

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

## IDENTIFICATION

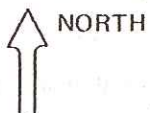
1. Common name: Scottish Rite Temple
2. Historic name, if known: same
3. Street or rural address: North Third Street & St. James 196 North Third Street  
City: San Jose ZIP: 95112 County: Santa Clara
4. Present owner, if known: Scottish Rite Hall Assoc. Address: P.O. Box 678  
City: San Jose ZIP: 95106 Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒
5. Present Use: Scottish Rite Temple Original Use: same
- Other past uses: none

## DESCRIPTION

6. 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

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



8. Approximate property size: \_\_\_\_\_ public square

Lot size (in feet) Frontage 138  
Depth 276  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

9. Condition: (check one)

a. Excellent ☐ b. Good ☒ c. Fair ☐  
d. Deteriorated ☐ e. No longer in existence ☐

10. Is the feature a. Altered? ☐ b. Unaltered? ☒

11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)

a. Open land ☒ b. Scattered buildings ☐  
c. Densely built-up ☐ d. Residential ☐  
e. Commercial ☒ f. Industrial ☐  
g. Other ☐

12. Threats to site:

a. None known ☒ b. Private development ☐  
c. Zoning ☐ d. Public Works project ☐  
e. Vandalism ☐ f. Other ☐

13. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): 11/77



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

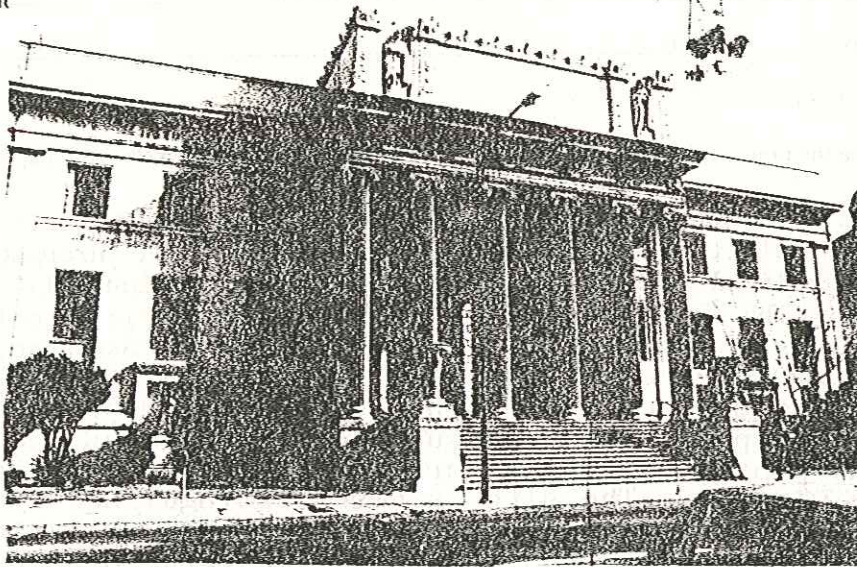
14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone ☒ b. Brick ☐ c. Stucco ☐ d. Adobe ☐ e. Wood ☐  
f. Other ☐ stone sheathing
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? ☒ b. Moved? ☐ c. Unknown? ☐
16. Year of initial construction 1924 This date is: a. Factual ☒ b. Estimated ☐
17. Architect (if known): 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

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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