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The *Heritage Guardian* is the official quarterly newsletter of the Historic Preservation Alliance, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Wichita, Kansas. The H.P.A. works to develop public participation in historic preservation, to provide community education in significant areas of local history and to insure the preservation of historic landmarks across Kansas.

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## FIRST H.P.A. MEETINGS OF THE YEAR TO BE HELD AT WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER (TEMPLE)

The Historic Preservation Alliance, Inc. (H.P.A.) will hold its first Board of Directors and General Membership meetings of the year at the Wichita Scottish Rite Masonic Center (Temple) [as it is now called, reflecting the resource for both fraternity and community], located at 332 East First Street (First and Topeka) on Sunday, February 19, 2012. H.P.A. has visited the Center before on Sunday, January 18, 1998 with a fascinating tour hosted by Jerry Cole, John Myers and Richard Johnstone. However, H.P.A. wanted to make a return visit for a couple of reasons.



Wichita Scottish Rite circa 1908

First, as related in an article in *The Wichita Eagle*, "Repairs erase vandals' scars," on November 17, 2011, stained-glass doors at the Wichita Scottish Rite Center were damaged in a series of incidents stretching from August to October. Five windows - three in the south entryway and two in the east entryway - were damaged. In one incident, a vandal threw a roll of smoldering paper towels through a broken pane, singeing the carpet. Thick sheets of quarter-inch, bullet-proof polycarbonate now protect the stained glass. So, we wanted to take a look at the repairs, as well as the result.

Second, freemasonry has recently been one of the subjects on Brad Meltzer's *Decoded*, an American mystery and conspiracy theory investigation television series on the History channel. Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that arose from obscure origins in the late 16th to early 17th century. It now exists in various forms all over the world with a membership estimated at around six million. In addition to knowing more about the history and architecture of the building, we also wanted to learn more about the background and philosophy of the Masons.



Wichita Scottish Rite, date unknown. From [wichitascottishrite.org](http://wichitascottishrite.org)

Designed by architects Proudfoot and Bird, this impressive four-story rusticated stone structure

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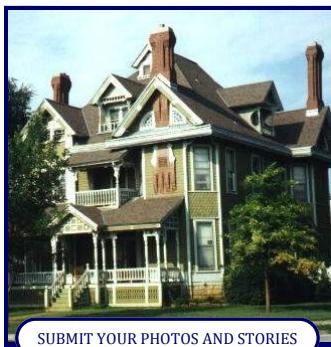
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was built in 1887-1888 as the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). The building is typical of Proudfoot and Bird designs with its massive stone masonry, gables, arches and castellated tower. It is an excellent example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture executed in Kansas limestone. The YMCA sold the building to the Scottish Rite Masons in 1898 and the Masons commissioned C.W. Terry to design an addition for the north side in 1907. Terry's plan blends impeccably with the architecture of the original structure. The interior of the building with its grand stairway, Crystal Room with hand-beveled plate glass and third floor art glass dome retains the elegance of a by-gone era.

The Board of Directors meeting will commence at 1:30 p.m. with a very brief General Membership meeting to follow at 2:30 p.m. Immediately thereafter, we will adjourn for a guided tour of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. We will plan on meeting at the entryway doors on the south side of the building.

To see more photos and other information from our tour of the Scottish Rite building, please visit the H.P.A. web-site (<http://www.historicpreservationalliance.com>). For more information on the Scottish Rite organization or the building itself, call (316) 263-9980 or visit <http://www.wichitascottishrite.org>.

WE WILL HAVE SOME SPECIAL VISITORS WITH US AT OUR NEXT H.P.A. MEETINGS

H.P.A. WELCOMES THE WOLF SCOUTS  
FROM CUB SCOUT PACK 714

## President's Comments

### 2011 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Annual Membership meeting was held at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview (1922) on Sunday, November 20, 2011. Guests joining us were Kim Hamel, Kathy Hankins and Michael Piatkowski.

First, the primary purpose of the meeting was the election of Directors to the Board by the general membership. Those members of the Board with terms expiring included Tom Hankins, Larry Mong and Kandi Piatkowski. Of those three Board members, Tom and Kandi were unanimously re-elected for another three year term. Larry was ineligible for re-election because of thirteen (13) consecutive absences.

