

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:<br>North Carolina |      |
| COUNTY:<br>Orange        |      |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY         |      |
| ENTRY NUMBER             | DATE |

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| 1. NAME                |  |
| COMMON:<br>Eagle Lodge |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:       |  |

|                                            |            |                   |             |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2. LOCATION                                |            |                   |             |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>142 West King Street |            |                   |             |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Hillsborough              |            |                   |             |
| STATE<br>North Carolina                    | CODE<br>37 | COUNTY:<br>Orange | CODE<br>135 |

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| 3. CLASSIFICATION                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)                                                                                                                                                                     | OWNERSHIP                                                                                                                                          | STATUS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ACCESSIBLE<br>TO THE PUBLIC                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work<br>in progress | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br>Social club                  |

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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY                             |                          |            |  |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Eagle Lodge No. 19, A.F. & A.M. |                          |            |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>142 West King Street       |                          |            |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Hillsborough                    | STATE:<br>North Carolina | CODE<br>37 |  |

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| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION                                |                          |            |  |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:<br>Orange County Courthouse |                          |            |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Margaret Lane                             |                          |            |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Hillsborough                                   | STATE:<br>North Carolina | CODE<br>37 |  |

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| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS                          |                                             |                                |                                 |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:<br>Historic American Buildings Survey         |                                             |                                |                                 |
| DATE OF SURVEY:<br>1937                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> State | <input type="checkbox"/> County |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:<br>Library of Congress          |                                             |                                |                                 |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>East Capitol and Independence Ave., S.E. |                                             |                                |                                 |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Washington                                    | STATE:<br>D.C.                              | CODE<br>11                     |                                 |

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                 |                                          |                                |                                                   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                 |                                          |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Eagle Lodge is a two-story square structure measuring forty feet on each side. It is constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond and has an interior chimney on the north (rear) facade. The low hip roof rests on a heavy box cornice featuring a molded band on the soffit which carries around the entire building.

The south (front) facade is three bays wide with a central entrance containing a double door with alternating vertical and horizontal raised panels. It is covered by a one-story pedimented porch featuring Ionic columns. The tympanum is decorated with a Masonic emblem and the frieze is inscribed with "EAGLE LODGE NO. 19 A.F. & A.M." The windows have twelve-over-twelve sash and are surmounted by simple lintels formed by single courses of rowlocks.

The interior is essentially a cross-hall plan with one large meeting room beyond. The stair rises from the left side of the hall in three flights and is decorated with ornamental scroll brackets and turned balusters. A fire did heavy damage to the first floor and little of the original interior remains. The second floor was not damaged however, and it has the original heavy molded door casings adorned with corner blocks containing roundels. The mantel in the meeting room is of late Federal design with Ionic colonettes and an unadorned frieze. At one time a three-flight stair ascended to an attic from the right side of the hall. Later alterations have left only the top flight of stairs suspended above a small closet.

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## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian    ☐ 16th Century    ☐ 18th Century    ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century    ☐ 17th Century    ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1823

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |                                                         |                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |                                                         |                                                |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Eagle Lodge was originally chartered as Masonic Lodge Number 19 in December 1791. The lodge remained active for only a short time and was disbanded in 1799. In 1819 it was reorganized as Lodge Number 71, its designation until 1932 when the original number, 19, was restored. In 1820 the new lodge was authorized by the General Assembly to conduct lotteries to build a meeting hall. Construction was begun on property owned by William Norwood on November 23, 1823, with the placing of the corner stone by James Strudwick Smith, Grand Master of Eagle Lodge. It is thought that the building was designed by William Nichols, state architect, and built by John Berry.

Originally the hall was surmounted by a belvedere, but leakage necessitated its removal in 1862 and the construction of the present hip roof.

During the nineteenth century the lodge was utilized as the town's lecture hall, concert theater, Civil War hospital, and auditorium when not used for Masonic functions. This practice became so common that it was called the King Street Opera House for several decades.

Architecturally, Eagle Lodge is an interesting example of the adaptive usage of early Greek Revival motifs in a building constructed specifically as a Masonic lodge. It is also one of the oldest structures in central North Carolina which has been used continuously as a Masonic lodge.



Eagle Lodge  
142 West King Street  
Hillsborough, N.C.

Hillsborough Town Map  
Champion Map Corporation  
Scale: 3/8" / 1,000 feet  
No Date



| Latitude |         |         | Longitude |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| degrees  | minutes | seconds | degrees   | minutes | seconds |
| 36       | 04'     | 31"     | 79        | 06'     | 07"     |



