

TMS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
REMARKS BY RICHARD KLINGNER

Today, October 4, 2018, my wife Ann and I are on a Road Scholar tour of Ireland. I have asked my long-time friend and colleague Phil Samblanet to read a few remarks for me. Those remarks are arranged chronologically. That will give you a clue that they won't be long.

First, thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart. Next, thanks to all of those who got TMS to where we are today, and whom I had the pleasure of helping. Here are some steps that I remember on the way.

For the 1970s, I thank Vitelmo Bertero and Walt Dickey. As a former Peace Corps Volunteer, newly returned from service in Latin America, I wondered how masonry behaved in earthquakes. They helped me begin to learn.

For the 1980s, I thank Jim Amrhein for helping me as we investigated the implications for masonry of the 1985 Mexico City earthquake. I thank Tom Grimm for mentoring me in masonry and especially in masonry politics. I thank Jim Noland for supporting me as a participant in the TCCMaR program, which laid the basis for the strength-based masonry design provisions that we take for granted today.

For the 1990s, I thank Max Porter for his work in leading the MSJC forward under difficult constraints, as we tried to meld empirical design, allowable-stress design, and strength design, and to work under the operating rules of three different technical organizations (TMS, ACI, and ASCE).

For the 2000s, I thank TMS, ACI, and ASCE for their support of me in leading the MSJC to a new level in the building-standards arena, under a unified model code. I thank Diane Throop and her successors for improving on that start.

For the 2010s, I thank TMS, ACI, and ASCE for their willingness to place the responsibility for masonry design and construction provisions in the proven hands of TMS.

After all these thanks, I have one respectful request. For the years yet to come, I ask TMS to continue to serve as the focus for the continued evolution of masonry design and construction standards in the United States, and to continue to work with allied technical organizations to enhance the life safety of those whom we serve.

Pay it forward.