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ANNUAL “CAPITOL HAUNTINGS” TOURS BEGIN AT CAPITOL OCTOBER 7

Online Registration Now Available

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced online registration is now available for the annual “Capitol Hauntings” tours of the New York State Capitol. The tours that explore the legends, folklore, and “ghost stories” connected to the historic state Capitol begin on Monday, October 7.

“The Capitol Hauntings tour can’t be beat for a ghostly look at history in New York’s statehouse,” Commissioner Destito said. “Improving the Capitol for visitors has been a priority for Governor Cuomo since he took office. In addition to hearing spooky Capitol ghost stories, people on the tour will get a chance to see some of the many wonderful renovations completed at the Capitol, such as the refurbished Senate skylight and Hall of Governors.”

The “Capitol Hauntings” tours are free and open to the public, with tours being offered at noon and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, from October 7 through November 1. The Capitol is closed on weekends, and no tours will be conducted on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14.

Space on each tour is limited, so pre-registration is required. Individuals and groups of 10 or fewer may register online at www.ogs.ny.gov. Larger parties should call (518) 473-7582 to register.

In tales that mix history with the macabre, tour guides will tell shocking stories about the night watchman who died in the Capitol fire of 1911 and still makes his rounds and the two United State presidents who visited the Capitol *after* they died.

Find out where the Assembly Chamber’s hidden murals are located and what happened to the tormented artist who created them. Walking among the gargoyle-like carvings and strange carved faces, visitors will discover the location of the Capitol’s “secret demon” and evidence of a curse the demon may hold on the Capitol will be revealed, along with other dark secrets.

The tour lasts about an hour, but the chilling, ghostly tales might haunt you forever.

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