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1926

Chesapeake Masonic Lodge No. 147

Crisfield

Private

Marking the southwest corner of West Main and Somerset streets, the neo-classical Masonic Lodge is a well-built Flemish bond brick structure with a commanding temple front portico. Four Tuscan columns support a cushion frieze and a modillioned pediment. The four corners of the building are highlighted with concrete quoins, and a modillioned cornice stretches around the rectangular structure.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Chesapeake Masonic Lodge no. 147

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number SW corner of West Main and Somerset  not for publication

city, town Crisfield  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: meeting hse.

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Chesapeake Masonic Lodge No. 147

street & number West Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Md. 21817

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Chesapeake Masonic Lodge No. 147 stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of West Main Street and Somerset Avenue in uptown Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story brick structure faces north.

Built in 1926, the two-story Flemish bond brick building is supported by a concrete foundation and covered by a flat roof disguised by a parapet.

The north(main) facade is dominated by a temple front portico that is surrounded by a field of Flemish bond brick and framed by concrete quoins. Four Tuscan columns rise two full stories to support a Classical entablature and pediment. A cushion frieze is located under a modillioned cornice. Behind the columns the front wall of the building is stuccoed. The front entrance consists of an elaborate broken pediment supported by semi-round fluted Corinthian pilasters. A nine-pane window is located within the upper portion of the porch wall surface. Positioned to either side of the portico are small octagonal windows at the second floor height. A masonry cornice, directly in line with the portico cornice, continues around both sides of the building to distinguish the main body of the structure from the parapet. The datestone is fixed in the lower east corner and is engraved with the dates 1867 and 1926.

The sides of the building are an identical seven bays deep with the end bays distinguished from the rest by an intermediate vertical row of concrete blocks, like the quoins. The first floor of each end bay is filled with a nine over six sash window, while the upper portion has a small octagonal window. The center five bays have nine over six sash windows with jack arches.

The south (rear) elevation is a three-bay facade with a rear door and nine over six sash windows. The wall surface is finished in a similar manner as the rest of the building.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1926 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Chesapeake Lodge No. 147 is a well-built Classical Revival masonic lodge which stands in the center of Crisfield's oldest and most prominent residential district. The bold temple-front and Classical details and brickwork are an interesting contrast to the neighboring Crisfield Baptist Church, the most monumental Classically inspired building standing in the bay-side town.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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Chesapeake Masonic Lodge  
Crisfield, Somerset County  
Northwest Elevation  
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