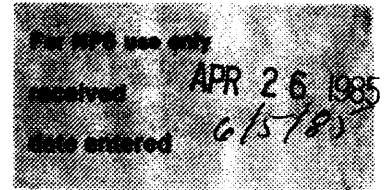


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Downtown South Bend

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d. 1921 South Bend, Indiana 46601

Description: Photo #60, 61; Building #32

The LaSalle Hotel on the southwest corner of LaSalle and Michigan Streets, is a nine-story hotel constructed of brick with terra-cotta trim. The first and second floors on the east and north facades are treated as one floor. The windows and doorways are flanked by spiral columns and surmounted by round-arched windows with tracery, voussoirs, and keystones. A projecting string course separates the second floor from the third floor which has terra-cotta window surrounds, as do the single end bay windows and the ninth floor windows. A projecting string course separates the eighth and ninth floors and the building is surmounted by a wide overhanging cornice.

Significance:

Built in 1921, the LaSalle Hotel replaced an earlier hotel on the same site, the 1840 Sheridan House. When built the hotel contained 233 rooms, several dining rooms for club use, and a cafeteria. Located directly across from the Chicago, South Bend and South Shore Railroad station, it was the first of three hotels at the intersection which catered to disembarking passengers. (See #20 and #33.) In 1930, when the adjacent Hoffman Hotel was built to the west, an enclosed second story connector was built between the Hoffman and the LaSalle Hotels on LaSalle Street.

Architecturally, the LaSalle Hotel is an excellent example of the larger commercial structures that were built in South Bend in the early 20th century. The structure is a blend of the Chicago School and Renaissance Revival. Now an office building, it is one of only a few buildings in downtown which retains its street level windows. The only exterior changes to the building are new aluminum-framed entrances on each street facade (LaSalle and Lafayette) and aluminum storm windows.

Most of the significant architectural features on the interior of the building are on the first floor and still exist (upper floors have been remodeled). The former hotel lobby opens onto balconies on three sides, supported by large, classically-detailed piers. Open staircases to the balcony areas flank the main entrance which lies directly across from the original hotel registration desk.

Other early features are the elevator hall and a balcony meeting room done in a period revival style with Mediterranean influences. The meeting room also includes false balconies, a coved ceiling and mirrors trimmed with brass.

UTM Reference: 16/562390/4614190 Acreage: Less than one acre

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