

# Grey Rock

— MANSION —

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2021 & 2022 Reception Rental Rates		
Monday-Thursday	4 Hours	\$2,000
Friday, Saturday Afternoon & Sunday	4 Hours	\$3,500
Saturday & Holidays	4 Hours	\$4,500
Saturday Exclusive (only wedding)	5 Hours	\$6,800

Add-Ons for the Ballroom & Tent	
Additional ½ Hour	\$400
Additional 1 Hour	\$800
Ceremony (chairs & setup)	\$500
Tent Air Conditioning/Heating	Included in Rental

Rental of Grey Rock Mansion includes use of the three public rooms plus the ballroom, porches, and lawns, separate getting ready suites and large tented area leading to rear garden and gazebo. Our Standard Venue Rentals include 4 hours of event time, 2 hours of setup and 1 hour of cleanup, 19 Tables and 175 Chivari Chairs. You will also have access to the wedding suites 2 hours prior to the start of your event. Saturday afternoon weddings are between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and a Saturday evening weddings are between 6 p.m.-12 a.m. There must be two hours between events.

If you would like to be the only Saturday wedding, our Exclusive Rental includes 5 hours of event time, 2 hours of setup, 1 hour of cleanup and the ceremony setup. You also get access to the wedding suites 3 hours prior to your event. Reserving exclusivity makes you the only event on that day.

**Discounts:** Military Discount – 10%.

**Capacity:** The max capacity when using both the Ballroom and the Tent is 250 guests with a dance floor.

**Deposit:** To reserve a date, a \$1,500 non-transferable deposit in cash or check is required. The Exclusive Package requires a \$2,000 non-transferable deposit. There will be a 3% fee if reserved via credit card. The balance is due three months prior to the event.

**Cancellation Policy:** If cancelled more than six months in advance, there will be a \$500 refund. There is no refund when cancelled less than six months prior.

**Rehearsal:** A one-hour rehearsal is included and can be scheduled within two months of your wedding date.

*\*Rates subject to change\**

# Catering

All food and beverage services must be provided by a caterer listed below.

Approved Catering List	
Absolutely Perfect Catering	410-579-8777
Carlton & Co. Catering	410-484-6110
Charles Levine Catering	410-363-0900
Chef's Expressions Catering	410-561-2433
Classic Catering	410-356-1666
Eleven Courses Catering	410-459-6773
Hunt Valley Catering	410-343-3553
Innovative Gourmet Catering	410-363-1317
Linwoods Catering	410-581-4920
Putting on the Ritz Catering	800-213-7427
Simply Elegant Catering	410-484-4554
Zeffert & Gold Catering	410-944-4481
Catering by Yaffa (kosher)	410-486-3325
Hoffman & Co. (kosher)	410-764-6100

# Elopements

Includes a private, non-denominational ceremony or vow renewal (personalized to your beliefs) performed by an ordained wedding officiant at the location of your choice on Grey Rock Mansion's property, not to exceed one hour, based on availability.

Guest Count	Regular Rate	Last-Minute Rate (booked 2 months or less prior to date)
20 guests or fewer	\$1,500	\$750
21-75 guests	\$1,900	\$950
76-150 guests	\$2,400	\$1,200

When reserving more than three months in advance of date, a 50% non-refundable deposit is required with the contract and the remaining balance is due three months prior to the ceremony date. **Rehearsal:** \$100 (upon request).

If reserving more than two months in advance of your date: 11 a.m.–2 p.m. is available. When reserving two months or less in advance of date, you may choose any time between 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

# History

On a high point near Baltimore, and not far from Pikesville, stands the mansion of Grey Rock, commanding the historic estate on which one of Maryland's distinguished founders, Colonel John Eager Howard was born in 1752, one of 11 children. The original bequest of 1698 was from Lord Baltimore to Joshua Howard, his grandfather. The land was called Howard's Square. The simple stone house of one story and a half, was the birthplace of John Eager Howard, hero of the Revolution, close friend of George Washington and our fifth, sixth & seventh governor of Maryland. No remains of this house exist but the Howard family stonewalled graveyard containing the grave of Cornelius Howard and several descendants is located close by. Surrounded by ancient trees, Howard's Square or The Forest remained in the Howard family for just over a century and a half.

Grey Rock Mansion, was built about 1858 by Dr. James Maynard and is located a little south of the site of the old Howard house. Grey Rock Mansion is built of Maryland grey stone, stuccoed and painted white. It was built in an L-shaped modified Italian villa style with a one story porch.

An interesting connection to Gramercy Mansion is that the Howard property of 150 to 224 acres was sold off in various transactions. Fifteen acres of this property was sold in 1903 to Redmond C. Stewart, the brother of Plunkett Stewart, who married Eliza Cassatt and received Gramercy Mansion as a wedding present.

In 1923, the property was sold to A. Ray Katz who in 1909 had married Ethel Epstein, daughter of Jacob Epstein. Mr. Epstein founded Baltimore Bargain House, the largest wholesale business in America at that time. Later, it was renamed American General Corporation of which A. Ray Katz became Vice-President. Mr. Epstein's many philanthropic interests included the Federated Jewish Charities and the United Hebrew Charities, both of which he helped found. He also helped in establishing, the Baltimore Museum of Art and sat on their board of directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Katz continued these interests and Grey Rock became the scene of many fundraisers and social events. Under the Katz ownership, the front façade of Grey Rock was transformed to a six column tall portico with hexangular brick flooring resembling Mt. Vernon and the ballroom was added. The first floor rooms were transformed into replicas of 18th century rooms. Window & door trim were also 18th century in design including the rope motif. The garden in the rear included fragrant and flowering shrubs and trees for every season.

Ethel Epstein was an art collector and furnished the house with important antique furniture. She served on many historic and art committees including the Board of the Baltimore Museum of Art. Mr. Katz died suddenly in 1931 and Ethel later married Harold Duane Jacobs.

In the 1960s to 80s, Grey Rock was the home of the Trinitarians who used Grey Rock first as a seminary and then as a retreat center. Half of the property was again sold off and the Trinitarians built a modern retreat center. Grey Rock became a catering and event center. It is now being renovated to past elegance as a third event center by the owners of Gramercy Mansion and the 1840s Plaza.