

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

### IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial  
 HISTORIC NAME: Knights of Pythias Building  
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 829 N. 1st Avenue  
 CITY/TOWN: Phoenix  
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 111/40/61  
 OWNER: Ronald E. Ibsen  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 2638 E. Cholla  
Phoenix, AZ 85028  
 HISTORIC USE: K of P Hall, stores  
 PRESENT USE: offices  
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/Other  
 STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival Influence  
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1928  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Lescher & Mahoney, Architects  
T.J. Weatherford, Contractor  
 INTEGRITY: original site/alterd minor/major  
 CONDITION: excellent/restored

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 20-7  
 USGS QUAD: Phoenix  
 T 1N R 3E S 5S1/2 1/4 OF THE 1/4  
 UTM Zone 12 Easting 400185 Northing 3702330

### Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: gabled  
 ROOF SHEATHING: shingles  
 EAVES TREATMENT: gables on sides at  
front entry  
 WINDOWS: paned 2nd floor - recessed on side  
quoins, pilasters between on front.  
 ENTRY: recessed, new, framed with  
original motif  
 PORCHES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STOREFRONTS: 2 bays and south entry  
recessed.

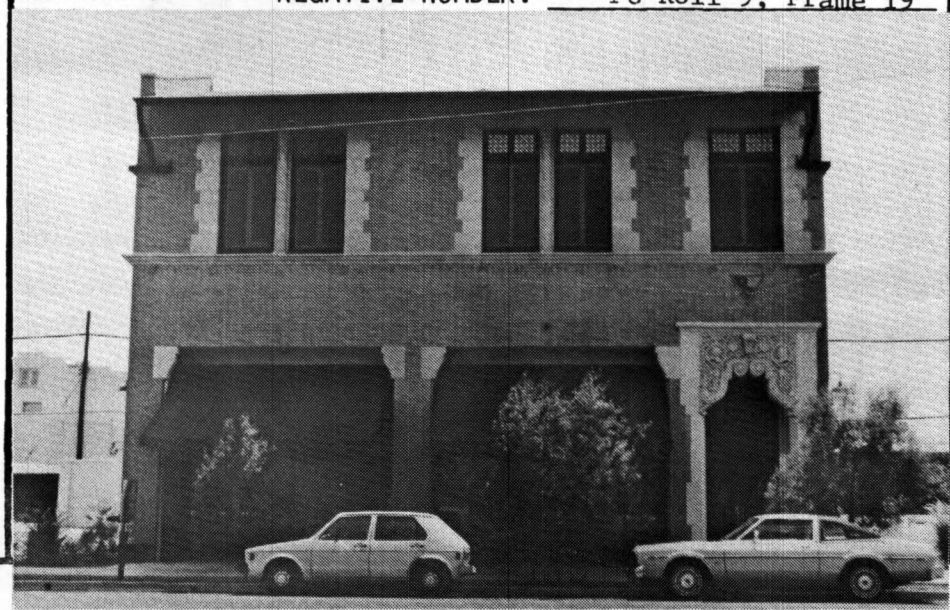
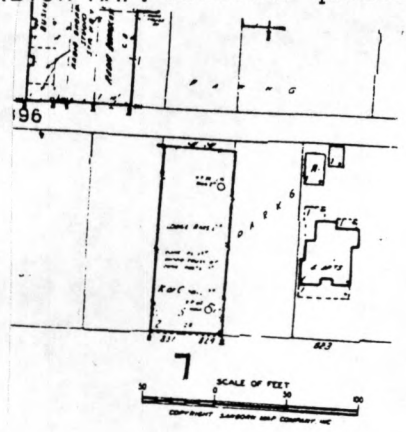
### DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 50 (w) 130  
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: brick  
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 WALL SHEATHING: brick  
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: cast stone over door on S end  
of front, K of P emblem over door on S. front.

NOTABLE INTERIOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OUTBUILDINGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALTERATIONS: building: exter. stair added  
to south side, projects to south, away fr

PHOTOGRAPH wall.  
 PHOTOGRAPHER: Osborn  
 DATE: August 1983 VIEW: E  
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll 9, Frame 19

SKETCH MAP: Artstone quoins and brackets .



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE  COMMUNITY PLANNING  ECONOMICS   
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  GOVERNMENTAL  MILITARY  RELIGION  SCIENCE   
THEATRE  TRANSPORTATION  TOURISM  OTHER(specify)

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Lescher & Mahoney, important local  
architects from 1920s to present. Also designed J.T. Whitney Funeral Home and Orpheum  
Theater

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Example of fraternal lodge building designed to  
generate income for lodge by leasing of lower floor.

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS Built as Knights of Pythias Phoenix Lodge #2

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example with specific stylistic features.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION 2 story with no setback.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

Ground floor incorporated into two storerooms.  
First floor used by Curtis Motors in 1928.

See MRA text, Item 8, pages 37,64.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL  RESIDENTIAL STREET  COMMERCIAL  CENTRAL SQUARE   
CBD:  OTHER: Neighborhood

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Sanborn Maps  
Arizona Republican: 10/16/28, Sec. 2, 1:1

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: Roosevelt Neighborhood MR Nomination BP-44 (S)

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED  DETERMINED ELIGIBLE  DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE  NOT EVALUATED   
11-30-83 Roosevelt MRA - Phoenix

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Garrison et al SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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SHPO Signature:

I concur with the statements as presented in this resubmission.

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title State Historic Preservation Officer date 8/6/87