

# Robert W. Harrington\*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your participation in more than 12 years of field testing and evaluation of reinforced brick masonry as author of numerous handbooks, standard specifications, and technical reports on all types of masonry construction, and as an unselfish contributor of your time and knowledge to the Institute and many allied organizations of the construction industry, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 25th day of May, 1966."  
Boston, Massachusetts*



ROBERT W. HARRINGTON was born in Newton, Iowa. He graduated from Newton High School in 1938, then went to Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

After one year, Harrington interrupted his college education to volunteer for the US Army Air Corps, and served in Europe as a B-24 pilot. In August 1944, after nine successful missions with his own crew, he was called to fly another plane. He was shot down over Holland, where he was hidden by resistance fighters for eight months, until freed by the Canadian Army.

He returned to school in 1946, and, after graduating, accepted a position in San Francisco with the Unit Masonry

Association of Northern California. After twenty-five years promoting brick, he started his own company, where he was a construction consultant until he retired in 1999.

In addition to being a member of CSI, Robert also was a member of ASTM, the Society of American Military Engineers, the San Francisco Rotary, and the Producers Council, and he served a term as president of the General James H. Doolittle Chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society. It was through his sponsorship that the San Francisco Chapter dinner meetings were held for many years at the Engineers Club.

Robert passed away 9 October 2009.

## **CSI Membership**

San Francisco Chapter, 1955; founding member

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

President, 1963-64