



121 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.
October 19 1951.

The Jury on Fellowship,
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It gives me much satisfaction to recommend my friend, Mr. James W. O'Connor, for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known him for many years and have had ample opportunity to observe his modesty in respect to his achievements. I have also come to the conclusion that he is one of those rather unusual people, whose chief enjoyment, in life, lies in the practice of architecture!

He is a graduate of Columbia University and the Ecole des Beaux Arts, in Paris, and has a record of something over a thousand individual structures to his credit. Among these are buildings for Manhattan College, Fordham University, the Church of St. Nicholas Tolentino, in the Bronx, and several office buildings for the W.R. Grace Company in New York, London and Lima, Peru. Also many charming examples of domestic architecture, in this country, all designed with unusual skill and with due regard for regional tradition. His accepted project for the new hospital, to be erected on Welfare Island, is an inspiring conception and can be considered his most important work.

In the light of this record I believe Mr. O'Connor to be entirely deserving of the honor of fellowship in the Institute and, as such, recommend him to your most favorable consideration.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Howard Greenley, F.A.I.A.

VOORHEES WALKER FOLEY & SMITH
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17

October 22, 1951

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Edgar Williams tells me that James O'Connor of New York as been proposed for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. O'Connor for twenty-five years. I have had the opportunity to observe his work and believe him to be very worthy of advancement to the Fellowship. He is an outstanding designer of country houses and has taken an active interest in the affairs of the New York Chapter of the Institute and the Architectural League in New York.

Sincerely,



Ralph Walker

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October 22, 1951

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

Gentlemen:

As the New York Chapter is proposing James W. O'Connor for advancement to Fellowship, I would like to add my personal endorsement to his name.

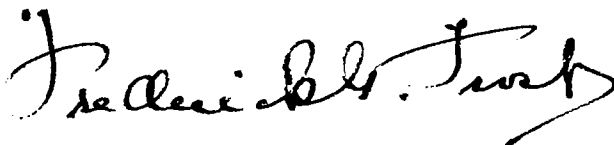
Mr. O'Connor I have known since we were students in the Ecole des Beaux Arts. When he came back from Paris, he went with McKim, Mead & White for a few years and later with Schikel & Ditmar. Upon opening his own practice, the residential field offered him his first opportunity. This work, principally in Long Island and the South, has a consistent quality and charm. In 1948 he received the medal for domestic work from the Architectural League of New York.

As his practice broadened, educational and religious buildings were added, many of which bear a distinctive character.

He has rendered service to both the Chapter and the Architectural League by serving on many committees. He also has served as trustee for the Beaux Arts Institute of Design.

It is for these reasons I believe him to be good material for advancement to fellowship.

Yours sincerely,



Frederick G. Frost

FGF/md

EDGAR WILLIAMS
ARCHITECT
126 EAST 38TH STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

October 23, 1951

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

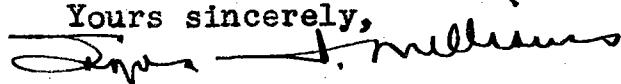
This letter is to endorse the candidacy
of James W. O'Connor for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known him for more than twenty years
and I am familiar with his work. Fourteen years ago
I was a member of a jury which awarded him the Silver
Medal of the Architectural League of New York for out-
standing work in domestic architecture. I recall the
comment of the late Paul Cret, also a member of the
Jury, that his residences seemed to attach themselves
to the soil with grace and charm.

Jimmy O'Connor was not a joiner and it was
not until 1941 that we succeeded in bringing him into
the Institute. I have never heard him make a speech.
When The League gave him its President's Medal in 1948
he said he was too scared to speak.

He is a really fine architect, one worthy of
Fellowship and I urge his advancement with the most
earnest feeling of satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



Edgar I. Williams.

TAYLOR AND LEVI, ARCHITECTS
105 WEST 40TH STREET . . . NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
JULIAN CLARENCE LEVI, F. A. I. A.

October 18, 1951

The Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

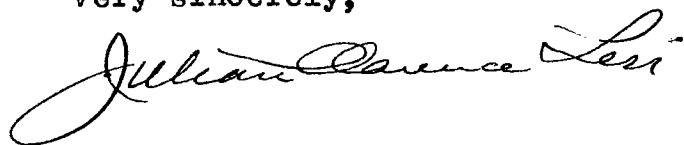
The nomination to Fellowship in the A.I.A. of James O'Connor by the New York Chapter has just come to my attention.

