

APPENDIX B

Determination of Eligibility Form

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19

other names/site number N-1229

2. Location

street & number 2201 Grubb Road

not for publication city or town Wilmington

vicinity state Delaware code DE county New Castle

code 003 zip code 19810

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>SOCIAL</u>	Sub: <u>meeting hall</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>department store</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>SOCIAL</u>	Sub: <u>meeting hall</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>specialty store</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century, Other: Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stucco, stone
roof asphalt
walls stucco, wood, aluminum

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning & Development
Social History

Period of Significance 1853 to 1949

Significant Dates 1856

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation undefined

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository: New Castle County Department of Land Use and Planning

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .43

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>18</u>	<u>457750</u>	<u>4407110</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

National Register boundaries for the Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19 are illustrated on the appended portion of a New Castle County zoning map (Figure 2). The resource is also located on a copy of a Marcus Hook, PA.-N.J.-DEL., 7.5' USGS quadrangle sheet (Figure 1).

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

These boundaries encompass the entire current tax parcel (06-045.00-033). These boundaries are co-terminus with the New Castle County Historic Zoning Boundary established in 1979 and enclose the lodge building and its historic lot.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5- or 15-minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black-and-white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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The Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19 stands on the northwest corner of Grubb Road's intersection with Marsh Road at 2201 Grubb Road in northern Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1). The Village of Arden National Register-listed historic district spreads north and south of the intersection on the east side of Marsh Road. A modern pizza shop occupies the southwest corner of the intersection. Post-1950 residential houses compose the predominant building type north of the lodge. The western portion of the lodge's property features an asphalt parking lot. Mature trees encircle the lodge's property on its northern and western boundaries. A turn lane for southbound Marsh Road traffic turning onto westbound Grubb Road arcs within roughly 4.5 meters (15 feet) of the building's southeastern corner. An old gas pump stands sentinel on the corner, documenting one of the property's earlier commercial activities.

The stuccoed-stone lodge building features three stories topped by an asphalt-shingled gable roof (Plate 1). Five bays penetrate its main southeastern elevation while four bays occupy its southwestern gable end. The northeastern gable possesses only two bays across its upper stories. Partial returns and a molded boxed cornice ornament the gable pediments and eaves. An exterior, stuccoed chimney pile rises along the northeastern gable end. The southeastern elevation displays a nearly full width, shed-roofed porch across its first story. Five chamfered posts set atop a new plank deck and joined by modern wooden balustrades carry the porch's two-by-four rafters. A modern wooden-plank, wheelchair-accessible ramp connects to the southern side of the porch deck. A seam in the stucco between the southeastern elevation's southern bay and the four northern bays delimits the original building erected in 1853 and an 1856 addition. The four symmetrically spaced northern bays, and one bay of the northeastern elevation, comprise the original three-story structure. A modern, two-bay wide by two-bay deep, one-story shed roof addition has been appended to the northern end of the northwest elevation (Plate 2). Commercial space occupies the first story. The second and third stories feature banquet facilities and ceremonial space respectively. Although the commercial area has experienced alterations, the upper stories, especially the ceremonial meeting areas, retain much of their historic fabric (Cesna, personal communication 1999).

Most of the building's fenestral openings contain single or paired one-over-one aluminum sash with aluminized surrounds. A modern steel door occupying the southern of the southeast elevation's openings provides entry to the upper story lodge space and possesses a list of the lodges

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using the facility: "FLT, Star of Bethel Hall, I.O.O.F.; Delaware I.O.O.F. No. 1; Delaware L.A.P.M. No.1; Mutual Encampment No. 1; Mutual L.E.A. No. 1; Queen Esther Rebekah No. 5; Florence H. Bailey Rebekah No. 13." The first story store entrance features a modern three-panel wooden door with a large upper light. Door openings occupy two of the southwestern elevation's unevenly spaced bays. Paired, wooden five-panel doors with a crown molding lintel occupy the eastern bay. This door formerly provided entry to the upper story lodge spaces. Due to the entrance's proximity to vehicular traffic along Grubb Road, the lodge members closed this entry and now utilize a new entrance on the southeastern elevation containing the steel door (Walker, personal communication 1999). A stone plaque set immediately to the east of the closed entrance proclaims "Star of Bethel Lodge., No. 19 I.O. of O.F. of Del., 1856" (Plate 3). A single five-panel wood door without crown molding occupies the second door opening in the southwestern elevation.

