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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See 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: Salubria Lodge #31

other names/site number: 014091

2. Location

street & number: 85 West Central Street/1st Street — N/A not for publication

city, town: Cambridge — N/A vicinity

state: Idaho — code: ID — county: Washington — code: 087 — zip code: 83610

3. Classification

Ownership of Property
- [X] private
- [ ] public-local
- [ ] public-State
- [ ] public-Federal

Category of Property
- [X] building(s)
- [ ] district
- [ ] site
- [ ] structure
- [ ] object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] 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 [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Thomas J. Green — 1-30-90

Signature of certifying official — Date

Idaho State Historical Society

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:)

Patrick Andrus — 3/9/90

for Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000368 Date Listed: 3/9/90

Salubria Lodge No. 31 — Property Name
Washington — County
ID — State

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.

for Patrick Andrus — Signature of the Keeper
3/9/90 — Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: The period of significance is listed as 1893-1939 However, the nominated building was constructed in 1922. Because the period of significance cannot predate the property's date of construction, the period of significance should be revised to read 1922-39.

This information was confirmed with Elizabeth Egleston of the Idaho SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social: Meeting Hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social: Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Concrete/Stucco/Brick
roof Wood/Shingle Metal/Tin
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated in the center of three spacious city lots in the small town of Cambridge, Idaho, the Salubria Lodge #31 is surrounded by large trees, green lawns and shrubs. The rectangular, two-story, front gabled building, measuring 76 ft by 28 ft., has a lower story constructed of stucco-finished poured concrete and a red brick upper story. The original wooden shingled roof remains intact under a newer metal roof covering recently added because of heavy snowfall in the area.

The smooth stucco finish of the basement story is pierced by widely-spaced small square windows, four each on the east and west walls. Centered on the front elevation is an enclosed gabled entrance porch covered by a wide overhanging steeply pitched roof with white-painted bargeboards and struts. The entrance is also flanked by two small square windows.

The upper story of the building is constructed of red brick. Simple, protruding string courses, at the sill and impost levels, unite ten tall arched double-hung windows ranging around three sides of the building. The two windows on the front elevation are of colored glass with the emblem of the Masonic order centered in each, while the other windows have clear glazing. The steeply pitched roof is accented by a wide flat bargeboard and five prominent diagonal brackets. The front facing shingled gable is defined by decorative brackets painted white and contains two small louvered attic vents. There is one opening on the rear wall of the structure.

The building's interior is dominated by a large auditorium, simply decorated with fir wainscoting, wooden flooring and a pressed metal ceiling. Other smaller service rooms include a lobby, storage area, kitchen and dining rooms, furnace and coal room, and rest rooms. Except for the covering over the roof, Salubria Lodge #31 has not been altered since its construction in 1922.

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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 N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Entertainment/Recreation	1893-1939	1922

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Watkins & Thompson, Builders

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

The Salubria Lodge is significant under criterion A for its association with the social and cultural life of northern Washington County, or as this area is called, "The Upper Country."

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Masonic lodges often were established within a few years after the founding of many Idaho towns. Lodges provided a meeting place for social events and a sense of fellowship and mutual support among its members. Masonic halls also were among the largest, most substantial, and elaborate buildings in a town, sometimes providing additional space for other commercial or cultural activities.

Although founded in Salubria in 1893, the Masons met in the I.O.O.F. hall until they moved to Cambridge in 1902. When the P & IN Railroad proposed to build a line through the Upper Country, many enterprising Salubria residents tried to profit from the venture by offering their land for inflated prices. Seeking cheaper land elsewhere, the railroad was finally built across the river, and the town of Cambridge grew up around it. When Cambridge was born in 1900, the town of Salubria slowly began to fade.

On February 7, 1902, the Masonic Order announced plans to build a new hall in Cambridge. A substantial two-story, wooden-framed building was erected, the upper floor being used for the lodge and the lower story for an opera house. Completed in August of that year, it boasted that it was "the best building in Cambridge."1 A memorial service and a dance were held to celebrate its completion, and over two hundred people attended the formal dedication ceremony on February 9, 1904. Being the social hub of this small farming community, the residents of Cambridge were devastated when this fine building was destroyed by fire in 1921.

Quick to recover, various groups in the town planned fund-raising events and bazaars to raise money to build a new lodge and to purchase a piano and other essential pieces of furniture. Watkins and Thompson, a building firm from Weiser, was hired to

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9. Major Bibliographical References

The Citizen, March 30, 1893.
The Citizen, August 15, 1902.
The Citizen, February 9 and 15, 1904.
The Citizen, September 2 and December 9, 1921.
The Citizen, May 12 and December 29, 1922.
City of Cambridge Reconnaissance Survey, 1988.
Interview with caretaker and member, Bert Clure and Bob Turnbull/Jan K. Horn, May 1989.
Sanborn Maps, 1931.
Washington County Assessor's records.
Washington County Title Company, deed records.
The Weiser Signal, February 3 and 19, 1923.

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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: Idaho State Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	11	525753	4935360
B			
C			
D			

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the west 100 feet of lots 23 and 24 and lot 22 of block 19, Hopper Subdivision, Cambridge, Idaho.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel of land originally deeded to the A.F.& A.M. Salubria Lodge #31 in 1902.

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11. Form Prepared By

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construct the new building. The ground breaking took place on May 8, 1922, and the following February the building was dedicated. Masons from the nearby communities of Council, New Meadows and Emmett participated in the two hour long ceremony. The Weiser Signal declared that "the Masonic Order is now installed in one of the best and most modern buildings of the Upper Country." 2

The Lodge was used primarily by the Masons, and since roughly one third of Cambridge residents were associated with the order, the hall was a significant gathering place for the town. Because the only other alternative for large assemblies was the upper floor of a store, occasionally non-Masonic events such as funerals and school banquets were held at the Lodge. Within the last decade membership has dwindled, following a national pattern, and the building is infrequently used. Large community events have been held in the junior high and senior high auditorium since the late 1950's.

1 The Citizen, August 15, 1902.

2 The Weiser Signal, February 19, 1923.

Salubria Lodge #31
Cambridge, Idaho
Sandra Hansen
June 15, 1989
City Hall, Cambridge
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