

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM 10/598400/4133000						

### IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: Scottish Rite Temple
- Historic name, if known: same
- Street or rural address North Third Street & St. James 196 North Third Street  
City: San Jose ZIP: 95112 County: Santa Clara
- Present owner, if known Scottish Rite Hall Assoc. Address: P.O. Box 678  
City: San Jose ZIP: 95106 Ownership is: Public  Private
- Present Use: Scottish Rite Temple Original Use: same

Other past uses: none

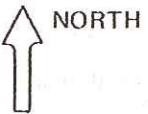
### DESCRIPTION

- Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The Scottish Rite Temple was built in 1924 in a Neo-Classical style with Egyptian detailing by Carl Werner. Werner practiced throughout the Bay Area and specialized in Masonic architecture. Note particularly the Egyptian statuary, the ornate cornice detailing and massive Ionic columns. The scale and massing of the building is unusually grand for San Jose. Note also the twin sphinxes projecting from the facade of the building, as well as the two statues and floral decoration around the carved lettering in the parapet. Other unusual details include the bronze cresting and the papyrus ornament surrounding the symmetrically placed facade windows. The site is also distinguished by an interior auditorium heavily ornamented in wood with a marble foyer. Included with the County Courthouse, these two structures provide the correct

scale and massing for the city's great public square.

- Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



Lot size (in feet) Frontage 138 public square

Depth 276;

or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_.

- Condition: (check one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- No longer in existence

- Is the feature a. Altered?  b. Unaltered?

- Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)

- Open land
- Scattered buildings
- Densely built-up
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Other

- Threats to site:

- None known
- Private development
- Zoning
- Public Works project
- Vandalism
- Other

- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): 11/77

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone  b. Brick  c. Stucco  d. Adobe  e. Wood   
f. Other  stone sheathing

15. Is the structure: a. On its original site?  b. Moved?  c. Unknown?

16. Year of initial construction 1924 This date is: a. Factual  b. Estimated

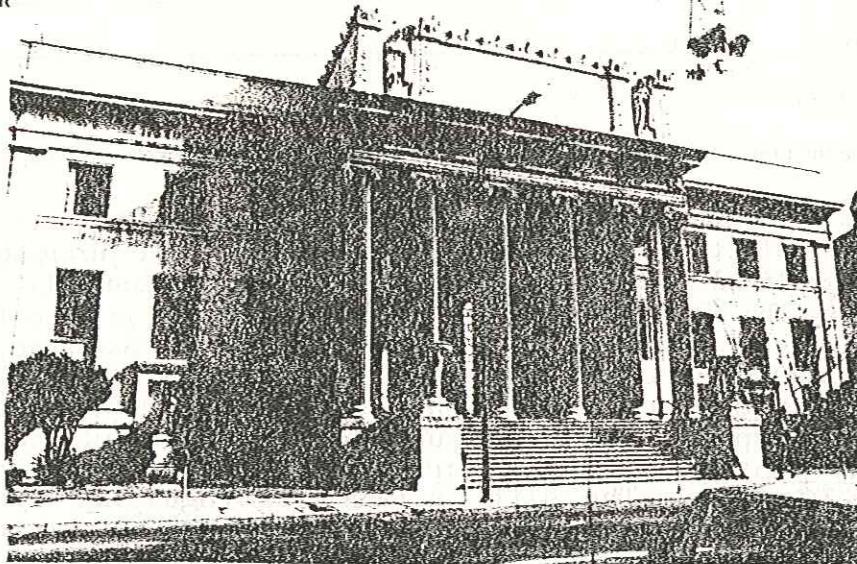
17. Architect (if known): Carl Werner

18. Builder (if known): not known

19. Related features: a. Barn  b. Carriage house  c. Outhouse  d. Shed(s)  e. Formal garden(s)   
f. Windmill  g. Watertower/tankhouse  h. Other  i. None

#### SIGNIFICANCE

20. Briefly state historic significance (with the site when known):



See item #6.

21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture  b. Arts & Leisure   
c. Economic/Industrial  d. Exploration/Settlement  e. Government  f. Military   
g. Religion  h. Social/Education

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:  
San Jose City Landmarks Commission  
San Jose Historical Survey, 1973  
Gebhard, David, A Guide to Architecture in San Francisco and Northern Calif., 1973

23. Date form prepared: \_\_\_\_\_ By (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
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