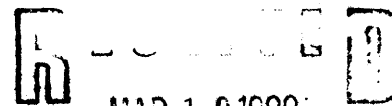


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

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 Hellgate Lodge 383 BPOE

other names/site number Elks Lodge

2. Location

street & number 120 North Pattee Street

n/a not for publication

city/town Missoula

n/a vicinity

state Montana

code 030

county Missoula

code 063

zip code 59802

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

private

public-local

public-State

public-Federal

Category of Property

building(s)

district

site

structure

object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

 buildings...

 sites...

 structures

 objects

1

 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historical Resources in Missoula, 1864-1940

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Signature of certifying official

Maude Shiff

Date

3-14-90

State or Federal agency and bureau

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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): _____

Entered in the
National Register

Helene Byer

4/30/90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Fraternal lodge

Commerce

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Fraternal Lodge

Commerce

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Neoclassical

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick, terra cotta

roof asphalt

other glass block

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hellgate Lodge is a square, three-story brick and terra cotta building with a flat roof, a dentilated terra cotta cornice, high-fire brick walls, polychrome brick quoined corners, and a recessed, arcaded gallery with monumental gallery columns above a large, recessed entryway. Windows are three-over-four and one-over-four, wood frame, double-hung units. The building is located on the east edge of the central business district and is a pivotal building at the intersection of Front and Pattee Streets. Most of the historic fabric of the immediate area has disappeared, except for the Missoula Mercantile, which is located across Pattee Street to the west.

The large cornice is terra cotta with a centered ornamental parapet with "BPOE" written across it. The underneath side of the cornice is metal with modillions and paired, scrolled brackets at each side of the gallery and at the corners of the building. The arcaded gallery includes the upper two stories of the building. Balconies supported by modillions and scrolled brackets are located at the third floor level, which also has paired three-over-four, double-hung windows with flat arches and keystones. Second-story windows within the gallery are framed by terra cotta tile surrounds with centered, scrolled brackets that serve as cosmetic "support" to balconies at the third floor window level. Second floor gallery windows have large, central, fixed panes and multi-pane sidelights, and tripart multi-pane transoms above. The three sets of second and third story windows are separated by massive Ionic style, fluted columns. The arcade railing separating the first and second levels is decorative wrought iron. Third story windows to either side of the front facade are three-over-one, double-hung with flat arches and centered scrolled brackets. The second floor windows are framed by terra cotta tile with centered scrolled brackets. They are one-over-one, double-hung units. The south side windows are identical to those on the front facade flanking the recessed gallery section.

The first floor is separated from the second story by raised ornamental terra cotta banding with an ornamental frieze consisting of terra cotta panels with raised circular medallions. Most of the first floor was remodeled in 1950 with ivory-colored high fire brick. First

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floor windows are narrow glass block infill and concrete sills. The front, centered, entryway protrudes about four feet from the facade of the building and has large brick columns separating the anodized metal framed plate glass windows from the thick plate glass double swinging doors under horizontal plate glass window panel. A large, flat roofed, one-foot-thick aluminum canopy covers the front entryway. Two stacked metal frame plastic signs hung perpendicular to the building's facade are located above the aluminum canopy. The top sign reads "ELKS" in blue letters on white background. The bottom sign is a marquis.

The north side of the building along the alleyway is of stretcher bond, low-fired brick with three-tiered header relief arched wood frame, double-hung windows on the second and third floors. Two large, second-story openings with Tudor arched windows are located on the second floor. Some of the northside windows have been infilled with brick.

The south side secondary facade along Front Avenue is similar in design, materials, and first floor remodeling to the front facade except for the absence of a recessed gallery area. Like the north side of the building it has a three-story steel fire escape.

This building possesses excellent integrity of design and materials on the top two floors and on the north and south sides. It has lost its integrity of design and materials on the first floor with the remodeling of the front facade with high fire brick and the plate glass door and window entryway with the metal canopy. However, these changes are mitigated by the use of brick in the remodeling that is similar in color to the terra cotta, by the large scale of this three-story building, and by the elaborate and striking columned second and third floor arcade and balconies that draw the eye away from the insensitive treatments of the first floor.

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1911-1940	1911
Commerce		

Cultural Affiliation
n/a

Significant Person
n/a

Architect/Builder
Link & Haire, 1909; Kirkemo, 1950;
Montana Construction Supply, 1911; Peterson
Construction Company, 1950.

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

The Hellgate Lodge building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to its architectural and local historical significance. The building is one of the most outstanding examples of institutional Neoclassical architecture in Missoula, with its unique, recessed, arcaded gallery, monumental columns and balconies, large, scrolled brackets, and extensive use of terra cotta in the cornice, window surrounds, scrolled brackets, and the massive, Ionic style fluted columns. The building exhibits a high standard of design, materials, and workmanship, and possesses a high degree of integrity, with the exception of the first floor remodeling. It is a good example of the monumental architecture practiced by Link and Haire, a firm noted for its large public and institutional buildings.

The building also fulfilled an important commercial function, housing the Missoula Mercantile implement store on its first floor for years. This commercial function, coupled with its location in the central business district, and its architectural merit make it a pivotal building in the downtown area and a reminder of the confidence and optimism that accompanied the early twentieth century building boom in Missoula.

This building was designed by Link and Haire Architects and was constructed by Montana Construction and Supply in 1911 as Hellgate Lodge #383. The Benevolent Paternal Order of the Elks was founded in 1898. Since the building was completed, it has been the Elks Lodge and Temple. Apartments are located on the upstairs floors. The Missoula Mercantile operated an implements store on the first floor for a number of years. The first floor was remodeled in 1950 that resulted in major alterations to the front entryway and the application of ivory-colored, high-fired brick to the facade of the building. Extensive interior remodeling also occurred in 1950.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, James, and Gary Williams, Missoula Historical Resource Survey. Missoula: Porky Press, 1980.

BPOE, Hellgate Lodge Number 383. Dedication of the Elks Temple, Missoula: Missoulian Publishing Company, 1912.

BPOE, Hellgate Lodge Number 383, Dedication of the Remodeled Home of the Elks, Missoula: Missoulian Publishing Company, 1950.

See continuation sheet

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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	2	2	7	1	9	6	0	5	1	9	4	8	8	5
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Original Townsite, Block 1, Lots 12, 13, fraction of 14.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the city lots upon which the historic building was erected.

See continuation sheet

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