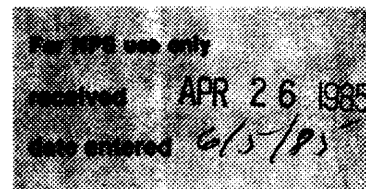


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Knights of Columbus  
or Indiana Club  
320 West Jefferson Blvd.  
141-55145-598  
d. 1924

OWNER: Steve Mitchell  
Pardner's Incorporated  
320 West Jefferson Blvd.  
South Bend, Indiana 46601

Description:

Photo #23; Building #13

The Knights of Columbus Building is located mid-block on Jefferson Boulevard between Lafayette and William Streets. The building is flanked by the WSBT Building on the east and a small apartment building on the west.

The main (north) facade of the three-story structure is of terra-cotta blocks on the first floor and brick on the upper floors. The first floor of the main facade is fenestrated by a center entrance flanked by four large display windows that have been covered with stucco. Each bay features paired windows on the second and third floors that have been unified under a single round-arched surround. Brick spandrels separate the second and third floor windows, and rope-twist columns flank the third floor windows. The tympanums of the arcaded windows contain medallions that depict a globe and silhouettes of famous historical figures. Radiating voussoirs of alternating brick and terra-cotta surmount the round-arched windows. The building is topped with a projecting, bracketed cornice.

Significance:

The Knights of Columbus had their lodge designed by Nichol, Sholer and Hoffman of Lafayette, Indiana. The building, which opened in 1924, cost \$200,000. In 1939 the Indiana Club purchased the building and remained in it until 1976.

Architecturally, the Knights of Columbus Building is an outstanding example of an early 20th century interpretation of the Italian Renaissance style. The arcaded windows with their medallions are reminiscent of the 15th century Florentine buildings, such as the Palazzo Medici-Ricardi or the Palazzo Rucellai.

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Acreeage: Less than one acre

Legal:

91 feet east side and 2½ feet vacated alley Johnson's 2 Acres Sub.  
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