HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE



Renovation Update for March 2012 •

URING MARCH 2012, the Renovation Team refined the sequence of activities for the renovation, beginning with the bringing of appropriately sized utilities into the building. In preparation for the construction, the former neighborhood garden area is being converted into a temporary staging area for equipment and materials. Excavation and installation of the drainage system will begin in the next few weeks.

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Aerial view of the Scottish Rite property. The red box indicates the section of the property to be converted into the staging area.



The former garden area on the left side of the photo will be temporarily converted into a staging area for construction materials and equipment. House of the Temple staff have salvaged and replanted any significant plant material from the garden to other locations on the property.



Prior to the start of excavation, each corner of the area to be excavated was identified as were the mid-points along each side. The orange marker in the foreground is typical of the stakes used to locate the features. Additionally, a benchmark for vertical control is established to set the elevation of the site.



By April 1912, the center structure for the House of the Temple was starting to take form. This view from the northwest corner of 16th and S Streets, NW, show the exterior walls of the entrance level taking form. Careful review of the northwest construction will assist the renovation team in the approach used to create a new stair in this location.

Celebration of the Craft of Scottish Rite Freemasonry

May 19th, 2012, at 6:00 PM-Midnight EDT



T HIS CELEBRATION OF THE SCOTTISH RITE will be similar to a telethon but will be broadcast over the internet on May 19th. Our Web Event will pay tribute to Freemasonry with entertainment, celebrities, humor, and educational programming. Our host will be Ill. Norm Crosby, 33°, Grand Cross. It will be broadcast through the Scottish Rite web site at www.scottishrite.org. *Donations can be made online, by calling our web event toll free number during the event at* 1–855–289–4200, or by texting HOT to 50555 to add a one-time \$10 donation to your phone bill.

The program is being professionally produced by the Carlin Company. Orients and Valleys who would like to participate in the event via a live call or video should contact Matt Szramoski, 33°, Director of Development, at 202–777–3143 or mszramoski@scottishrite.org.

For donations made during the Web Event, either online or called in, 50% of the net proceeds will benefit the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign to restore the House of the Temple and 50% will benefit Orient and/or Valley 501(c)(3) organizations.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1. Mark May 19th on your calendar.
- 2. Plan on watching with your Valley or at home.
- 3. Let all of your Masonic friends know about the Web Event and its importance.
- 4. Plan on making a gift to help us preserve and restore the House of the Temple and also benefit your Orient.
- 5. Donations can be made online, by text, by phone, and on Facebook. Throughout the broadcast we will give up to the minute updates.

If every member made just a \$5 contribution, we would hit our goal of \$1 million.



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