

“Brotherhood, Service and Bonhomie” Fraternal Lodges in Astoria



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Role of Fraternal Orders/Secret Societies

- **Personal identity within supportive group**
 - rituals, costumes, secret signs.....professional networking
- **Mutual benefit / philanthropy**
 - provide for orphans, old age, death....life insurance
- **Entertainment / Leisure**
 - meetings, socializing, retreats..... patriotic parades

“Golden Age of Fraternalism” 1880-1930

- **European Origin - Guilds/Spiritual**

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, International Order of Odd Fellows

- **American Origin - Beneficial**

Ancient Order of United Workmen, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias

- **Social/Service**

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose

- **Religious/Ethnic**

Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Sons of Norway, Finnish Brotherhood

- **Women**

Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Neighbors of Woodcraft

Astoria City Directory - 1920

- American Legion
- Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons
- Ancient Order of United Workmen (AOUW)
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE)
- Improved Order of Red Men
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF)
- Knights of Pythias
- Loyal Order of Moose
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Woodmen of the World (WOW)
- Neighbors of Woodcraft

Astoria Fraternal History Timeline

- 1811 – John Jacob Astor sponsored Astoria expedition by land and sea
- 1813 – Fort Astoria sold to British Northwest Company and becomes Fort George
- 1818 – Joint US/British occupancy of the Oregon Country
- 1825 – Hudson's Bay Company buys NW Company and moves post to Vancouver
- 1846 – US/Canada border established at 49th Parallel, well north of the Columbia
- 1854 – Astoria becomes seat of Clatsop County
- 1854 – Astoria Masonic Lodge #7 established
- 1859 – Statehood for Oregon
- 1876 – City of Astoria incorporated
- 1883 or 1871? – Beaver Lodge of Odd Fellows established
- 1886 – Finnish Brotherhood established in Astoria
- 1891 – Astoria Elks Lodge #180 established
- 1905 – Improved Order of Red Men founded
- 1922 – Great Fire destroys all fraternal buildings in the downtown area
- 1923-1924 – Five purpose-built fraternal buildings re-built in downtown

