

# “THE CAMP OF THE AMERICAN ARMY AT

## *Valley Forge*

**FEBRUARY, 1778”**

Located on the north wall of the Chamber, below the House Gallery. Painted by Edwin Austin Abbey in 1911, it depicts Baron Friedrich von Steuben training American troops.



## *Stained Glass*

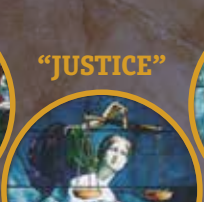
### **OF THE HOUSE**

Fourteen windows created by William B. Van Ingen. Each one is framed in 24-karat gold leaf and features a theme, such as Justice, Religion, Education, and Commerce.

Van Ingen, trained by famed glass artist Louis Comfort Tiffany, also created 10 windows for the Senate Chamber. Each of the windows weighs 200 pounds and measures four feet wide.



“LIBERTY”



“JUSTICE”



“RELIGION”



## **THE HOUSE TODAY**

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has 203 Members, elected to serve two-year terms. Each Member represents a district consisting of approximately 62,000 citizens.

House Members must be 21 years of age when elected and live in the district that they represent. When the House is in session, visitors are welcome to watch the action from the gallery in the rear of the Chamber.

**Use the QR code to find more information about the House Chamber.**



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# *The House Chamber*



## **A WORKING MUSEUM**

### "APOTHEOSIS OF PENNSYLVANIA"

Painted by Edwin Austin Abbey in 1911, this 35 square-foot mural depicts explorers, intellectuals, and leaders from the state's past. PA's founder William Penn stands in the center in a red robe, with Benjamin Franklin at his right hand.

### "THE HOURS"

The mural on the ceiling, painted by Edwin Austin Abbey in 1911, represents the passage of time, showing 24 maidens revolving around the sun, moon, and stars.

### GOLD LEAF

The gold on the ceiling and other architectural pieces is 23 karat gold leafing, which sticks better to the plaster than 24 karat gold. Much of the current gold leafing is not original and was placed during renovations in 1985 and 1996.

### CHANDELIERS

Six bronze fixtures range from two to four tons each, have more than 81,000 real crystals, and require more than 1,000 light bulbs.

### SPEAKER'S CHAIR

The throne-style chair is made of ornately carved mahogany with gold leaf ornaments and a leather seat and back.

### MARBLE WALLS

Taken from a region in the French Pyrenees, the quarries were closed shortly after, making the PA Capitol the only site in the western hemisphere to have this marble.

### MEMBERS' DESKS

208 original desks made of mahogany and designed by Capitol architect, Joseph Huston. Installed in 1906, each one is complete with a private foot locker.