

Harold E. Keller*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a member, as a member of numerous Los Angeles Committees, as an Officer and Chapter President who devised countless innovations related to efficient administration of your chapter and California Schools, and for your persistent continuance in these activities and in further recognition of your achievement in construction specifications which is exemplified by your reputation for technical excellence, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of May, 1965."
San Diego, California



HAROLD E. KELLER was born in Topeka, Kansas in 1906. In 1924 he entered the University of Kansas at Lawrence and graduated with a degree in architectural engineering in 1929. Despite the depression, Keller secured a job with the Kansas State Architect's Office in 1929. After six years there he opened his own office for the private practice in architecture in Topeka, designing commercial buildings and residences.

In 1942, after the outbreak of World War II, he received a commission in the United States Army and served with the 35th Infantry Division. He saw duty in Guadalcanal and Okinawa, and later served in Korea as Inspector General. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1946, Keller moved his family to Southern California where he became associated with the firm of Austin, Field & Fry Architects, in Los Angeles, working as a specifications writer. Six years later, he opened his own practice, •Building Specifiers,• an independent consulting specifications practice. This was the first practice of its type in Southern California. He remained in private practice with his firm until retirement in 1970.

Keller joined CSI in 1950. When the Los Angeles Chapter was formed in 1954 he became a charter member. He was active in chapter affairs from the beginning, serving on various chapter committees and on the Chapter Board for several years. He was elected Chapter President in 1962 and served a two-year term. After completing his term he founded the Rustlers Organization within the chapter and served as its President from 1968 to 1970. During his term as President, he inaugurated the annual Installation of Officers banquet.

Keller was elected Institute Vice President in 1966 and served a two year term. He also served the Institute on a number of committees over the years before his retirement.

In 1974 after many years of service to CSI, Keller was made an Honorary Member of the Institute for his distinguished contributions to the aims, goals and purpose of the Institute.

Keller joined the Scottish Rite of the Masons in 1936 in Topeka. In 1938 he became Master of the Lodge. He joined the AI Malaikah Shrine in Los Angeles in 1957.

CSI Membership

Los Angeles Chapter, 1954-1994

Institute Offices, Committees

Vice President, 1966-68

Awards

Distinguished Membership, 1974