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### **Where Old Meets New**

Every once in a while something magical occurs. Something that makes people stop and take notice. Something that redefines how the old is perceived and brings it into perspective through the lens of the present.

The Tremont Grand is that something special.

Originally constructed in 1866, and reconstructed in 1907, the Grand Lodge of Maryland Masonic Temple, located at 225 Charles Street, served as the center of Masonic activity during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Mason organization, and their history, has long been intertwined with Baltimore's history, as every Mayor, through Mayor William Donald Schaefer, was a member of the Masons.

In 1994, the Mason's sold the building to Baltimore attorney and developer Peter Angelos. And then, in 1998, William C Smith purchased the building with the desire to restore it to its early grandeur.

This historical building is set to reopen as the Tremont Grand in the Fall of 2005. After undergoing its extensive renovation, the majestic building successfully integrates state-of-the-art technology with 19<sup>th</sup> Century architectural elegance. With 5 floors and over 45,000 square feet of meeting and reception space, the Tremont Grand is intent upon becoming Baltimore's premier site for business and social events.

Looking to the future of the Tremont Grand is as important as remembering the impressive history of the building. The Grand's exquisite Marble Hall provided temporary selling spaces for local Baltimore merchants after the Great Fire of 1904. Also during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the room served as a USO canteen for the brave soldiers and sailors staying in Baltimore between deployments. Other rooms, throughout the Grand, boast historical elements that lead one to believe that they have stepped back in time when visiting.

That is, however, if one has stepped back in time with all of the amenities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Tremont Grand's construction team has worked tirelessly to maintain the original architectural integrity of the building while incorporating the latest technology.

The story of the Tremont Grand is long. Its influence on Baltimore is great. The future is still being determined. But one thing is clear, and it's that the building has stood through three centuries of changes and it remains strong today.

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. Its 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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