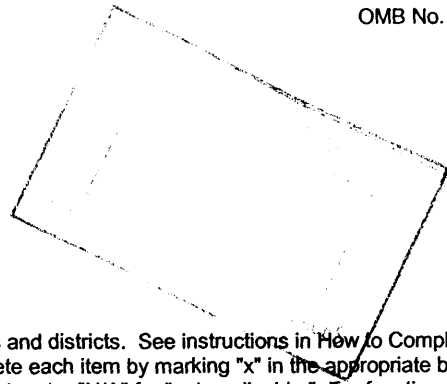


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A)*. Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Parker Masonic Hall

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 130 S Cherry Avenue not for publication n/a

city or town Parker Vicinity n/a

state South Dakota Code SD county Turner code 125 zip code 57053

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gary D. Vogt 06-09-2004
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register.
- other,

(explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: *Edson H. Beall* Date of Action: *7/29/04*

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Social Sub: Meeting Hall

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Social Sub: Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals:
Italian Renaissance

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Concrete
Roof Rubber
Walls Stucco

Other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____
Social History _____

Period of Significance

1925-1954 _____

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Significant Dates 1925
 1931

Significant Person n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder n/a

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- Designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: n/a

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Parker Masonic Holding Association
street & number 130 S. Cherry Street telephone 605—297-6777
city or town Parker state SD zip code 57053

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Parker Masonic Lodge has a concrete foundation, stucco walls, brackets, red clay tiles on the eaves, and a rubber roof. A brick veneer runs along the bottom of the building. There is a parapet on the roof with decorative brick designs. Common elements found on the lodge include: brick window sills, multi-pane windows, and a widely overhanging eave with brackets. Some of the windows have window hoods; the window hoods have decorative brick under them. The Italian Renaissance Style lodge was built as a residence in 1925 and converted to a Masonic Hall in 1931. The Parker Masonic Lodge is a flat roof subtype of this style.

The façade (north elevation) has a central entry with a portico. The wood panel door is flanked by two pilasters; the pilasters support a bracketed unadorned entablature with a red clay tile roof. There are cement steps leading to the entrance. Above the portico is a pair of six-pane casement windows. On either side of the portico starting at the basement level and going up is an enclosed window opening, an eight-over-eight double hung window with a window hood, and a pair of six-over-six double hung windows.

The west elevation consists of the main two-story portion of the building and the one story portion on the south end of the building. The main portion has an exterior chimney toward the northwest corner of the building. Starting at the north and going south there are three enclosed window openings at the basement level. On the first level there are two eight-over-eight double hung windows with window hoods, a pair of six-pane windows, and an entrance with a portico. The entrance has a wood door and is flanked by pilasters; the pilasters support a bracketed unadorned entablature with a red clay tile roof. The second story has an eight-over-eight double hung window, a pair of six-pane casement windows, and an eight-over-eight double hung window. On the one-story portion there is an enclosed window opening at the basement level with a pair of six-over-six double hung windows above it.

The south elevation has a stepped relief from the one-story portion to the second story of the main portion of the building. On the one-story portion there are three pairs of six-over-six double hung windows and a partially infilled entrance with a single wood door at the southeast corner. On the second story from west to east is a pair of six-over-six double hung windows, a six-over-six double hung window, and another six-over-six double hung window.

The east elevation consists of the main two-story portion of the building and the one-story portion on the south end of the building. There is a pair of six-over-six double hung windows on the one-story portion. On the main portion from south to north there are three enclosed window openings at the basement level. On the first level there is a pair of six-over-six double hung windows, an enclosed opening that was a coal door, and a bay with triple six-over-six windows and a red clay tile roof. On

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the second level are a six-over-six double hung window, a pair of six-pane windows, and another six-over-six double hung window.

The interior was remodeled in 1931 to better fit Masonic needs. The basement was made into a lunchroom, kitchen, storage rooms, and bathrooms. The main floor is one large room. The upper floor was made into an open balcony. The walls are lathe and plaster and the floors are oak.

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The Parker Masonic Lodge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. It is eligible under Criterion A for the role it has played in serving local Masons and the role they have played in service to the community of Parker. It is also eligible under Criterion C as a fine example of Italian Renaissance architecture.

Parker was plotted in 1879 with the arrival of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad and was incorporated in 1883. It is the county seat of Turner County. The main economic activity of the area is agriculture.

The Parker Masonic Lodge was built by banker T.L. Younger as a private residence in 1925. Masons purchased the building after a fire gutted the interior in 1931, at which time the interior was remodeled to fit the needs of the lodge. The lodge has used the building since its dedication on 7 July 1932. Membership was originally from the Parker and Marion areas until the Lennox Lodge consolidated with them in 1992.

The first Masonic activity in what would become South Dakota occurred in 1862 when the Grand Lodge of Iowa was petitioned for a Dispensation for Dakota Lodge #1 at Fort Randall in Dakota Territory, although a charter was never issued.¹ This first charter granted in Dakota Territory came in 1863 with the formation of St. John's Lodge #166 in the territorial capital at Yankton.² The Grand Lodge of Dakota was formed in 1875 after a number of lodges had formed in the territory through dispensations from Iowa and Minnesota.³ In 1889, Dakota Territory became North Dakota and South Dakota. At this time, Grand Lodges were formed for each state.

The Parker Masonic Lodge #30 received its charter in 1882.⁴ Services the lodge has provided over the years include helping the needy, scholarships, supporting children's hospitals and care organizations, and helping out with any other civic assistance program in the area that requests help. The lodge is also used by other community service organizations such as Job's Daughters, Eastern Star, and the Parker Shrine Club to hold various fundraising events. The Parker Masonic Lodge has been the leading civic group in the Parker area for the last 123 years.

¹ Harold L. Tisher, editor. *The First 100 Years of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of South Dakota 1875-1975*. (Vermillion: SD, Centennial Committee, 1974), 9.

² Ibid, 11

³ Ibid, 11

⁴ Turner Auxiliary Post No. 2821. *Then and Now: Parker 1879-1979 Centennial Book*. (Parker: SD, New Era, 1979), 74.

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The Parker Masonic Lodge is constructed in the Italian Renaissance style, which was a less common architectural style in the United States from 1890-1935.⁵ Although the Italian Renaissance style was built nationwide in the early 20th century, it was never as popular as the contemporary Craftsman, Tudor, or Colonial Revival styles.⁶ The eclectic style was used for residential construction sparingly in South Dakota, but never achieved widespread popularity.⁷

Masons were leaders in designing grand and exotic halls and lodges in American towns and cities.⁸ Although the Parker Masonic Lodge was not designed in this spirit, its Italian Renaissance architecture is comparable to the higher styles of architecture found in fraternal organizations throughout the state. Characteristics of the Italianate Renaissance Style found in the lodge include wide eaves supported by brackets, smaller less elaborate upper story windows, a symmetrical façade, roofline parapet, and entries accentuated by pilasters.

The Parker Masonic Lodge is eligible under Criterion C as a fine example of Italian Renaissance architecture and under Criterion A for the role it has played in serving as the headquarters for an important fraternal organization in Parker.

⁵ Virginia and Lee McAlester. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. (New York: NY, Alfred A. Knopf, 2002), 397.

⁶ Ibid, 398.

⁷ David Erpsted and David Wood. *Building South Dakota: A Historical Survey of the States Architecture to 1945*. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 1997), 54.

⁸ Ibid, 179.

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Verbal Boundary Description

West 92 feet of North 20 feet of Lot 12, West 92 feet of Lot 13 and 14, Block 13, Original Parker.

Boundary Justification

This is the area traditionally associated with the Parker Masonic Lodge.