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The Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19 helps document the Grubbs Corners area's growth as an agricultural crossroads community and center of rural commerce. The lodge building, possibly the oldest, continuously used I.O.O.F. lodge in the state, also helps document the Odd Fellows' persistence in Brandywine Hundred since the late 1840s. As settlement of Brandywine Hundred intensified during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, its residents began to establish commercial and community organizations such as mills, shops, and schools. Grubbs Corners earned its name during this period by its association with the gristmill located just north of the Grubb and Marsh roads intersection along the South Branch of Naamans Creek, and the Grubb shops located on the southwest corner of the intersection. Area residents established two schools along Naamans Road by 1810, including one at Hanby's Corner located at the intersection of Marsh and Naamans Road a short distance north of Grubbs Corners (Cunningham et al. 1986). The mill and shops at Grubbs Corners and the school at Hanby's Corner all appear on an 1849 map of the area (Rea and Price 1849). Further commercial activities at the crossroads included a blacksmith shop north of the Odd Fellows lodge during the mid-nineteenth century. The blacksmith shop appears on an 1868 atlas view of the area (Beers 1868). The establishment of the Odd Fellows lodge at Grubbs Corners participated in and contributed to the development of the hamlet and the surrounding agricultural community during the late nineteenth century.

One of the world's oldest fraternal organizations, the International Order of Odd Fellows in the United States traces its roots to the establishment of an Odd Fellows lodge in Baltimore in 1819 by five English immigrants. The Odd Fellows originally began in England during the 1740s as a mutual aid and charitable relief society for itinerant, odd-jobbing men and their families. The early lodges established in the United States were typically begun by immigrants who had been members of lodges in England. Odd Fellows lodges were established in Massachusetts in 1820 and in New York the following year. By 1833 over 100 Odd Fellows lodges had been established in eight states with over 6,000 members. A parade held to celebrate Odd Fellows Day at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in September 1876 featured over 17,000 marching members. Between 1830 and 1850 the Odd Fellows distributed over \$31 million in aid and relief to members and member's widows (Irons 1925:9-67).

Delaware's first lodge organized in Wilmington in 1830 (Walker, personal communication 1999). Within 10 years, nine additional Odd Fellows lodges had been established in Wilmington, Georgetown, Smyrna, Dover, Middletown,

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and Milford. A statewide Grand Lodge was created in 1833. By 1850 Delaware contained 23 lodges with nearly 2,000 members. In 1873 the state's 32 lodges numbered nearly 2,700 members (Conrad 1908:443). Shortly after the beginning of the twentieth century, the state's 32 lodges had more than 3,000 members, and contributed over \$17,000 to the relief of sick members and member's widows and children, and to the burial of deceased members (Grand Lodge of Delaware 1911:5677). In the late 1920s, the state still had only 32 lodges but boasted nearly 5,000 members (Grand Lodge of Delaware 1928:32, 37). Roughly 45 lodges were active at the height of Odd Fellowship in Delaware (Walker, personal communication 1999).

Star of Bethel first organized in 1849 as the 19th I.O.O.F. lodge in Delaware at the home of John Foulk on Naamans Road. Among the 11 members establishing the lodge were many of the Grubb Road area's landowners, including Foulk, Samuel Hanby, Isaac N. Grubb, and Samuel L. Grubb. A portion of the present lodge was erected at Grubb's Corners in 1853 (Scharf 1888:910). The original lodge consisted of the eastern four bays of the three-story building's main elevation and extended one room deep encompassing the southern bay of the east gable end. Three years later, the lodge members expanded the facility to its present configuration by adding one bay to the west end of the lodge and an additional two bays to its depth. In order to help defray the cost of the lodge's construction, the members designed the building to contain commercial space on its first story while the lodge's activities were confined to the upper stories. The enlargement thus enabled the lodge to handle larger meetings, doubling its third floor ceremonial meeting room, as well as increasing the leasable commercial space (Shields 1979). The lodge's datestone reflects the year of the lodge's physical expansion in 1856. Thirty years later, the Bethel lodge had 40 members (Scharf 1888:910). By 1905 it had 50 members (Conrad 1908:443). In 1911 it had 66 members, and by 1928 it had over 140 members (Grand Lodge of Delaware 1911:5730, 1928:37). Star of Bethel today stands as the oldest, continuously used I.O.O.F. lodge in New Castle County (Cesna, personal communication 1999).

The lodge building's importance to the local community is reflected in its continual use by mutual assistance organizations and as a commercial center. The Knights of Pythias established a lodge at Bethel in 1868. Helping to found the Pythian lodge were numerous area property owners appearing on late nineteenth-century map and atlas views of the Grubb Road vicinity, including James Leach, Edward Pierce, Uriel Pierce, and Thomas Phillips. Phillips began operating a general merchandise store in the

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lodge's first story commercial space starting in 1882. Phillips also ran the Grubbs Corners post office from the store beginning in 1884 (Scharf 1888:907). The Pythians boasted 50 members in 1887. Bethel also served as the home to Red Men, Good Templars, and a Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry during the nineteenth century (Scharf 1888:910). An antique store operated out of the commercial space in the late 1970s (Shields 1979). The first story of the lodge now houses a manicurist and a hairdresser. In 1996, Delaware Lodge No. 1 merged with the Star of Bethel Lodge (Walker, personal communication 1999). Five additional branches of the I.O.O.F. and its women's encampments, as well as the founding Star of Bethel Lodge No. 19, now use the lodge as their home.

