

**Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum (MN Masonic Heritage Center)
Contract Collections Assistant
(Full-time, one year position)**

General: The Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center (MMHC) seeks two full-time, temporary contract collections assistants to inventory portions of the museum's 2D and 3D historical collections. These are grant-funded positions whose responsibilities will include data entry, photographing objects, and handling/rehousing collections in accordance with the scope of the grant project.

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Salary: \$17.68 hour, paid every other week. Position is non-benefit earning.

Reports to: MMHC Curator

Essential Job Functions:

- Assign and formally apply Object ID numbers as needed to each object in the collection using a pencil, blue photo pencil, Acryloids or other acceptable numbering device.
- Enter designated information about each object into PastPerfect museum software.
- Examine and document condition details of each object inventoried.
- Photograph or scan each inventoried object and add the image to the object's record in PastPerfect.
- As needed, rehouse each object using museum-quality enclosures.
- Other duties as assigned.

Equipment Used: Computer, printer, scanner, digital camera, telephone, various conservation/preservation tools and materials.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) in museum studies, public history, history, or related field.
- Minimum six (6) months experience working with historical collections at a museum, historical society, or equivalent organization.
- Experience with PastPerfect museum software, Microsoft Office, and Photoshop or Photoshop Elements.
- Knowledge of accepted collections/museum cataloging procedures, artifact handling, and preservation practices.
- Historical research skills.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team, can be both flexible and organized.

- Able to transport materials up to 50 lbs.
- Capable of retrieving objects from shelving up to 8 feet in height.

To apply, mail/email a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to: Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center, attn.: Theresa Norman, Curator, 11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437 or theresa.norman@mnmasonic.org.

The above statements are not intended to encompass all functions and qualifications of the position. Rather, they are intended to provide a general framework of the requirements of the position. Job incumbents may be required to perform other duties not specifically addressed in this job description.

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