I hasten to endorse this nomination. I have known him for over 50 years. We were fellow students at Columbia and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. We have been continuously in touch with each other during our professional lives. I am therefore in a position to vouch for his sterling character as a man and his competence as an architect.

You surely have the details of his practice on file with the nomination. I will therefore merely state that his buildings for Manhattan College and for Fordham University, his St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx, his work for W.R. Grace Co. in New York, London and Lima, his many fine residences all give visual proof of the high quality of his work.

It is my firm conviction that by advancing him to Fellowship you will be doing justice to the high qualities of a fellow member.

Very sincerely,



JCL:n

HENRY S. WATERBURY F. A. I. A.
ALEXANDER McILVAINE A. I. A.
JOHN W. WATERBURY A. I. A.

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WM. ADAMS DELANO F. A. I. A.
ADVISORY ARCHITECT

October 19, 1951

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects,
1742 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is an honor to endorse the action of the Committee of the New York Chapter in nominating Mr. James W. O'Connor as a Fellow of the Institute.

For many years I have known Mr. O'Connor and his work and have appreciated him as a man of exceptional talent.

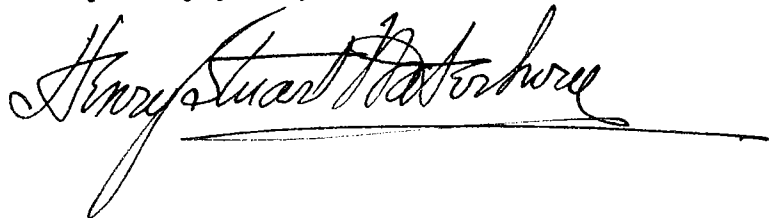
His many charming residences dotting Long Island; his business structures for the Grace Line, and the extensive church work he has executed, all give evidence of his unusual ability.

He has been active in the educational efforts of the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design since its early days, and is the recipient of many Architectural awards.

His name, I feel, should grace the roster of Fellows of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

HSW/r

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Stuart Waterbury", written in black ink. The signature is positioned below the typed name and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

CAMERON CLARK

F. A. I. A.
ARCHITECT

MERWIN'S LANE
SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT

101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

October 18 1951.

Attention The Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

For many years I have admired the residential work of James W. O'Connor. The exceptional beauty of detail and superb proportions plus his wonderful good taste have been its outstanding qualities.

Later when I got to know him personally I found that his standards of professional practice were of the highest.

I feel that the Institute will be highly honored by advancing this superb Architect to Fellowship.

Very sincerely,



Cameron Clark.

HENRY S. WATERBURY F. A. I. A.
ALEXANDER McILVAINE A. I. A.
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ADVISORY ARCHITECT

October 18, 1951.

The Jury of Fellows,
The American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. James W. O'Connor has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Considering the great amount of his work, and its fine character, it seems extraordinary that he has not long since been a Fellow.

I have known Mr. O'Connor for many years and value his friendship. He is a distinguished gentleman. I append a page giving a list of some of his work and other activities, which information no doubt has already been submitted by his proposer.

As Mr. O'Connor is far from well, it would seem appropriate that he receive this honor at the present time. I sincerely hope that he may be admitted to Fellowship.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm Adams Delano

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enc.

LIST OF SOME OF THE BUILDINGS DESIGNED EITHER BY MR. JAMES W. O'CONNOR,
PERSONALLY, OR BY THE FIRM OF O'CONNOR & DELANEY, OF WHICH HE IS SENIOR
PARTNER.

Manhattan College:
Entire group of seven buildings

Fordham University:
Cardinal Spellman Hall; Collins Auditorium; St. John's,
St. Robert's and Bishop's Halls; New Campus Studio Apart-
ments - Dormitory

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church:
Award - best building in Bronx 1931 - O'Connor & Delaney

W. R. Grace & Company buildings: New York; London; Lima, Peru.

Tuberculosis and Contagious Diseases Hospital,
Welfare Island, New York City - for Department of Public Works.

Atlantic & Pacific S. S. Building, New York City:
Award - best building Downtown - 1923.

Mr. O'Connor is a member of The Architectural League of New York and was
awarded its Silver Medal for Domestic Architecture in 1936, and its
President's Medal in 1948 for collaboration with the other arts.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Beaux-Arts Institute of
Design from 1937-1940.