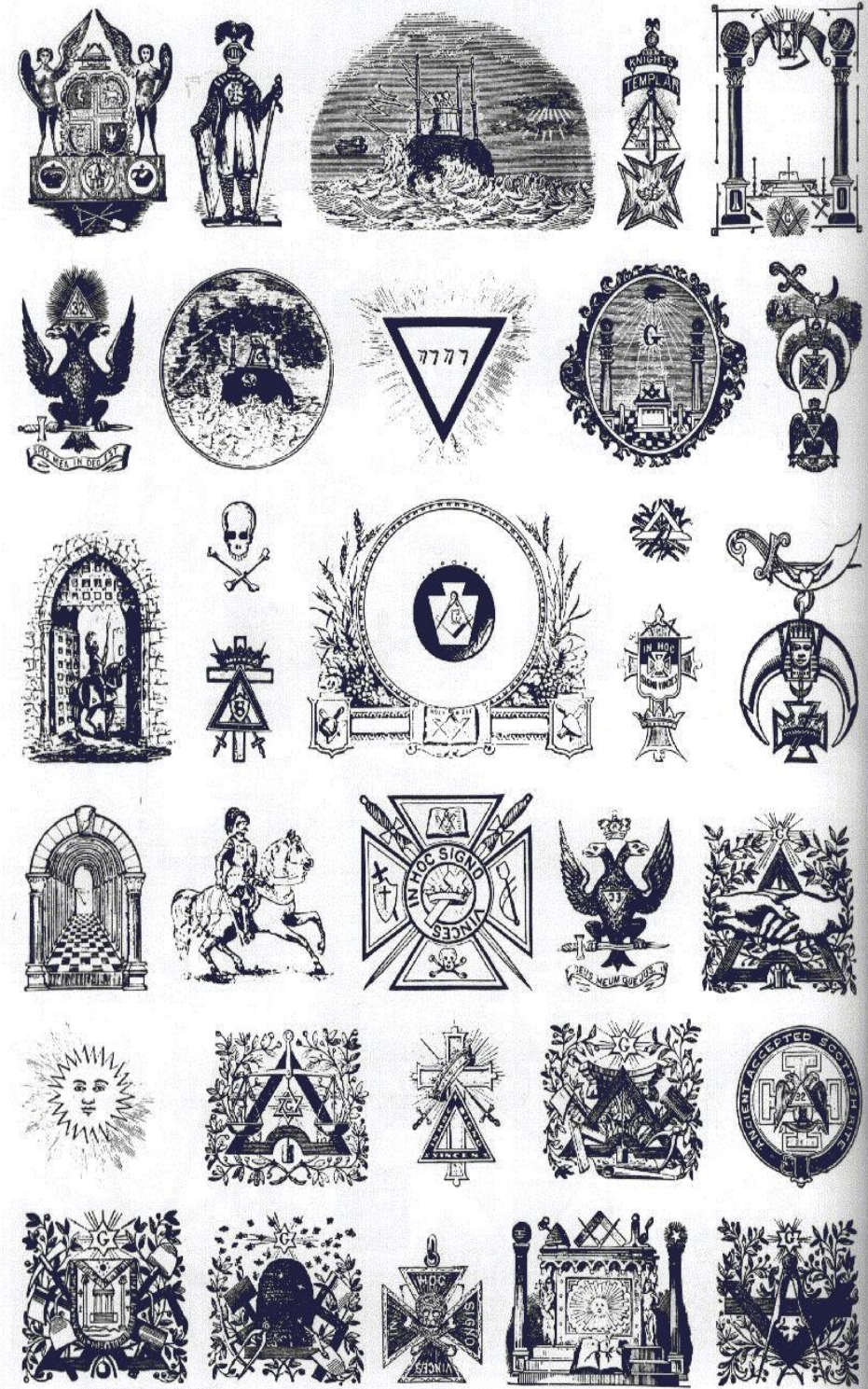
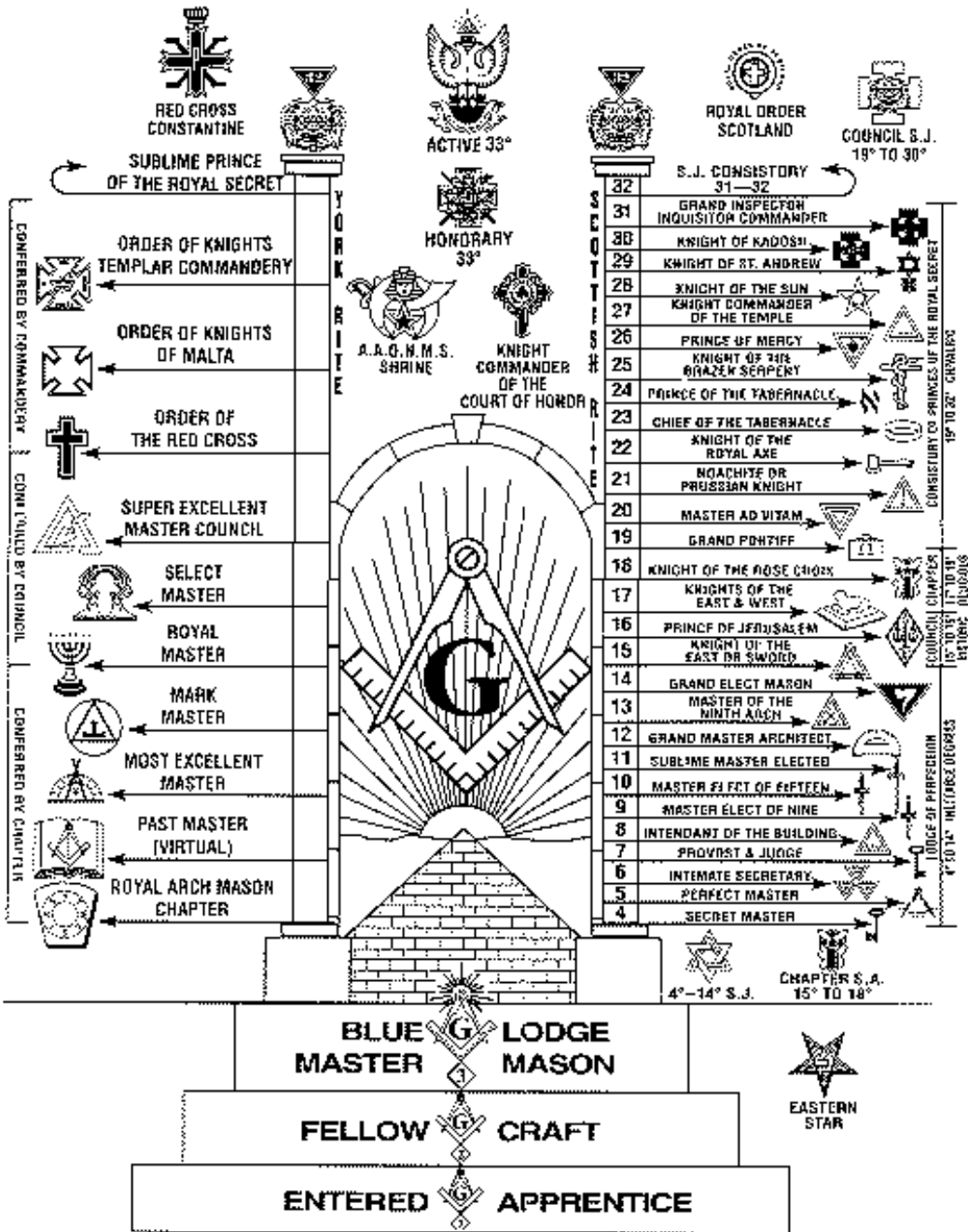
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



