The Founding Meeting

In keeping with the spirit of scholarship and genuine achievement that membership signifies, the Academy of Electrical Contracting had its beginnings on October 11, 1968 in the august meeting room of Philosophical Hall, located in Independence Square, in Philadelphia, PA. This founding coincided with the NECA convention in the same city.

Benjamin Franklin founded the American Philosophical Society in the 1740s. It found its current home in November 1789 when the construction of Philosophical Hall was finally completed thanks to a loan from Benjamin Franklin.

Early members of the Society included George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Paine, James Madison and John Marshall. Other illustrious names have been added over time and include Charles Darwin, Robert Frost, Louis Pasteur, John James Audubon, Margaret Mead and Thomas Edison.

Philosophical Hall was a most suitable locale for the Academy to have its beginning. In the field of electrical contracting, the founding Fellows of the Academy are no less distinguished than the famous men with whom they shared a common meeting place.
Founding Fellows

Academy of Electrical Contracting

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