

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY FORM

PROJECT # 1675-Waxahachie Phase 2 Zone 1  
 County Ellis  
 Address 441 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

HHM ID 81992  
 City Waxahachie

**SECTION 1**

**Basic Inventory**

Current Name KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HALL

Historic Name

Owner Information:

Name	BETHESDA EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF WAXAHACHIE INC	Status	PRIVATE
Address	1358 VERMONT AVE	City	WAXAHACHIE
State	TX	Zip	75134

**Geographic Location:** Latitude: 32.383650500000002 Longitude: -96.842350400000001

Online map available by copying and pasting url below into web browser  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/32.383650500000002,-96.842350400000001>

Legal Description (Lot/Block): LOT 6B BLK 58 TOWN - WAXAHACHIE .151 AC

Appraisal District ID 170943 Year

**Property Type:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District

**Current Designations:** Individually listed on NRHP

NR District (Is property contributing?  Yes  No)

NHL  NR  RTHL  OTHM  HTC  SAL  Local  Other

**Architect:** Unknown or N/A

**Builder:** Unknown or N/A

**Construction Date:** ca. 1893 (source: Prior survey)

**Function**

**Current Use:** Educational

**Historic Use:** Lodge

**Image Information**

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**SECTION 2**

**Architectural Description**

**General Architectural Description:**

The building at 441 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd is a one-story building constructed in 1893, according to the previous historic resources survey. The property was originally built for fraternal purposes (African American chapter of the Masons) but is now used as a museum. The building has brick exterior walls. It does not have any ornamentation that reflects an architectural style, movement, or tradition. The central parapet includes a small cast concrete features that identifies it as Masonic lodge. The building has a flat roof with a covering that is not visible. Door feature(s) include the following: transoms.

**Alterations/modifications**

Alterations: Transoms covered/removed

Relocated, specify date, former location and information of interest:

**Classification**

Type	Plan	Stylistic Influence
Store	Two-part commercial block	No stylistic influences visible

**Physical Characteristics**

**Roof**

Form: Flat Materials: Not visible

**Wall**

Exterior material(s): Brick

**Door(s) Primary**

Multiple entrances, Wood door Door feature(s): Transoms

**Windows**

Display windows

**Porches/Canopies**

**Other exterior features**

**Ancillary Buildings**

**Landscape/Site Features**

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**SECTION 3**

**Historical Information**

**Associated Historical Context:** Planning/Development, Social/Cultural, Architecture

**History Notes:**

**Applicable National Register (NR) Criteria:** Criterion C

- A - Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history
- B - Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past  
 Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a
- C - master, or possesses high artistic value, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinctions
- D - Has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory of history

**Areas of Significance:** Architecture, Community Planning and Development

**Period(s) of Significance:** 1893

**Level of Significance:**  National  State  Local

**Integrity:** Association, Design, Feeling, Location, Materials, Setting, Workmanship

**Integrity notes:** Most alterations within period of significance

**Individually Eligible?**  Yes  No  Undetermined

**Within Potential NR District?**  Yes  No  Undetermined

**Is Property Contributing?**  Yes  No  Undetermined

**Priority:** (see manual for definitions)  High  Medium  Low Explain:

**Other Information**

**Is prior documentation available for this resource?**  Yes  No  Unknown **Type:** Individually listed on NRHP

Documentation details

