

Lawrence E. Schwietz*, FCSI

“In recognition of your persistent and inspirational efforts promoting a philosophy of activism within your Region, your tireless effort in spreading a dynamic enthusiasm, and your dedicated and conscientious support of the goals of the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of June, 1983.”
Kansas City, Kansas



LAWRENCE E. SCHWIETZ was born in 1927 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He graduated from St. John's University in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

Schwietz began his professional career as a petroleum chemist in St. Paul, Minnesota for a major independent oil company. In 1952, Schwietz was hired by the Air Force as head of the midwest district's fuels and lubricants section of the Air Material Command for the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Michigan, and Missouri. He was responsible for establishment of the quality control programs at refineries and other plants from which the Air Force purchased jet fuels, aviation gasoline, and other products.

In 1956 Schwietz was hired as Chief Chemist of another major independent oil company located in Omaha, Nebraska. In this capacity, Schwietz developed a number of new products to meet the needs of varied customers.

In 1961 Schwietz founded L&M Construction Chemicals, Inc. L&M was designed to manufacture and supply, through distributors, varied concrete chemical products for the construction trades. He remained as President of L&M until 1992 and became CEO of that firm.

On 28 July 2012, Larry became an honorary member of the St. Paul Vulcans.

Larry passed away 30 June 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska.

CSI Membership

Nebraska Chapter, 1967

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, 1981-84

Chapter Offices

President, 1980

Vice President, 1984-85

Awards

Institute President's Plaque, 1983

Robert Brosseau Memorial Award, 1984