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Washington Supreme Court Celebrates 100-Year History of the Temple of Justice with Cake, Free Public Tours

You're invited to a 100 year birthday party. The justices of the Washington Supreme Court invite the public to a "Centennial Birthday Party" for the Temple of Justice in Olympia on Friday, January 18th from noon – 2 p.m.

"We encourage everyone to join us on to celebrate the Supreme Court's home, the Temple of Justice, which was the first of five magnificent buildings constructed that make up the Capitol Campus what it is today," said Justice Charlie Wiggins, Chair of the Temple of Justice Centennial Committee.

The party will begin at noon with a brief program, including welcoming comments from Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen and remarks by Justice Wiggins on the Temple's history. Birthday cake and coffee will be served, with members of the public welcome to tour the building, with escorted tours starting at 2 p.m.

Home to the Washington Supreme Court and the Washington State Law Library, the Temple of Justice was first opened to the public for the Inaugural Ball of Governor Ernest Lister on January 15, 1913. The building, along with other buildings on the capitol campus were completed by Walter R. Wilder and Harry K. White, owners of a New York architect firm who won a national competition in 1911 to build the comprehensive capitol group complex, the first of which was the Temple.

At the birthday celebration, historical representations of Wilder and White will be present. A website, dedicated to the Temple of Justice Centennial, its history and upcoming events can be found online at www.templecentennial.wa.gov

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Editor's note: Please note that parking on the capitol campus is limited, with further details at: http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/parking.aspx. The Temple of Justice and the Legislative Building can be reached via Intercity Transit's "Dash" shuttle.