Ancient of Free and Accepted Masons

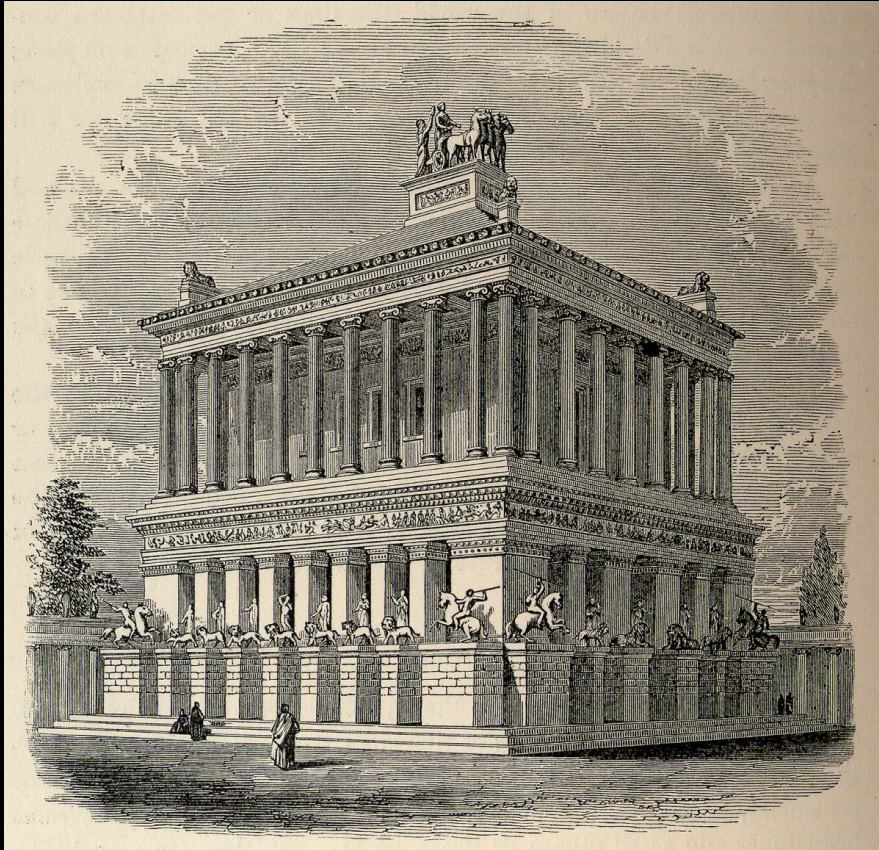
- Derived from medieval craft guilds of stone masonry
- 1717 - organized in England
- 1733 - organized in America
- 1800s - largest and most widespread fraternal organization in the world
- WASP elite – civic, professional and business leaders
- Secret rituals, signs and costumes provide identity
- Became a model for other fraternal organizations
- Lodge established in Astoria in 1854 – oldest in town

EMBLEMATIC STRUCTURE OF FREEMASONRY



Mausoleum of Halicarnassus

353 BC



Masonic Temple – 1572 Franklin Ave (1924)







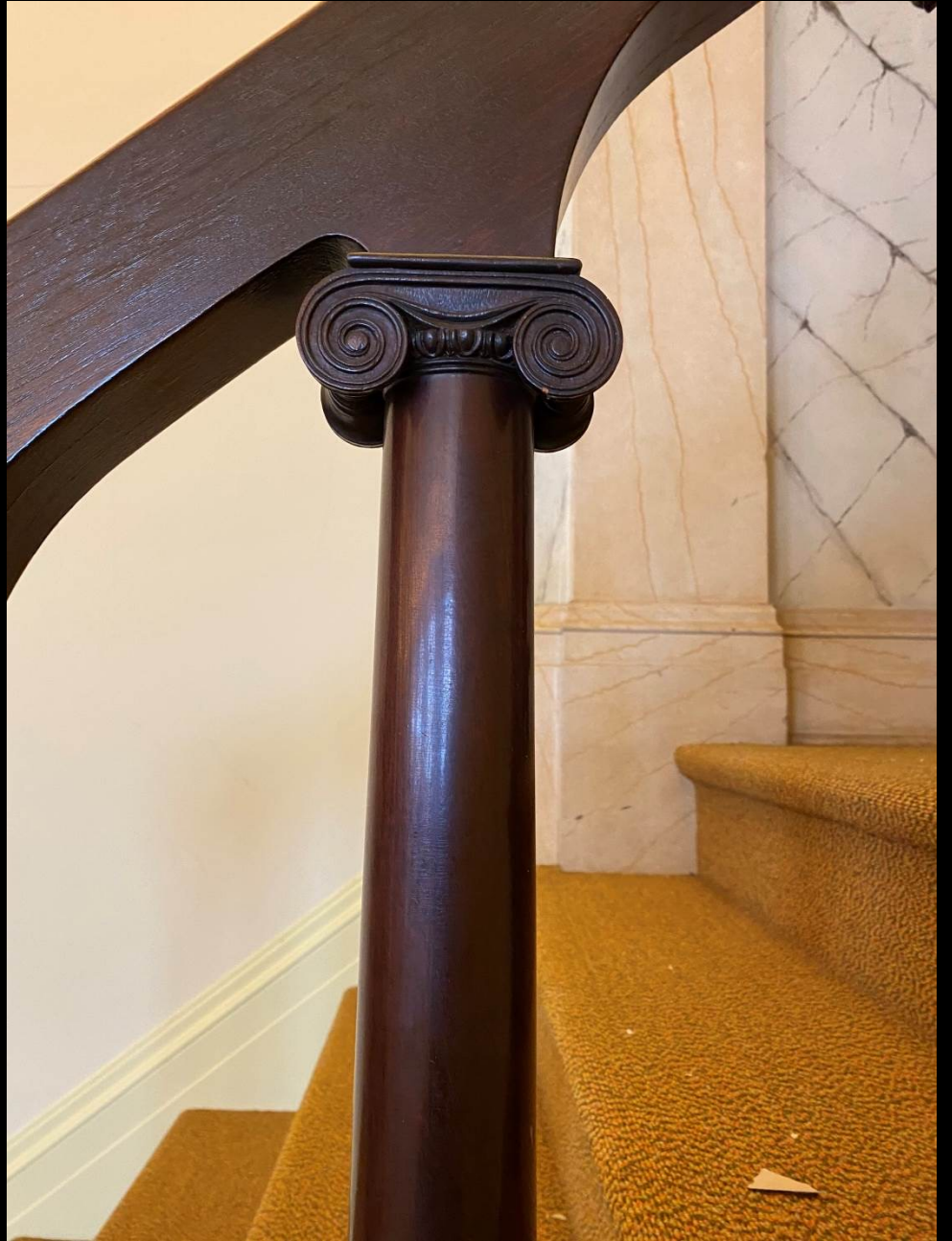
TEMPLE LODGE NO 7















Robert Rennsselaer Bartlett (1876-1950)

