

Landmark-Tag, And Jackie Too, For the Lambs

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The Lambs, the actors club struggling to come out of bankruptcy, got a double dose of good fortune today when the Landmarks Commission officially designated its Stanford White building a city landmark and Jackie Onassis agreed to become a director.

"I will do everything I can to help save The Lambs and develop the new Lambs Club, which is a much needed and exciting concept for the nation's first private club for the fine arts and all the performing arts," Mrs. Onassis said in accepting the club's invitation to be its second woman member.

The first woman member, Caroline Newhouse, a sculptress and wife of newspaper executive Theodore Newhouse, joined last month.

The Lambs' building at 138 W. 44th St. was built in 1904 expressly for the club and is distinguished by arched windows, stone columns and carved lambs on the facade.

At the first designation meeting since July, the Landmarks Preservation Commission also made the following designations:

¶ The 1912 Kingsbridge Armory at Kingsbridge Road and Jerome Av., the Bronx, currently used by the National Guard. A Romanesque fortress with massive towers, parapets and finely executed details, this armory is one of the largest in the world and has been the site in past years of 6-day bike races, dog shows, rodeos and industrial expositions.

¶ The 1862 Fort Totten Battery and its 1870 Gothic Officer's Club at Willets Point in Bayside, Queens. According to the commission's designation report, this "is one of the most impressive and monumental sites in Queens. Its superior stone construction, rarely surpassed in this country, contains a number of the important innovations used in the Third or Totten System of U.S. seacoast fortifications that were built between 1817 and 1864."

It is named after New Haven-born Joseph Gilbert Totten, one of this country's leading military engineers who became an internationally known expert in the development of 19th-century sea coast fortifications.

¶ The 1861 Fort Tompkins on Staten Island, one of the major fortifications in the Fort Wadsworth Reservation, which is the oldest continuously manned military installation in the U. S. A long, low, polygonal fort constructed of granite and standing on a hillside platform, Fort Tompkins was built as part of the Totten System.

The commission also voted to hold a public hearing on Nov. 26 on the proposed designation as a landmark of the old Police Headquar-

ters building at Centre and Broome Streets.

The City Planning Commission last week announced plans to turn the building into an Italian-American cultural center as part of an overall renewal of Little Italy.

CPC Chairman Beverly Moss Spatt said the headquarters building, begun in 1901 and completed eight years later, should be designated a landmark because it was "not only an anchor to the community, but also an architectural gem."