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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic ODD FELLOWS HALL

and/or common ODD FELLOWS BUILDING

2. Location

street & number 309 - 311 ~~North~~ Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Santa Ana

N/A vicinity of

38th Congressional District

state California 92701

code 06

county Orange

code 059

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: *

4. Owner of Property

*Rehabilitation in progress for commercial use.

name Robert C. Theel (RCT Development)

Odd Fellows Building Limited

street & number 31878 Camino Capistrano, Suite No. 278

Partnership, Robert C. Theel
General Partner

city, town San Juan Capistrano

N/A vicinity of

state California 92675

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Orange County Hall of Records

street & number 630 North Broadway

city, town Santa Ana

state California 92702

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Santa Ana Historic Survey
(See Continuation Sheet, Item 6)

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979

federal state county local

depository for survey records State Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 2390

city, town Sacramento

state California 95811

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Odd Fellows' building is an early twentieth century brick store building and lodge hall built in 1906. It is three stories high with a full basement and includes a first floor commercial area, a two-story lodge hall upstairs, and various meeting rooms on the second and third floors. The brick at the front of the building is glazed brick and ranges in color from light beige to soft tan and dusty rose. The other three sides of the building are common red brick. The building has served as the Odd Fellows' meeting place from 1906 until 1981 and has received few alterations to the second and third floors. The new owner will be restoring the building according to the standards set forth by the Secretary of the Interior and in cooperation with the State Office of Historic Preservation.

A metal cornice topped by a brick pediment dominates the top story of the building and is its most prominent architectural feature. The cornice is visually supported by a row of 22 scrolled brackets and a horizontal bank of heavy dentil trim at the bottom. The brick parapet features rectangular posts and sunken panels. A center piece with the Odd Fellows' initials and an arched decoration of three links, the emblem of the Odd Fellows, have been removed.

The design of the symmetrical facade is unusual among Santa Ana buildings. Five Tuscan pilasters of the same brick as the facade reach from the bottom of the second floor to the top of the third. A dentilated belt course forms a band at the bottom of the second story and separates it from the commercial storefront below.

The six arched windows on the third story are all original and have metal hood moldings and brick window caps in a radiating design. The wood frame double-hung windows have a common sill which runs horizontally along the bottom and visually separates the second and third floors.

The six double-hung rectangular windows on second floor are placed exactly below the six arched windows on the third floor. They are topped by plain brick window caps as flat arches with radiating voussoirs.

The ground floor storefront will be restored to match the design of the original 1906 storefront commercial area. Glass-fronted windows and doors on each side of the lodge hall entrance to the left of center had cast iron posts which still remain. Glass transoms above plate glass windows were parallel to the front but slant in toward the doors in the middle of each section.

The north side faces the alley and contains three rows of eight windows of various sizes and shapes. An indented bricked-in area on the lower floor at the front indicates that a glass store window was probably located there. The first 12 feet of this north elevation copy the brick type and color, the second and third story windows, and the metal frieze and cornice of the front of the building. During restoration, the various metal boxes and pipes which have been added through the years will be removed. An eight-foot-wide shipping door is located near the rear of this facade at street level.

The south side is faced with another building on the first floor and is painted red brick. The small fan light style windows are located in the top half of the wall and indicate the second story portion of the main lodge hall.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906 **Builder/Architect** Funk & Bird/C.B. Bradshaw

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Odd Fellows Hall is an important structure in Santa Ana's streetscape. The architecture of the building is late Victorian in character; it is one of the very last remaining commercial examples of its type and period in the city. The Odd Fellows Lodge No. 236 was founded and sustained through the years by some of Santa Ana's and Orange County's most prominent citizens. The Register, now Orange County's largest newspaper, spent its early years in the Odd Fellows Hall ground floor.

October 30, 1875 marked the founding of Santa Ana Lodge No. 236, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This first meeting was held on the second floor of the Spurgeon General Merchandise Store at Fourth and Main Streets and was the first of several temporary homes for the order. The organization grew rapidly and after absorbing the smaller Orange and Tustin Lodges, moved to the hall above the newly completed First National Bank Building at Fourth and Main Streets in 1890. Even before this move, it was apparent to the trustees that a new, larger building was needed for the exclusive use of the Odd Fellows Lodge. During a meeting of the lodge held on October 15, 1891, the membership voted to purchase a lot 90' x 120' fronting Main Street between Third and Fourth Streets. The southernmost 30 feet was later sold to Mr. William Cocham for \$6,000.00, leaving a building lot with 60 feet frontage and 120 feet deep. By action of the membership on June 6, 1904, a building committee was selected including John Cubbon, George Edgar, George Riley, Walter Tedford, James Tedlow, B. Uttley, and authorized to plan a new lodge building.

