

Maryland Odd Fellow



**SPRING IS A TIME OF NEW GROWTH
AND RENEWAL HAVE YOU ASKED
SOMEONE TO JOIN YOUR LODGE**

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Grand Masters' Message:

To All Members of the Order:

Greetings:

Bringing in New Members is important! Have we given any thought About showing our present members (they were once new members) that they are important. They are the important things in our fraternal life-they are A Mayonnaise Jar and Two Cups of Coffee !

When things in your fraternal life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember this story about a mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee...

A Noble Grand stood before her lodge and had some items in front of her. Wordlessly, she picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. She then asked the members if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the Noble Grand then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. She shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. She then asked the members again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The Noble Grand next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. She asked once more if the jar was full. The members responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The Noble Grand then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The members laughed. Now, said the Noble Grand, I want you to recognize that this jar represents our lodge.

The golf balls are the important things-our God, family, our health, our members and the friendship & love we share. The pebbles are the other things that matter. The sand is everything else-the small stuff.

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Grand Matriarchs' Message:**Grand Matriarch's Message**

This is an excellent opportunity for me to thank all those who participated in the Testimonial Banquet. Thanks go to the joint committee and especially the Grand Encampment members for their participation. A thanks goes to Patriarch Cliff Poist for his chairmanship of the joint effort.

Appreciation goes to so many this year for their support of the Grand Encampment and my project. Forest Lodge and Maryland Encampment sponsored a shrimp feed which raised over \$400 for the Grand Encampment. Thanks to all those who supported this event.

The Camporee is scheduled this year for July 18, 19 and 20th at Jellystone Camp Ground at Mill Run, Pennsylvania. This has been an activity that was started during Past Grand Patriarch Robert Harr's term of 1986-1987. It has been an opportunity for all members of the Order to spend a weekend together and practice Friendship, Love and Truth. In fact, although started by the Grand Encampment, all members equally share in the leadership, work and enjoyment. In support of this activity, Forest Lodge and Maryland Encampment will hold a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 15th. I urge all to participate and if you are unable to attend, a donation would certainly be appreciated.

My term as Grand Matriarch is winding down. I have two visitations left: Salem No. 13 on March 3rd and Jerusalem No. 1 on March 18th. I am looking forward to seeing as many Patriarchs and Matriarch present as possible.

Again, thanks for all of your support.

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Linda D. Humbert, Grand Matriarch

"The I.O.O.F. Lodge #97 Celebrates 150 years of Community service."

On February the 14th a legacy of service to the community was celebrated at the Poolesville Memorial Methodist Church. Supporters of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #97 came together to celebrate the good works of this organization which is now 150 years old. To honor the accomplishments of Lodge #97 the Poolesville Day Committee has announced that Lodge #97 will act as Grand Marshalls of this years parade, to be held on September 20th. During the 150 year history of Lodge #97, the organization has sustained its mission through good times and bad. At times their membership slipped to just five or six men. Lodge #97 also had to endure the and overcome a fire that destroyed their I.O.O.F building at the corner of Fisher and Elgin roads. Four of the longest participating members of Lodge #97 are Bill Hossler, Jim Spory, Ralph Cooley, and Foster Hough. Forest Hough received a special certificate of achievement as senior member, being part of the group for fifty-one years. Lodge #97 has raised money in many ways. Through raffles and fruit sales to collecting items at rummage sales. Lodge #97 has also given back.

One of their pet projects is Hands of Love. Useful items that some no longer need, but others find essential, are made available to those with little or nothing. Ever wonder what happens to all those left over items from rummage sales? They're not thrown away. The Odd Fellows of Poolesville # 97 pack them and drive them to distribution locations in West Virginia.

They have supported two graduates of PHS by donating \$1,000 to each. Every year they quietly give funds to different Alzheimer Research groups, the Red Cross as well as organizations dealing with heart and diabetes problems. During the February 14th dinner, Thomas Dillingham was re-elected as Noble Grand of Lodge #97. Other officers of Lodge #97 were Steve Horvath, Ralph Cooley, Jim Spory, Henry Hamm, Shirley Spory, and Dale Nestor. Overall, the members of Lodge #97 and the I.O.O.F have one major message, for people to know that they are cared for.