- Born and educated in the East
- Arrived in Hood River in 1909 - architectural practice
- Engineer and General Manager of the Port of Astoria from 1914 to 1947
- C T Diamond comes to Astoria to work at the Port for Bartlett in 1917
- Built his house at 15th and Lexington (1921)
- Architect of Masonic Temple (1924)
- Designed a scale model of the *Columbia* (1926)



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



- Founded in 1868 in NY as a social club
- “Jolly Corks” - avoid city restrictions on drinking
- Elk chosen over Buffalo as American image
- Belief in God, patriotic American, moral values
- Men over 21 years
- Heirarchy similar to Masons and others
- Chartered in Astoria in 1890 – Second in Oregon

Elks Building (1910)
SE corner of Duane/11th Street
(destroyed in the fire of 12/1922)



Elks Building, Astoria, Or.

Elks Building – 453 11th Street (1924)





Elks Temple—Cornerstone will be Laid July 4th, 2 p. m.





LODGE
INSTITUTED
1890

BUILDING
DEDICATED
1924

ASTORIA LODGE
NO 180

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER OF ELKS



THE FAULTS OF OUR BROTHERS
WE WRITE UPON THE SANDS,
THEIR VIRTUES UPON THE
TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY.

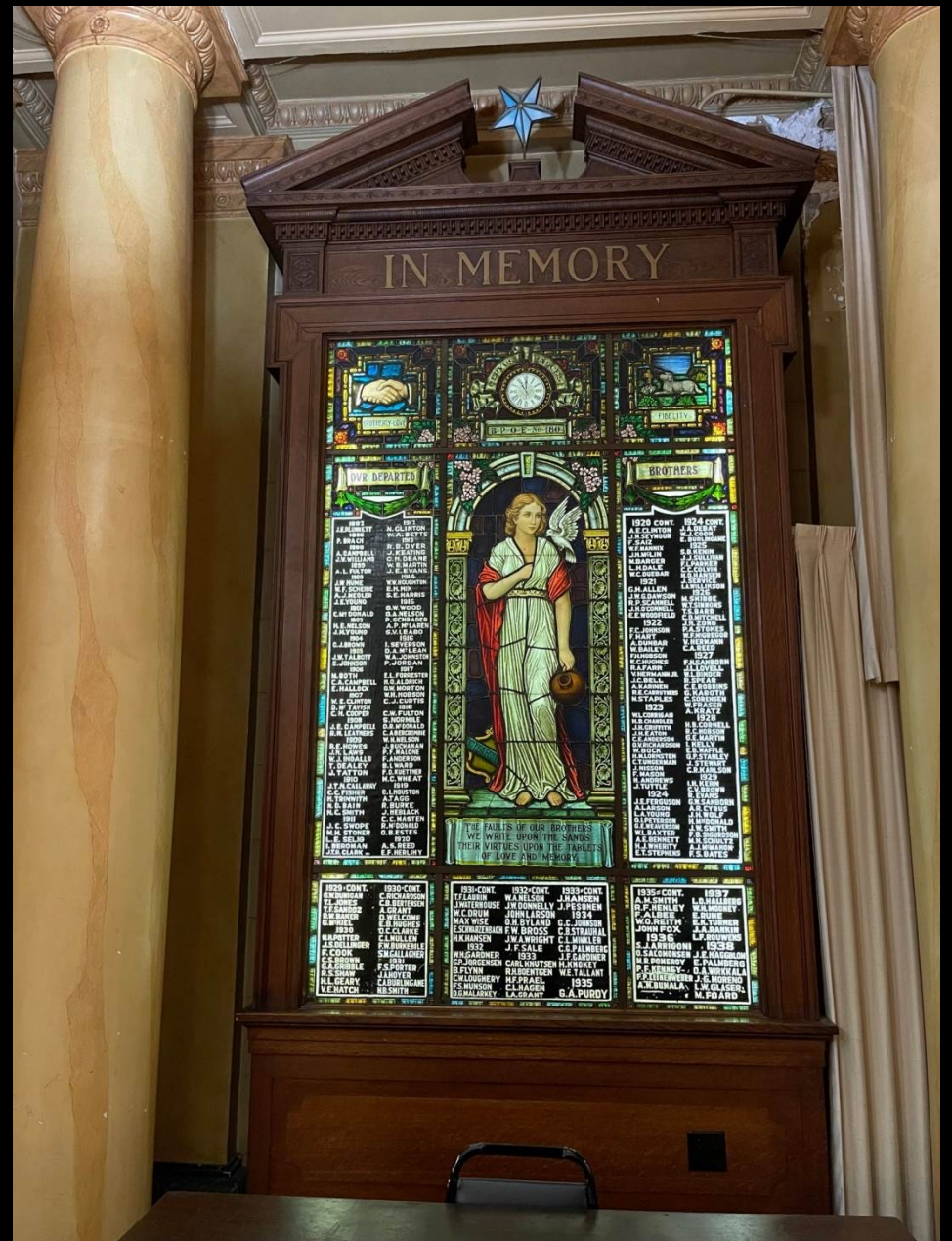
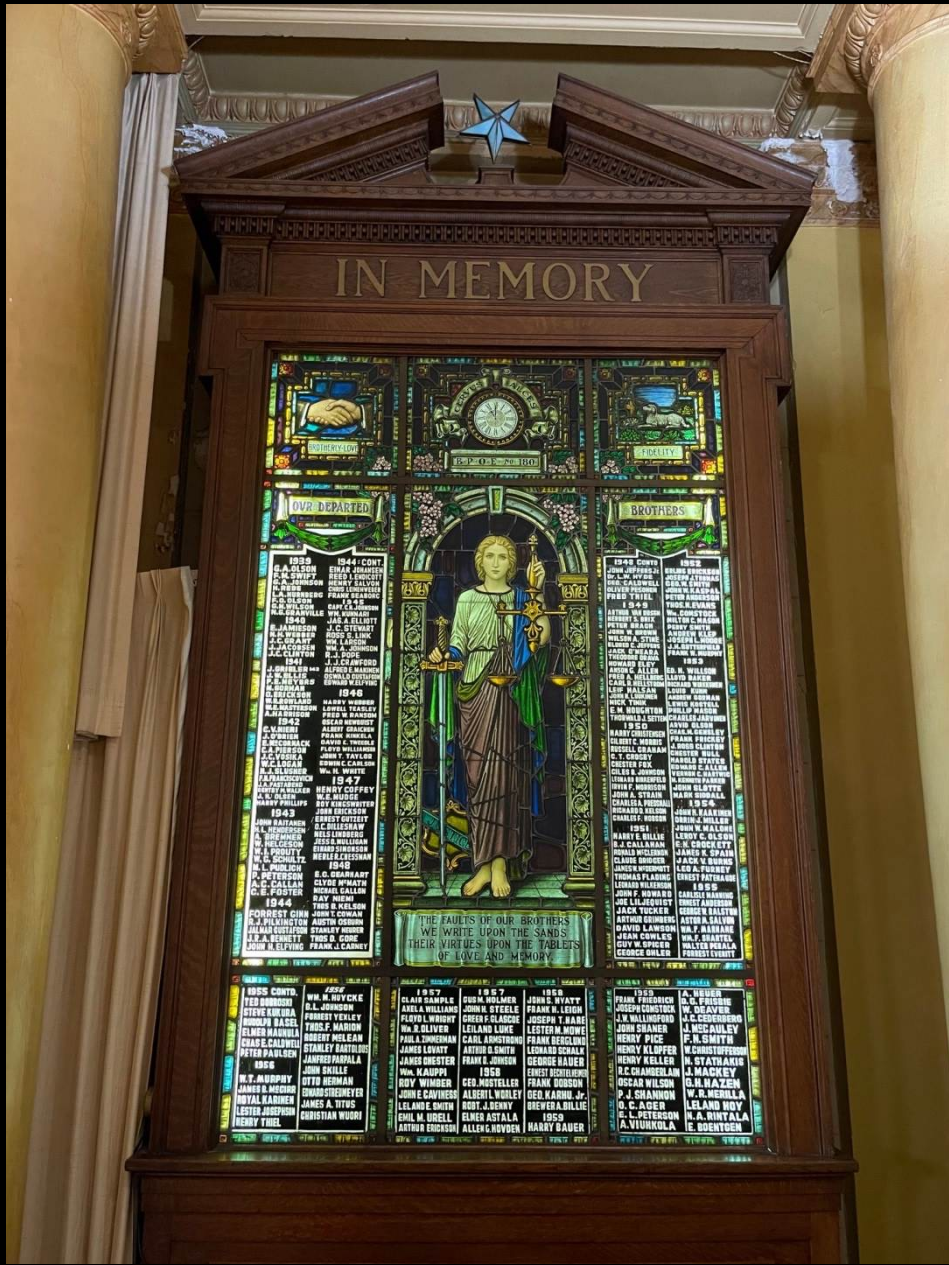


