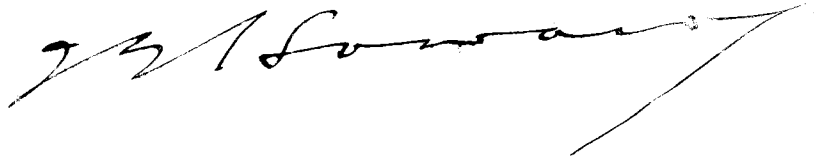
William Stanley Parker, Esq.,  
Secretary, A.I.A.  
Octagon House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I notice that Edwin Joseph Symmes is proposed for Institute membership. I have known Mr. Symmes for some ten or fifteen years, ever since he began the study of architecture, and have the highest regard for his character and ability. He is just the right material for the A.I.A.

Hoping he will be elected, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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

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September 13, 1920.

Dear Sirs:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective September 10, 1920.

You will receive under separate cover the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Convention, the Year Book for 1920, and a bound set of the ethical documents of the Institute.

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

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid, and election becomes void for non-payment within three months of this date.

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

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edwin Joseph Symmes,  
1700 Pearl Street,  
Alameda, California.

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Enclosure.

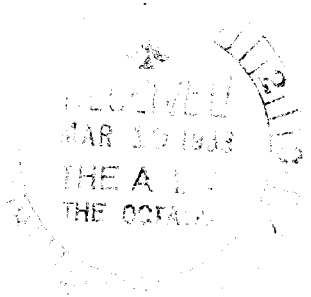
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EDWIN J. SYMMES  
ARCHITECT  
215 HABERFELDE BLDG.  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.  
PHONE 688-W

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March 4, 1933

American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon  
Washington D.C.  
Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer.  
Gentlemen:-



Owing to the conditions confronting me at present I find it necessary to ask you to accept my resignation as a member of the American Institute of Architects.

I still hope however to maintain my membership in the San Francisco Chapter, although I have not been able to attend meetings for several years on account of my distance from San Francisco.

I realize and appreciate the benefits accruing to the profession through the National Association, and it is only because it becomes necessary that I must withdraw my financial support at the present time.

Very truly yours  
Edwin Symmes.

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*Edwin J. Symmes*

May 8, 1933.

Dear Mr. Symmes:

We were indeed sorry to receive your letter of March 4th, tendering your resignation from the Institute.

As you know, severance of Institute Membership also carries with it termination of Chapter Membership.

A resignation must come through the Secretary of your Chapter - Mr. James H. Mitchell, 369 Pine Street, San Francisco.

The next meeting at which it can be acted upon will be that of the Executive Committee on or about November 1st.

In the meantime, we hope that business conditions will so improve that you will be able to continue.

The Institute greatly needs at this time the encouragement and moral support which it derives from the membership of men like yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edwin J. Symmes, Architect,  
215 Haberfelde Building,  
Bakersfield, California.

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cc- Mr. Mitchell, Secy. No. Calif. Chapter, A.I.A.  
Mr. David J. Witmer, Director, Sierra Nevada Div. A.I.A.

# American Institute of Architects

## Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

E. C. K.

James H. Mitchell    October 31, 1933

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The attached copy of our letter of this date to Mr. Edwin J. Symmes, with regard to his resignation submitted some time ago, is self-explanatory.

Will you not let us know if Mr. Symmes has submitted his ~~application~~ <sup>resignation</sup> through the Chapter, and whether the Chapter has taken any action with regard to his status?

Sincerely yours,

K/g  
Enc.

November 6, 1933

Extraact from letter from the Secretary of the Northern California Chapter:

In the matter of the resignation of \* \* \* Mr. Edwin J. Symmes, there has been delay on the part of the Chapter in hopes of persuading him to change his attitude. However, I expect to have the final word to you by the 15th for the Board to act therein.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 20, 1933

Dear Mr. Symes:

We have learned with much gratification, from the Secretary of the Northern California Chapter, that you have withdrawn your resignation from membership in the Institute and the Chapter.

This evidence of your wish to continue your support of your profession and the Institute as greatly appreciated by the Officers and Directors, and is indeed encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Edwin J. Symes,  
215 Haberfelde Building,  
Bakersfield, Calif.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
369 PINE STREET · SAN FRANCISCO



Sept. 20-1935

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

This will inform you of the death  
of Mr. Edwin J. Symmes on September 10, 1935.

Sincerely yours,

*James H. Mitchell*  
Secretary.

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