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If you put the sand into the jar first, she continued, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for our Lodge. If we spend all our time and energy on the small stuff, we will never have room for the things that are important. So, pay attention to the things that are most important. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

Wondering what the coffee represents? No matter how busy we are, there's always room for a couple cups of coffee with a member.

I Extend My Heart & Hand In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Shirley L. Sell
Grand Master

Special Thanks

To: The Testimonial Banquet Committee and all who supported the Joint Testimonial Banquet.

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

A warm note of thanks
To say people like you
Help make the world brighter
By the nice things you do!

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Shirley Sell
Grand Master

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Call To Session

The Department Council Patriarchs Militant and Department Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant of the Mid Atlantic Region IOOF will be held April 12, 2008 in Delaware.

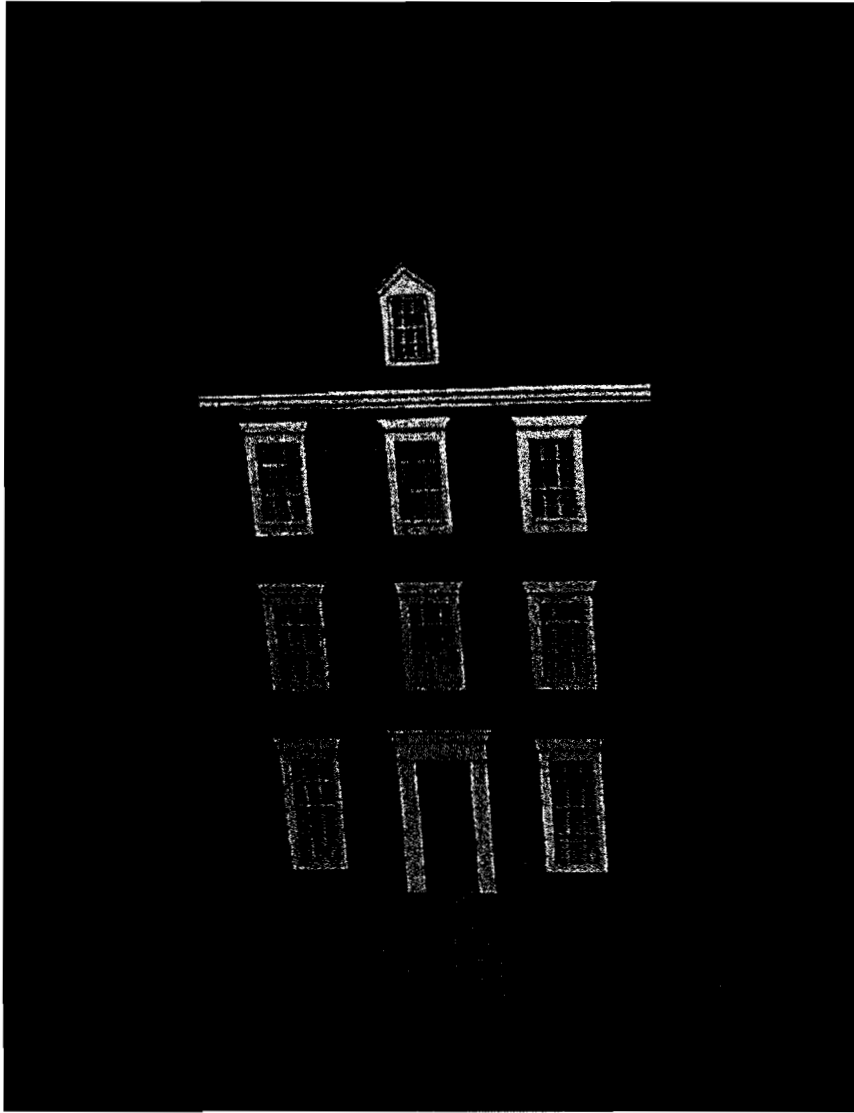
The Department Council will meet beginning at 10 AM at the Peoples II Restaurant 17064 South DuPont Highway, Harrington Delaware, DE., in the Liberty Plaza Shopping Plaza. The restaurant is located on the south side of route 13, we will be meeting in their banquet room. ALL CHEVALIERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

The Department Association will meet beginning at 9 AM at the Felton Odd Fellows Hall, 105 Main Street, Felton DE., above Lee's Store and across from Felton Bank.

