OUR WORLD

Templars host festive holiday gala

AT TEMPLARS' YULETIDE GALA hosted at Blue Crest North, Tuesday, December 27 are (from left): Mrs. Helena S. Hicks, Templar Wilson Henson and Mrs. Elsie Scott.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA in a party mood are (from left): Mrs. Norma Maddox, Mrs. Joan Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Daniels and Mrs. Delores Sykes, of Columbus, OH.

GUESTS FROM NEW YORK are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Payne, pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hilton.

The Templars, a club of prominent local men hosted their Christmas Party Tuesday, Dec. 27 at Blue Crest North 401 Reisterstown Rd. with a crowd of 400 jovial partiers on the scene for the festivities.

The merriment, which got underway with cocktails at 7 p.m., was followed by a delectable sit-down dinner at 8 p.m., with Beef Au Jus as the entre', with many extra goodies for trimmings.

Guests sipped and feasted their way into the effervescent mood set by their debonair hosts and basked in an evening of sheer enjoyment.

Following dinner, there were more cocktails and dancing until the wee hours, with music for continuous dancing provided by Dennis Fisher and his merrymaking musicians. They were lively and kept the dance flo or filled with action from start to finish.

Ladies glittered in their holiday finery, the gentlemen were suave, and everyone had a ball at the fabulous black-tie affair.

Many, many guests in attendance were from New York, and Philadelphia.

Members of the Templars include Milton Allen, Glascoe Baker, Solomon Baylor, William Bowie, Perry Bradby, Earl Britt, W. Emerson Brown Jr., Melvin Callaman, Harry Cole, Samuel Daniels, John Datcher, James Gilliam, James Goodwin, J. Wilson Henson, Samuel Hicks, Cecil Johnston, Herman Lee, Cyrus Marshall, Allan T. Moore Jr., Robert Payne, Myles Robinson, Ronald Scott, William Sykes, Nathaniel Trader, Lester Wallace, Robert Watts and Robert White.

PHILADELPHIA GUESTS (L to R) Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ama, and Mrs. Vivian Harris are pictured with Templar wife Mrs. Margaret Henson.

ALL SMILES are (L to R): Mrs. Camille Coverdale, Philadelphia; Mrs. Conway Murphy, Baltimore, George Coverdale (Phila.) and Margaret Driver.

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HOLIDAY WRAP-UP

Holiday celebrations abounded in Charm City prior to Christmas until New Year's Day and were they ever festive and warm.

SSD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The resident-clients of the SSD Center, 2508 Madison Ave. hosted their annual Christmas party, Friday, Dec. 17 from 6 p.m. until.

The atmosphere was as spirited and lively as the festively decorated living-dining area of the center where the gala was held and where parents and friends of the residents gathered, along with their counselors and the leaders at the center.

The dining room table was laden with the traditional holiday fare, but in such abundance that one wondered how it could possibly all be eaten in one evening.

In addition, there was a fruit and cheese bar, numerous desserts and punch.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Sylvia Hill, center director, who also welcomed Iris Borden, chief of the program for the city. Mrs. Borden also extended greetings.

The occasion was given by Mrs. Virginia Backmon, program coordinator, and the invocation by the Rev. William Brown, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Following the feasting and sipping, there was, for everyone's enjoyment, group singing, led by Sharon Royal, story-telling by E. Felton and a gift exchange which brought smiles to the residents' faces.

Music for dancing was provided by William Wilson.

Counselors on hand for the festivities (who came both from the Park Ave., Beehler Ave. and Madison Ave. buildings were Johnetta Robinson, Sheila Peters, Valdarez Barksdale, Annie Boulware, Howard Faulcon, Milton Young, Antonio Jones, William Wilson, Earlene Felton, Roland Colbert, Sharon Royal and Ronald Martin.

Mrs. Elsie Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodman were some parents on hand for the affair.

Included among the partners were volunteers Mrs. Ietta Boone & hubby. M's Joyce Gates, office manager was also on hand for the occasion, as was George Grant, Mrs. Backmon's father.

On the planning committee were Johnetta Robinson, chairperson: Earlene Felton, co-chairperson; Valderas Barksdale, Sheila Peters, Virginia Backmon, William Wilson and Francine Easter.

Clients of SSD include Diane Robinson, Michelle Goodman, Cynthia Simms, Diane Loomis, Levonia English, Anna Triplett, Reginald Clapp, Robert Shover, Tracey Kendell, John Dietrich, Richard Klein, Donald Sullivan, Michael Rott, William Muller, James Hennegan, Edward Harcum, David Thomas and Robert Jackson.

BEST WISHES

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Miss Pamela "Pam" Widgeon, former senior reporter at the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, Newspaper, who left us on Friday, Dec. 30 for a position in the state's attorney's office.