Second, an Annual Report was presented by the President, which involved a synopsis of the year's activities and events. That summary included a review of the following:

- H.P.A. enjoyed guided tour of the **Oscar D. Barnes House** (1911-13), 901 N. Broadway
- H.P.A. present at auction of the **J.C. Kinkead House** (1886), 913 N. Broadway
- H.P.A. prepared Letters of Support for Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) Grant Applications for both the:
  - McCormick School Museum** (1890, 1910), 855 S. Martinson, and
  - Orpheum Theatre** (1922), 200 N. Broadway
- H.P.A. helped save the **Mathewson-Murray House** (1901), 3565 S. Topeka

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H.P.A. present at failed auction of a **Valentine Diner** (1940's), 1227 S. Seneca

H.P.A. tried to save the **St. Mary's Cathedral Rectory**, 307 E. Central:

Wichita H.P.B. voted to allow demolition/H.P.A. opposed demolition, and

H.P.A. wrote Letter to the Editor, condemning demolition

H.P.A. took Annual Summer Road Trip to the **Vaile Mansion** (1881), Independence, MO

H.P.A. opposed Landfill at 55th South & Ridge Rd. because it blocks the **Chisholm Trail**

H.P.A. took the Newton Historic Home Tour:

**Warkentin House, Reese House, Ely House and Neal House**

H.P.A. prepared Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) Grant Applications for the:

**Richmond Hill Schoolhouse** (circa 1875), City Park, Clearwater, KS,

**Band Shell** (1934), Howard T. Sawhill Park, St. Francis, KS, and

**Brewster Higley's "Home on the Range Cabin"** (1872), Smith County, KS

Third, the Project Plans for 2011-2012 were approved by the general membership. Foremost among those is to prepare National Historic Register Nominations for the:

**McAdams/Fultz House** (1887), 1437 North Fairview owned by H.P.A.,

**Victorian House** (1884), 506 South Seneca owned by Fora Farajpanahi,

**Mathewson-Murray House** (1901), 3565 South Topeka owned by Lynn Behnke and

**Century Plaza Building** (1929), 111 West Douglas owned by Steve Anthimides.

Further, while the general membership elects Directors to the Board at the Annual Meeting, the primary purpose of the subsequent Board of Directors Meeting was the election of Officers for the coming year. With seven (7) of ten (10) Board members in attendance, the entire slate of officers was re-elected for 2011-2012.

Finally, please send your full names, current residential addresses, phone numbers and especially, email addresses, to me at my email address: [jgkite.lawoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jgkite.lawoffice@sbcglobal.net). We are in the process of updating our records for purposes of both membership and dues. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Greg Kite, President

## 2012 ENDANGERED HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES

At the last board meeting in November, 2011, the Board of Directors discussed reviewing and updating our list of Endangered Historic Sites for 2012. The goal is to promote awareness of these sites in the community and where possible, offer guidance and assistance in working to save the structures. If you are aware of a site or structure of historical significance that is somehow endangered, please email us (including photos where possible) at [news@historicpreservationalliance.com](mailto:news@historicpreservationalliance.com)

*"He who loves an old house never loves in vain."*

**- Isabel La Howe Conant**

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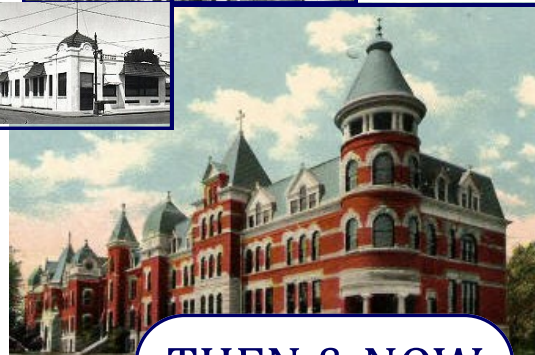


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## NEXT H.P.A. MEETINGS - SUNDAY, 2/19/12 AT THE WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE



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Visit our website to see a selection  
of "Then & Now" photos and the  
stories behind them.

## H.P.A. Hits Social Media on the Internet

The Historic Preservation Alliance is now running at flank speed down the information superhighway and we're stopping to pick up passengers!

Our friends and like-minded preservationists can follow the goings on of the H.P.A. by "liking" our Facebook page or "following" us on Twitter. If you are aware of any historic preservation news and want to share it with us, please do!

Over the next few months we will

roll out some changes to our website, but have no fear, we will keep the features you've come to expect like "Then & Now", Historic Register Photos and more.

Many thanks to Dale and Vicki Churchman for operating our website and for producing the Heritage Guardian for so many years and to Dale and Greg Kite for their assistance with getting the website moved to its new home and for all their help in getting this edition of the Guardian produced.