



## Nashua Masonic Bodies to Host Open House

**Nashua, NH, August 30, 2016** - The Nashua-area community is cordially invited to join the Nashua Masonic Bodies at the Masonic Building, 196 Main Street in Downtown Nashua, NH (elevator at 200A Main Street) on Saturday, October 15, 2016 to learn about the history and tenets of Freemasonry and its affiliated bodies.

All New Hampshire Masonic Lodges will be open on October 15 from 9 AM – 3 PM as a part of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire's NH Statewide Masonic Open House.

Nashua's event will begin with a free Pancake Breakfast from 8 –10AM on the 4th Floor. Starting at 9 AM we will begin our Open House Program.

Throughout the day, there will be several scheduled presentations focused on different aspects of Freemasonry.

Featured will be members of all Nashua's affiliated Masonic organizations including:

- Nashua's Two Masonic Lodges: Rising Sun Lodge No. 39 & Ancient York Lodge No. 89 F&AM
- Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
- York Rite's three organizations: Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council, & Commandery of Knights Templar.
- Pilgrim Chapter No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star
- Nashua Assembly No. 9, International Order of Rainbow for Girls (Girls Ages 11-21), and Rainbow Pledge & Sparkles (Girls ages 10 and under).
- Statewide Masonic Organizations such as Bektash Shrine

The schedule for the day is as follows:

**8 - 10AM** Pancake Breakfast. Cost: Free. First come; first served. 4th Floor.

**10 AM** A History of Masonry in Nashua and the Nashua Masonic Building by Bob Bianchi of Rising Sun Lodge. 3rd Floor, Lodge Room.

**11 AM** An open Q&A Session with representatives from all of Nashua's Masonic Bodies. 3rd Floor, Lodge Room.

**1 PM** A talk by Bro. Ryan Flynn of Ancient York Lodge, discussing the genesis of operative medieval Masonic Guilds to "speculative" modern Freemasonry. 3rd Floor, Lodge Room.

Tours of the building will be conducted and members will be available to answer questions throughout the day. A craft table for children will also be available on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

All are welcome!



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### **About Freemasonry**

Freemasonry is the world's oldest Fraternity with documented origins dating back to "Operative" guilds of Masons in Europe in the late 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Through its tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, Freemasonry provides men a framework upon which to improve themselves and their world. Freemasonry is not a religion, but requires its members to have a belief in a Supreme Being and attracts men of many faiths and walks of life.

### **About Freemasonry in Nashua**

Freemasonry has a nearly 200-year history in Nashua, New Hampshire with its Lodges being some of the longest continuing operating organizations in the city. Nashua's first Masonic Lodge was Rising Sun Lodge No. 39 Free & Accepted Masons, chartered in 1822. Its second Lodge, Ancient York Lodge No. 89 Free & Accepted Masons, was chartered in 1871. The current Masonic building, referred to as a "Temple", was completed in 1891 and is one of the oldest and most historic buildings on Main Street.

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