

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Sons of Italy Hall

and/or common Architectural Resources

2. Location

street & number 704 E. Howard Street ___ not for publication

city, town Hibbing ___ vicinity of congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Architectural Resources, Inc.

street & number 704 E. Howard Street

city, town Hibbing ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Court House

street & number

city, town Duluth ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Constructed in 1930 to serve as the social center of the Sons of Italy, an Italian immigrant fraternal organization, the Sons of Italy Hall occupies a prominent location on the principal artery through the central business district of Hibbing. It is two stories in height and is constructed of yellow brick. The street facade is symmetrical in arrangement and incorporates several Italian Renaissance Revival architectural details. These details include a projecting bracketted cornice and a formal entry flanked by classical pilasters and crowned with a full pediment. In recent years the building has been adapted for office use. A modern stairtower has been added to the facade facing from the parking area. It is however unobtrusive and does not detract from the original (in tact) architectural design of the original building.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1930 **Builder/Architect** J.C. Taylor

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Sons of Italy Hall reflected the ethnic and religious diversity of the Iron Range population and the distinct method of social organization or voluntary association utilized by the Italian community in Hibbing. Rather than concentrating upon church or synagogue, the Italians in Hibbing developed completely separate social centers, usually based upon old country politics as with the Sons of Italy. After the numbers of original immigrants began to wane, the building was sold to Architectural Resources in 1968. The Sons of Italy Lodge was called Loggia Guglielmo Marconi #1164.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamma, A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota (Eveleth: 1977).

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1
 Quadrangle name Hibbing, Minn.-St. Louis Co 7.5 scale

UMT References

A	1 5	5 0 5 0 4 0	5 2 5 2 4 4 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Sons of Italy Hall is located on Lots 7, 8, 9 of Block 11, Eastern Addition, Hibbing, Minnesota.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office
 organization Minnesota Historical Society date September 10, 1979
 street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone 612-296-9070
 city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 6/9/80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Keeper of the National Register W. Ray Jones date 11/25/80
 Attest: Luba Hunt McCluskey date 11-24-80
 Chief of Registration

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Two large bays which flank the central entry have been altered to accommodate modern combination plate glass and panel units. The right-hand bay was formerly a tri-partite storefront arranged with a recessed central entry, flanking plateglass windows with transoms and panelled bulkheads. The lefthand bay was arranged to accommodate a set of bi-fold garage doors, a fixed plate window and a single-panel door. The central portal with ornamental entablature remains unaltered and now provides access to first floor office areas.