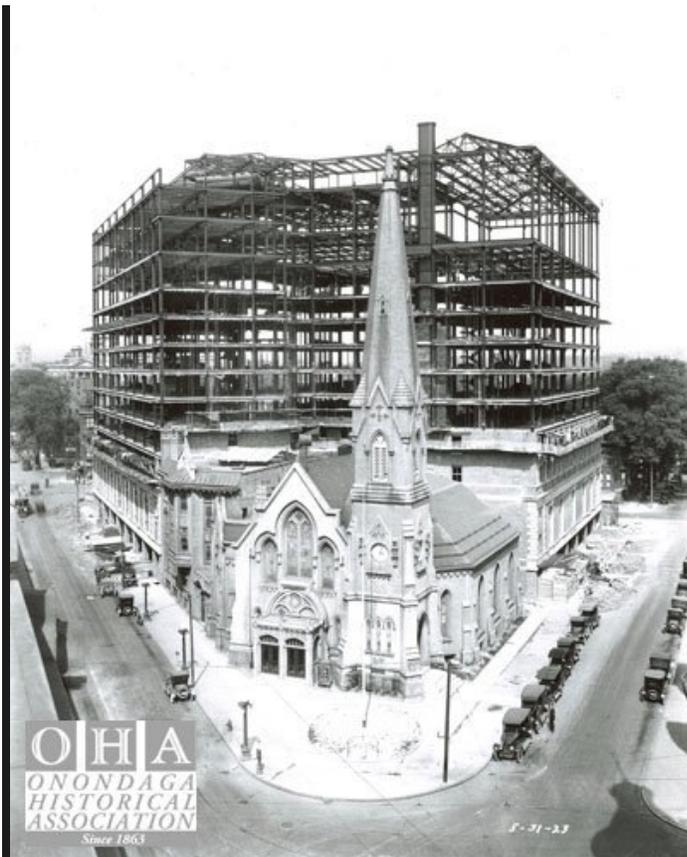


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Thanks, OHA, for sharing historic Hotel Syracuse memories (Your letters)







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The Hotel Syracuse under construction at the corner of Harrison, East Onondaga and South Salina streets in 1923. In the foreground is the Fourth Presbyterian Church, built in 1877 and torn down in 1943. (Onondaga Historical Association)
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To the Editor:

Over the past five months, the Onondaga Historical Association has displayed a very special exhibit featuring images and artifacts from the former Hotel Syracuse. Historic images came from the photographic files in the OHA's permanent collection, ranging from a 1923 view of construction to the 1948 interior of the famous Rainbow Lounge, along with historic scenes of the Cavalier Room, the Persian Terrace and other locations. The exhibit also featured more recent images taken this past year by professional photographer Bruce Harvey, which reveal the hotel's "irreplaceable majesty" – as OHA described it.

The exhibit was free and open to the public, and we were humbled to see the exhibit extended due to the interest it garnered. It was made possible through the generous sponsorship of Holmes, King, Kallquist Architects; the Klepper, Hahn & Hyatt engineering firm; Hayner Hoyt Corp. and IPD Engineering, all of Central New York, and MLG Architects of New York City.

The exhibit closed Oct. 25, but the artifacts are not gone from the public's view. Through ongoing partnership between the Hotel and the OHA, all of the room art will be provided by OHA, including prints of historic local photography and artwork from their collection. We will have OHA's art in our

lobby, conference room and other areas throughout the hotel. And in addition to all of that, OHA will also be assisting in our museum room, and will be selling hotel and city related items in our gift shop.

All of us involved in the project/renovation are deeply appreciative of the formal collections and displays of memories, such as the exhibit at OHA; as well as the information stories, photos, artifacts, and other memories that the community has shared with us through the www.HotelSyracuseRestoration.com website.

The OHA has been a tremendously valued partner from the very beginning stages of this historic hotel redevelopment; the Association has helped to recreate many components of the original hotel ambiance and experience; and will continue to be a close partner as part of the hotel's new life. For that, we are enthusiastic and we are thankful.

This project, and this community, are obviously very close to my heart. And I'm looking forward to giving the OHA another century of new memories for them to share with our future generations.

Ed Riley

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