



The National Museum of Surveying

Springfield, Illinois

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Dear fellow member of Surveyors Historical Society:

Because of our common interest in the history of surveying, please allow me a couple minutes of your time to bring you up to date on progress at the Museum.

After what has seemed like forever, all of the efforts of many people are coming together to open the doors to the National Museum of Surveying. As I write this letter the contractor is putting the finishing touches on the renovations to our building and assures us we will have an initial occupancy permit on December 30, 2008, that will allow our tenants to occupy their office suites. In the meantime exhibit installation has started and our major attraction, Science on a Sphere, is installed and fully operational. Other news involves the successful negotiation of a finance package that wraps everything into one neat bundle, we have two full time staff members on board, and countless other details are being put to rest.

All of this is leading up to a “come see our progress” opening on February 12, 2009 - the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Springfield will be full of excitement that week and our Museum is going to be a major part of the celebrations. If you can join us that evening, we will be having special events going on at our facility and the Old State Capitol building which is right across the street. As we say in the South, “y’all come”.

As you can imagine we need support from all across our great country if we are going to truly be The National Museum of Surveying. A major source of strength for us is going to be a solid and diversified membership base that we can count on for our future. I am enclosing a membership application that we would appreciate you making use of. However, before you fill it out for yourself, please make extra copies and give them to your friends.

If you are unable to join us February 12, don’t despair because there will be an even bigger event this spring. We know that we can’t finish all of our exhibits by February 12, so we will have our “grand opening” at a later date when things are a little more polished. However, I can assure you that whenever you come you will be pleased with the efforts that have gone into this new facility that will share the history of the honorable profession of Surveying.

I hope to see you in Springfield and look forward to seeing your name on the membership roll.

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