You are sorely missed, Pam, but we wish the very best for you.

GET WELL SOON

Get well wishes go out to another AFRO employee, Mrs. Gertrude Steele, secretary to John J. Oliver Jr., publisher and Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Steele is hospitalized at Bon Secours Hospital, where you may sent Get-Well cards to her. We wish her a speedy recovery.

NAFAD YULE GALA

Members of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers (NAFAD) Baltimore Chapter, had a great time at their Christmas party hosted at the home of member Mrs. Catherine Wooten, Yatarube Rd., Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The edibles and sippables were delicious, especially the potato salad, chicken and deserts (my favorites) and the comradeship was in high gear.

Seen at this festive bash were NAFAD member Jean Taylor and hubby Ed; Dennis Wooten, husband and co-host of member Catherine; Members Gladys Williams, Barbara Worsham, Gloria Jennings, Mary Buster and hubby Lester; Mrs. Nell Sheridan, local NAFAD president, and Anita Williams.

Also on hand for the goodies and the merriment were Steven Sawczenko, Gwen Kellam, Mary Matthews, Valeria McLellan, Carolyn Hill, Candance Easterling, Cee Cee Stokes, and Alvin and Carolyn White, most of whom model for NAFAD and Flair fashion shows.

OLD 102 FUN

Several staff members who

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Phi Delta Kappa hosts holiday luncheon

The Baltimore (Gamma Chapter) Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc. celebrated the holidays recently with a luncheon meeting at Meushaw's Restaurant and Motor Inn, Security Blvd.

Emcee for the occasion was Charlotte Brooks. Welcome was given by Leanna Ferrell, chapter basileus.

The Yuletide spirit was very much in evidence, as members and their guests, along with the scrumptilicious luncheon fare, enjoyed inspirational words about the season which encouraged rededication of service for giving, loving, receiving and remembering.

Prayer and grace prior to the repast was offered by Soror Myrtle Stanley.

Honorees for the occasion were retired educators, who, in addition to hearing amusing and thought-provoking poems about retirement, received gifts of umbrellas.

Honorees were Sorors Laura Randolph, Calpernia Cann, Helena Wright, Willie Mae Stanley, Victorine Q. Adams also a former city councilwoman, and Myrtle Stanley.

The Gamma Girls made a worthwhile contribution to the Mrs. Adams, for the City's Fuel Fund.

Also recognized was Soror Elmira Collins, founding member as well as retiree, and other charter members.

PHI DELTA KAPPA LUNCHEON COMMITTEE, proud of their Gamma Chapter's donation to the city's Fuel Fund during their recent holiday luncheon at Meushaw's, Security Blvd., are (L to R): Geraldine Shepherd, Ethel Hunter, Marjorie Hunt, Charlotte Brooks, Lois Davenport luncheon chairperson; Leana Ferrell, chapter basileus; Branda Hines and Ida Ely.

Leading the group in the singing of Christmas carols was Brenda Hyman and Aurora Chambers.

Soror Marjorie Hunt acknowledged Ardena Dixon as the new Eastern Regional Director.

Soror Dixon, in turn, extended greetings and appealed to all for continued service for Gamma Chapter.

Remarks of thanks were forthcoming, from retirees who expressed thanks for being honored and their feelings about retirement and from Soror Leanna Ferrell, present basileus and from Soror Rose Gallop, former basileus, who expressed thanks to all Sorors for continuing support.

BEING HONORED—Sorors of the Gamma Chapter, including retirement honorees who were feted during the luncheon are (L to R): Leanna Ferrell, basileus; Myrtle Stanley, retiree; Ardena Dixon, Eastern Regional Director; Laura Randolph, Willie B. Stanley, Helena Wright and Calpernia Cann, all retirees. Seated (C) is Elmira Collins, founding member and retiree.

Reception hosted for winner of $80,000 Dream House

Just before the Christmas holidays began, hundreds of people converged on Girard's, a split-level discotheque located on Cathedral Street to attend a swank champagne reception where 103 lucky individuals were given the opportunity to draw keys out of a fishbowl, giving them a shot at winning a fully furnished and equipped $80,000 dream house in Ridgely's Delight.

While the music churned away and the champagne flowed freely a few crowd members danced, but most attendees spent their time talking about the upcoming drawing, praying for good luck and even observing a few superstitious rituals which they hoped would enhance their fortunes.

Suddenly, the music stopped. Next, Tim Watts, Sandy Mallory and some of Baltimore's other most popular DeeJays took over the stage along with Anthony W. Rose, Zemira Z. Jones and Angelo Rose, the principal officers of Rose-Jones & Associates, the minority owned and operated construction company that developed the unique townhouse and donated the facility to V-103-WXYZ radio for its "Dream House Give Away Contest."

