

## Masonic Temple in Philadelphia



*Masonic Temple serves as the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*

**Masonic Temple** is one of the major tourist attractions in Philadelphia. The temple is a magnificent example of Gothic architecture. This huge architectural wonder consists of several rooms and halls that are elegantly furnished in Victorian style. This beautiful mansion houses seven ornate lodge halls, and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

## Masonic Library at Masonic Temple

The Masonic Library has an extensive collection of books on Masonic literature in America. The masonic literature includes the study of American History and Freemasonry, which is the oldest and continuously existing fraternal organization in the world. The library preserves an extensive collection of books, documents, prints, photographs, and manuscripts on Masonic literature. The library remains open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, except Mondays.

## Masonic Museum at Masonic Temple

The Masonic Museum exhibits a varied collection of Masonic treasures. A visit to the Masonic Temple will give you an idea about freemasonry in American history. There are more than 30,000 exhibits housed in the museum including works of Masonic history, statuary, porcelain, timepieces, china, antiques, antique glass, jewelry, regalia, and curiosa. The Masons sponsor a number of youth, educational, and recreational programs. They have also initiated many scholarship and grant programs.

## Tour of Masonic Temple

The 19th century Masonic Temple is one of the most treasured buildings in the US, and has been declared a National Historic Landmark. You can take a tour of the whole building with an experienced and knowledgeable guide at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays. On Saturdays the tours are conducted at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Explore the mysteries of the Masonic Temple during this tour. The guide takes you through the splendid corridors and majestic lodge halls. You will be spellbound to see the huge collection of paintings, statuary, stained glass works, murals and exquisite furnishings at the temple.

The building of the Masonic Temple is also available for special events such as seminars, lectures and conferences.

## Masonic Temple Location Map



## Masonic Temple Facts

Featuring medieval Norman style, the temple was constructed between 1868 and 1873. Architect James H. Windrim designed the exterior of the temple while George Herzog worked on the interior of the building.

The temple was added to the list of the National Register of Historic Places on May 27, 1971.

## Where is Masonic Temple ?

The Masonic Temple is situated at One North Broad Street right across the Philadelphia City Hall. The area is well served by all types of public transport which makes it easily accessible from any corner of the city. The implementation of latest technologies makes the building accessible for the disabled. Those who have private cars can park their vehicles at the parking area nearby. It takes just 20 minutes to reach the temple from Philadelphia International Airport.

## Best Time To Visit Masonic Temple

Spring and summer are the best times to visit the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

### **Masonic Temple Hours**

Masonic Temple opens on Mondays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Masonic Temple Tickets**

The entry fee to the Masonic Temple is as follows:

Adults: \$10

Students with ID: \$6

Children (12 & under): \$5.00

Senior Citizens (65 & Over): \$5.00

Family (up to 6 people): \$25.00

Groups (Advanced Reservations-15 or more): \$5.00

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