

**THANK YOU FOR  
JOINING FRIENDS  
OF THE OLD  
COURTHOUSE!**

*Please mail your completed membership application and **check** (made out to Friends of the Old Courthouse) to:*

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**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

All members receive:

- Tax deductible donations under Internal Revenue Code Section 170 as we are a 501(c)3 public charitable organization
- Advance notice of events
- "First Look" at new merchandise
- Emailed newsletter featuring building updates & ongoing renovations
- Tour of the Old Courthouse (beginning in 2016/2017 as building safety issues are resolved)

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**Friends of the  
Old Courthouse**

A 501(c)3 community group organized to raise awareness of the historical significance of the Old McHenry County Courthouse and Sheriff's House on the Woodstock Square and to raise funds that will further the restoration of the buildings.



Roof and Cupola Condition  
Before Restoration



Roof and Cupola After Restoration



## HISTORY OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

The Old McHenry County Courthouse, the majestic anchor of the bustling Historic Woodstock Square, was erected in 1857, designed by John Mills Van Osdel, chief architect of Chicago's Palmer House. The building was joined by the accompanying Sheriff's House & Jail in 1887, and issued landmark status on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. After a new government center was built in 1972, local residents purchased the historic buildings and established an art gallery, studios, restaurant and museum space, including the former Chester Gould/Dick Tracy Museum. By 2011 it was clear the buildings' growing repair and restoration needs were cost-prohibitive for continued private ownership, and the buildings were transferred to City of Woodstock. A professional assessment of the buildings' condition was conducted and an outline of essential repairs, and estimated costs, was provided.

The City has invested over \$1 million in a new roof, dome, stairs and structural repairs, to stabilize the buildings. Estimates on remaining work, required to ensure building safety and effect build-out for future tenants, range from \$5-7 million. The City has offered the site for private development with no viable proposals. An Urban Land Institute study was conducted, utilizing input from the community, and recommended potential uses. The Old Courthouse and Sheriff's House Advisory Commission was appointed to investigate redevelopment and funding options. All funds raised by FOTOC will support efforts to establish a sustainable public usage of this grand historic structure.

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual	\$25.00	[ ]
Family	\$50.00	[ ]
Friend	\$100.00	[ ]
Patron	\$500.00	[ ]
Lifetime	\$1,000.00+	[ ]

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YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

Please check areas of interest:

[ ] Manning booth [ ] Event Committees

[ ] Docent/Tour Guide [ ] Fundraising

[ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_