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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See the instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Logia Masonica Hijos de la Luz
other names/site number Logia Masonica

2. Location

street & number Avenida Jose C. Barbosa N/A not for publication
city, town Yauco N/A vicinity
state Puerto Rico code PR county Yauco code 153 zip code 00768

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u> </u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u> </u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.
Mariano Gerardo Coronas Castro April 13, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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] 6/9/88

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Meeting Hall-Masonic Lodge

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Meeting Hall-Masonic Lodge

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Neoclassical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brickwalls brick-brick-rubbleroof sheet-metalother wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Logia Masonica Hijos de la Luz of Yauco is detached, stuccoed, masonry, institutional structure set in the center of a large lot within the historic urban center of Yauco. The overall volume of the building is that of a horizontal one-storey rectangular pavillion.

The structure's roof is of timber and corrugated sheet-metal, hidden from view by the cornice and parapet.

The volume is divided into three sections at its main facade on Avenida Jose C. Barbosa. A three-bay slightly projecting central section is, in turn, sub-divided into three sections as well, consisting of a large, wide, central arched entrance door and narrower, though equally high, arched side windows. The three units are defined by rusticated pilasters which support a cornice that encircles the entire building. Above the cornice, the projecting 3-bay central section is capped by a simple, classical pediment which displays the lodge's masonic symbol within the tympanum. Each of these openings is articulated with a simple, yet elegant moulded surrounds.

The central doorway contains heavy, 2-leaf, panelled doors, and flanking entrances contain wooden jalousie shutters. The single bays flanking the central pedimented section are simply articulated in the neoclassical vocabulary of the nineteenth century. These consist of wide, planar, surrounds with narrow architraves. Above the cornice at these side units, and all around the structure, runs a solid continuous parapet which is interrupted only at the pedimented main volume.

Each of the lateral facades of the independent structure consists of a rigid sequence of three rectangular bays identical to those at the sides divisions of the main facade.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

XIX Century

1894

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Andre Troublard-Architect
Jesús Emmanuelli-Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Logia Masonica Hijos de la Luz de Yauco (The Masonic Lodge) is significant typology, its privileged setting, and its rigid & refined proportions. Built in 1894 by master builder Jesus Emmanuelli and designed by a French architect named Andre Troublard, the lodge was conceived as a major landmark on the wide, tree-lined avenue that linked the "Plaza Mayor" with the Yauco Railway Station.

Although architect-designed, the building follows closely the design characteristics of the civil structures built by the Royal Corps of Engineers during Spanish reign. The building portrays an excellent example of how the civil architecture of the Spanish Province carried over into the private-institutional sphere. The neoclassical articulation presents an image of authority and sobriety appropriate for the lodge's social position, at a time in which French influenced ornamentation was in vogue. The lodge's location within a large, open lot within urban setting, its pavillion typology, its placement upon a podium, its raised terrace and its austere classical articulation distinguish this building as a landmark of Yauco. In essence, the lodge is a small architectural gem, placed within a showcase-setting along the city's main avenue.

This early date qualifies Yauco's lodge one of the earliest in Puerto Rico if not the earliest. Since most masonic lodges were founded in Puerto Rico during the XX century after the United States's acquisition of the island in 1898.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Massini, Juan. Historia Ilustrada de Yauco, 1925
Lluch Negroni, Francisco, Albúm Histórico de Yauco, 1959
Abruña, Enrique & Amelia Pérez. La arquitectura del siglo 19-Pueblo de Yauco, 1973
Torres Santiago, Jerry. Preliminary NRHP Nomination Form, CECY, 1984

See continuation sheet

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

Specify repository:

Loja Måsonica Hijos de la Luz

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

North boundary- 50 meters along Calle Carrión Maduro; East- 50 meters along various properties. South boundary-50 meters along Calle Negroni; West-50 meters along Avenida Barbosa.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city block historically associated with the property.

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The structure sits on a podium with a large, front terrace, accessed by a wide central stair of formal character. The terrace and stairs are defined by a concrete balustrade which begins at the newel post of the stairs and continues up and around the terrace on both sides.

This composition sits within the large lot, which is itself fenced off by a high balustered concrete fence with intermittent masonry posts.

The interior main space or temple is divided into three bays by a series of arches, one at each of opposite ends. Decorative original thrones, marble and stucco statues, wall-paintings and masonic artifacts remain within the building. Of particular note are the light bulbs with filaments in the shape of the masonic emblem.

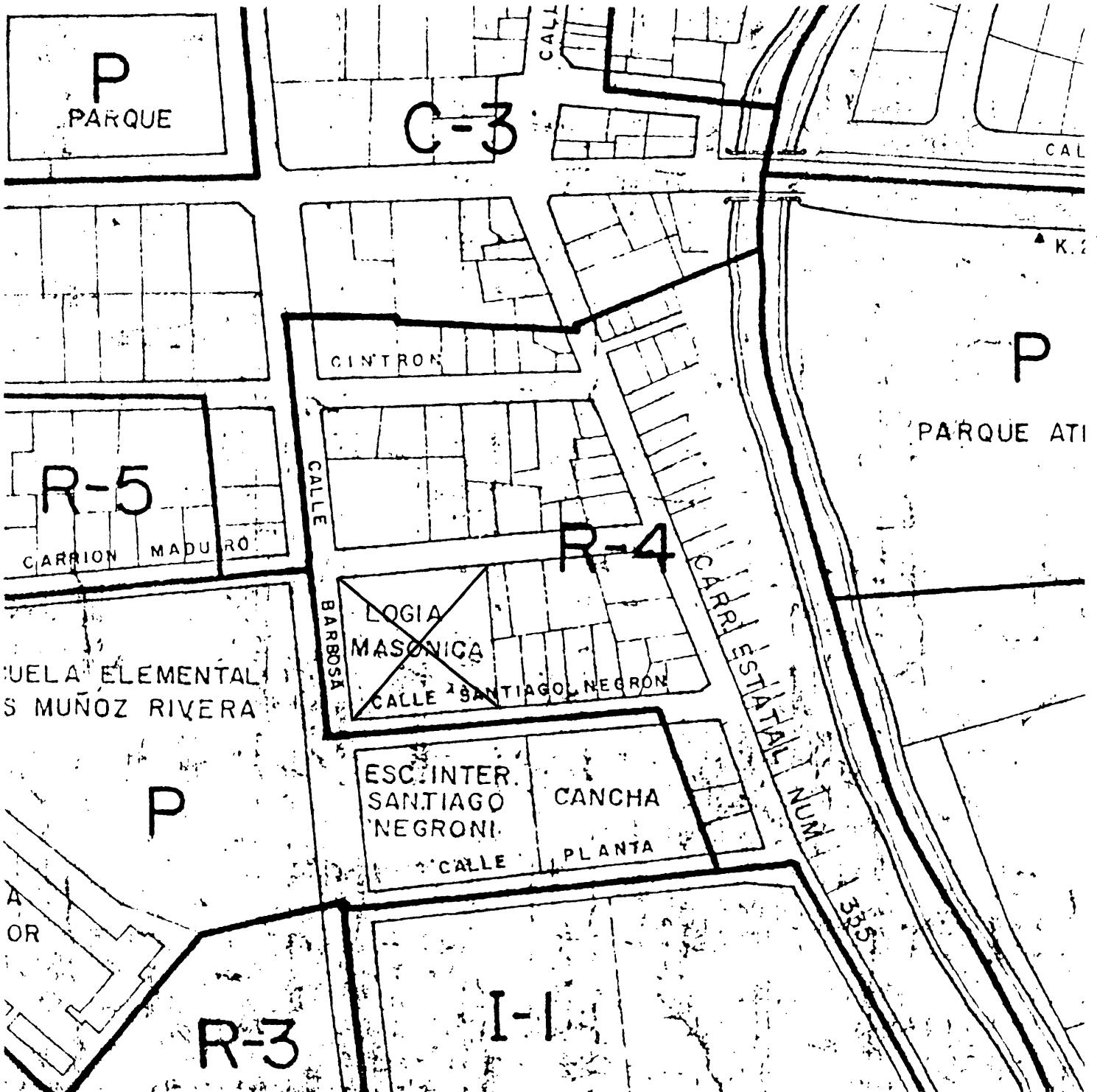
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88000684

Date Listed: 6/9/88

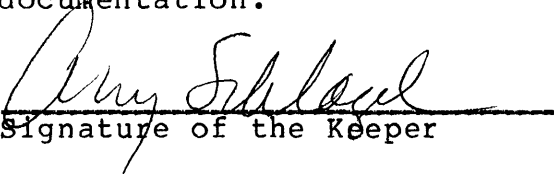
Logia Masonica Hijos de la Luz
Property Name

Yauco
County

PR
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

6/9/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of significance should be related to date of construction, noted on this nomination as specific date, or 1894.

Discussed and concurred in by Puerto Rico SHPO on June 9, 1988.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)