

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

received

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Eagles Temple

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 131-137 East Market Street not for publication
city, town Akron vicinity of 14 congressional district (John Seiberling)
state Ohio code 039 county Summit code 153

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>N/A</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name 280 Group (optionee of Greater Akron Youth for Christ)
street & number 666 Carnegie Avenue
city, town Akron vicinity of Ohio state Ohio 44314

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Summit County Recorder's Office
street & number 175 South Main Street
city, town Akron state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Akron Historic Landmark Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1978 federal state county local
depository for survey records Dept. of Planning, City of Akron 166 S. High Street
city, town Akron state Ohio

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

When completed as the Eagles Temple in 1918, this three-story rectangular building had the unmistakable "temple" look, with a brick facade of Neo-Classic revival style. There were five bays. End pavilions enclosed, at the second and third stories, a recessed porch which was divided by limestone Ionic columns that supported a broad frieze and heavy cornice.

In 1930 the city of Akron decided to widen East Market street, an action that required the Eagles to shorten their building by about five feet. Their architects removed the facade's columns and yielded the recessed porch, while sacrificing very little interior space in the end pavilions and street level shops below.

As redesigned in Art Deco style, the facade still has five bays and projecting end pavilions. Window openings at the second and third stories in the central block are the same as they were originally, but wood sashes gave way in 1930 to steel casements. Replacing the Ionic columns are terra-cotta piers that are topped with majestic stone eagles. Between the second and third floor windows are metal transoms with floral motifs. Spanning the facade just below the parapet is a belt course of geometric design that is divided by three corbeled roundels, each with a banner marked "F.O.E."

The rather plain west side of the building, with its simple double-hung windows, is embellished with terra-cotta string and belt courses that are aligned with those of the facade so as to integrate the design.

Aside from a few unfortunate additions of recent years—a marquee and sign on the facade, three billboards on the east side—the building looks virtually the same as it did in 1930. The marquee, sign and billboards will be removed by developers who intend to restore and preserve the 1930 look.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1918;1930 (alt.) **Builder/Architect** C. W & P Construction Co.
Boenisch, Kraus & Helmkamp, arch.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Eagles Temple is significant architecturally because it is one of Akron's very best examples of the Art Deco style; it is important historically because it was the home of one of the first, largest and most socially conscious of the national Eagles chapters.

Designed originally in 1917 in the Neo-Classical revival idiom by the Akron partnership of Boenisch, Kraus & Helmkamp, the building was updated in 1930 by a successor firm, Kraus & Helmkamp. They replaced the old masonry front with a striking new terra-cotta facade that skillfully blended elements of the old into a strong modernistic statement. The architects had a statewide practice. Other noteworthy buildings they designed in Akron include the former Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad building, the former South High School, and the churches of Saint Matthew, Saint Sebastian and Saint Hillary.

The national Eagles organization was founded in Seattle in 1898, Akron Aerie No. 555 in 1904. The Akron lodge claims the distinction of having led national drives for a Workman's Compensation Act, an Old Age Pension Law, widows' pensions and Social Security. During the Great Depression (1931-1954), it threw open its doors to nonmembers and served more than 70,000 free meals. In the 1950s the Akron club had 8,000 members. It vacated the Temple, its home of nearly 50 years, in 1968 and moved into a new building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Scott Dix Kenfield, Akron and Summit County, Ohio (Chicago, 1928),
524-526
Oscar Eugene Olin, Akron and Environs (Chicago, 1917) 219-220

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one

Quadrangle name Akron West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Bounded on the south by E. Market; on the west by Summit; on the north by Journal Alley; and on the east by a line parallel to and 80' east of Summit.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William V. Wallace, Jr., Consultant

organization date July 1981

street & number 282 Somerset Road telephone 216/867-5037

city or town Akron state Ohio 44313

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature W. Ray Fine

title SHPO date 4/5/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

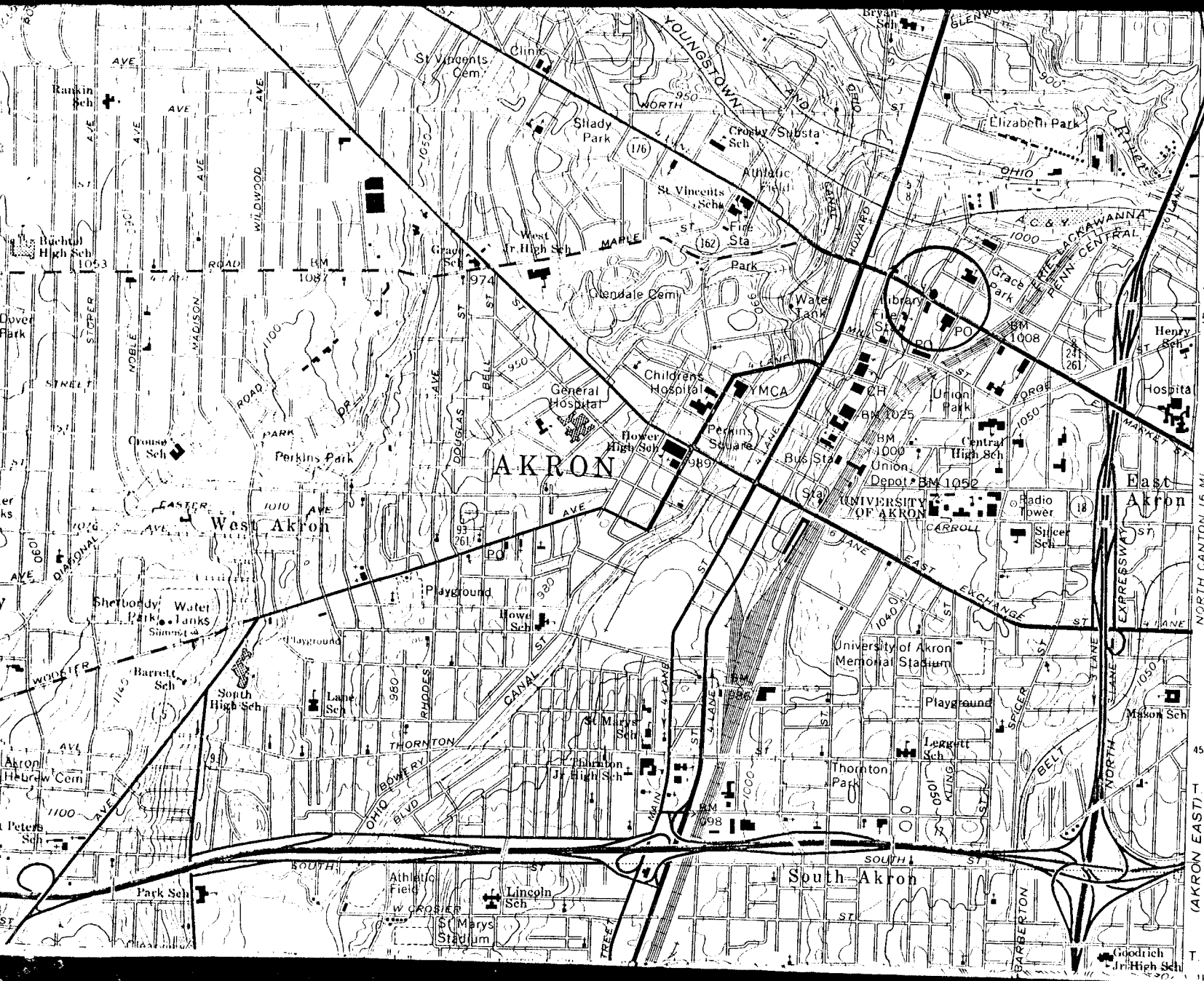
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Eagles Temple
 Akron, Summit County
 456/900 East
 4548/020 North

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 4546
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 (AKRON EAST)
 4766 U SW
 805
 T. 1 N
 NORTH CANTON 16 MI.
 YOUNGSTOWN 40 MI.



Chambers, Murphy & Burge
restoration architects

April 4, 2002

Natalie Wright
Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211-1030

Re: Demolition of a National Registered Building. The Eagles Temple in Akron

Dear Natalie:

Thank you so much for the copy of the National Register Nomination of the Eagles Temple. Progress Through Preservation provided the negatives of the demolition event of the building. I made some copies for you for your records.

The date of demolition was in 1988 according to Preservation Through Progress records.

Any further questions do not hesitate in giving me a call.

Best regards,

Yolita E. Rausche
Historic Preservation Specialist

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Ohio Historic Preservation Office

National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Eagles Temple (Demolished)

County: Summit

Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

Multiple Property Nomination form

Photograph(s)

Photograph(s) (copies)

USGS map(s)

USGS map(s) (copies)

Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

Correspondence

Other _____

