

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



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**Scottish Rite Cathedral**  
**1800 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Moline, IL**  
**Currently the Spotlight Theatre**

The Gothic Revival style cathedral was designed by William H. Schulzke. The building was completed in 1930 at a cost of \$450,000. The money was raised by selling \$300 insurance units to members of the Scottish Rite Club.

The four story building, including the basement, was built from reinforced concrete and faced with Bedford limestone from Indiana. Each stone was pre-sized and numbered for placement. The only stone that had to be cut to fit was the last one. The building has ornate carved detailing and soaring pinnacles. The roof is blue black Bangor slate.

The main entrance has three Gothic stone arched doorways. The interior consisted of an 80 X 130 foot auditorium with seating, a stage, an 1100 pipe organ, and large art glass windows. The second and third floors contained lodge meeting rooms and offices. When built there was a dining hall in the basement with seating for 800 and a terrazzo dance floor.

The Scottish Rite Cathedral was listed as a Moline Historic Landmark in 1999 for its outstanding architecture and historical significance. It was sold in 2018 to reopen as Spotlight Theatre.

**Programs begin at 6:30!**

Thank you for the tour of Forest Grove School. The detail that has gone in to preserving the school is amazing.

If you have not already done so, now is an excellent time to renew your membership in SCHPS...send your check for \$15 (\$20 if you wish to receive the newsletter via USPS) to

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## Upcoming SCHPS Events

November 14	Davenport Schools Museum	
December 12	Dinner at German American Heritage Center	

**Do you have an idea for a future tour? Let one of the board members know.**

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