A hush fell over the room. The air was filled with electrical energy as 10 people lined up for a drawing to determine the order for selection of keys that would provide one lucky winner with lock, stock and barrel ownership of a house professionally decorated with thousands of dollars worth of furnishings, stereo, video, television and other amenities inside.

Once the drawing was completed, the atmosphere became festive again as the potential house-winners began to seriously boogie down, with each one of the 103 participants having a gleam in their eyes that let you know that all of them were visualizing the day when they would claim their prize.

The champagne began flowing again and the jubilant crowd partied frenetically under the flashing, sparkling disco lights at Girard, agilely performing the latest steps to Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean and other currently vogue tunes like "Let the Music Play" as well as Lionel Richie's "All Night Long."

Resuming the festivities on December 21 at the $80,000 Dream House which is located at 621 South Fremont Ave. in the Ridgely's Delight section of Baltimore where the participants lined up in numerical order to select keys and to determine who would be the lucky person that would claim ownership to the Dream House.

While it was raining and chilly outside, all the key-holders showed up to try their luck. And finally, Eddie Wesson, approached the door after several others had failed, slid his key smoothly into the lock and, to his great amazement, turned the knob and pushed the door wide open.

Succumbing to temporary insanity, he raced through the house trying out the equipment and taking time to stretch out on the bed, but still having a hard time convincing himself that he was the winner.

Of course, you may be wondering how a group of young Black entrepreneurs decided to give away a house. Angelo Rose, Senior Vice President and Operating Officer of Rose-Jones & Associates says "we wanted to call attention to our firm's use of the increasingly popular modular housing concept which shortens construction costs and reduces costs to the homeowner.

Modular homes are built in two or more sections in a factory where plumbing, heating and electrical systems are also installed. The house is then transported to the construction site by truck and then assembled. The advantages of modular housing are energy efficiency and the use of high quality construction materials."

While everyone had a blast at the reception at Girards and following the party at the Dream House on South Fremont Avenue, Eddie Wesson will continue to benefit from his good fortune long after the party lights have burnt out and all the champagne bottles have been drained to the very last drop.

The beauty of the whole Dream House Contest is that a group of brothers got together to do something positive for a South Baltimore neighborhood and to promote their business and the fact that another brother ended up being the recipient of high quality housing.

Those seen about were Jay Brody, Housing Commissioner for Baltimore City; Senator Nathan Irby, Joe Kennedy, Councilman Nathaniel McFadden, Betye Brown of Magill Yerman & Co. Realtors Staff; Gail Moskell, Ridgely's Delight Community Association president.

Also Paul Lee of Paul Lee and Associates; Ray Crumbling of White-Westinghouse; Oveta Davis, Ray Adams, Baltimore City Commercial Revitalization; Charles Owens, CEBO; Ales Culotta, designer; Ed Taylor, Atti/Associates and Clinton Goodhand, Daticoke Homes.

WINNER OF $80,000 DREAMHOUSE Eddie Wesson, still finds it hard to believe his luck. The house came fully furnished and equipped with a stereo, video tape decks and many other amenities.

IN ON THE FUN at Girard's one of the two receptions in honor of the winner are (from left) Ed Fennessey, Bob White, Jean Ross, Anthony Rose Jr., Oscar Middleton, Zemira Jones, Sandi Mallory, Angelo Rose and Bob Scott.

ROSE BROTHERS pictured with Zemira Z. Jones (far right) are (L to R): Angelo, Anthony and Leroy. The Rose Brothers are principal officers of Rose - Jones and Associates, the firm responsible for giving away the $80,000 dream house.

—Engagements and Weddings—

Pfc. Linda M. Littlejohn weds Willis J. Reese Jr.

Pfc. USA, Linda M. Littlejohn, based at Ft. Jackson, SC since last February, daughter of Mrs. Florine Love, was wed to Willis James Reese Jr., born in Germany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis James Reese Sr., (Shirley) of Baltimore.

The ceremony held Saturday, Dec. 24 at the Piedmont Ave. home of the bride's mother, was officiated by the Rev. Eugene Brown, pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Cherry Hill, Matron-of-honor was Sylvia Jones. Bridesmaid was Linda Gray.

The couple met in 1979 and had been friends, off and on, ever since. The bride is expecting to come to Ft. Meade.

The groom, was born in Germany. His father was in the military and is now a retired serviceman.

NEWLYWEDS—Mr. and Mrs. Willis James Reese Jr., smile adoringly following their recent wedding at the Piedmont Ave. home of the bride's mother. The bride is Pfc. Linda M. (Littlejohn) Reese who will soon be stationed at Ft. Meade, MD.

ROBIN STOKES (L) of Rose Jones and Associates is seen with City Councilman McFadden.

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