Architect C. B. Bradshaw was selected to draw up plans, local contractors Funk and Bird were awarded the contract, and work commenced. Mr. H. H. Roper was hired to superintend the project, and the new lodge hall was dedicated on February 3, 1906.

The elaborate, day-long dedication ceremony was attended by lodge members, visiting members of Odd Fellows from across the state, city trustees, and virtually the entire population of the town. Afternoon ceremonies were closed to all but lodge members because the hall could not accommodate the throngs. The building was opened to public view from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon with food and music livening the festivities. First tenant at Number 311 was the Santa Ana Daily Register, founded November 27, 1905 at Fourth and French Streets. Editor J. P. Baumgartner purchased the paper in 1906 and promptly moved it to the commodious new storefront in the Odd Fellows Temple. The paper occupied this spot until 1913 when it moved into a new and larger building constructed for its exclusive use. The first tenants at Number 309 were a Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Feurt who opened a handsome grocery and dry goods store. After the newspaper moved to new quarters, the grocery business moved to Number 311 and shared the premises with the Santa Ana Produce Company until 1934. From 1909 until her marriage in 1923, Number 309 was also occupied by Miss Ruth Taylor's Millinery, and until 1929 by Ruth Taylor Scudder's Millinery. These storefronts have since been occupied by a variety of businesses until 1980 when last vacated and remain so today. The building's most

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.17 acre

Quadrangle name TUSTIN

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Building occupies its historic lot.
The property is 60' x 125', located on the east side of Main Street between Third and Fourth Streets in the City of Santa Ana, County of Orange.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county N/A code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization N/A

date December 27, 1982

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telephone 714/635-9249

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state California 92805

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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/30/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 8/18/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Santa Ana Transportation Terminal Historic Property Survey, 1980
Records deposited in Orange County Transit District Office, Garden Grove
City of Santa Ana Cultural Heritage Report C-72, 1981, City of Santa Ana

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The rear of the building is on the east and contains two sets of original arched doors with an arched door on each side at the first floor level. A door and fire escape are located on the third story. Again, these fan light windows indicate the upper level of the main lodge hall. Various added pipes and corrugated metal additions will be removed during restoration.

Although the interior of the first floor has been completely altered, the lodge hall and other rooms on the second and third floors and basement have not. A wide stairway trimmed with varnished baseboard, stair rail, and chair rail reaches to the second floor. These stairs will retain their same character. L-shaped sections of railing featuring turned balusters and square posts trimmed in egg-and-dart molding line the second and third floor hallways. The front third of the building is divided into second and third stories while the back two-thirds contains the two-story high lodge room with mezzanine. In the front third of the building, the original carved Douglasfir door casings, cornices, chair rails, picture rails, and five-panel doors still exist in these rooms which are virtually unaltered. The woodwork is stained and varnished and is Colonial Revival in style. The front portion of the second floor contains offices, meeting rooms, sitting rooms, closets in which to store lodge paraphenalia, and small bathrooms. The front portion of the third floor contains a large 30' x 40' dining hall that was converted to a billiards and game room in the 1920s. This room has classic round wooden columns supported by 24" high square bases with solid panels on each side. The original gas and electric combination light fixtures remain.

The lodge room is entered from doors at each side of the west end of the room. All of the elaborate classical woodwork remains in this room, and it has always been painted. Two sets of arched windows are located high in the east and south facades. On the north side, solid arches denote where sections of the mezzanine were walled over in the 1920s. Later, a gallery was created on the lower floor by cutting back into the walls below the mezzanine. A coffered ceiling centered with a large plaster medallion is ringed with a row of light bulbs. Although an adaptive reuse must be found for this room, the rehabilitation will preserve the significant historic characteristics.

One-half of the basement was finished as a kitchen and dining room for lodge members in the 1920s. A separate set of stairs leads from the front facade down to the dining room which runs east and west. A tin ceiling is one of the high points of this room. A row of paneling and posts made of gumwood marches down each side. In each post is a stained glass panel depicting the Odd Fellows' emblem. The stained glass is back lit. The paneling and posts were added in the 1920s, but the ceiling appears to be of a much earlier vintage. The kitchen is to the rear of the building and has a large pass-through to the dining room. The kitchen has been altered many times and will be converted to office space.

The Odd Fellows' building is a fine building with much character and fine architectural design, unique in Santa Ana's large commercial district.

