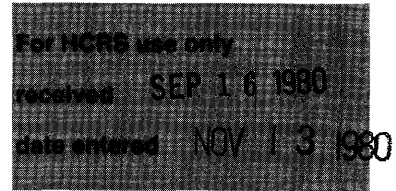


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Triune Masonic Temple

and/or common Triune Masonic Temple

2. Location

street & number 1898 Iglehart Avenue not for publication

city, town St. Paul vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Minnesota code 22 county Ramsey code 123

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> X </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> X </u> other: <u>Fraternal Society</u>

4. Owner of Property

name Triune Lodge Number 190, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota

street & number 1898 Iglehart Avenue

city, town St. Paul vicinity of Merriam Park state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ramsey County Courthouse

street & number 15 West Kellogg Blvd.

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located at the southeast corner of Iglehart and Howell Avenues in St. Paul, the Triune Masonic Temple is a rectangular red brick structure erected in the Neo-Classical style popular in civic buildings in the first decade of the 20th century. The principal facade has four large Roman Doric columns. Recently the original color scheme was restored with the fascia, columns, and trim done in creme, the window sash and storms in black, and the doors in a varnished cherry stain. With the exception of the concrete retaining wall that was added on the perimeter of the site and the cast-iron based, rooftop flagpole that was removed around 1923, the exterior has been restored to its 1910 appearance.

Several interior modifications have been made over the years. The wooden floor on the basement level was replaced with poured steel-based concrete in 1940. The main lodge room's frescoed ceiling was painted over and the wooden benches (presently stored on the balcony) were replaced with folding theatre seats. Some of the original light fixtures were removed in favor of florescent lights during the post-World War II years. Wall to wall carpeting was installed in the 1960s throughout the main floor. The principal lodge room, however, retains its original white-globed light fixtures and one of the rooms on the basement level retains fixtures similar to those replaced upstairs.

A series of engaged columns of five different architectural orders frame the interior of the main lodge room and are particularly outstanding. These, together with a flight of winding stairs of groups of three, five, and seven steps, are distinctive features of this Masonic building which are symbolic in the order's ritual work. In addition, a handsome series of stenciled panels, framed by the columns, gives the illusion of silk-screened wall coverings.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Fateral Society

Specific dates 1910-1911 **Builder/Architect** H.C. Struchen / Contractor Victor Ingemann

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Paul's Triune Masonic Temple is significant as one of Minnesota's earliest and best preserved buildings erected exclusively for the use of a single Masonic Blue Lodge. Its architect, Henry C. Struchen (1871-1947), was one of the earliest contractors to work primarily with re-enforced concrete in Minnesota. (Triune Masonic Temple, it should be noted, is the only structure in the state to have Mr. Struchen's name inscribed on it.) Triune Lodge was, and continues to be, one of the most important social bodies in the Merriam Park area of St. Paul. Many of its founding members were among the influential business and social leaders of the area. Triune was chartered as a Masonic lodge in 1891. Plans call for the restoration of the lodge building to its original exterior and interior appearance. Located on the corner of Iglehart and Howell Avenues, the imposing red brick structure is a pivotal building in the Merriam Park district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Records of Triune Masonic Lodge Number 190, 1889 to present (chartered in 1891).
2. Proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota.
3. Oral interview with Mr. Henry C. Struchen's daughter, Mrs. Voigt (Katie) Lenmark.
4. Scrapbook containing clippings about Mr. Struchen and his brief autobiographical career sketch; also Mr. Struchen's original "Image Study" of the building.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name St. Paul, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Merriam's rearrangement of Blocks 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 Lot 10, Block 25.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Harlan D. Kiima, Master of the Lodge

organization Triune Lodge No. 190, A.F.&A.M. date March 7, 1980

street & number 1898 Iglehart Avenue telephone (612) 646-1524

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9/12/80

For HCPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Forrest W. Ray date 11/13/80
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Russell W. Fridley date 11-12-80
 Chief of Registration