

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

**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 Pleasant Grove *Masonic* Lodge No. 22 A.F. *&* A.M.

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number *E of Stewartville* not for publication

city, town *Stewartville vic Pleasant Grove Twp.* vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Olmsted code 109

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. % Lyle Buchholtz, Secretary

street & number 613 Third Street S.W.

city, town Stewartville vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Olmsted County Courthouse

street & number 515 Second Street SW

city, town Rochester state Minnesota 55901

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1973; 1979-80 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. is located in the community of Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Grove Township, along the route of the Dubuque-St. Paul Territorial Road. It is an uncomplicated three-story white wood frame building, rectangular in shape, with stone foundation exposed on the south end. It has a gable roof with brick chimney on the south end. Fenestration consists of large two-over-two double hung sash in rectangular openings with simple trim and hinged wood shutters (not original). There are entrance doors on the north (front) and east sides with no doors or windows on the west side. Historical accounts indicate that a false store front was removed in 1876. Large double doors in the north side were replaced in 1956 by the present single door. The exposed south basement wall is penetrated by a door and two window openings. With the noted exceptions, the exterior retains complete integrity. The interior remains structurally intact but cosmetically altered.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1868

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. is significant as the oldest known building in Minnesota constructed for, and in continuous use for, Masonic purposes. The lodge was organized in 1858, the year of Minnesota statehood and a few years after the organization of Pleasant Grove Township and community. In 1868, the lodge joined with merchant W.H. Mills to construct the present building, under joint ownership. The building housed Masonic rooms on the second floor, Mills' store on the first floor, and a meat market in the basement. The Masonic Lodge assumed full ownership in 1874 and thereafter the first floor served as a community center. Through the village's nineteenth century decades of prosperity, the lodge building served as the social center of the area, housing not only Masonic functions but also dances, theatrical productions, and meetings in the first floor hall. Despite considerable decline in the village's prosperity during the twentieth century, the Masonic Lodge building continues to actively serve the community in the same functions.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dunn, David J. Historic Sites in Olmsted County. Rochester: Olmsted County Historical Society, 1967. pp. 17-19.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Stewartville, MN

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of lot one, block ten, Barrows and Britendall's Addition, Pleasant Grove, Minnesota.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society date April 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074

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
 Russell W. Fridley
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-15-80

For HCERS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
[Signature] date 10/10/80
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: [Signature] date 10-7-80
 Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper *Alvina Lynn*
1/19/89

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Note: These changes apply to
Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge No. 22
A. F. and A. M. in Olmsted County,
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002102

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Olmsted

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: off Co. Hwy. 1

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date