Admission is free to all. We invite you to visit soon!

HOURS
Museum: Wednesday–Saturday, 10 am–4:30 pm
Group tours are available by appointment.
Library & Archives: Wednesday–Saturday, 10 am–4:30 pm

ADMISSION
Free admission and parking.

RENT OUR FACILITIES
The Museum’s state-of-the-art conference center, auditorium, and other facilities are available for public and private conferences, meetings, weddings, and parties. The auditorium and conference room feature hearing-assist devices.

ACCESS
All Museum facilities and restrooms are family friendly and wheelchair accessible.

DIRECTIONS
By Car: Take Rtes. 128/I-95 to Exit 30A (Rte. 2A East) for 3 miles. The Museum is on the left. From the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), take Exit 14 (Rtes. 128/I-95 North) to Exit 30A (Rte. 2A East). Go 3 miles to the Museum, on the left.
By Subway/Bus: From Alewife station (Red Line), take Bus #76 or #62 directly to the Museum. Buses do not run on Sundays.

Located in Lexington, Massachusetts, the “Birthplace of Liberty,” the Museum is the ideal starting point for a visit to sites in the area. Our 15-star flag, one of only a few still in existence, is an historical treasure you don’t want to miss.
Come Visit

The Museum is a welcoming destination for families and individuals of all ages. We present changing exhibitions, care for one of the finest Masonic collections in the United States, and provide popular events and programs. Whenever you visit, you can be sure to come away with a fresh insight into our nation’s history. The objects on display in our galleries expand the meaning of American treasures—furniture, lustrous silver, antique quilts, Masonic jewels, clocks, and even Victorian valentines are just some of what you might see. Each object puts you in touch with the past and with the personal histories of the American people—great and ordinary.

The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is open to the public. We invite you to peruse our extensive holdings in American history and decorative arts, the Revolutionary War in Lexington, and American Masonic and fraternal history.

Appointments are not necessary, although researchers with in-depth research needs, or those wishing to consult items from the Archives are encouraged to contact us in advance.

Our History

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library is a different kind of history museum. We focus on the diversity of American life across four centuries—how we as a people worked and played, struggled and achieved. We pay special attention to the history of American Freemasonry and fraternalism. The Museum opened in 1975 as the Museum of Our National Heritage, founded and supported by the Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Museum has since worked to inspire generations through exhibitions and programs that tell the story of our nation, and celebrate the history of Freemasonry.

Officially known as the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, we aim to serve as the historical society of American Freemasonry. We are the only Museum in the country collecting, preserving, and interpreting the legacy of fraternal groups in the United States. Our collection now numbers more than 17,000 objects. The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives research collections comprise 60,000 books, 1,600 serial titles, and 2,000 cubic feet of archival materials.