

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA HISTORIC LANDMARKS, DISTRICTS, and POINTS OF INTEREST

Landmark Number: **99**

Historic Name: **Elks Ventura Lodge No. 1430**

Address: **11 S. Ash St.**

Designated: **May 5, 2008** (CC Reso 2008-019)

Description:

At the southwest corner of East Main Street and South Ash Street, contains the now-vacant Elks Lodge #1430. The structure constructed in 1928 in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style, was occupied by the Elks Fraternal Organization from 1928 to 2004.

In the early 1920's, Ventura experienced a tremendous era of prosperity with the discovery of the oil fields in the Avenue area. Over the years, the fraternal organizations contributed to many local charities including the Boys Scouts and Little League organizations, and served as a social network of community connectivity.

Original building plans indicate the building's character-defining features have not been significantly altered over time, and the building façade retains most of its original integrity. In the late 1950's fire escapes were added on the west façade, the entry doors were replaced, the red tile roof was removed and the existing porte cochere canopy was added. A couple of the smaller windows were replaced with aluminum-framed windows. Interior alterations were numerous, but much of the original interior remains intact.



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