
Dinner at the Capitol

May 19, 1999
6:30 p.m.

It has been nearly a decade since the award-winning restoration of the Capitol Building of Michigan, noted as the most thorough and accurate restoration of any state capitol in the country.

When it was built, it contained 139 rooms, intricate metal chandeliers, and colored glass in the ceilings. It took six years to build, 1872-78, and cost \$1,500,000.

Designed by Elijah E. Meyers, it is the second capitol to stand in Lansing. The first capitol faced Washington between Allegan and Washtenaw. It was a frame Greek Revival structure, built in 1847 when the brand new town was called "Michigan," Michigan.

The 1879 building suffered from many "updates" in its first hundred years or so, and in the restoration, half-height floors that were added were removed, the House and Senate

Chambers were returned to their original glory, decorative painting was restored, and the exterior sandstone cleaned.

Members of the Historical Society and guests will have a rare opportunity in May to have dinner in the beautifully restored Capitol. After dinner, Kerry Chartkoff, Director of the Capitol Information and Tour Services, and Jerry Lawler, Executive Director of the Michigan Capitol Committee, will give us a unique tour of the building. Coffee and dessert will follow in the Rotunda.

Make your reservations now to dine in a National and State Historic Landmark.

Free parking in lot on west side of Capitol. Enter off Allegan Street.

The *HSGL Newsletter* is published bimonthly from September through May. Articles and news of historical interest may be sent to the **Historical Society of Greater Lansing, P.O. Box 12095, Lansing, MI 48901.** Linda Peckham, President. Tel: 517/372-3385.

Annual Dinner

May 19: Dinner at the Capitol, Elections, Pioneer Family Certificates, and Tour of the Capitol. See you then.

- Reservation form attached -

Nominations

Gary Bender, Nominations, reports that we have one one-year seat and one two-year seat open (out of 12) on the Board. Are you interested?

The following people have volunteered: Rick Cantwell, President; Mark Ducker, Vice-President; David Rumohr, Secretary; Irene Dean, Treasurer. Trustees (two-year term): Fr. George Michalek, Linda Peckham, and Penny Zago. The election will be held at the Annual Dinner on May 19.

Call Gary, 339-9703, for information.

Treasurer's Report

Our treasury stands at approximately \$7500 as of April 21, 1999, including a grant and Local History Room funds.

Membership

Membership in HSGL costs only \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family. Discover your local history.

Local History Room

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Local History Room Fund, and to a grant from the Lansing Foundation, we have bought computer equipment with which to preserve photos and Family History documents. The project will be finished in June.

Programs

Enthusiastic crowds enjoyed two programs recently at the Turner-Dodge House. On March 1, Linda Peckham presented a program on the three attempts at settlement here, including Biddle City (a failure, but not a scam). On March 17, Jacquie Sewell presented a fine program on the Turner Family. Our thanks to Linda and Jacquie, and to Liz Homer for hosting.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to get more involved with the Historical society, we'd love to hear from you. We need people for:

- Brochures
- Local History Room funding
- Programs
- Project ideas

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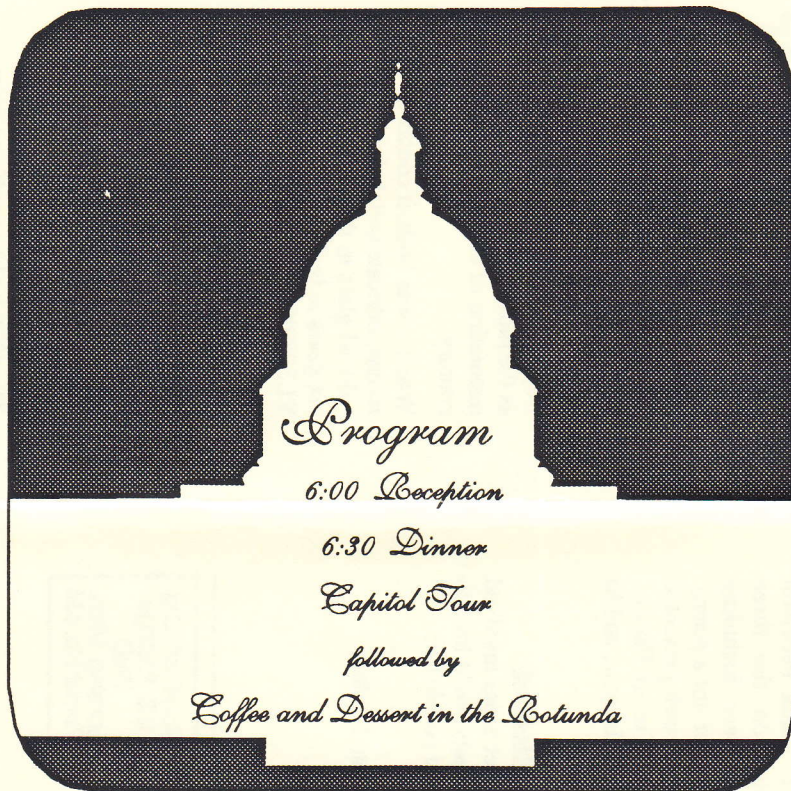
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cordially invites you to

Dinner at the Capitol

Annual Dinner and Election

May 19, 1999



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Annual Dinner Reservation

Please send reservations to:

Historical Society of Greater Lansing
P. O. Box 12095
Lansing, MI 48901

Registration
Deadline:
May 15, 1999

Please reserve _____ places for dinner. Enclosed is \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person).

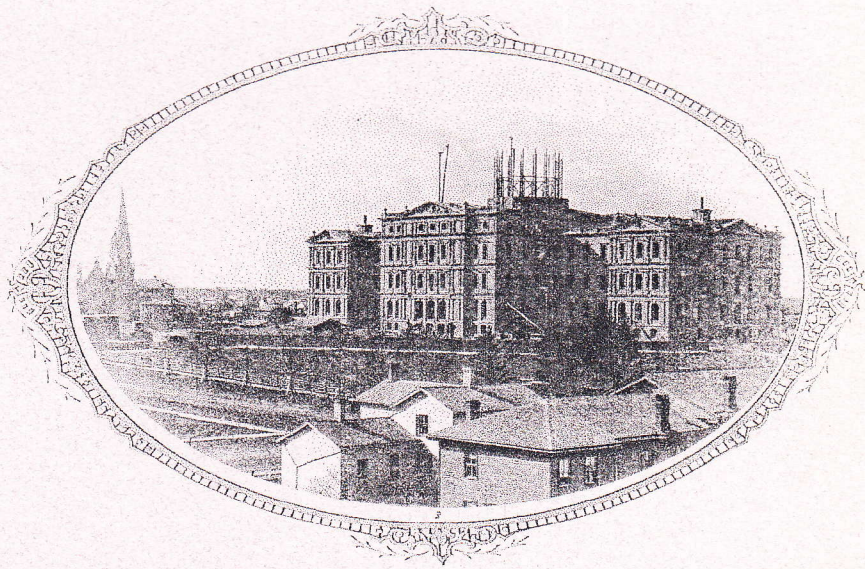
Please make checks payable to: Historical Society of Greater Lansing

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Dinner choice (please indicate for each person attending):
_____ Honey Glazed Chicken _____ Vegetarian
_____ Beef Round with Bordelaise Sauce



A copy of the cover photo
was a gift from
David R. Caterino.

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Annual Dinner and Board Elections
Historical Society of Greater Lansing
Michigan Capitol Rotunda
May 19, 1999

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Tour of the Capitol