Collin County Historical Commission

PLANO NATIONAL BANK/I.O.O.F. LODGE BUILDING
1001 East 15th Street and Avenue I
Plano, Texas

After a building they shared was destroyed by fire in 1895, the Plano National Bank (est. 1887) and the I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows) Lodge (est. 1870) erected this commercial building here in 1896. In 1936 the structure was redesigned by architect/builder Abe Cain with Art Deco detailing. The Building was remodeled in 1958 but a 1980s restoration project returned it to its 1936 Art Deco appearance. Prominent features include Czechoslovakian black Carrara glass.

Built in the Fall of 1895 after an earlier building on this site was destroyed by fire the same year, the ground floor of the building housed the Plano National Bank, Plano’s first bank, which had occupied the ground floor of the earlier building since 1887. The second floor of the building
housed the lodge hall of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Plano’s second oldest fraternal organization founded in 1870, which had been owned and occupied the second floor of the earlier building since 1881. In December 1930, the Plano National Bank merged with the Farmers National Bank to form the First National Bank of Plano, which continued to occupy the lower floor until 1952, at which time the local chapter of the American Legion occupied the space. In 1958, A. R. Schell Jr. and Son purchased the lower floor and his son and grandson continue to operate their business here. In 1982, the upper floor of the building was purchased by these men at the time of the demise of the local chapter of the IOOF which had occupied the building for over 100 years. Many of Plano’s most distinguished citizens have occupied the building during its lifetime. In 1936, the building was renovated in the art deco style by the First National Bank. It was renovated again in this style in 1986.

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