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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Elks Temple

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

310 Jefferson

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Boise

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE
16COUNTY
AdaCODE
001**CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: Lodgehall

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fidelity Holding Company of Idaho

STREET & NUMBER

Box 922

CITY, TOWN

Boise

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Ada County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

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

The Elks Temple is a four-story brick building in a modified Italian palazzo style. It is five bays wide and distinguished by its Boise sandstone trim and large cornice with geometric decorative elements that seem to hang from the brackets.

Sandstone bands bracket the second and third story brick "pilasters," whose "capitals" contribute to the building's ornamentation with their shield shaped sandstone plaques. A large metal cornice with modillion-like geometric brackets and a balustraded parapet cap the building.

The Ninth Street side, the result of the 1923-24 addition, follows the Jefferson Street facade's details. However, it is further enhanced with a brick relief ornamentation on the second story.

A bronze Elk's head with light globes at the points of its rack is centered between the second and third floors.

The double-hung sash windows have sandstone sills. The left bay's window openings were bricked in following a 1943 fire which gutted the building. Vertical circulation is now behind them.

The first story has been modified with a stone like veneer. This is the only exterior alteration.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1913-1914, 1923-1924	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Tourtellotte and Hummel
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Elks Temple is architecturally significant as a good example of the peculiar cornice style used by Tourtellotte & Hummel on a commercial building. Rising a full four stories the structure dominates the intersection of Jefferson and Ninth Streets. With its large cornice and unique Elks head lights the building is a Boise landmark and one of the city's better buildings from the pre-World War I period.

Boise's Elk's Lodge was organized in 1896 and in 1913 the left three bays of the present structure were erected. In 1923 the lodge had gained sufficiently in numbers to build an annex consisting of the two right hand bays. The building has been the victim of several fires, with the most disasterous gutting the interior on February 22, 1943.

Although the building has been recently sold, the Elks still maintain their lodge within the building. The new owners are very much interested in preserving and restoring this important Boise landmark.

Tourtellotte and Hummel designed this building. They were the foremost architects in the Boise area at this time and this structure is one of their more ornate Italianate designs.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Idaho Daily Statesman, March 8, 1913, p. 2, c. 3-4; Sept. 30, 1913, p. 4, c. 4-7;
January 4, 1925, sec. 4, p. 8, c. 2; February 23, 1943, p. 1, c. 1.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

24 Oct 77

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Merle Wells

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

24 Oct 77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rethig

DATE

2/17/78

ATTEST:

Charles A. [unclear]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-9-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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Elks Temple
Boise, Idaho

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Front & side view from the northwest

Site survey file.

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