

CROWLEY STREET  
Burlington

## NORTH BURLINGTON:

(Berry Street, Bright Street, Canfield Street, Charles Street, Crowley Street, Derway Drive, Germain Street, Lakeview Terrace, Luck Street, Myrtle Street, Oak Street, Pomeroy Street, Poplar Street, Sherman Street, St. Louis Street, Staniford Road, Washington Street, Ward Street, Willow Street, Wilson Street.)

As lakeside commercial activity centered on Burlington Bay, the north-eastern shores of Lake Champlain remained undeveloped except for the few farms which took advantage of the rich Winooski River Valley soil. Family's such as the Derways, Stanifords and Crockers owned large acreage in far north Burlington from the latter 18th century well into the 19th century. A few structures exist from the late 1800's farms (#148, 240 Staniford Road) but only one is extant from the early 19th century, a Greek Revival style house (c.1820) near Appletree Point, an extension of the early Staniford Farm. This property was always used for farming, as was much of north Burlington, until the 1920's when lots were sectioned for suburban development and summer camps.

North Avenue, the highway connecting the far north farmlands with north Burlington, experienced the most architectural growth during the 19th century, especially after the completion of the trolley line in 1888. As lakeside factory development increased, so did the housing need for the immigrant French Canadian, Irish, and German workers. Outside of downtown Burlington and east, into the available farm land, streets such as Ward, Crowley, Washington and Strong began to fill lots with vernacular Queen Anne style housing. The ethnic neighborhoods maintained a cultural bond among their residents, with the establishment of community centers such as the Goethe Lodge (c.1891) on Crowley Street. The hall built by the German contractor, Oscar Heininger for his laborers and friends, operates as a club today.

Though not as isolated as the far northern sections of Burlington, the area north of Pearl Street was sparsely settled with farm houses into the late 1800's. Eventually parcels of land were sold to create Pomeroy, Germain and Wilson Streets, which came from Pomeroy, Dodge and Loomis farmland. The Shaw family sold their land to create Willow, Oak and Walnut Streets. Architectural development was greatest from the 1890's to 1920, but continued well into the 1930's and 1940's on most of these north end streets.

Across North Avenue on the lakeside, property purchased by the Vermont Central Railroad in the 1860's was sold to local north end contractors, such as the Kieslich's, Heininger's and Hauke's. Lakeview Terrace (known previously as the Bissell Street until the 1890's) had a few late 19th century houses scattered on a hill above the lake (#37, 131, 134 Lakeview Terrace.) By 1906, the Kieslich Construction Company had established a lumber warehouse and a model house at the south end of the street near Haswell and Canfield Streets (#71-73 Lakeview Terrace.) Housing growth continued north on Lakeview Terrace during the 1920's - 1940's going around the corner to Berry Street. Except for Sunset Court, a small 1940's dead-end street a block north, only the Lakeview Terrace neighborhood commands a residential view of the lake in north Burlington. Later into the 1950's and 1960's the far north end would take advantage of the lake's vista for suburban housing.

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Building in north Burlington during the twentieth century is checkered as new development is scattered between existing 19th century structures. It was the far north end where entire neighborhoods could be developed on the open farmlands and where planned development continues today.

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STATE OF VERMONT  
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HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: 0402
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: 83-A-89
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing 18/641240/4927300
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: Burlington 7.5
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Goethe Lodge
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Goethe Lodge
PRESENT USE: Recreational Hall
ORIGINAL USE: --
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: Unknown
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>
STYLE: Vernacular
DATE BUILT: 1896

COUNTY: Chittenden
TOWN: Burlington
LOCATION: 20 Crowley Street, two lots east from corner of North Avenue.
COMMON NAME: German Club
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Recreational Hall
OWNER: Goethe Lodge #592 D.O.H.
ADDRESS: c/o 6 Tucker <del>Dermot Cosgrove,</del> 126 Foster Street, Burlington, VT 05401
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone  Brick  Concrete  Concrete Block
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post & Beam  Balloon
  - Load Bearing Masonry: Brick  Stone  Concrete  Concrete Block
  - Iron  d. Steel  e. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board & Batten  Wood Shingle  Shiplap  Novelty  Asbestos Shingle  Sheet Metal  Aluminum  Asphalt Shingle  Brick Veneer  Stone Veneer  Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood  Iron  Steel  Concrete
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Shingle  Sheet Metal  Built Up  Rolled  Tile  Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches  Towers  Cupolas  Dormers  Chimneys  Sheds  Ells  Wings  Bay Window  Other:

Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Shed  Flat  Mansard  Gambrel  Jerkinhead  Saw Tooth  With Monitor  With Bellcast  With Parapet  With False Front  Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 3 x 4 Entrance Location: Front, right

Approximate Dimensions: 26 x 40

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Roads <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two story rectangular plan hall with flat parapet front. Double door (altered) entrance, paneled surround and modern boxed cornice hood. Large second story central Palladian window flanked by 2/2 sash windows (right filled in) in plain surrounds with lip molding. Projecting boxed cornice above vertical board frieze with consoles and smaller brackets. Gabled metal roof behind false front with projecting box cornice. Corner boards and water table. Electric sign projecting over entrance (c.1950).

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

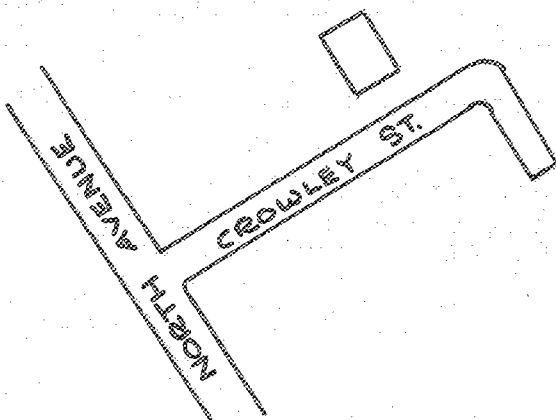
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Goethe Lodge (German Order of Harugari) is historically significant because of its important role in the Burlington German immigrant community of the late 19th century. It was started by the German immigrants employed by the local construction companies (i.e. Kieslich, Heininger, Hauke) in the north end of Burlington. It is still being used as a private German Club. Though some windows are filled-in, the structure is a well-preserved example of a vernacular community building. Interior remodeling occurred after two fires (1944, 1972).

REFERENCES:

Burlington Directory, 1896.  
Interview with Richard Kieslich (Kieslich's Market)- December 1982.  
Chittenden County Historical Society Bulletin, November 1972.

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Land  Woodland
- Scattered Buildings
- Moderately Built Up
- Densely Built Up
- Residential  Commercial
- Agricultural  Industrial
- Roadside Strip Development
- Other:

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