

Request for Mothball Certificate

Love Tabernacle Church/ Masonic Temple Lodge # 301

March 11, 2013



A new \$5-million vision

A new beginning for Black History Month

Love Tabernacle Church (formerly known as the Henry L. Palmer Lodge), located in the Sixth Aldermanic District, 2640 North 1st Street, is a hidden jewel in the heart of the City of Milwaukee.

The church has plans for the building to undergo extensive renovation, which will add a community cen-

ter and 16 affordable living units for elderly and disabled adults. Moreover, the project will provide jobs to disadvantaged youth while teaching them valuable life skills.

Dester Martin, a close friend of Sister Clara of Love Tabernacle Church, will spearhead the endeavor through his fundraising

efforts on behalf of the church's non-profit organization, Ginger Bread Land, Inc., which is headed up by the organizations' president, Toussaint Harris.

Harris has been working closely with some of University of Milwaukee School of Architectural Design specialists to provide conceptual

sketches and layouts for the new potential design.

The property was recently granted historical status in December 2012.

The director of the Henry L. Palmer Lodge #301 spoke in favor of the church's renovation at a hearing regarding the historic preservation of the building, which at one

point, was Lodge #301's former home until they relocated to their current building at 4315 N. 92nd Street.

Ben Johnson, a neighborhood resident, also spoke in favor of the project. "These are the kinds of projects the community needs."

Black History spotlight: Profound athlete and activist Arthur Ashe

Arthur Ashe was one of the greatest tennis players to ever grace the court. You'd think he'd simply bask in his athletic achievements and live happily ever after, but he used his superstar platform to push issues affecting the black community — something rarely seen today.

"As the first African American to win the men's singles at Wimbledon, the US Open and the Australian Open, he rose to the very pinnacle of success in tennis and, in the process, willingly became ambassador to the next generation of black athletes,"



Arthur Ashe

said Nate D. Sanders. In 1988, Ashe acquired HIV from a blood transfusion. He remained mum about the disease for four years to

continue his crusade of advocacy for the black community. When he later came forth to discuss his failing health, a reporter asked him if living with AIDS was the hardest thing he had experienced. "No," Ashe said. "Being black in America was more difficult," his widow Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe recounts. Ashe later died in 1993, due to complications from the disease.

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Ashe's death, Sanders is spearheading an upcoming estate auction being held at Ashe's

home. Robin Finn of The New York Times stated, "Since he believed his singular success carried inherent responsibilities, Ashe, during his decade long professional tennis career and beyond it, dedicated himself to dismantling the barriers of poverty, privilege, racism and social stereotyping."

There will be a number of items on sale, ranging from Ashe's wisdom teeth to his personal journals.

BLACK FACTS

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1883 - Fubie Blake - (pianist) born in Baltimore.

1965 - Chris Rock, comedian, actor, and TV host, is born in Andrews, South Carolina.


Phase I

Roof, Chimney, and Exterior Repairs


a. Flat Roof

- Bal. due \$11,000.00
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated work completion date :12/31/13

b. Chimney

- Cost : TBD
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Will have chimney inspected by reputable historic knowledgeable company
- Anticipated work completion date : TBD 9/1/13 

c. Anticipated Exterior Repairs

- Cost : TBD upon exterior survey
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Work to be completed: Replace missing downspouts, paint several window sashes, replace missing balusters in the decorative masonry guard rail in front of building, any tuck pointing where needed, repair window sills where needed
- Anticipated work completion date: TBD 4/1/14 

Phase II

Ground Floor

a. Electrical

- Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : material \$1500-\$2500 (labor performed and donated by Touissaint Harris)
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion : TBD

b. Plumbing

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- Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : TBD upon inspection
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

c. Carpentry

- Repair/replace any rotted/ damaged wood, material, and plaster caused by leaking roof
- Update and/or repair any conditions that are not code compliant
- Cost: TBD upon inspection by licensed contractor
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

Phase III

First Floor

a. Electrical

- Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : material \$500-\$1200 (labor performed and donated by Touissant Harris)
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion : TBD

b. Carpentry

- Repair/replace any rotted/ damaged wood, material, and plaster caused by leaking roof
- Update and/or repair any conditions that are not code compliant
- Cost: TBD upon inspection by licensed contractor
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

c. Plumbing

- Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : TBD upon inspection

- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

Phase IV

Second Floor

a. Electrical

- - Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : material \$1500-\$2500 (labor performed and donated by Touissaint Harris)
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion : TBD

b. Plumbing

- Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : TBD upon inspection
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

c. Carpentry

- Repair/replace any rotted/ damaged wood, material, and plaster caused by leaking roof
- Update and/or repair any conditions that are not code compliant
- Cost: TBD upon inspection by licensed contractor
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

Phase V

Third Floor

a. Electrical

- - Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : material \$1500-\$2500 (labor performed and donated by Touissaint Harris)

- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion : TBD

b. Plumbing

- Repair any conditions that are not in compliance with local code specifications
- Cost : TBD upon inspection
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD

c. Carpentry

- Repair/replace any rotted/ damaged wood, material, and plaster caused by leaking roof
- Update and/or repair any conditions that are not code compliant
- Cost: TBD upon inspection by licensed contractor
- Source of funds : fundraising underway (annual snowball banquet, annual women in red luncheon, monthly potluck sales, private donations, church membership donations, prayer on the air donations)
- Anticipated date of completion: TBD