He served as delegate from the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design to the
Council of The Fine Arts Federation from 1942 for several years.

He was a member of the Committee on Education of the Beaux-Arts Institute
of Design and Secretary of that organization from 1925-26

WILLIAM GEHRON
ARCHITECT
101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, 17

WILLIAM GEHRON, F.A.I.A.
HOWARD R. HUTCHINSON, A.I.A.

October 17, 1951

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue N.W.,
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

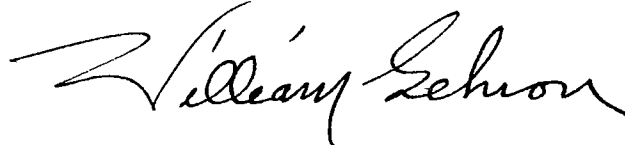
It gives me great pleasure to recommend for your favorable consideration, Mr. James O'Connor as a candidate for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have been acquainted with Mr. O'Connor for the past twenty-five years and have had the opportunity to familiarize myself with his work in architecture during that time. He has received a number of awards for distinctive work and has been recognized by the award in 1936 of the Silver Medal for Domestic Architecture and in 1948 of the President's Metal of the Architectural League of New York.

I consider Mr. O'Connor's accomplishments in the field of architectural design as truly outstanding. I have seen many of his executed projects and also photographs of a good deal of his work from time to time. All of his work has the touch of an expert hand and a sensitive spirit of great distinction.

I therefore strongly recommend him for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



WG/BA

R. B. O'CONNOR AND W. H. KILHAM, JR. ° ARCHITECTS
101 PARK AVENUE ° NEW YORK 17, N. Y. ° MURRAY HILL 5-1272

ASSOCIATES

C. A. COCHRAN
T. B. TEMPLE
C. H. KOOP
H. F. SEITZ
R. de RHAM
R. M. BEDER

October 22, 1951

Jury of Fellows
New York Chapter
American Institute of Architects
115 East 40th Street
New York 17, New York

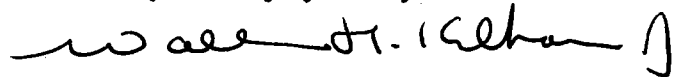
Gentlemen:

In the absence of Mr. O'Connor, I am taking the liberty of writing in behalf of Robert Hutchins who, I understand, is under consideration as a candidate for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

I have also known the candidate for a great number of years and believe him qualified in every way. His work in design is outstanding and, as is well known, he was the winner of the Goucher College Competition a few years ago. The buildings resulting from this award came out extremely well. In addition to his work in design, including a good many schools and colleges, he also has a great interest in education and devotes a great deal of time to it. In fact, he is now a member of the Registered Board of the State of New York.

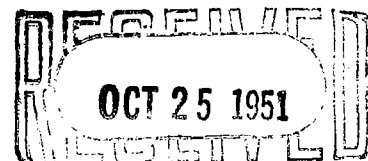
With his outstanding ability and devotion to the interests of the profession, he certainly deserves a Fellowship in the Institute and will continue to make valued contributions in the years to come.

Very truly yours,



W. H. Kilham, Jr.

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IN. Y. CHAPTER A. I. A.

HARVEY WILEY CORBETT
ARCHITECT
THREE HUNDRED FOURTH AVENUE
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HARVEY WILEY CORBETT F.A.I.A.F.R.I.B.A.
JAMES J. BACON
ARTHUR E. COONEY

October 15th.1951

ATTENTION THE JURY OF FELLOWS
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, 6, D.C.

Gentlemen;

I understand that the New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, has nominated James O'Connor to be advanced to Fellowship in the Institute.


In the field of achievement in construction and in service to the Institute he has been outstanding. Mr O'Connor has been doing exceptionally high grade work notably in the residential classification. At the moment he is engaged in the development of the Tuberculosis - Center in New York for The City of New York

He has given of his time and talents in many of our professional Associations, notably in the Beaux Arts Society and the Architectural League. He has received distinctive honors from both Architectural League and the Institute - having received the Silver Medal for Design work and the Presidents Medal from the League

His modesty in the Profession is refreshing. I feel he deserved recognition as a Fellow in the Institute years ago.