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important commercial tenant was the fledgling Santa Ana Register. It has grown to become the most powerful newspaper in Orange County. The owners, the Hoiles family, were prominent in county politics for years.

For over 100 years, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Santa Ana Lodge No. 236 has been influential in the progress and prosperity of the community. By their chartered purpose, the lodge provided aid to the sick, injured, aged, and dependent persons at a time when welfare and social security were non-existent. Their fine lodge building remains a constant reminder of their contribution to their community.

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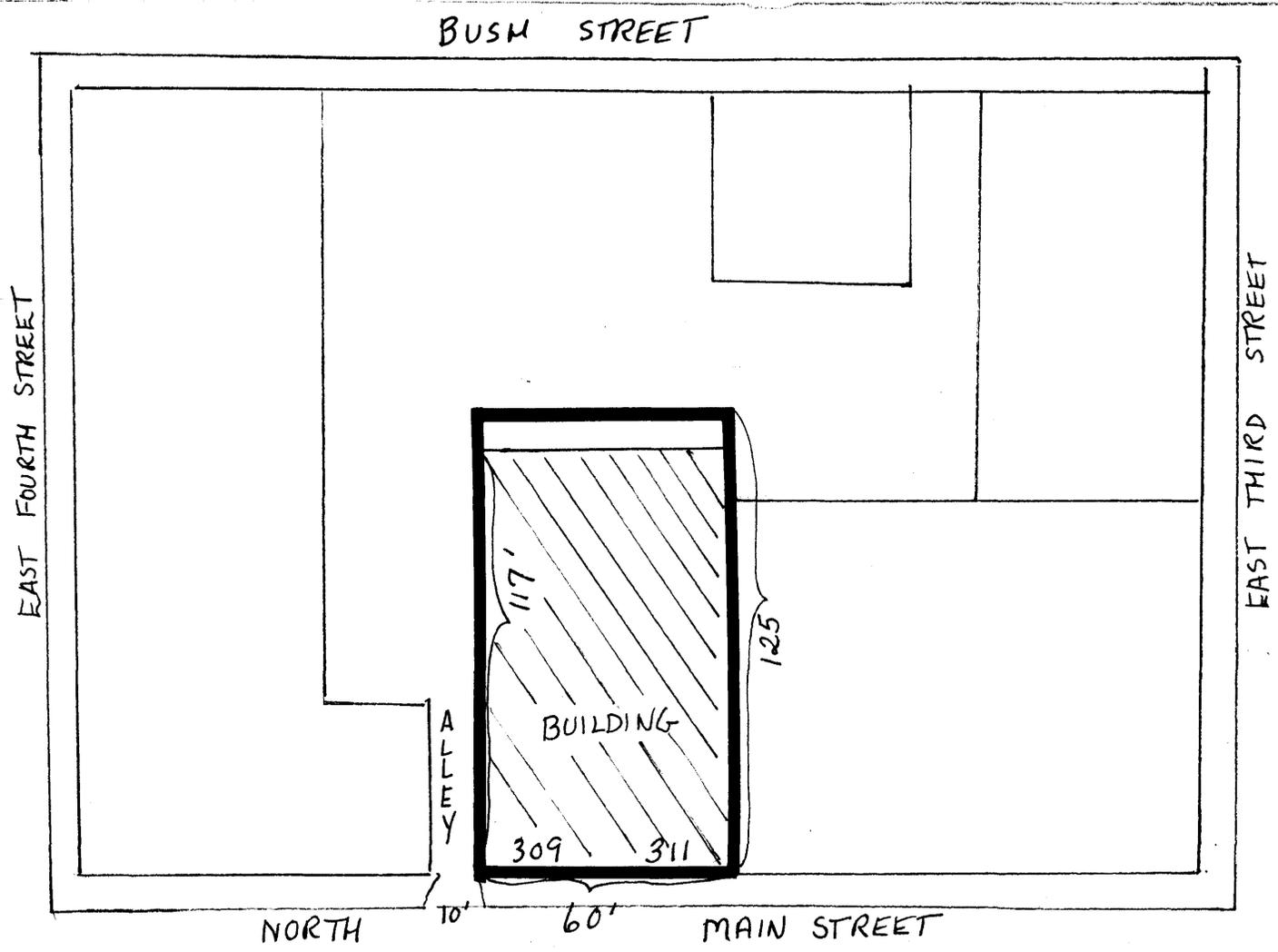
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SKETCH MAP



ODD FELLOWS BUILDING
 ORANGE COUNTY
 309-311 NORTH MAIN STREET
 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA,