



Chancellor Robert R Livingston
Masonic Library
Of The
Grand Lodge of
Free and Accepted Masons
Of The
State Of New York



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General Information

The Chancellor Robert R Livingston Library is located in Masonic Hall, on the northeast corner of Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street in New York City, and the Library and Museum building on the Masonic Home grounds in Utica, New York. For information call 212-741-4505.

New York City

The New York City Masonic Hall, designed by Harry P. Knowles, and constructed in 1908 to replace the previous Masonic Hall by Napoleon Le Brun, contains the Grand Lodge auditorium, meeting rooms for Lodges and other Masonic organizations, the Library and Museum, and the offices of Grand Lodge. The Museum and Library is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed holidays).

Utica

The Utica building was also designed by Harry P. Knowles, and erected in 1923 for use by the Masonic Home children. In 1984, the building was renovated and modernized for use as a library and museum.

The Utica collections have a special emphasis on the history of the Masonic Home.

The Library Collections

The Library contains over 50,000 bound volumes, over a million items in subject and biographical files, and more than 100,000 manuscripts relating to the history of Freemasonry in New York State.

“Books-by-mail” reading programs extend the use of the collections to all members, and provide an adult program of continuing education.

The focus of the acquisitions program is on Freemasonry and American history with a special emphasis on New York State.

The Museum Collections

The Museum collections date prior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1781, and include a wide range of relics and curios of Masonic interest.

Arranged, displayed, and in part cataloged, the museum collection is one of the world's finest accumulation of Masonic memorabilia; jewels, certificates, glassware, pottery, tokens, medals, badges, aprons, clothing, furniture, coins, and other souvenirs — all pertaining to the history of Freemasonry.

Individual exhibits are devoted to related Masonic organizations and special displays of topical interest.

Portraits

Likenesses of all but one of the Past Grand Masters are included in the Grand Masters' Portrait Gallery on the 4th floor of Masonic Hall, and form a documentary record of over 200 years of New York State Freemasonry.

Sculpture

George Washington as Master of his Lodge by Bryant Baker, and works by Gutzon Borglum and other prominent artists are included in the collections.

The heroic statue of "Silence" by Augustus St. Gaudens, commissioned for the Masonic Hall in New York City in 1872, is now on display in the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel on the Masonic Home grounds in Utica.

Lodge History

Individual history files for each Lodge contain a wide variety of items relating to the Masonic lodges throughout New York State.

Biography

Vertical files contain items relating to individuals who are or have been Freemasons, including those of international/national or statewide prominence.

You are invited to become a Friend of the Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge.

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If you or your attorney would like to discuss a gift or bequest with a Trustee or a member of the Library's staff please call or write;

The Director
Chancellor Livingston Library
Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street
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*"I give and bequeath
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