

# When renovation turns to conservation, a building plan takes flight

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 *Latest in a series of posts on the Swifts* 

## **Save Our Swifts GoFundMe page**

*“Something cool’s going to happen here.”*

*John Noble*

*“These birds are amazing.”*

*Jennie Gilrain*

*“What Mr. Noble is doing is so incredibly unusual and  
incredibly good for the environment.”*

*Peter Saenger*

*“When renovation turns to conservation. A building plan that’s taking  
flight.”*

*Bo Koltnow*

The Masonic Temple is coming down.



But plans to save the Swifts are rising.

The cause got a big boost last night with coverage by local and Philadelphia news media.

Take a look. Treat yourself.

*Jim Friedman, “Thousands of Chimney Swifts Alter Plans of Lehigh Valley Development Project.” NBC10 Philadelphia, December 29, 2020. (2 mins.)*

*Bo Koltnow. “Local developer says construction project delays worth the cost to save special type of bird.” WFMZ Channel 69, December 29, 2020. (2 mins.)*

Meet the principals again:



*John Noble, developer, beaming like St Francis of Assisi*





*Jennie Gilrain, teacher by day, theatrical director by night,  
already choreographing a Swift production*

There's a gofundme in our future, my followers!

*to be continued . . .*

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Save our Bethlehem Swifts:

ref: **Bethlehem's dolphins of the sky**

ref: **Gilrain gets scared**

ref: **The Noble family: “We will do everything we can to make sure that these birds are protected”**

ref: **Saving the Bethlehem Swifts: this is a worthy cause”**

ref: **Gilrain on the nest . . . hatching a plan**

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