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JOIN AUTHORS ALEX LUNDBERG & GREG KOWALSKI AS THEY UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF DETROIT'S MASONIC TEMPLE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society continues the winter edition of its Author Series with **Alex Lundberg** and **Greg Kowalski**, authors of *Detroit's Masonic Temple*, published by **Arcadia Publishing**. Lundberg and Kowalski will unlock the secrets of the world's largest Masonic Temple on **Wednesday, January 14** from **6 – 8 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

Detroit's Masonic Temple is a monumental structure with a rich and colorful history. On September 19, 1922, the first cornerstone was laid using the same trowel **George Washington** used during the cornerstone laying of the National Capitol. The neo-gothic style structure, designed by architect **George Mason**, encompasses more than 1,000 rooms and more than a million square feet. Its lodges, chapels, and ballrooms are rich with the symbolism of Freemasonry. The temple has served Masons since 1926. Today, it is a venue for leading entertainers and theatre productions.

Lundberg is an award-winning journalist who has worked in the metro Detroit area since 1992. He is the great-grandson and grandson of Freemasons. Kowalski is a journalist and local historian. He has authored the books *Hamtramck: The World War II Years* and *Hamtramck: The Driven City* and co-authored *Art Deco in Detroit*.

The cost for the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America's people and places.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and

Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-17 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *The Motor City*, and *The Glancy Trains*. New exhibits include *Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership*; *Fabulous 5: Entertainment Venues*; *1920s: Detroit's Building Boom*; *100 Years Ago*; *New to the Collection*, a showcase of recently acquired antiquities, oddities, and treasures; the *Detroit Artist Showcase* featuring early 20th century artist Amy Lorimer; and *Automotive Showplace*, spotlighting the Model T Centennial. For more information, call the Museum at **(313) 833-1805** or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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