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B'ham Masons Finalize Drive Plans Saturday

Birmingham Masonic Temple Association Saturday will formulate final plans of its \$250,000 fund-raising campaign for a new temple. Building fund committee chairman and team captain will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Birmingham Masonic Lodge No. 44 on Woodward and Forest. Co-chairmen of the fund raising committee are Ralph E. Hunt, 321 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; W. Jackson Scott, 4200 Lakeside, Birmingham; William T. Arlund, 2727 Square Lake, Birmingham; and James E. Campbell, 406 Park, Birmingham.

THE OVERALL campaign, which begins Sept. 23 and ends Dec. 16, is under the direction of James P. Pedder, 365 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Principal speaker for the meeting will be the Rev. Donald E. Bodley, Grand Master of the Second Vesp. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Participating in the meeting will be William H. Bibben, 1078 Puritan, Birmingham, Masonic Temple Association president; and (Henry) Pyrie Bowden Jr., 1154 Birmingham Blvd., Birmingham, Worthy Matron Eastern Star Chapter No. 220; and Calvin B. Blankenship, 2105 Chancery, Troy, High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter No. 93.

BOTH The Royal Arch and Eastern Star Chapters as well as the Birmingham Blue Lodge are housed in the old Peabody home at Woodward and Forest which will be razed upon completion of the proposed temple. Other active parts in the meeting will be taken by the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, 582 Madison, Birmingham; H. Mack Bosman, 6000 Crooks Road, Troy; and Harold Cook, 17825 Beechwood, Beverly Hills. Serving as chairman of the direct solicitation committee are Edmund K. Terry, 317 Berwyn, Birmingham; Robert W. Walsh, 2533 W. Lincoln, Birmingham; and George K. Meeks, 476 Park, Birmingham.

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