



## The Detroit Masonic Temple

Library, Archive, and Research Center

February 4, 2026

To: Detroit Masonic Temple Association Members

Dear Brothers,

Approximately 2:20 PM, February 3, 2026, two members of The Detroit Masonic Temple Library, Archive and Research Center Board of Directors received an email containing a letter from MTA President, John Kashinsky regarding public tours of the Detroit Masonic Temple. This letter was then forwarded via email to the remaining members of the Board.

As requested no further public tours will be scheduled, and all currently scheduled public tours (February 8, 2026; March 1, 2026; and March 22, 2026) have tickets sold and will continue as scheduled in accordance with the information contained in the letter.

We would request additional detailed information in regard to the following items contained in the letter and believe that a scheduled meeting to discuss details in person would give all involved clarity into what is meant by the following items.

1. "...align our tour program with the MTA's goals for the building..."  
Please share in detail the MTA specific goals alluded to, which do not align with the current tour program, so we can adjust, correct, modify, etc. to ensure the organizations are working toward common goals. As mentioned in our letter dated February 2, 2026 we are looking to collaborate and work in harmony with the MTA and its stated goals.
2. "...respect the needs and operating requirements of our tenants, and avoid disruptions to building maintenance and improvements."  
Please share in detail any instances of our tours or volunteers not being respectful of the needs and/or operating requirements of our tenants, or disrupting building maintenance or improvements. We have received no information regarding any complaints or issues in this regard particularly since the reorganization of the Board of Directors and volunteer staff. These are serious issues that we want to resolve immediately. As our letter dated February 2, 2026 mentions, we want to hear about any and all issues and complaints so we can address them.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of the letter is written entirely in past tense. Can you clarify the MTA's intentions in this regard?

4. The letter further indicates that we should refer to the “MTA’s official public statement (found below)...”. However, no statement is included in the letter.

We hope that this pause will be brief and that any and all issues can be resolved amicably to the benefit of both organizations. Given the currently scheduled tours, perhaps it would be beneficial to hold an in-person meeting with all members of the MTA and members of the Library Board of Directors in February or March so we can all be on the same page and begin moving forward together before more demand for public tours comes forward. Current demand is high and, I expect, will remain so, unless this pause creates public perception issues.

We are dedicated to ensuring that the Library remains a valuable partner for the MTA and look forward to hearing about how we can align the goals of our organizations to create even more enthusiasm among the Masonic family as well as the public for this century old Masonic gem.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Masonic Temple Library, Archive and Research Center