I certainly trust The Jury of Fellows will consider his nomination seriously.

Very sincerely,


Harvey Wiley Corbett

KAHN AND JACOBS, *Architects*

ELY JACQUES KAHN, F. A. I. A.
ROBERT ALLAN JACOBS, A. I. A.
JAMES B. NEWMAN, A. I. A.-A. S. C. E.

TWO PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

October 8, 1951

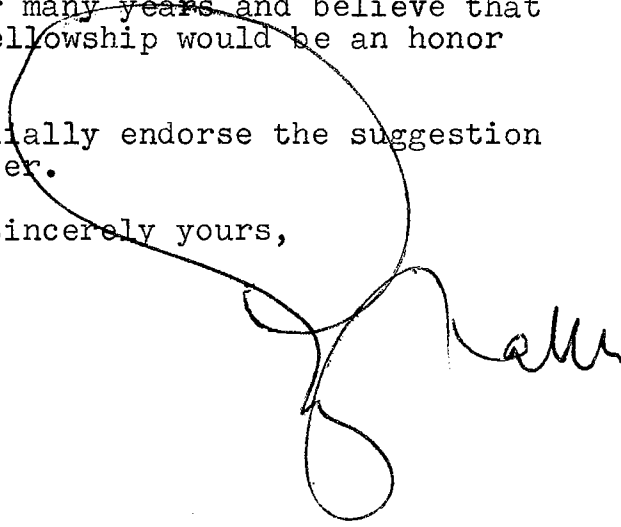
Attention The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been acquainted with the work
of James O'Connor for many years and believe that
his advancement to Fellowship would be an honor
to the Institute.

I most cordially endorse the suggestion
of the New York Chapter.

Sincerely yours,



Ely Jacques Kahn

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O'Connor

HOLDEN, McLAUGHLIN & ASSOCIATES

Architects & Engineers

570 LEXINGTON AVENUE

New York 22 • MUrray Hill 8-5620

October 29, 1951

H. Daland Chandler, Chairman
Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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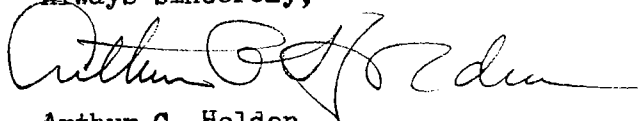
Subject: Nomination of James W. O'Connor

Dear Daland:

I am writing to second the nomination of James W. O'Connor for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

He has designed some of the finest residences erected in the metropolitan area. He is a high-caliber, cultivated man, an architect of standing, and in every way worthy of advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Always sincerely,



Arthur C. Holden

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FRANCIS KEALLY AND HOWARD S. PATTERSON
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS

FRANCIS KEALLY, F.A.I.A.
HOWARD S. PATTERSON, A.I.A.

KENNETH S. CARR
JOHN ENGLAND, JR.
GEORGE W. THOMPSON
HERBERT T. JOHNSON, A.I.A.
LOUIS FENTNOR, JR.

17 EAST 49TH STREET
NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK
PLAZA 9-2803

October 9, 1951

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In connection with James O'Connor's nomination for advancement to Fellowship, I consider it a privilege to say something in behalf of this worthy candidate.

For many years, James O'Connor has been quietly creating beautiful estates on Long Island that possess great charm and individuality, and reflect the heart and mind of a cultured artist. I feel sure that his exhibits will confirm this statement.

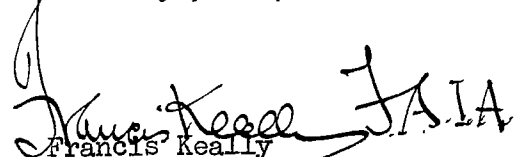
This candidate has never publicized himself but, on the contrary, he has quietly carried on a practice over the years that can be called substantial and noteworthy from every point of view.

His true modesty and the very fineness of his mind are qualities that are refreshing in these days of rapidly changing styles and "isms". What a pleasant experience to come upon a truly American Architect doing distinguished American Architecture for cultured American clients.

I always think of James O'Connor as an architect who has never been willing to accept a compromise during his entire professional career, a record that reflects credit upon the whole profession at large.

I sincerely hope that the Jury of Fellows decides to elevate this candidate to Fellowship in the Institute, an honor long overdue and well deserved.

Sincerely yours,


Francis Keally F.A.I.A.

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