

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: IDES Hall

- P1. Other Identifier:** none
***P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
b. Address: 140 West J Street
***c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
d. UTM: N/A
e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
***f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-043-07

***P3a. Description**

Built as a fraternal hall circa 1911, the building is directly adjacent to the Masonic Temple. Rectangular in plan, it has a second story overhang on three sides with a dominant overhang on the front façade. The roof is flat and has a centered Mission Style pediment with wide overhangs and exposed rafters on the side wings. The upper story is divided into three bays with a recessed central bay flanked by two projecting square bays on each side. Fenestration on the end bays consists of a ribbon of vertically emphasized fixed windows with decorative muntins. At the lower level there are two double door entries, one on each side of the front elevation. These entries are centered under the overhanging end bays. The doors are recessed into the opening which is demarcated by Corinthian pilasters. The flat wall surface in the central bay is punctuated by a symmetrically arranged ribbon of three horizontally emphasized windows with decorative upper muntins. There are exposed floor joists under the center overhang. The building is clad with a decorative channel rustic siding.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP13

***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 south

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1911
 Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

Divine Holy Ghost Benicia
461 East J Street
Benicia, CA 94510

***P8. Recorded by:**

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Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
Sacramento, CA 95822

***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-04

***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: IDES Hall

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: same

B3. Original Use: Fraternal

B4. Present Use: Fraternal/religious

***B5. Architectural Style:** Mission Revival

***B6. Construction History:** The building appears to have undergone few alterations.

***B7. Moved?** No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

***B8. Related Features:** Large palm trees are planted in the parking strip.

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District **Period of Significance:** 1847-1940 **Property Type:** Single Family **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

This is an interesting and unusual example of a Mission Style building executed in wood. It's most dominant character defining feature is the central Mission Style pediment. However, in other ways the building draws on elements of Victorian design and decoration, most notably in the flanking upper story end bays and in the use of Corinthian pilasters at the entries. The building appears to have had little alteration and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, and association. In close proximity to the earlier Masonic Lodge, the building, along with its neighbor, speaks to the role of social and fraternal associations of the 19th and early 20th century town. The building currently contributes to the Downtown Historic District and is listed as a potential Landmark in the 1989 survey. It should be considered for designation as a City Landmark.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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.

