



Madison Masonic
Center Foundation



Madison Masonic Center. Please fill out as completely as you can (print or type) and return to the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703 as soon as possible.

I thank you for your attention to this critically important matter.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Matthew M. Hughey, 33°

President, Madison Masonic Center Foundation

I. Should the Foundation pursue a policy of selling the building? (Circle YES or NO)

a. What should be the minimum selling price? (in \$ Millions)_____

b. What should be done with the sale proceeds? _____

II. Should the Foundation pursue a policy of maintaining and renovating the building?

(Circle YES or NO)

a. What Fund Raising ideas should the Foundation implement? _____

b. What areas of the MMC should the Foundation Focus on First? _____

YOUR NAME:_____

Memberships in Organizations at 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703-2107

(Check All That Apply)

Madison Lodge #5 _____

York Rite Bodies _____

Hiram Lodge #50 _____

Amaranth _____

Commonwealth #325 _____

White Shrine _____

Four Lakes #362 _____

Madison Scottish Rite _____



September 1, 2015

Dear Members of Madison Masonic Center Occupying Bodies:

We Need You to Respond to This Letter. Please indicate your preference on the back, sign your name, indicate which organizations you are a member of, and return this letter to the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703-2107.

As many of you are aware, the Madison Masonic Center Foundation Board of Directors (MMCFBOD) is the group that oversees the operations of the building which has been our home for approximately 94 years at 301 Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Madison. The MMCFBOD currently consists of representatives from Madison Lodge #5, Hiram Lodge #50, Commonwealth Lodge #325, the York Rite Bodies (Chapter, Council, & Commandery) Amaranth, White Shrine, the Madison Scottish Rite Bodies (2), and an outside director.

During the first 5 months of 2015, Frank Productions, a Madison based live music & concert promoter, made three unsolicited offers to purchase the building. The first two offers were rejected by the MMCFBOD and the third offer expired without action by the MMCFBOD primarily because the Board Members were unclear as to the sentiments of the majority of members of the occupying bodies for which they represented. In short, they could not vote either for or against the sale of the building due to the fact they did not know the sentiments of the members of their respective members. Accordingly, each organization on the MMCFBOD has been tasked to ascertain the sentiments of the members in order to act accordingly.

The MMCFBOD is at a crossroads. We can either (1) pursue a policy of putting the building up for sale and expending resources (i.e. money) towards that end objective; or (2) pursue a policy of maintaining and improving the facility, which would involve a major fund raising effort in order to address the infrastructure issues (electrical, plumbing, mechanical and structural) identified through the Iconica study (approximately \$17 million).

The identified projects can be prioritized and done in phases. The entire sum does not have to be raised prior to commencement of any repair or renovation effort. Per the By-Laws of the Madison Masonic Center Foundation Board of Directors, None of the proceeds of the sale of the building can be distributed to any of the Occupying Bodies. Proceeds must go to 501.3(c) charity; Masonic groups are 508 fraternal groups.

This is where we need your thoughts, views and support. We need to know what you think regarding either (1) selling the building or (2) maintaining and improving the building. We are sending this with the September Temple Tidings so that it will get to as many as possible. For example, if we were to discuss this at regular stated meeting of the Madison Scottish Rite Valley, we would have approximately 30 members discussing the issue. Thirty members do not represent the views of approximately 900 Madison Scottish Rite Members.

So **PLEASE**, fill out the section below and give us your thoughts and views on this issue. We need your input to give our representatives on the MMCFBOD the proper guidance and direction with respect to the