PUBLIC NOTICE: UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR MISSISSIPPI LANDMARK DESIGNATION AND TRANSFER TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Elks Lodge (Columbus Lodge No. 555, BPOE), located at 309 Main Street, Columbus, Lowndes County, is under consideration for designation as a Mississippi Landmark in compliance with the provisions of the Antiquities Law of Mississippi, Section 39-7-22 et seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

The Antiquities Law provides that, if a publicly owned property being transferred to private ownership is found to have historical and/or architectural significance, then that property may be designated as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History before the transfer can commence. Designation recognizes the historical and/or architectural significance of the property and requires that proposed alterations that may affect the property's historic character be reviewed and approved by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History invites public comment on the proposed designation of the Columbus Elks Lodge as a Mississippi Landmark. Comments and requests for more information should be sent to Clay Mapp, Mississippi Landmarks Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205, or mslandmark@mdah.ms.gov, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

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