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KING COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SURVEY
Inventory Sheet

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NAME

Historic _____

Common Masonic Lodge Building *(Kirkland Land & Improvement Co. TR)* Site No. _____

LOCATION

Number & Street 700 Market Street Not for Publication _____

City or Town Kirkland Zip 98033

Incorporated Unincorporated _____ Community name Kirkland

Congressional District 2 Community Planning District Market Street Corridor

State Legislative District 45 Zoning B-C (Community Business)

County Council District 3 Shoreline Environment Urban

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Site		<input type="checkbox"/> Work in Progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Arc. Site	ACCESSIBLE	Threatened by:	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Unrest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Neglect	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Masonic Lodge</u>	

OWNER OF PROPERTY: Kirkland Masonic

Number & Street P. O. Box 652

City or Town Kirkland State Wa. Zip 98033

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sec 6 Twn 25 Rng 5 (TL)

LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 178 KIRKLAND ADD.

UTM: 10/559440/5280910

PRESENT REGISTER STATUS

Nat. Register State Register
 Other _____

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	SITUATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered (interior)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	Date _____



PRESENT & ORIG. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two story rectangular brick building with a flat roof. The building measures 54' x 79' with the southwest corner cut at a 45° angle to create a corner entrance. The exterior brick is laid in the common bond pattern.

The wall design on the street level west facade is alternate brick piers and 8" round, cast iron columns one story in height. The window and door treatments are typical storefront with large wood sash windows with transoms and doorways without decoration. There is frieze and cornice molding above the window transoms at the second floor level terminating at the northwest and southeast corners in a decorative bracket and triangular ornament. The second floor west facade is given a pier effect by the use of vertical sections of raised brick at regular intervals between the tall rectangular windows. Original double hung windows have been replaced with aluminium frame windows. Above these windows is a plaster entablature head topped by scrolls flanking a triangular ornament.

There is a continuous decorated metal parapet with dentils, brackets and wide paneled frieze crowning the building, terminating at the northwest and southeast corners in a decorative bracket similar to those mentioned previously. Below the frieze are several rows of brick corbeling. The decorative parapet and frieze form a smooth curve around the angled corner of the building. Just below the frieze at this point is a plaster conch shell decoration. The corner has recessed nine foot wooden double doors at the street level.

The building originally had a full basement. Years of dampness and partial collapse of the north retaining wall made it necessary to fill the basement in 1954 with 15,000 yards of pea gravel. A concrete floor was poured over the gravel and has proved to be a successful solution. The first floor level is rented to small businesses.

The second story is used exclusively by the Masons and has been altered to accommodate large meetings. Interior partitions have been removed and the roof has been partially replaced. The exterior has remained unchanged and is well maintained.

SIGNIFICANCE

Builder(s) unknown
Architect(s) and/or Engineer(s) unknown
Date(s) Built 1890 Present Level of Significance:
Most Significant Period Late 1800's National State X Local

STATEMENT OF HISTORY & SIGNIFICANCE

In 1890, Kirkland was growing very rapidly as a result of the establishment of the Great Western Iron and Steel Mill, and thousands were expected to be employed. The town had been platted the previous year with the commercial center to be located at the intersection of Market and Picadilly Streets. Investors from as far as the East Coast were attracted to this booming "Pittsburg of the West".

In the period from 1889 to 1893, various investors erected five major brick buildings at the center of town. These were designed to accommodate shops on the street level and business offices on the second level.

One of the first tenants was E. A. Brooks, who ran a large grocery store on the street level and lived with his family on the upper level. A later tenant was a Mr. Evans who ran a variety store in the south half of the street level. The Kirkland Masonic Temple purchased the building in 1922, and has used the second floor for its Lodge activities. The street level is rented to small businesses.

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