

# *Gathering of the States*



A Weekend in Philadelphia  
September 8-10, 2023

**Masonic Temple**  
1 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

## *September 8, 2023*

- ❖ Meet and Greet at 6:00 P.M.

## *September 9, 2023*

- ❖ Daytime sightseeing at your leisure in Philadelphia
- ❖ Masonic Temple tours (times to be announced)
- ❖ Banquet at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Organ Recital by Brother Robert Trimble, W.G.P. at 8:00 P.M.

## *September 10, 2023*

- ❖ Church Service at 9:00 A.M.

Registration Form and Housing Information are enclosed with flyer.  
Sightseeing suggestions can be found at [www.paoes.org](http://www.paoes.org)

Please send registrations to Bonnie Shalala by August 18th, 2023



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## Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (2023-2024): \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Subscription	Enclosed
Registration Fee	\$10.00	\$
Friday Night Cocktail Hour (Sept. 8, 2023)	\$15.00	\$
Saturday Night Banquet (Sept. 9, 2023)	\$40.00	\$
Saturday Night Organ Concert (Sept. 9, 2023) YES / NO	- -	- -
Sunday Morning Church Service (Sept. 10th, 2023) YES / NO	- -	- -
<b>Total Cost</b> (amount enclosed) Payable to: Grand Chapter of PA OES, Inc Memo Line: <b>Gathering of the States</b>		\$

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: AUGUST 18, 2023**

### Submit Registrations to:

Bonnie Shalala, Chairman  
2332 E. Sergeant Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19125  
bonnie.shalala@yahoo.com

# ***Housing Accommodations***

## **The Notary Hotel, Philadelphia, Autograph Collection**

21 North Juniper Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

### **Sleeping Room Information:**

We have created a room block associated with your event. The cutoff date for reservations is **Friday, 8/11/2023**.

The link to book follows: <https://book.passkey.com/go/EasternStarsRoom>

### **General Information:**

Please note, check-in is at 4PM and check-out is at 12PM.

### **Parking:**

We have valet parking only at the hotel, for overnight parking it is \$62.48 inclusive of taxes. If anyone is just staying for under 6 hours it is \$29.40 inclusive of taxes if they are here longer than 6 hours it is \$45 inclusive of taxes. If you prefer to self park you are more than welcome to and there are a few lots around us, they range from \$40-\$50 a night.

## **Philadelphia Marriott Downtown**

1201 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

### **Sleeping Room Information:**

We have created a room block associated with your event. The cutoff date for reservations is **Friday, 8/11/2023**.

The link to book follows: <https://book.passkey.com/go/EASTERNSTARS2023>

### **General Information:**

Please note, check-in is at 4PM and check-out is at 11 AM. We are happy to provide luggage storage for guests arriving/departing before or after these times. Reservations must be canceled by 6:00 PM hotel time 3 days prior to arrival to avoid a 1-night penalty.

### **Parking:**

On-site Parking is valet only and subject to availability.

## Gathering of the States Philadelphia Sights

### Independence Hall

- Address
  - 520 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- Attraction Website
  - <https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independencehall.htm>
- Admission
  - Tickets are required for entrance to Independence Hall from March through December, from 9am to 5pm. There is no cost for admission, but there is a \$1.00 per ticket handling fee for tickets. Learn how to obtain tickets on the ticketing web page. Obtain your tickets on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Tickets can be printed in advance or shown on a mobile device for scanning at the time of entry.
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 10 blocks

### Liberty Bell

- Address
  - 526 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- Attraction Website
  - <https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/libertybellcenter.htm>
- Admission
  - No fee
  - Open daily 9 am to 5 pm
- Security
  - Visitors must pass through a security screening area to visit the Liberty Bell Center. To maximize your visit to the park, and to minimize your security screening time, the park recommends that you bring only small bags, if necessary. No weapons, pepper spray, or pocket knives are permitted into the building.
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk

- About 10 blocks

### **Betsy Ross House**

- Address
  - 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- Attraction Website
  - [https://historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house/what-to-see/?gclid=CjwKCAjwiOCgBhAgEiwAjl5whKMAHR5ZcLMya5cAwlwJkDEpXO\\_8MWS236SePekN7eSuzuUVz3VrQhoCa2MQAvD\\_BwE](https://historicphiladelphia.org/betsy-ross-house/what-to-see/?gclid=CjwKCAjwiOCgBhAgEiwAjl5whKMAHR5ZcLMya5cAwlwJkDEpXO_8MWS236SePekN7eSuzuUVz3VrQhoCa2MQAvD_BwE)
- Admission
  - Self Guided Tour Adults \$8.00
  - Self Guided Tour Seniors (65+) \$6.00
  - Open Daily 10 am to 5 pm
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 11 blocks

### **National Constitution Center**

- Address
  - 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- Attraction Website
  - <https://constitutioncenter.org/>
- Admission
  - \$14.50
  - Open Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 11 blocks

### **Museum of the American Revolution**

- Address
  - 101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- Attraction Website

- [https://www.amrevmuseum.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwiOCgBhAgEiwAfv5whlAx8297eHRleIL26ZswHNOB9eOic7GARvJTayDsokYSi22T08KjqhoCseoQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.amrevmuseum.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwiOCgBhAgEiwAfv5whlAx8297eHRleIL26ZswHNOB9eOic7GARvJTayDsokYSi22T08KjqhoCseoQAvD_BwE)
- Admission
  - \$24 Adults (walk up cost)
  - \$21 Adults (advance only purchase)
  - \$19 Seniors (65+)
  - Open Daily, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 12 blocks

### **Barnes Foundation**

- Address
  - 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130
- Attraction Website
  - <https://www.barnesfoundation.org/>
- Admission
  - \$25 Adults
  - \$23 Seniors
  - Open Thursday – Monday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 8 blocks

### **Philadelphia Museum of Art**

- Address
  - 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130
- Attraction Website
  - <https://philamuseum.org/>
- Admission (timed admissions)
  - \$25 Adults
  - \$23 Seniors
  - Open Friday 10 am - 8:45 pm; Saturday-Monday, and Thursday 10 am - 5 pm
- How to get there

- Public Transportation
  - Septa bus
  - Septa subway
- Uber
- Taxi

### **Franklin Institute**

- Address
  - 271 North 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
- Attraction Website
  - <https://www.fi.edu/en>
- Admission (timed admissions)
  - \$25 Adults
  - \$23 Seniors
  - Open daily 9:30 am - 5 pm
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 9 blocks

### **Reading Terminal Market**

- Address
  - 1136 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- Attraction Website
  - <https://readingterminalmarket.org/>
- Admission (no admission)
  - Open daily 8 am - 6 pm
- How to get there
  - Public Transportation
    - Septa bus
    - Septa subway
  - Uber
  - Taxi
  - Walk
    - About 3 blocks