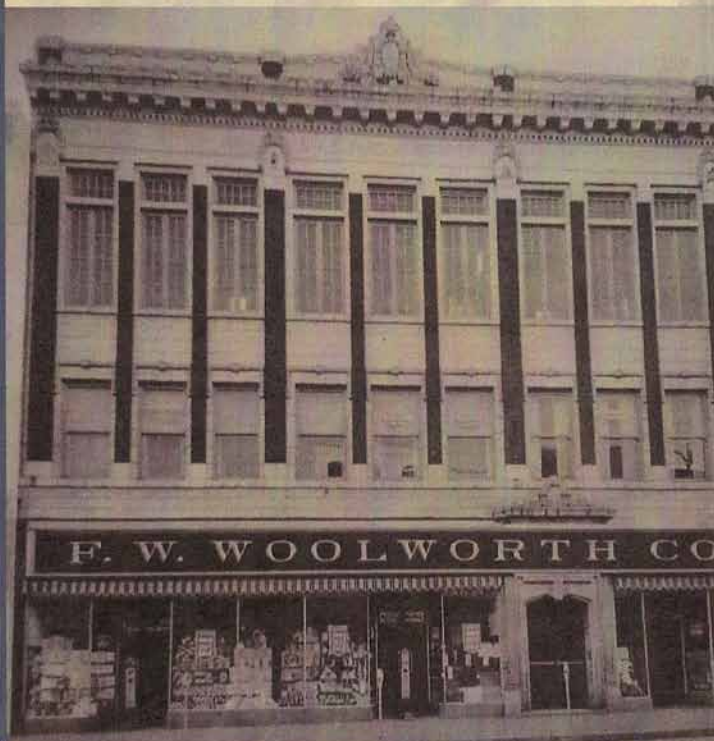


It is our hope that we can have  
The elevator and airconditioning  
Installed and in use by rededication  
We look forward to in 2014

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Your Opportunity to Help



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KANSAS MASONIC ICON

# From the original Dedication Celebration

One of the largest gatherings of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Leavenworth, and possibly any other city in the state of Kansas, has ever seen excepting at Grand Lodge sessions, was that last night when members of all of the Leavenworth Masonic bodies gathered in the old hall over the Manufacturers National Bank and there formed in line and marched to the new hall, in the new Masonic building.

The dedicatory services were then gone through with in an impressive manner, after which George Pulsifer of Hancock lodge No.311, Fort Leavenworth, delivered an address, giving the history of the growth of Free Masonry in Leavenworth and concluding with an address on masonry that was one of the best talks ever heard at a Masonic gathering. The Masons departed for their homes confident in the thought that they at last have a permanent lodge home of which not only members of the order in Leavenworth and the state of Kansas might well be proud, but all in the city could look upon as a credit to the community being, as it is, one of the most magnificent business buildings in Leavenworth today.

The skill and fidelity displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you at the commencement of this undertaking, have secured the entire approbation of the grand lodge; and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit, and liberality of its founders.

Pictures which hang from the walls are those revered by the members of the order and are those who had much to do with the growth of the craft not only in Leavenworth, but the state as well. A portrait which attracts more than ordinary interest is that of Richard R. Rees, one of the state's pioneer Masons. He was elected grand master of the grand lodge of the state of Kansas when that body was organized in Leavenworth in March 1856

