

Oldest Odd Fellows lodge in state to be restored with historic trust grant

The lodge was a fraternal organiza-

tion of black citizens of Talbot County, many of whom were veterans of the

Civil War.

Mr. Crump, a member of Historic

St. Michaels Bay Hundred, was respon-

sible for the itemized specifications of

the exterior renovation of Freedom's

Lodge.

The construction work will be com-

pleted by Gehlsen and MacSorley Con-

tractors.

Michael's Bay Hundred Inc. to restore

the two-story frame structure originally

built in 1883.

According to supervising architect,

Ralph Crump of Royal Oak, and Kate

Maheed, preservation office with the

Maryland Historic Trust, the signifi-

cance of preserving the Odd Fellows

lodge in St. Michaels is that it is the

oldest Odd Fellows lodge in the State of

Maryland and one of the oldest in the

country.

A four-year quest to restore the his-

toric Odd Fellows Freedom's Friends

Lodge in St. Michaels has finally borne

fruit.

The members of Freedom's Lodge

No. 1024 have received a \$46,500 grant

from the Maryland Historic Trust for

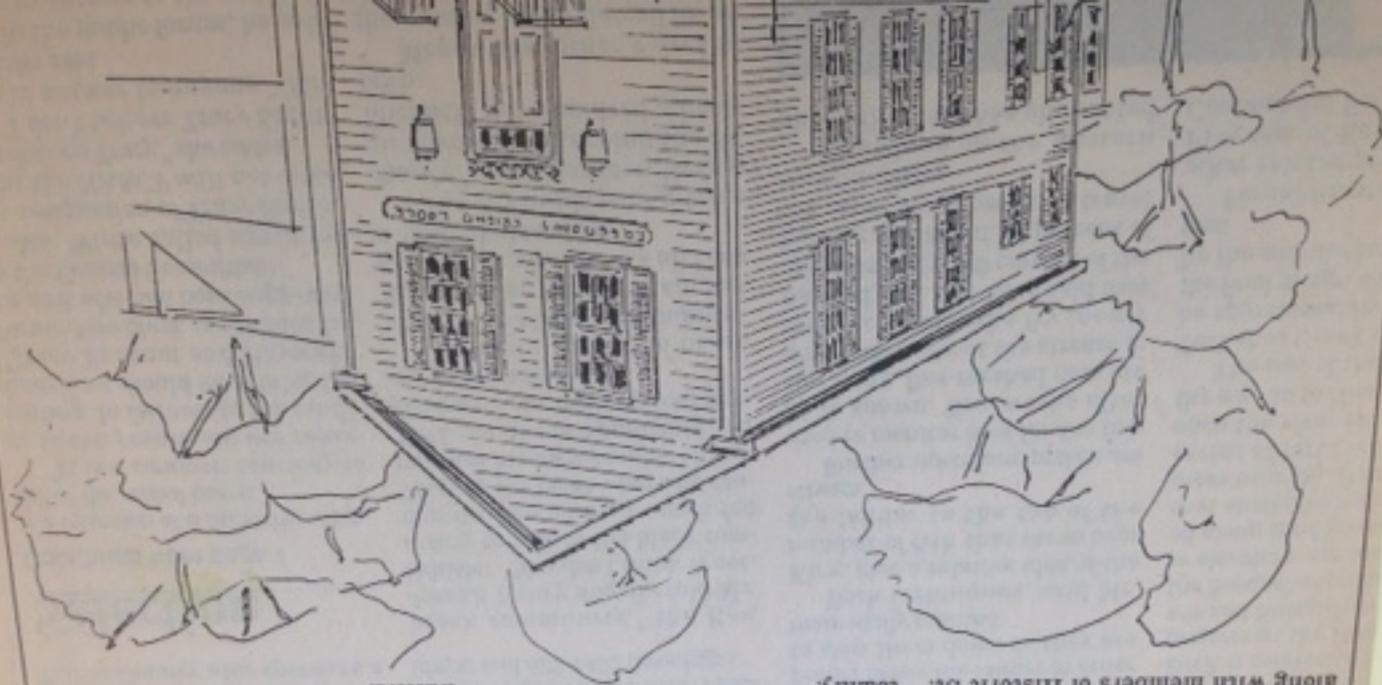
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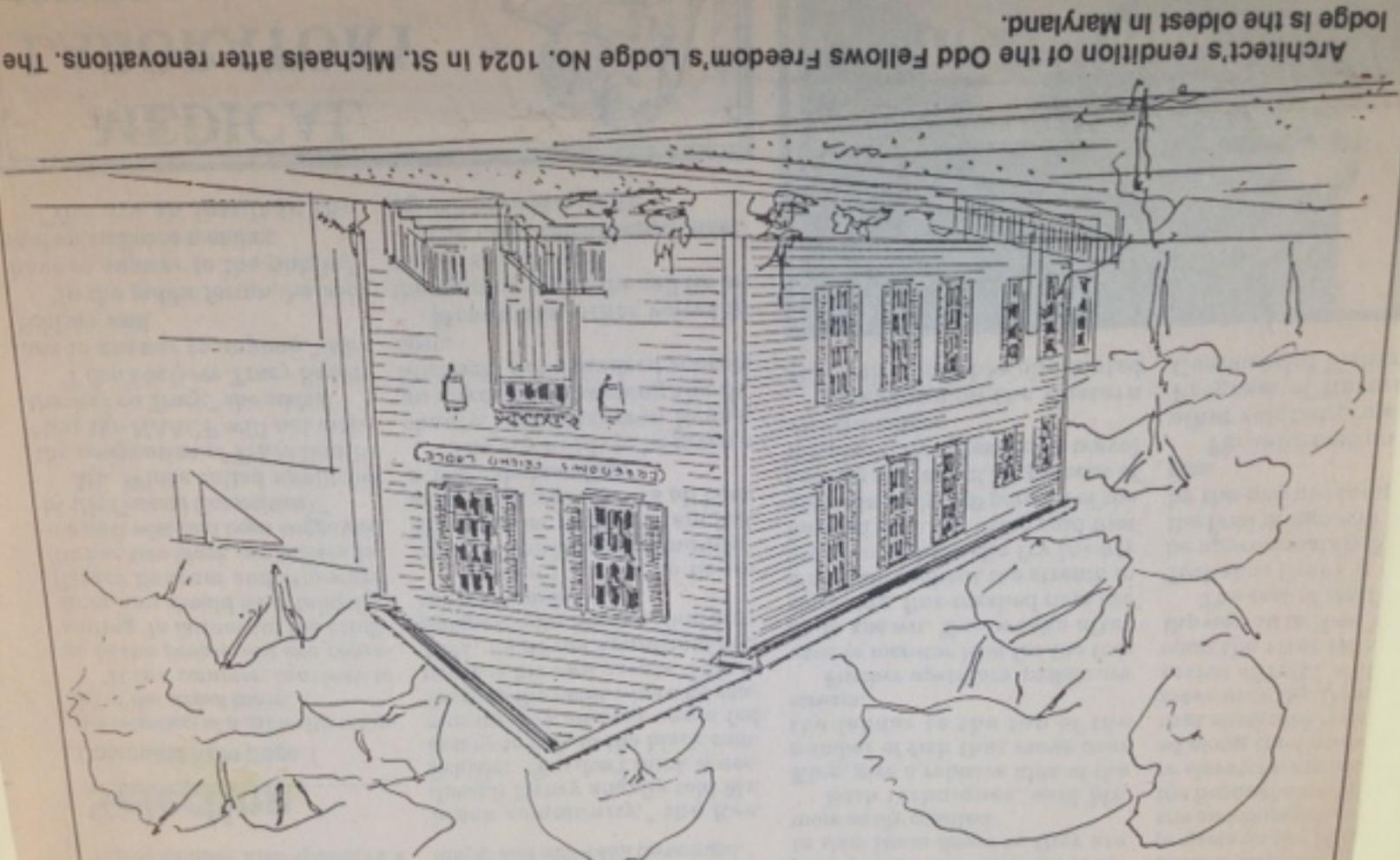
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Architect's rendition of the Odd Fellows Freedom's Lodge No. 1024 in St. Michaels after renovations. The lodge is the oldest in Maryland.