Lunch will be served at about 12 PM at the Restaurant off of their Menu. The Decoration of Chivalry will be conferred at 1:30 PM at the Restaurant.

It is our hope that all eligible will attend and help begin to revitalize the Department.

If there are any questions please contact Richard Adams at 302-284-4534 home or Andy Longacre at 302-670-7983 cell.



Limited Edition Seven Star Tavern
Miniature Wooden Keepsake

The Grand Lodge of Maryland's 190th, Anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Committee has created this Limited edition 2 dimensional keepsake. Each one will be numbered and have a certificate of authenticity. Order blank on back.

There are many events being planned to celebrate the 190th, anniversary of our order, if you would like to be put on the mailing list please indicate how on the order blank on the back.

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CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

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320 South Highland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

_____ I do not wish to purchase a miniature at this time but do want to be put on
the mailing list.

MAILING LIST REQUEST

_____ Please keep me informed of the upcoming plans for the 190th, anniversary
of The Independent Odd Fellows by E-Mail; My E-Mail Address is

_____ I would like to be put on the Mailing List for the 190th, anniversary of The
Independent Odd Fellows.

Address if different from above:

Chaplain's Korner

By Dr. Howard G. Malin

As we are rapidly approaching the vernal holiday season, I am spiritually reminded of a beautiful, meaningful passage in the book of Psalm... to be more exact: Psalms 25: 4-6 as follows:

Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

May Almighty GOD continue to watch over you and bless you, my brothers and sisters, always!

Towson Lodge No. 79 holds Membership Drive

To: Michael Shuman, Membership Representative
Grand Lodge of Maryland
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Inc.

From: Darlene R. Parker
Social Chairman-Membership Committee
Towson Lodge No. 79

The Membership Committee Of Towson Lodge No. 79 is thanking the Grand Lodge Membership Committee for coming out to Towson Lodge with their tools for our Membership Drive on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

It was a family of Friendship, Love and Truth of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A very remarkable presentation!

Thank You
Darlene R. Parker

Call To Session
Tentative Schedule
of The Joint Session of Maryland

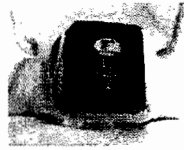
Monday May 19 th	9 am – 5 pm	Grand Encampment Session Installation of Grand Encampment Officers (Time to be announced).
	6:30 pm	Opening & Memorial Service
	8 pm	1 st Session Grand Lodge
	9 pm	Hospitality Room
Tuesday May 20 th	7am to 9 am	Breakfast
	9 am – 12pm	Rebekah Assembly
	12 pm – 1pm	Lunch
	1 pm	2 nd Session Grand Lodge
	6:30 pm -8 pm	Fun Night
	9 pm	Hospitality Room
Wednesday May 21 st	7am to 9 am	Breakfast
	9am to 12 pm	2 nd Session Rebekah Assembly Installation of Officers (Time to be Announced)
	1pm	3 rd Session Grand Lodge
	6pm	Dinner
	8pm	Installation of Grand Lodge Officers
	9:30 pm	Hospitality Room

Hotel Venice Inn, Hagerstown Maryland.

Make Reservations with Hotel, Phone Number is 301-733-0830 and tell them you are with the Odd Fellows.

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Fraternal Items For Sale



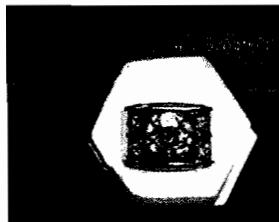
New Condition Odd Fellows ring with FLT Logo. Solid 10 karat yellow gold 6.9 grams mirror finish ring size 11. Bought on EBay for \$199.00 will sell for \$160.00 (which includes shipping) Contact Grand Master Shirley Sell 410 227-2228.