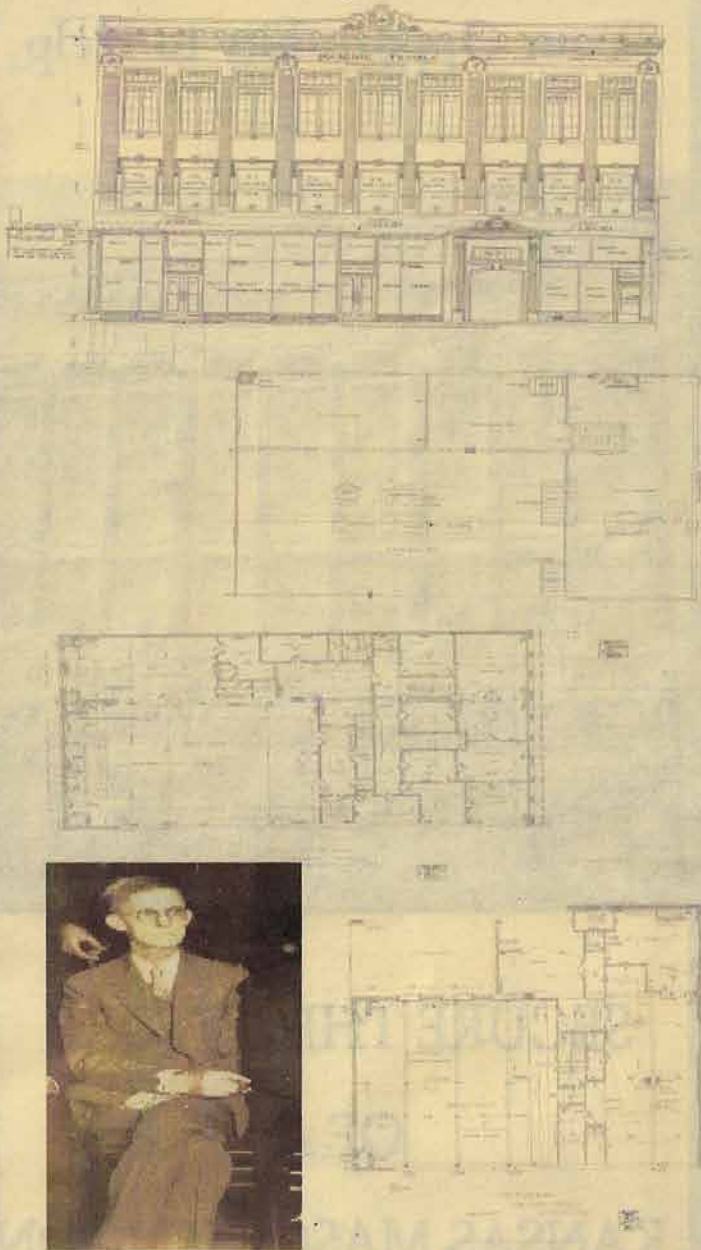
The construction of the Historic Masonic Temple first crystallized on September 1, 1993. At which time plans and specifications were authorized and prepared by Brother Mason William P. Feth. At this time a bond of \$40,000.00 was issued and promptly taken and distributed among 43 holders. This action resulted in the early part of February 1914. Awarding the general contract for construction to Robert. B Yoakum and the light and heating to Tholen Bros. Work commenced on March 1, 1914. Work progressed with such satisfaction that the Cornerstone was laid by the M.W. Grand Master Charles H. Chandler on May 10, 1914



Examples of detailed craftsmanship of architectural elements



A classical example of early 20th century  
Masonic Architecture by a Kansas mason architect



Examples from original drawings by architect  
William P. Feth

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The King Solomon preservation committee has taken the necessary steps to begin this enormous project.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose for improvements is to install an elevator and air-conditioning also to provide a source for funding at the Masonic Temple in Leavenworth, Kansas.

## **OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS**

- \* Make this outstanding example of early 1900's Leavenworth architecture more accessible to the public
- \* Make better use of the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Temple increase accessibility to the office space on the 2nd floor, the banquet room and kitchen facilities on the 3rd floor
- \* Make the Temple more accessible for both private and Masonic gatherings and activities
- \* Will increase the accessibility to the public, professional service organizations and Civic groups for events such as wedding receptions, meetings, and other social events.
- \* Can foster increased rental space of the facility, thereby increasing the economic potential for both the structure and Downtown Leavenworth