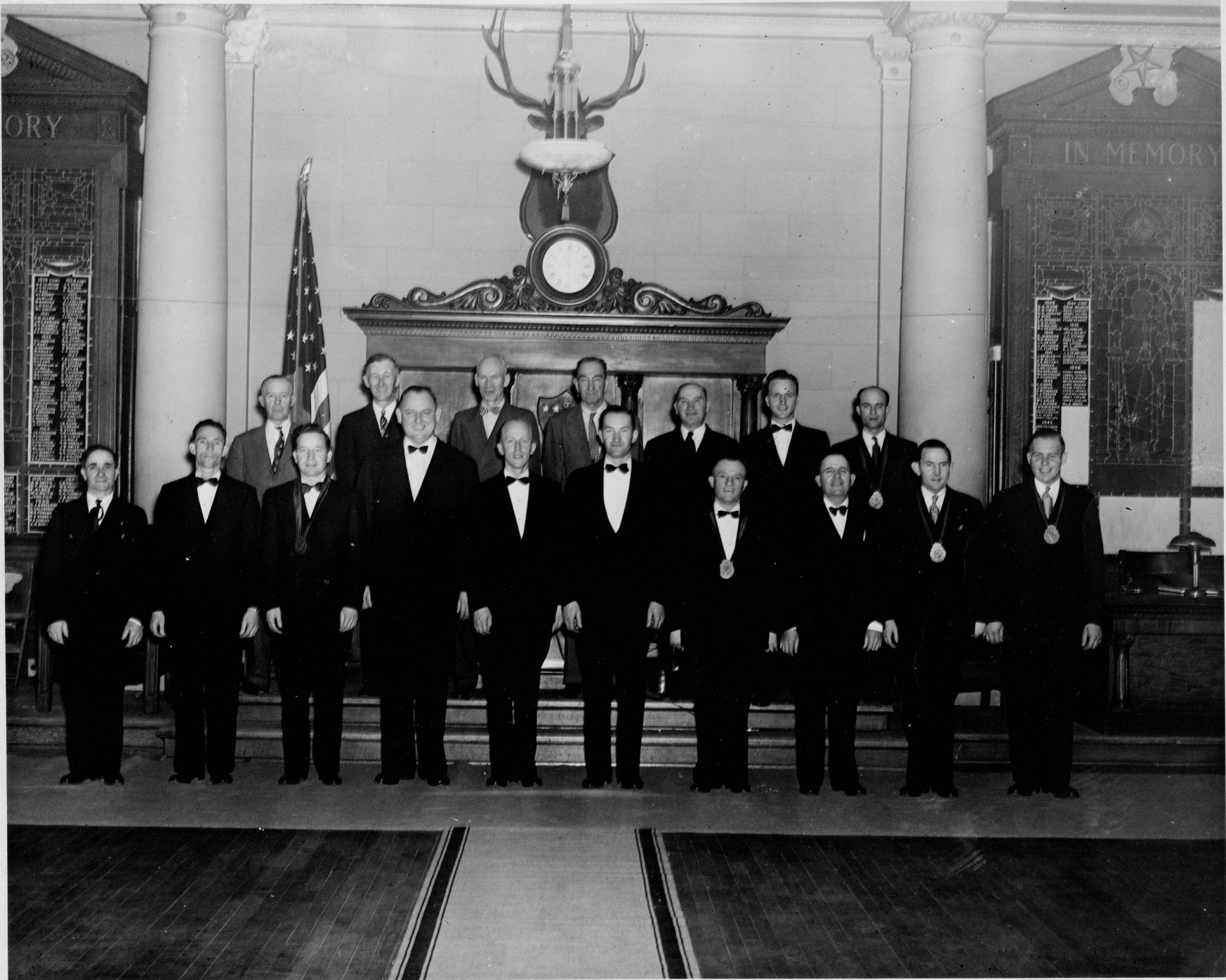






















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ASTORIA

ESTABLISHED
1890



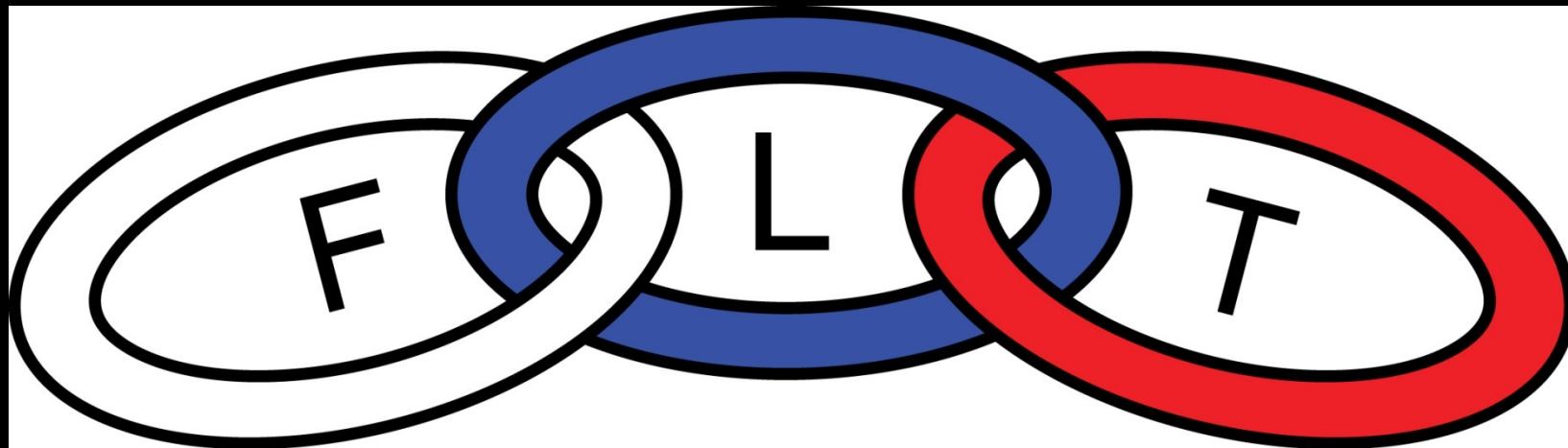






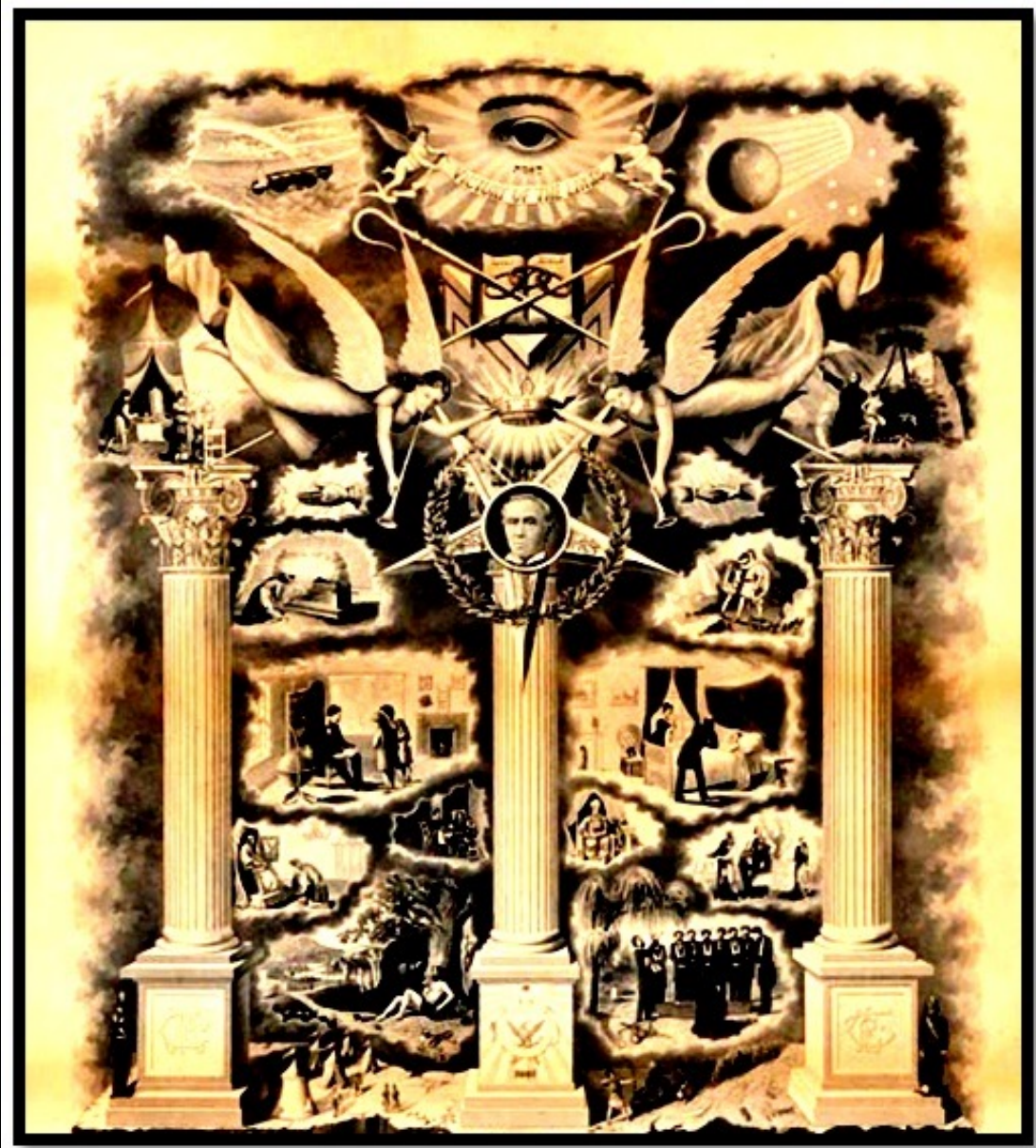
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

- Began in England in 1700s – helping those in need
- 1819 – IOOF founded in Baltimore
service mission was to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, educate the orphan, bury the dead”
- 1851 - Rebekahs – first in US to welcome women
- 1852 – first lodge in Salem
- 1915 – largest fraternal organization in US
- Beaver Lodge established in Astoria in 1883?
- Woodmen of the World, Sons of Norway, and others met in the Odd Fellows Hall



Friendship – Love - Truth





PAST GRAND SIRES
 OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES
I. O. O. F.

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Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Coos County, OR - 1902



Odd Fellows Building – Tenth and Commercial (1882-1922)



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Commercial St.
Astoria, Oregon.
Woodfield-Photo.

Odd Fellows Hall/Astoria Arts + Movement Center 322-324 Tenth St (1924)















Charles Temple Diamond (1876-1967)

- Architect of the Elks Building and the Odd Fellows Hall
- Worked in mining, oil and lumber industries
- Started architectural work Spokane
- Moved to Astoria in 1917 – opened a practice
- Designed several buildings after the Great Fire
- Controversy over Uppertown school project
- Moved to Portland in 1926 – worked there until 1937
- Post-Depression worked in Eugene, McMinnville and rural Clatsop County
- Died in Newberg in 1967





WHISKY
BAR

Columbia
TRAVEL



RIVIERA THEATER - DESIGNED BY CHARLES T. DIAMOND, 1925 GRAND OPENING JUNE 2, 1925
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Improved Order of Redmen

- Originated with secret patriotic groups founded before the American Revolution
- Started as Sons of Liberty – Boston Tea Party
- Changed name to Order of Red Men/ Improved
- Used American Indian costumes and names
- Patriotic, fraternal and benevolent
- “Freedom, Friendship and Charity”
- 1874 – first organization in Oregon
- Organized in Astoria in ????



Red Men Hall – 692 12th Street (1923)





John E Wicks (c1875-1963)



- Architect of the Improved Order of Redmen Hall
- Father of Emma Wicks Brown – prominent architect
- Designed many prominent public buildings in Astoria



Astoria High School,
Astoria, Oregon.