Odd Fellow/ Masonic Lapel Pin. Plating: Gold Enamels: Cloisonné Size: 1/2" \$10.00 (includes shipping). Contact Grand Master Shirley Sell 410 227-2228.



This is a Superb New Gents "Masons/Odd Fellows" CREST Silver Ring. The ring is Brand New. The rings still has jewelers original tags. The ring is Silver and has a raised authentic "Masons & Odd Fellows" CREST in the center accented with created red Rubies. The ring is very heavy and of good quality with Silver lifetime plating with a fancy yet simple elegant design. The ring is size 10. Bought on EBay price \$65.00 (which includes shipping). Contact Grand Master Shirley Sell 410 227-2228.



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SHRIMP FEAST

APRIL 27, 2008

**SPONSORED BY
PROVIDENCE LODGE NO. 116
6 Ingleside Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228**

TIME: 1 TO 4 PM

**COST: \$25.00 IN ADVANCE
\$30.00 AT DOOR
\$13.00 CHILDREN 6 TO 12
UNDER 6 FREE**

**Menu: All the Shrimp you can eat, Hot Dogs, BBQ, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans, Chips, Desserts, Beer, Sodas and Coffee**

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION CALL

**Kathy Gunther
229 St. Helena Ave.
Dundalk, MD 21222
443-872-6708**

**Bertha Lloyd
3031 Arizona Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-665-9787**

**Charles Klaus
35151/2 Meadowside Rd.
410-944-0054**

Past Grand Masters

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Needing our Prayers and Cards:

Sam Friedman, PG # 9

c/o Jewish Convalescent Home
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Pikesville, MD 21208

Mary Ellen Lewis, PNG # 78

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Donald Shumaker, # 31

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Boonsboro, MD 21713

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C/o Beverly Wehry
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Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

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7 Slade Ave. # 603
Pikesville, MD. 21208

Sid And Sylvia Stone # 9

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Apt. 525
Pikesville, MD. 21208

Irma Cohen, wife of # 9

Saul and Elaine Cohen # 9

11-B Friendswood Ct.
Baltimore, MD 21208

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Mary Virginia Watts, P.N.G., Upper Falls #78

The officers and members of the lodge regret the passing of Sister Watts on June 12. Sister Virginia was a member of the lodge for 38 years.

Mary Ellen Lewis, P.N.G., Upper Falls Rebekah Lodge #78

The officers and members of Upper Falls Rebekah Lodge regret with sympathy the passing of Sister Lewis on December 28, 2007 at the time of her death she was serving as Vice Grand.

Margaret (Peg) Godwin, P.N.G. Upper Falls Rebekah Lodge #78

Sister Godwin passed sometime in 2007. She had been a member of Naomi lodge #6; then transferred to Garden lodge #33 which then consolidated with Upper Falls #78. The lodge did not know of her passing until the lodge sent her a Christmas card and gift. The card was returned saying she had passed away. Sister Godwin was the late wife of the late PGM Godwin.

Ola Mae Lawson, P.N.G., Upper Falls Rebekah Lodge #78

The offers and members regret the passing of Sister Lawson on February 11, 2008 she had been ill for some time. Her son Donald had caring for her, for some time. She lived in Grassy Creek, North Carolina. She was the wife of the late Marvin Lawson PG #175.

