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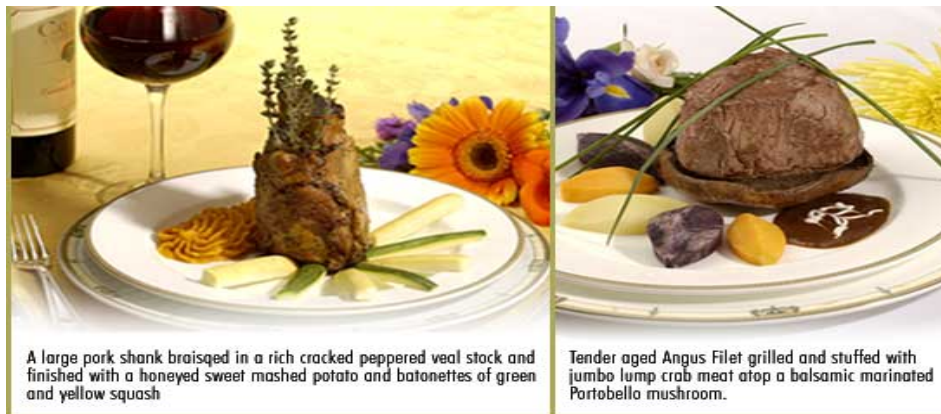
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### **One Charming City...One Exceptional Chef**

The Tremont Grand is proud to announce that Dennis Shakan, formerly the Executive Chef and General Manager of the Kent Manor Inn, located on Kent Island, will be heading the Grand's exceptional catering team. After spending over three decades managing high-volume, multi-outlet kitchen, banquet, a-la-carte, and fine dining operations, Chef Shakan is excited to manage the catering operations at the Tremont Grand.

Chef Shakan has a BS in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales Culinary Arts School. After years of working to perfect his culinary skills, and during his time at the Kent Manor Inn, he launched critically-acclaimed hands-on cooking classes, created an extraordinarily popular Sunday Brunch, and instituted an award winning wine list, recognized nationally by "Wine Spectator".

His plan is to blend old-world style and service with modern culinary methods. Offering a distinctive interpretation of New American Cuisine, Chef Shakan will present many of his signature favorites, while also creating exciting new dishes inspired by Baltimore's rich ethnic heritage. Pictured below are two examples of Chef Shakan's signature dishes:



In Fall of 2005, the former Grand Lodge of Maryland Masonic Temple will re-open its doors as the Tremont Grand – a distinctive reception and conference facility with five floors and over 45,000 square feet of meeting space. Originally constructed in 1866, the Lodge was Maryland's center for Masonic activity during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. After undergoing an extensive restoration, the majestic building integrates state-of-the-art technology with 19<sup>th</sup> Century architectural elegance to add to the historic charm of Charles Street.

Other Tremont properties:

#### **Tremont Plaza Hotel**

The Tremont Plaza Hotel, Baltimore's largest full-service, all-suite hotel, is located minutes away from the Inner Harbor and Charles Street. It's convenient city center location situates the Plaza in the heart of the city's business, cultural, historic, entertainment and shopping districts. The Tremonts have built a skywalk connecting the Plaza to the soon to debut Tremont Grand meeting and banquet facility. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, its refined and sophisticated atmosphere makes for the perfect visit to Baltimore.

#### **Tremont Park Hotel**

Baltimore's first all suite hotel, the Tremont Park Hotel, offers affordable luxury in a quiet setting. The 58 suite hotel, just steps off of Historic Charles Street, is located in Baltimore's historic and business districts, and is within walking distance to the Inner Harbor, the Baltimore Convention Center and the theater and restaurant districts.

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