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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME *Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall*
 HISTORIC
 A.O.H. Hall (Ancient Order of Hibernians)
 AND/OR COMMON
 Hibernian Hall

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER
 321 - 323 East Commercial
 CITY, TOWN
 Anaconda
 STATE
 Montana
 VICINITY OF
 CODE
 59711 30
 COUNTY
 Deer Lodge
 CODE
 023
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 Western District 1
 NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERICAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME
 Anaconda/Deer Lodge County
 STREET & NUMBER
 8th and Main Street
 CITY, TOWN
 Anaconda
 VICINITY OF
 STATE
 Montana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
 Deer Lodge County Courthouse
 STREET & NUMBER
 8th and Main Street
 CITY, TOWN
 Anaconda, Montana
 STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE
 Montana Historic Preservation Plan, Parks Division, Dept. of Fish and Game
 DATE
 1975
 DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS
 Montana Historical Society
 CITY, TOWN
 Helena
 STATE
 Montana
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Organized in 1885 in Anaconda, the A.O.H. Hall was first housed in the Standard Hall located at Main and N.E. corner of 3rd. Ground breaking for a new Hibernian Hall located at the southwest corner of Cedar Street and Commerical Ave in Anaconada began in 1896; the building was dedicated on March 17, 1899.

It is a two story, detached masonry structure that served a double function from its inception as a commerical property on the street level and a fraternal hall above. The rectangular form measures 50 x 80 feet and was built in two builds over two seasons. The first season produced the ground floor plan which includes five stores in all. Two stores fronted Commercial Ave and were each 25 feet wide. The store spaces utilized brick party walls, a one story cast iron store front, and plate glass windows for lighting and display. The two front store spaces on Commercial Ave occuppied a total area of 85 x 25 feet. Behind and set at a right angle to these primary shops were three other stores fronting on Cedar Street and measuring 16 x 40 feet.

The main entrance to the Lodgeroom on the second floor was from Cedar Street. The lodge room was 30 x 47 feet. A reading room 15 x 22 joined the anti-room, assembly room, cloak and toilet rooms in forming the second floor accommodations. The interior finish was described at the time as not being elaborate in detail and ornamentatious, but substantial and in good taste. The staircase and hall is of quartered oak, the rest of the wooden finish work is of pine.

The \$30,000 Hibernian Hall held a grand ball to celebrate its opening on February 9, 1899 in what was described as the "Finest and largest dance hall in the state", and by the Anaconda Standard "located in one of the handsomest buildings in the City of Anaconda". Its new floor was heralded as a "marvel of beauty and artistic workmanship".

Stylistically, the building reflects the late stages (1899) of the Romanesque-Queen Anne period. The picturesque grouping of smooth brick "Lorie" dormers between rock faced granite oriels reflect the late Victorian desire to play-off features and materials against each other. Raised terrecotta tile work and round headed arches (that inframe the familiar pin wheel or sun flower motif) are other design elements that ally themselves with the Queen Anne movement.

The varied use of the building is functionally expressed by the rather austere cast iron commercial front whose classical dentils are at odds with the otherwise medieval tone of the rest of the building. The more important function of the structure as a Hibernian Hall is established by the marked entrance to the long side (Cedar Street) of the building. Here, two elongated "Norman" stair towers run the full height of the building and symbolically (as well as visually) unite the round arched entrance on the ground level with the upper story Lodge room. The Norman stair towers (with "blind" elongated window slits) were originally capped with conical masonry forms and "quatre foil" ornament. The cone shaped finials have been removed from the towers and oriels. The entrance door to the second floor had the letters A.O.H. carved in granite in high relief with folisted shamrocks intervined among the lettering. The lettering has since been chiseled off.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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

1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Anaconda, Montana was Marcus Daly's town, This colorful "Copper King" made Anaconda his home and from it he built the copper empire that was to influence Montana history and politics, and make Marcus Daly many times a millionaire as he pioneered the modern copper smelting industry and built the company that would become the largest non-ferrous smelting and mining organization in the world.

