

# Lawrence E. Barringer

## Named Honorary Member

The American Ceramic Society's highest honor was bestowed on Lawrence E. Barringer, an internationally recognized authority on insulation and porcelain compositions, during ceremonies at the 57th Annual Meeting. In acknowledgment of his outstanding achievements in the ceramic field and his many contributions to The Society, Dr. Barringer has been named its twenty-third Honorary Member.

A member of The American Ceramic Society since 1905, Dr. Barringer was elected to Fellowship in 1930. He was named to the post of president in 1916. As chairman of the Committee on Publications, 1918-20, he was instrumental in starting *The Journal* to succeed the *Transactions of The American Ceramic Society*, an annual publication then in its 19th volume.

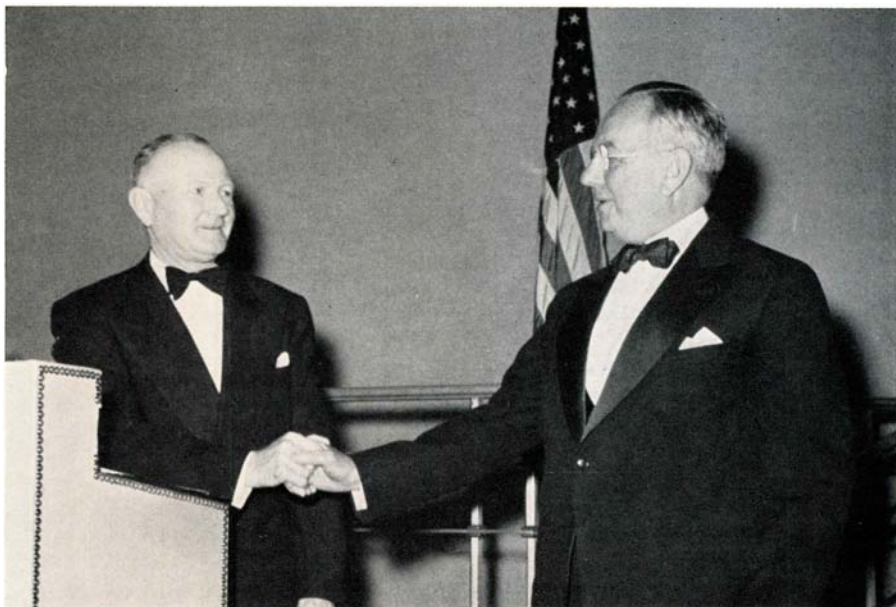
He served as chairman of the Committee on Rules, 1924-30; chairman of the Art Division, 1933-36; Dean of Fellows, 1933; and trustee of the Art Division, 1937-42. Selected as Orton Lecturer for the 41st Annual Meeting at Chicago in 1939, he spoke on the subject, "A Background for Ceramics." Dr. Barringer is also a member of the National Institute of Ceramic Engineers and was a trustee of the Orton Foundation from 1940 to 1953.

Born in Washington, D. C., in 1876, Dr. Barringer graduated from high school in his native city in 1894. He received the degree of Mining Engineering in Ceramics in 1902 and the Professional Ceramic Engineer's Degree in 1933 from Ohio State University. Alfred University conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science upon him in 1941.

The scientist's career in the ceramic field began in 1895 when he joined E. M. Freese & Co., Galion, Ohio, brick machinery manufacturers. He was with the American Terra Cotta Co., Crystal Lake, Ill., as a shop student in 1898, and accepted employment as a chemist with the Columbus Brick & Terra Cotta Co., Union Furnace, Ohio, in 1900. After graduation from Ohio State in 1902, he joined the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., as a ceramic specialist. In 1908 he was named engineer in charge of the company's Insulation Engineering Division and held that position until his retirement in 1945. He has also been a director of Locke Insulator Corp., Baltimore, Md., and Monowatt Electric Corp., Providence, R. I.

Dr. Barringer was awarded the Silver Medal by Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915 for his exhibit on insulation. The Lamme Medal for meritorious achievement in engineering was presented to him in 1940 by Ohio State University.

Holder of 25 U. S. Patents covering insulating and ceramic



President Pafford congratulates the new Honorary Member

materials, he is also the author of more than 28 published papers.

Dr. Barringer is a member of the American Society for Testing Materials, Chemists Club (New York), New York Society of Ceramic Arts, Ceramic Association of New Jersey, Ceramic Association of New York, Ceramic Society of England, Phi Delta Theta, and Tau Beta Pi.

Previously named Honorary Members of The American Ceramic Society are:

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