

History

The Newton Masonic Building was specifically built to be a location for Masonic organizations located in Newton. Two of those organizations, Dalhousie Lodge and Gethsemane Commandery meeting nearby, managed to arrange the financing of the building's \$100,000 construction cost. In the early 1890s, they engaged the architectural firm of Hartwell and Richardson to design and build. The Richardson in this firm was not the famous architect Henry Hobson Richardson but was William Cummings Richardson who happened to be a member of both Dalhousie and Gethsemane.

Nevertheless, Hartwell and Richardson used the then popular Romanesque Revival style in designing the building, a style popularized by H. H. Richardson. Hartwell and Richardson had also built the Central Congregational Church on Walnut Street (now the Newton Campus of the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church), the Classical Newton High School on Walnut Street (since demolished), many schools and town halls across the state and even the Waltham Armory.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1896 the cornerstone was laid by Most Worshipful Edwin Bradford Holmes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in traditional Masonic fashion. Merely a year later on October 6, 1897, Most Worshipful Charles Carroll Hutchinson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts came to dedicate the building and congratulate the Newton brethren on this accomplishment.

Today, the Newton Masonic Building is listed in the Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places and is a contributing property to the Newtonville Historic District recognized and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested?

If you are a Masonic organization looking for a new home, we welcome your inquiries.

To be eligible, you must be a Massachusetts organization under the jurisdiction of one of the following:

- Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts
- Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts
- Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Massachusetts
- Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island
- Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Order of the Eastern Star
- Grand Court of Massachusetts, Order of the Amaranth
- Massachusetts Shrine, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem
- Massachusetts Grand Assembly, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
- Massachusetts DeMolay
- Or any other Massachusetts organization duly recognized by one of the above.

If you are a commercial organization desiring to move into the Newtonville area, we do occasionally have changes of tenancy. You are welcome to speak with us about your potential for becoming a commercial tenant of the Newton Masonic Building. (Note: commercial tenants are restricted to ground floor occupancy.)

Please direct your inquiries to:

newtonmasonic@gmail.com

Newton Masonic Building



460 Newtonville Avenue
Newtonville, Massachusetts
02460-1925

Owned and Operated by

**Newton Masonic
Associates, Inc.**

Ground floor

The Newtonville Masonic Building is fortunate to have commercial space on its ground floor as a source of income. Here is a directory of the ground floor:

456 Newtonville Avenue

Newtonville Dental Group
Dr. Paul J. Duffell, DMD, Family Dentistry
617.244.4133

458 Newtonville Avenue

NMA conference room

460 Newtonville Avenue

Lodge entrance

294 Walnut Street

H&R Block
Tax preparation services
617.965.3521

296 Walnut Street

The Bella Boutique Spa
Facials, waxing, massages and
relaxing body treatments
617.796.7920

298 Walnut Street

Project Repat
Custom made T-shirt quilts,
memories preserved
857.264.1937

300 Walnut Street

Get In Shape for Women
Personal training studios for women,
weight training, cardio, nutrition
508.466.8529

Please patronize our tenants.

Photos of upper floors

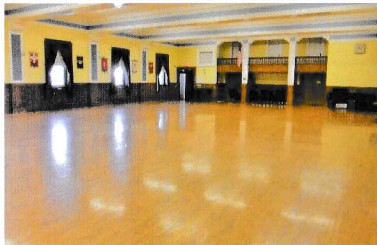


Lodge Room

50' w. by 73' l.
ceiling 28'
fixed seating 150
maximum 600

Prelate's Hall

23' w. by 38' l.
ceiling 18'
fixed seating 50
maximum 100



Dining Hall

49' w. by 72' l.
ceiling 15'
dinner 240
maximum 500

Chamber of Reflection



Ladies' Parlor

Masonic organizations currently meeting in Newton Masonic Building

Lodge of Instruction
Fifth Masonic District
(alternate months with Needham)

Waltham Triad Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Dalhousie Lodge F. & A.M.

Norumbega Fraternity Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Garden City Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Palestine Chapter #114 O.E.S.

Newton Royal Arch Chapter R.A.M.

Cryptic Council R. & S.M.M.

Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery #7 K.T.

Newton Assembly #60
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Greater Boston Chapter
DeMolay International

Greater Boston Manor Order of Squires
DeMolay International

Newton Masonic Building is also home to

J. Philip Berquist Children's Dyslexia Center
of Greater Boston

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts
Order of the Eastern Star