Consideration of the Permanent Historic Designation of the Wisconsin Consistory Building, a/k/a Humphrey Scottish rite Masonic Center at 790 N.Van Buren St. ZND November 21, 2017



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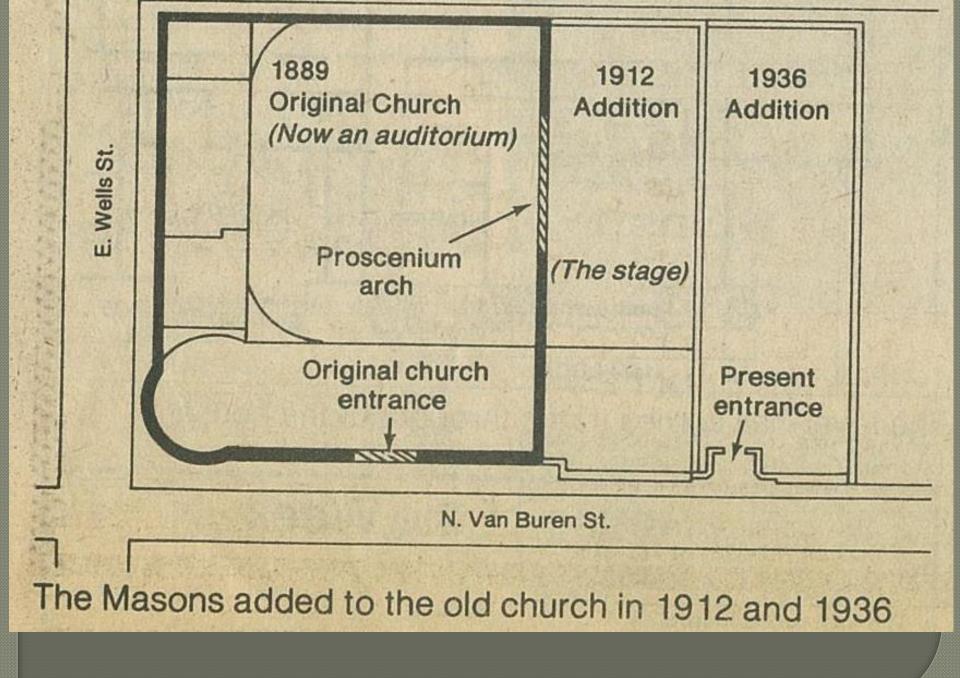
Milwaukee's Historic Preservation voted to recommend Permanent Historic designation on May 9, 2017.

The following presentation is a summation of that meeting.



The Wisconsin Consistory originated as the Plymouth Congregational Church, built in 1889. It was a social justice congregation and did not want a traditional looking church building. Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Scottish Rite Masons purchased the building in 1912 and added a section to the right of the main entrance.



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In 1936, architect Herbert Tullgren, himself a Scottish Rite Mason, remodeled the building for the Masons into the sleek, Art Deco structure we see today.











The proposal for conversion into a hotel, including the glass tower, was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on February 13, 2017 while the building was under Temporary Historic Designation.