Daly chose Anaconda as the site for his reduction works to refine the rich copper deposits from the Anaconda Mine on Butte Hill -- that would become known as "the richest hill on earth." With the opening of the Anaconda Reduction Works in September of 1884, designed for a capacity of 5,000 tons of ore per month, with another under construction, Daly imported a large work force of immigrant labor, many from his native Ireland. The substantial Irish population was not long in establishing their old-country traditions. A newspaper account tells of the founding of Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians of Deer Lodge County, September 13, 1885. The A.O.H., first organized as a patriotic society in Ireland in the 1600's, boasted a United States membership in 1899 of more than 100,000.

The ANACONDA STANDARD of March 18, 1899 notes: "The formal dedication of the magnificent A.O.H. building took place last evening, and surely every member of the organization is justified in feeling immensely proud of the handsome structure, which will ever stand as a monument to the faithful hearts and aggressive spirit of those of Erin's sons who have chosen to make Anaconda their home."

Built of pressed brick, trimmed with sandstone, granite and ornate terracotta, the building was described by the ANACONDA STANDARD of the day as "unquestionably the peer of any building in the city and admittedly the finest building in the state erected by a fraternal order".

Construction had begun on the building in April of 1896, and with its dedication on Saint Patrick's day in 1899, the structure continued to be the site of festive gatherings for the special occasions observed by many community organizations, and many Anaconda families grew from the romances begun at holiday dances in the spacious ballroom of the A.O.H. Hall.

Though Anaconda's A.O.H. chapter is the only one remaining in Montana and one of two yet active West of the Mississippi it has continued to grow. Membership requires an Irish heritage and Catholic faith, but the A.O.H. Saint Patrick's celebrations are legendary and draw visitors of any background to Anaconda to share in the event.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 THE ANACONDA STANDARD (newspaper) Issues of 26 April 1896 Montana Standard:
 17 May 1896 15 March 1964
 8 Feb. 1899
 18 Mar. 1899

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16/000 of an acre or 7,000 sq. ft.
 QUADRANGLE NAME Anaconda, Mont QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500
 UTM REFERENCES
 A 12 349 4910 5110 0512 B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C D
 E F
 G H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 27, lots 1 and 2; Original townsite - Sec. 3 - Township 4 N., Range 11 W.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Montana		Dear Lodge	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Alice Finnegan, Chairman, Tri-County Historical Society & Kingston Heath, Architectural Historian
 ORGANIZATION
 Historic Preservation Office-Montana Historical Society
 DATE 6/27/79
 STREET & NUMBER
 225 North Roberts
 TELEPHONE 406-449-4584
 CITY OR TOWN
 Helena
 STATE
 Montana, 59601

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *[Signature]*
 TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer
 DATE 6/29/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
[Signature]
 DATE 8-10-79
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: *[Signature]*
 DATE 8/7/79
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Traditionally the goal of any political figure worth his salt as a vote-getter, the A.O.H. Saint Patrick's banquet annually attracts politicians of all levels, including governors and congressmen.

As a part of the Anaconda Urban Renewal program the A.O.H. Hall was purchased by the Anaconda Community Development Agency in 1977. Various business and organizations were still utilizing the building until the fall of 1978 when the structure was scheduled for demolition as a part of the Urban Renewal land clearance project. Demolition was forestalled by a citizen suit brought against the local Community Development Agency and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Financial aid in this action was given through a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.) A temporary restraining order has been in effect since November 1978, and it appears at present that HUD may abandon original plans to appeal the decision given by Judge W.D. Murray in Federal District Court last November. Local citizens would like to implement a plan to rehabilitate the building and put it again to useful community activities.

The interior finish, exclusive of stairs and staircase hall, is of pine. The staircase and staircase hall is of quartered oak.

Hence this structure, the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, is eligible for listing on the National Register because of its local historical significance (criteria A) in reflecting the role the Irish Community played in the development of the Anaconda Mining Company, the building's high symbolic significance within the Community, and its architectural significance as an example of the Queen Anne - Romanesque style (criteria C, see description).