COME MEET "N" GREET AND FELLOWSHIP

BRINGING IN THE SUMMER FUN AT THE TOWSON LODGE # 79

CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 21ST, 2008

TIME: 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

**WHERE: TOWSON LODGE NO. 79
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COST: 20.00**

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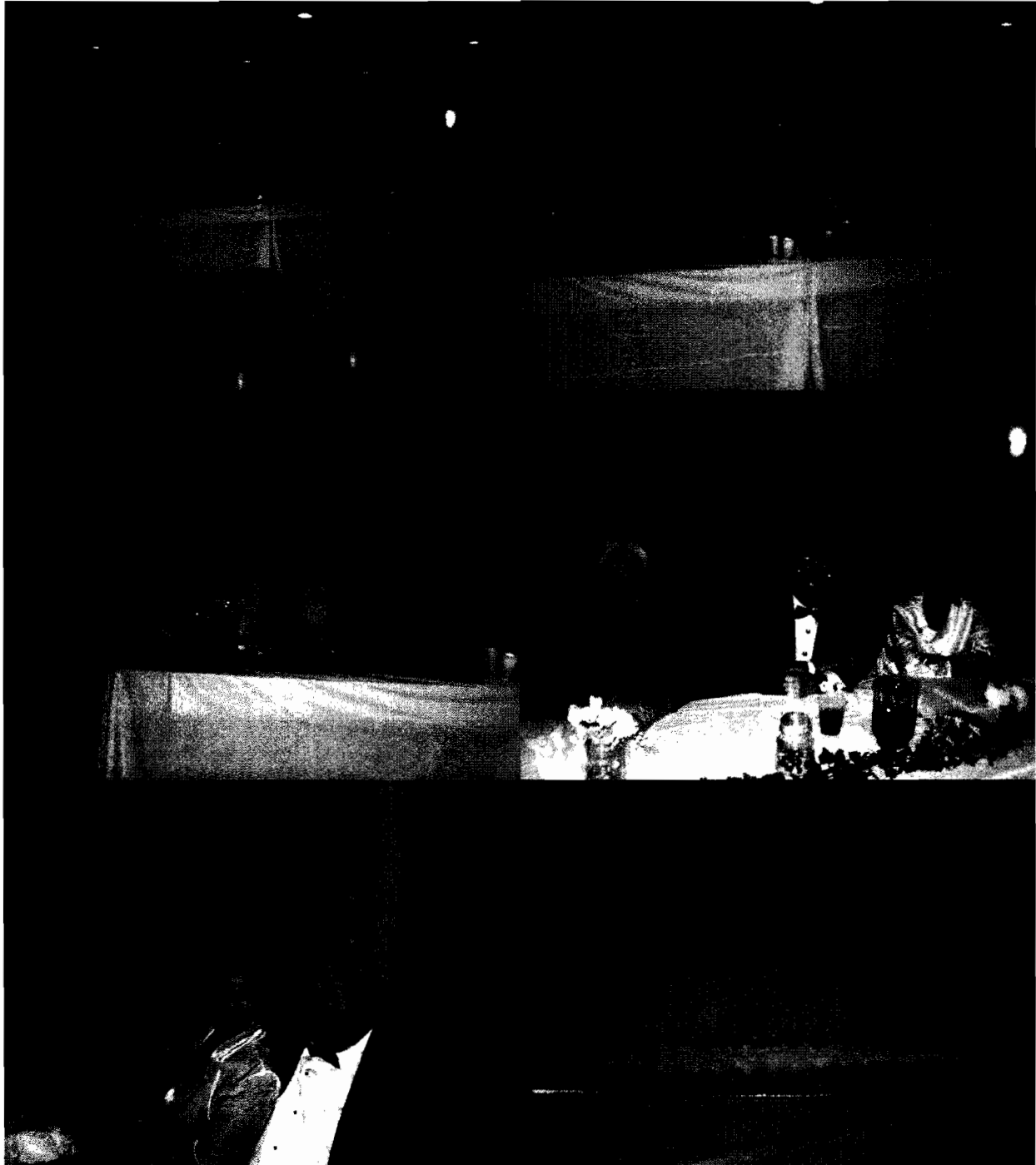
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**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2008
CRAB CAKE DINNER
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1 TO 4 PM
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Contact Darlene Parker for tickets 410-908-8771

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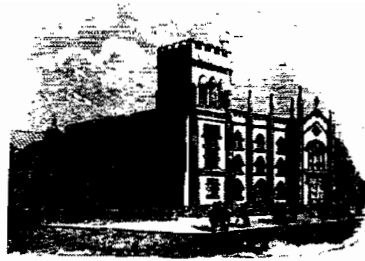
Joint Testimonial
Honoring
Shirley Sell, Grand Master, Linda Humbert, Grand Matriarch,
Katherine Gunther, President and Lady Margaret Stanley, President



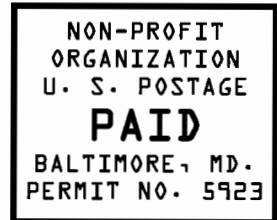
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