

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or #: Solano IOOF Hall

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 727 First Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-113-12

*P3a. Description

This typical fraternal hall was constructed in the late 19th or early 20th century. Like many buildings of its type constructed in small California towns, it had commercial rentals on the lower story and fraternal organization space on the second story. The building is constructed of brick with the front façade stuccoed. It is rectangular in plan with a flat roof and a pediment. At the center of the pediment, just above the cornice, is a raised IOOF inscription. A dentil cornice extends along the full front façade. The upper story is characterized by a large number of windows symmetrically arranged along the upper façade. The windows are one-over-one double hung and are long and narrow with prominent lintels and sills. A belt course separates the upper from the lower story. On the north side of the lower façade there is a large store front with a central entry flanked by storefront canted windows. An awning extends across the top of the windows and obscures their architectural detail. On the south side of the façade it appears that a store front has been removed to provide a drive through to the rear of the building..

P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6/13

*P4. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☒ Element of District

P5b. Description of Photo:

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



Front façade, view northwest

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1890
☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

*P7. Owner and Address:
Solano Lodge IOOF
PO Box 44
Benicia, CA 94510

*P8. Recorded by:
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*P9. Date Recorded: 11-20-05

*P10. Type of Survey: ☒ Intensive
☐ Reconnaissance ☐ Other

Describe Eligibility Evaluation

*P11. Report Citation: none

*Attachments: ☐ NONE ☐ Map Sheet ☐ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐ Linear Resource Record ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Identifier: Solano IOOF Lodge

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: IOOF Hall

B3. Original Use:

fraternal/commercial

B4. Present Use: Commercial

*B5. Architectural Style: Italianate Commercial

B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: None

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type: Associational/Commercial I

Applicable Criteria: A / C

This building is typical of many small town fraternal halls with organizational use reserved to the second story and commercial rental space on the first story. It is good example of its building type. It is one of several surviving fraternal buildings in town and indicates the importance that these type of organizations played in the civic and community life of 19th and 20th century towns. The building retains good integrity except for the south bay of the structure which has been gutted to provide drive through access to the rear of the building. Despite this alteration, the building retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, and workmanship to continue as a contributing building within the Downtown Historic District.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

