HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Montgomery Auto Parts
2. Historic name: Masonic Temple
3. Street or rural address: 7598 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy   Zip: 95020   County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100565
5. Present Owner: Montgomery Auto Parts
   Address: 7598 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy   Zip: 95020   Ownership is: Public   Private X
6. Present Use: Auto parts store
   Original use: Masonic temple

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Italian Renaissance
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This two story, turn-of-the-century collection of styles is classified Mediterranean Revival style due to the tile roof and the many arches and columns which decorate the walls of the building. The detailing includes ideas from many other architectural schools, such as the quatrefoil windows and the decorated brackets under the eaves. Other distinguishing features include small round windows above the overhanging hoods that shade the side windows, fancy scrollwork located above the four center windows facing Monterey Street and a flagpole with a finial. A series of columns divides the upper story windows and there is a glass storefront on the lower story.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated   Factual 1902
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage: 55   Depth: 193
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    Mar. 1986

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The Gilroy Masonic Lodge, number 187, was begun in January, 1868. It was named for Hohn M. Keith, who was one of the petitioners for the incorporation of the city of Gilroy and the first Town Clerk. Plans for the Masonic Temple were begun in 1901. The well known architect, William H. Weeks, designed this building. Property for the Masonic Temple was donated by Alexander Watson, a member of the lodge. The first meeting in the new building was held in September of 1902. In 1921 local builder William Radtke was given the contract to improve and extend the building.

The lower portion of the building today houses the Montgomery Auto Parts Store.

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):