BANK OF ASTORIA

MUSEUM of WHIMSY







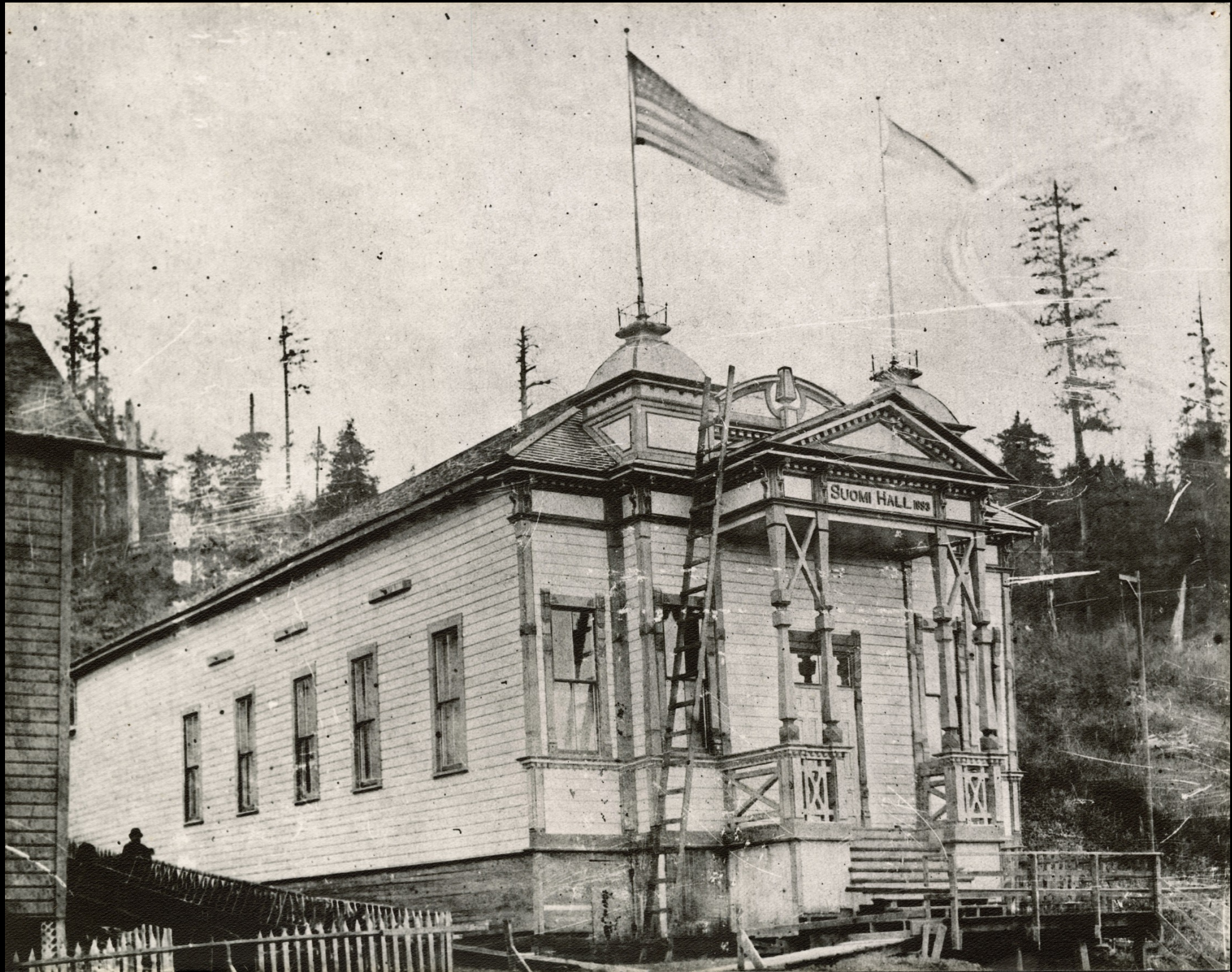
Suomi Hall (1893)

- Finnish Brotherhood formed in 1886
- Hall built in 1893 by the Finnish Temperance Society
- Hall was used by the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters
- 1900 - Finnish Brotherhood consolidated with other Finnish societies – United Finnish Brotherhood of the World
- 1913 - Suomi Hall moved to current location
- 1937 - purchased Suomi Hall from the Finnish Temperance Society

Finnish Brotherhood/Suomi Hall – 246 W Marine Drive (1893)



1893 SUOMI HALL 1947



SUOMI HALL 1899



SUOMI HALL

FINNISH MEAT MARKET.

244
ALFRED PUUSTI & CO.

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ASTORIA.





ASTORIAN MAJAN OMISTAMA SUOMI-HAALI



1892 SUOMI-HALL 1947

SUOMI-HALL
DANCE TO-NITE

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WORK CLOTHES

U.F.W. B.S.
1912

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AND
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U.F.K.B. & S.
ASTORIA LODGE NO. 2

W.S.A.T. & R.

Loyal Order of Moose



- Fraternal organization similar to Elks and many others
- Mooseheart in Illinois founded for orphans of members
- Founded in Astoria in ????
- Holmes Motor Company building adapted for Moose by Astoria architect Eino Isaacson in 1950

Loyal Order of Moose Lodge – 420 17th Street (c.1920/1951)





Klamath House - 817 Exchange (c.1860)





MOOSE TEMPLE

817

NO
PARKING

NO
PARKING

CLEMENTINES

BED & BREAKFAST

Please Enjoy Your Stay

Loyal Orange Order



- Fraternal organization organized in Northern Ireland
- Establish during a time of Protestant/Catholic conflict
- Defender of Protestantism in Northern Ireland
- Lodges in England, Scotland, Canada and US
- Founded in Astoria in ????



IN GOD IS

MY TRUST

UNION

TRUTH

LOVE

LOYALTY

HONOR ALL MEN, LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD,
FEAR GOD, HONOR THE KING.

Loyal Orange Lodge/American Legion 1132 Exchange Street (1924)





◆ Clatsop Post 12, 12th Street
Astoria, Oregon 97103
Telephone 325-1234
Meeting Room 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
◆ AMERICAN LEGION ◆



Orange Lodge building leased to Montgomery Wards in 1928
American Legion purchased the building in 1943

Paul Milton Hall-Lewis (c1875-c.1950)

- Architect of the Loyal Orange Lodge
- 1896-1899 Began practice in New York city
- Moved to West Coast in 1900
- Architecture practice in Oregon started in 1904
- Worked in several towns in Oregon, esp Hood River

1924

OCCIDENT BUILDING

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BERNSTEIN CENTENARY

LIBERTY

BLACK PANTHER
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE
LU OVER THE WALL



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