Reflecting these broad patterns of history in contributing to the establishment of Odd Fellowship in Delaware and to Grubbs Corners' development during the nineteenth and early twentieth century, the Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19 is recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for its associations with significant broad patterns of history. Documenting settlement patterns and rural commercial enterprises in Brandywine Hundred during the period 1853 to 1949, the Star of Bethel Lodge possesses integrity of location, design, association, and feeling. Recognizing its "significant historical value," the New Castle County Department of Planning zoned the lodge and its property as historic in 1979 (Shields 1979).

Remodelings of the lodge's historic fabric have altered the building's historic appearance. The lodge does not possess sufficient integrity of materials and workmanship to meet National Register criteria for eligibility as a noteworthy example of an architectural style, type, or method of construction. Although established by several early Brandywine Hundred families, research has not shown that the lodge is related to important persons or events contributing significantly to history. The lodge is not likely to provide information important to our understanding of history. The Star of Bethel I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 19 does not appear to meet National Register significance and integrity criteria for eligibility under Criterion B, C, or D.

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FIGURE 1: Location Map

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle 1993 — Marcus Hook, PA-NJ-DEL

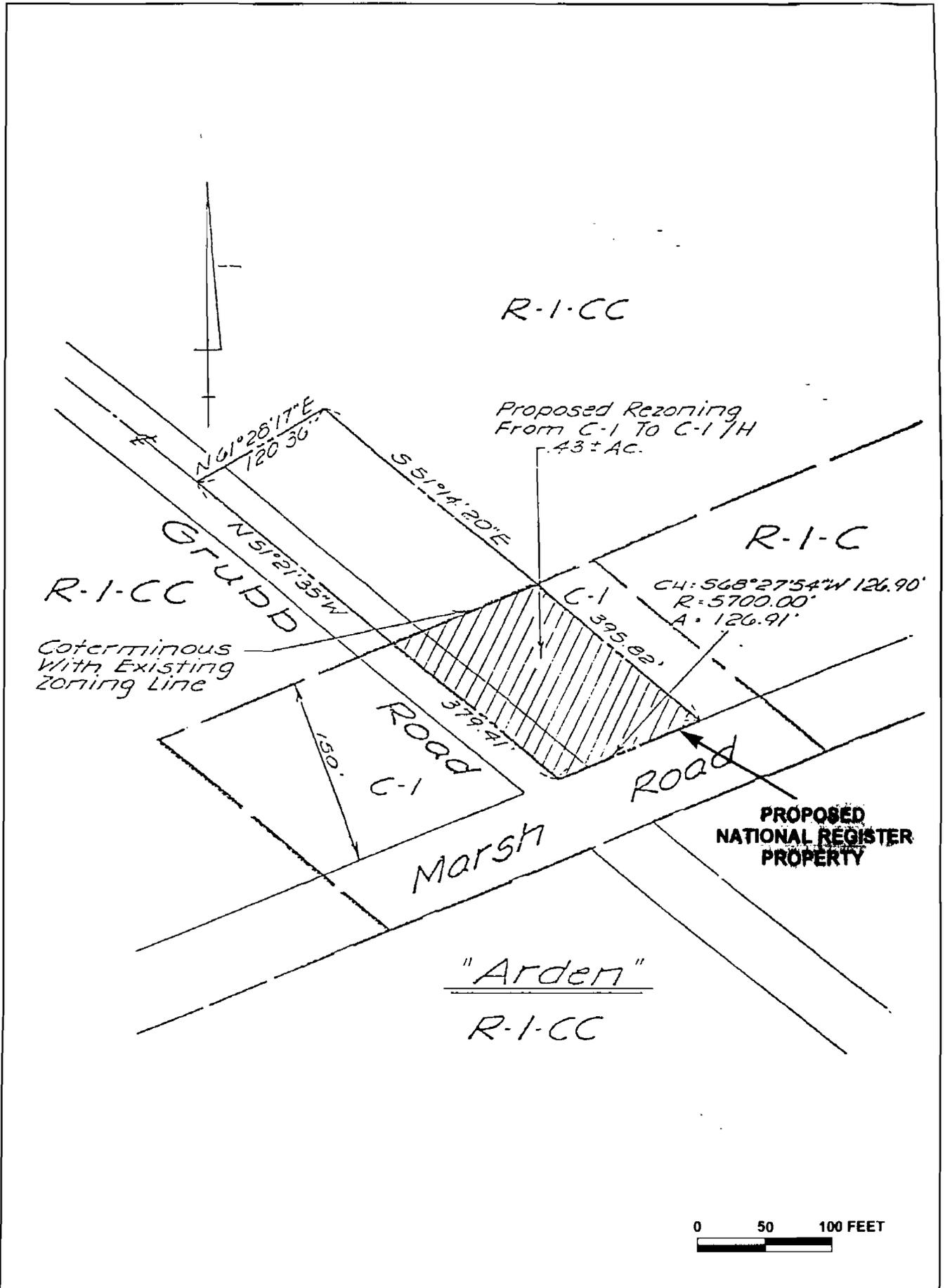


FIGURE 2: Proposed National Register Boundaries for Star of Bethel Lodge No. 19

SOURCE: New Castle County Zoning Maps

