Frederic Tilp*, FCSI

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FREDERICK "FRED" TILP was born in 1908 in Mount Ranier, Maryland. He was a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, and Abell, Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Catholic University in 1930.

Fred was a registered architect in Maryland, Virginia, and in the District of Columbia. He wrote specifications and performed all other architectural services for many building projects in the three areas. He maintained his own private architectural office beginning in 1945, and did his own design, drafting, specifications, and supervision of construction.

He was a charter member of the District of Columbia Metropolitan chapter of the Institute in 1952 and served the chapter as a member of its board of directors on two occasions, and served his chapter in other capacities. He participated in numerous activities at chapter, region, and Institute levels, and has been cited for his contributions a number of times.

Tilp was a noted author of books about life on Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River in the latter half of the nineteenth and the early twentieth century. His books are considered by many local residents as the definitive books on the subject. As the result of his research in this area, he was much in demand as a speaker.

Known as "Mr. Sea Scout" in the DC area, he was active in scouting for 51 years, and in 1968 was awarded the 50 Year Service Citation and Emblem by the Boy Scouts of America.

He was given the honorary title of "Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay" by former Maryland governor Harry R. Hughes in 1984. In 1989, an 80-passenger riverboat was christened the Admiral Tilp in his honor,

Fred was an archivist in Saint Mary's County, Maryland. He researched and designed the Charles County seal, which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 1954.

Tilp passed away on 10 May 1988, in Alexandria, Virginia.

CSI Membership

At Large, 1948-1952 DC Metro Chapter, charter member, 1952-1988

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1955-1957 Director, FY 1960-1965 Director, FY 1970

Chapter Offices, Committees

Board of Directors

Awards

Certificate of Appreciation